



**Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Identified Priorities Newsletter. July 2017**

**Children and Young People**

**RWB and Cricklade Community Area**

**What has been done so far:**

1. A **Launch 2 Learning** project has been funded by the Area Board to provide additional support to students at RWB Academy and Bradon Forest School to address the issue of **cyber-bullying, self-esteem and mental health**.

2. This Launch 2 Learning project will have additional benefits to the educational attainment of the secondary school students involved.

A **community grant has been awarded to Lyneham Primary School towards a sensory room**, this will help to improve the general wellbeing of all pupils at the school with the related benefit of improving the pupil's ability to learn.

3. **H5 Adventure - 200 adventure days have been funded for 8-16 year olds** across the community area at this local business, in association with RWB Town Council, Cllr Mary Champion (as the previous Mayor) and the Rotary Club. Places were targeted at young people less able to afford this adventure, for everyone to experience first-hand new outdoor activities (such as raft-building) and develop team-building skills.

The **Fun in the Sun** rural sports programme will be provided at Purton and Lyneham (working in partnership with MOD Lyneham).

**Sports specific camps** will be held over the Summer months for Slamdunkz basketball (Purton), tennis (RWB) and cricket (Cricklade). See here for Wiltshire Council's full Get Active programme for Summer 2017: <http://wiltssport.org/get-active/2112-wiltshire-councils-get-active-programme-summer-2017>

**Community grants** have been provided alongside sports development information and advice, to develop sports clubs across the community area, e.g. the 16 Feathers badminton club in Purton received just over £666 to improve their offering for younger players and are now working closely with the WC sports development team.

Support has also been provided to the **Duke of Edinburgh Open Centre**, RWB via a community grant and use of the community MPV.

**Priorities November 2016**

1. Mental and emotional health (65.12%)
2. Educational attainment (63.95%)
3. Positive leisure time activities (55.81%)



*The beautiful sensory room at Lyneham Primary School, officially opened on 14<sup>th</sup> June by Stephanie Millward OBE, with help from a £2,500 community area grant.*



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**Community Safety**

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**What has been done so far:**

1. **CMAS** have been commissioned and briefed to address ASB in Cricklade, initially through street based youth work.

Cllr Bob Jones is calling a local action meeting with Cricklade Town Council, Wiltshire Police, GreenSquare housing and the Youth Offending Team to work together to share intelligence and address ASB in Cricklade.

A community grant has been awarded to GreenSquare to help put on a skate session for young people in Cricklade, to build engagement with them in the town.

Preventative work is being delivered by CMAS in Lyneham and RWB through the successful youth groups, each attracting c30 young people.

A community grant has been awarded to Cricklade leisure centre for **CCTV install** to monitor users of the centre.

2. Similarly to Cricklade, Purton is experiencing ASB at the Village Centre late at night. Cllr Jacqui Lay has just raised this with teams at WC who are just starting the process of working with other partners to deal with this issue.

**Priorities November 2016**

1. Anti-social behaviour (70.59%)
2. Highway safety (63.53%)
3. Domestic violence (50.59%)



gloucestershire mentoring & support

*Did you know that youth grants are available from the Area Board? Contact your local Wiltshire Council councillor in the first instance to discuss your ideas!*



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**Culture**

**RWB and Cricklade Community Area**

**What has been done so far:**

1. The Area Board has supported a **Celebrating Age** project with a small contribution being used to lever significant Arts Council England investment into the community area.

A Project Development Worker from Wiltshire Music Centre will develop a programme of work in consultation with existing groups of older people and representatives of charities working with these groups.

The programme will involve regular activity in the libraries and other community settings such as:

- live performance with a focus on words
- engagement activities for music, dance, visual art.

A community grant has been awarded to **RWB & District Arts Society** for equipment for their Spring Exhibition 2017.

A **Community Asset List** is under construction, allowing community groups, charities and town and parish councils to share their assets locally and avoid duplicating buying equipment when it can easily be borrowed, once ready, the list will be publicly available on the Our Community Matters website – if you have an asset which you’re willing to share, please get in touch – sharing is caring: [alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk), 01249 706610.

2. Investment has been secured for RWB library, for development as **Royal Wootton Bassett Community Hub and Library** in line with the Calne model, working in partnership with RWB Town Council.

Early conversations have been held with a wide range of partners for wider use of the community hub and library, which will include meeting rooms for the town which groups will be able to hire.

3. All library campaigns, such as the Summer Reading Challenge, continue to be supported in promotion by the Area Board.



*Calne community hub and library is working well already and we are working closely with the library team there to learn from their experience!*



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### Economy

### RWB and Cricklade Community Area

#### What has been done so far:

1. An **Apprentice Fair** is planned for 20<sup>th</sup> September at the Manor House Enterprise Centre, RWB.

An opportunity for local businesses to find out more about the apprenticeship offer from Wiltshire Council.

