



Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Identified Priorities Newsletter. September 2017

Children and Young People

RWB and Cricklade Community Area

What has been done so far:

1. A **mental health themed ‘takeover’** of the Area Board meeting is planned for January 10th 2018 at 7.00pm at RWB rugby football club – please save the date and spread the word, to help beat the Winter blues, spot the signs that someone might be struggling and learn tools to help develop personal resilience.

Priorities November 2016

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

1. Please expect feedback on the **Launch 2 Learning** project funded by the Area Board to provide additional support to students and help address **cyber-bullying and self-esteem issues** at the November Area Board meeting.
2. The Launch 2 Learning project, Healthy Schools and the Recycle for Wiltshire campaign running in RWB&C by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will have benefits to the educational attainment of local students.
3. **H5 Adventure delivered two adventure days for 8-16 year olds** living in the community area, in association with RWB Town Council, Cllr Mary Champion (as previous Mayor) and the Rotary Club. 91 young people benefitted from the first day and 85 young people on the second, with places fully booked.

Fun in the Sun made an exceptional start in its first year coming to Lyneham, with the highest turnout of young people in North Wiltshire, incredible for a Year 1 programme! It was particularly special to put on this programme in partnership with MOD Lyneham. Some dates were unfortunately rained off in Purton, but we are hopeful this rural sports provision will continue in the community area next year.

3. **Two sports specific camps** were brought to RWB&C over the Summer months. The Slam dunkz basketball programme was delivered by the Wiltshire Council sports development team in partnership with Innov8 Sports at Bradon Forest School, Purton. Royal Wootton Bassett tennis club also had 35 participants over a three day Summer programme at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground.

Cricklade skate sessions were funded by the Area Board and organised by GreenSquare. Over the six sessions there were 217 recorded attendances with the majority of young people coming from within the SN6 postcode area. There was a wide age group range attending with two of the sessions attracting a substantial number of young people aged 14 plus. The next session is planned for the October half term.

Feedback from a parent of a child on a H5 adventure day:

“Thank you so much for providing such a fun packed day for my daughter Olivia yesterday. She was the anxious girl at the start of the day, and by the time I collected her, she was asking to go back again the next day! She loved the activities and loved making new friends.”



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Culture

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What has been done so far:

1. Planning for the **Celebrating Age** project is well underway. This will see a monthly programme of cultural events brought into the local area funded mainly by the Arts Council. Events will initially be free of charge, targeted towards celebrating older people and move venues around the whole community area.

Priorities November 2016

1. Affordable access to cultural activities (73.26%)
2. Library use (58.14%)
3. Diversity and social inclusion (58.14%)

Come along to the November Area Board meeting to meet Rebecca Seymour, project development worker from Wiltshire Music Centre, speak to Rebecca and put forwards your ideas! Rebecca has been working hard to meet with existing local groups for older people and the people who work with these groups to learn what will work best in RWB&C.

1. **Cantantini Choir** is growing into a Sunday afternoon music youth group at St Barts' Church and the Croft Café, for rehearsal and refreshment space. Cantantini restarts on Sunday 1st October, from 5.00-6.30pm, costing £5 per child/session, with a funding scheme for children in case of hardship.
1. A **Community Asset List** has been put together to allow community groups, charities and town and parish councils to share their assets locally. The Our Community Matters website is soon to be updated and once this piece of work is complete, the asset list will be available to all from the website. If you have an asset which you are willing to share, please get in touch: alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk, 01249 706610.
2. Plans continue to develop for investment into RWB library to become **Royal Wootton Bassett Community Hub and Library**, in line with the Calne model and 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. Please get in touch using the contact details above if you are a community group interested in using the new community hub, we would love to hear from you and the space is already in demand!

2. All library campaigns, such as the Summer Reading Challenge, continue to run well locally. The Summer Reading Animal Agents challenge did so well in Royal Wootton Bassett library that the library even ran out of certificates to give to the children! In addition, as part of the Recycle for Wiltshire campaign, the Area Board was able to offer a Wiltshire Wildlife reading session to children in the library, encouraging them to think about what happens with their litter from an early age, which was enjoyed by all.