A chance for people of every age who are interested in becoming an apprentice to speak to other apprentices and to find out what is involved.

Bringing together employers, potential apprentices and third parties to provide clarity about what is available to them, to share information and to build links in RWB&C.

2. **Learndirect** will be providing a **FREE training course** at the Manor House Enterprise Centre (dates tbc) to support **over 50s** developing digital skills to help them re-enter the workplace.
3. The **WithIT** group continues to thrive, with help from Cllr Allison Bucknell, at the **RWB library on Mondays 10-12 noon**. Drop in to receive free help with learning to best use your device.

A very friendly group of **Cricklade digi-champions** meet in the Cricklade leisure centre cafe **every Monday between 10 and 12 noon** and are happy to help and support anyone from the community area who is struggling to get to grips with their technology. Why not pop along to see if they can help you? Of course, if you are a whizz with technology, perhaps you could support others to le herearn? Drop in to find out more.

4. The Wiltshire Online programme continues to make good progress. See here for more: <http://www.wiltshireonline.org/>

#### Priorities November 2016

1. Apprenticeship and work experience (71.43%)
2. Training and skills (70.24%)
3. Broadband and digital (52.38%)

*Recipe finding at this WithIT session, RWB library.*





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**Environment**

**RWB and Cricklade Community Area**

**What has been done so far:**

1. In the RWB&C community area, in total 172 people volunteered over the **Great British Spring Clean** weekend of 3-5 March 2017 and we collected 206 bags of rubbish, after litter picks were arranged in Royal Wootton Bassett, Lydiard Millicent, Lyneham, Bradenstoke, Tockenham and Cricklade.

Litter picking kits were purchased by the Area Board including litter grabbers, handi-hoops to hold bags open, hi-vis vests, sacks and more, which were given to groups who committed to do a regular clean-up of their patch.

2. A number of our town and parish councils have expressed their interest in the **WW1 tree planting legacy project** – thank you for all your support and your CEM will be in touch as soon as further information is available.
3. RWB&C has been successful in joining Tidworth and Westbury as one of the first community areas in Wiltshire to work with the **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** to run a campaign to reduce litter across the community area and encourage people to reduce their waste and re-use materials where possible - see their written report to find out more about their **Campaign Plan**, including dates for your diary and how you can get involved.
4. In Purton the **Flood Operational Group** are working on getting landowners to clear out ditches and watercourses and Network Rail to clean out railway culvert.
5. Active community groups who have received community grant funding continue to make good progress, including the Purton Volunteers Footpath Group and Cricklade Dance Common.
6. The Area Board is delighted to note that RWB Town Council has taken on and enhanced the town's public toilets, thank you to them.

**Priorities November 2016**

1. Fly tipping and litter (74.12%)
2. Improving rights of way (42.35%)
3. Protecting the countryside (36.47%)



*Civilians and military personnel joined forces for the Great British Spring Clean in Lyneham, a huge thank you to everyone who made this campaign such a local success.*



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**Health, Wellbeing and Leisure**

**RWB and Cricklade Community Area**

**What has been done so far:**

1. Re mental health, see Children and Young People theme.
2. Area Board funding is being used to support primary schools across the community area to become accredited Healthy Schools. The following schools are currently **Wiltshire Healthy Schools**:

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy (bronze until October 2019)  
 St Sampson's CE Primary School (bronze until April 2020)

The following schools are currently working towards meeting the standards or the next level:

St Mary's CofE Primary School Purton (joined May 2017 and are working towards bronze level)  
 St Sampson's CE Primary School (currently bronze, now working towards silver level since June 2017)

The following schools have booked a place on the next Healthy Schools training in November 2017

Longleaze Primary School (previously silver from October 2014 - October 2016)  
 Lyneham Primary School (previously silver from April 2015 - April 2017)  
 Noremarsch Community Junior School

\*St Bartholomew's Primary Academy are also expected to book a place, as they were unable to attend the training event in May 2017.

The Area Board supports this year's Wiltshire Council **BIG PLEDGE** campaign to encourage active, healthy lifestyles. Across the county 12,314 people have signed up to the challenge, including 45 schools, travelling over 300,000 kms already!

**Wiltshire Council health trainer, Janice Bardwell**, continues to deliver a wealth of information, encouragement and advice to anyone looking to improve their health. **Drop into the library on a Wednesday morning to meet Jan.**

**Fit for Life** - proposal to develop a seated sports programme in RWB for those aged 60+, with six or seven different sports, including seated volleyball, bowls, table cricket, new age curling and boccia. The suggestion is to start with boccia as a very inclusive sport which can be easily adapted to suit all levels of health and fitness. Further information to follow, once our sports development officer, Matt Pearson has finished delivering the Summer sports programme.

3. A successful **Health & Wellbeing Group** has been established, bringing together the Area Board, local GP surgeries, leisure centres and third parties to share information and develop the health and wellbeing network.

**Priorities November 2016**

1. Mental health (75.29%)
2. Healthy lifestyles (68.24%)
3. Support for carers (61.18%)



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**Older People**

**RWB and Cricklade Community Area**

**What has been done so far:**

1. **Ellen Blacker** has been appointed the Health & Wellbeing Champion for our community area for a second year. Working mainly with RWB&C's elderly and most vulnerable residents, Ellen also chairs the Health & Wellbeing Group. A Sunday Lunch Club has been set up at The Wiltshire for those who would otherwise be on their own on this day – 07557 922020, [ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk).

**Priorities November 2016**

1. Social isolation and loneliness (80%)
2. Support for carers (57.65%)
3. Dementia (54.12%)



The **Men's Shed** project is up and running at RWB Fire Station, with great support from RWB & District Rotary Club. A second Men's Shed looks promising for Cricklade, with lots of interest in the stand at Cricklade Festival. The RWB Shed is working with RWB Community Together for South West in Bloom, find out more about the Shed here: <http://rwb-shed.uk/>.



*Fantastic photo from the Grand Opening of RWB Shed – pop in on Thursdays 10-4 at RWB Fire Station, all welcome!*

**2. 3M's Memory Cafe**

The 3M's are going strong and meeting in Lyneham - they received community grant funding for an indoor curling set, quoits, and little reminiscence packs (motoring and household), which are used by the group for people living with dementia and their Carers. The group also receive support at their Steering Committee and use the community MPV.

**3. Safe Places and Dementia Friends**

The Safe Places network continues to grow in RWB, Cricklade, Lyneham and Purton, with The Coventry building association in RWB as the latest recruit to the scheme, thanks to Linda Frost from the Caring about Dementia group. The number of Dementia Friends are building across the community area and Purton Parish Council will be really championing this cause in their parish.



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**Transport**

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**What has been done so far:**

1. The **Community Area Transport Group** agrees funding for road safety improvements - currently projects include a new footway in Purton, work around North Wall in Cricklade and more. There are 4/5 schemes that CATG can consider at any one time - see report in the agenda pack.
2. As part of her Case Work, Cllr Jacqui Lay arranged for **ruts and potholes to be smoothed out at Hogs Lane, Purton** after this issue came to her attention whilst canvassing – excellent prompt action here.
3. The community area is lucky enough to have a **community MPV** which is available for community groups to use free of charge, subject to driver checks and registration. The vehicle is based at Lime Kiln in Royal Wootton Bassett and is already used by the local GP surgeries, Duke of Edinburgh Open Award Centre and the 3M’s memory group in Lyneham. Please contact your Community Engagement Manager, alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk, 01249 706610 if you would like to use this vehicle. There are a number of local LINK schemes and Purton Age Concern bus is also available locally.
4. **Network Rail** continue to provide information and updates regarding their electrification programme at Area Board meetings, through the Friday Our Community Matters newsletter and via RWB&C social media platforms.
5. The Area Board welcomes a **new R1 bus route** between RWB and Swindon.

**Priorities November 2016**

1. Road improvement (81.18%)
2. Speeding and road safety (69.41%)
3. Access to public transport (65.88%)



*This community MPV is available for FREE community group hire, subject to license checks – please contact your CEM, Alexa Davies to become a registered user.*





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### Housing

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#### What has been done so far:

1. The neighbourhood planning process is supported by Wiltshire Council.
2. The Area Board is working closely with **GreenSquare** Housing as the largest local housing association to help address the issues they face. Work has commenced on a major GreenSquare redevelopment project bringing forward more affordable housing at Culverhay, Cricklade. GreenSquare sit on the Health & Wellbeing Group. Commitment to the RWB&C Child Poverty Action Plan (as presented at the 20.07.16 Area Board meeting) is ongoing.
3. **Superfast Broadband continues to be rolled out across the county** - update to follow.

#### Priorities November 2016

1. **Affordable housing (88.24%)**
2. **Deprivation and poverty (64.71%)**
3. **Digital engagement and broadband (48.24%)**



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**LINKS TO USEFUL INFORMATION:**

[WILTSHIRE INFORMATION NETWORK](#)

[WILTSHIRE JSA NETWORK](#) website

[ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT & CRICKLADE AREA BOARD JSA report 2016-18](#)

**RWB & C Project Bank – soon to be available on the revised ‘Our Community Matters’ website:**

<http://rwbc.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/>

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