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Economy

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What has been done so far:

1. In association with The Enterprise Network, **Bassett Apprenticeship Fair** will be held on 4th October at the Manor House Enterprise Centre, RWB. This is shaping up to be a great event, with tickets booking up quickly.

With an opportunity for local businesses to find out more about the apprenticeship offer and hear from a local business with apprentices and ...

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, join us and register [here](#)

2. **Learndirect** will hopefully be a partner in the new community hub, providing **FREE training courses** 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 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 learn? Drop in to find out more.

3. The Wiltshire Online programme continues to make good progress. See here for more information: <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%)





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Environment

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What has been done so far:

1. 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.

Priorities November 2016

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

One of the main aims of the Recycle for Wiltshire Joint Venture Campaign Plan is to help reduce litter in the Royal Wootton Bassett area. To encourage this, WWT are planning to run a campaign working with the RWB Academy and the town council.

1. Are you a town or parish council who would like to **reduce chewing gum** litter on your patch? Please contact Alexa Davies for free promotional material for this national Chewing Gum Action Group campaign.
2. Active community groups who have received community grant funding continue to make good progress improving rights of way, including the Purton Volunteers Footpath Group and Cricklade Dance Common.
3. 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.

Peter Andrews and the Purton Footpaths Group continue to fight the undergrowth and clear local paths for all to use, thank you Peter and team!





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Health, Wellbeing and Leisure

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What has been done so far:

1. Would you be interested in getting involved with a therapy garden to help those in need, like the TWIGS Community Gardens in Swindon? Please contact Alexa Davies as your CEM if you would like to register your interest. Find out more about TWIGS here: <http://www.twigscommunitygardens.org.uk/>

Priorities November 2016

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

1. For an update on the Mental Health priority, please also see the 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.

2. **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.**
2. **Fit for Life** – sports development officer Matt Pearson continues to put together a seated sports programme in RWB for those aged 60+, starting with boccia as a very inclusive sport which can be easily adapted to suit all levels of health and fitness. The sports will hopefully take place in the community hub longer term and Matt is seeking a temporary venue until this is ready.
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. Zoe Millington from WSUN is part of the health and wellbeing group and Zoe is currently mapping and gapping support for carers as part of her role.



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Older People

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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.

Priorities November 2016

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

1. 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. Kookie from the Andover Men's Shed is visiting the Area Board in September to seek further support and someone or a group to lead on a Shed project in Cricklade. Find out more about the RWB Shed here: <http://rwb-shed.uk/>.
1. Building work for the PIPS Community Café new kitchen has taken longer than planned, but is now substantially complete with thanks to local volunteers! No doubt the café will be opening soon, keep an eye on their Facebook page for further updates 😊



Pips community café is coming together nicely in Purton, with help from local volunteers and funding from an Area Board community grant.

2. **Carers brunch**
Carer Support Wiltshire (CSW) are hosting a **Friends and Supporters Brunch**; hear about the latest news on the Time for Carers Appeal and some of the exciting things planned for 2018. **Wednesday 4th October 2017, 10-12 noon at Devizes Sports Club.**

Please book your place by the 28th September by emailing admin@carersinwiltshire.co.uk and don't forget to let us know of any dietary requirements. Find out more about CSW here: <https://carersinwiltshire.co.uk/>

3. **Safe Places and Dementia Friends**
The number of Dementia Friends are building across the community area, Purton Parish Council are fully championing this cause and have recently made 23 new Dementia Friends and appointed a lead councillor.



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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, please see the CATG report in the agenda pack.

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.

Priorities November 2016

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

There are a number of local LINK schemes and the Purton Age Concern bus is also available locally. **Bradies Connect** will be at the September Area Board meeting promoting the service which they offer.



*******SHOUT OUT*******

The 3Ms memory group continues to go well and numbers are very good. The group is desperate to find an occasional driver for when their main driver is on holiday. The driving is very straightforward but the does need to be very aware of people needing help with accessing the vehicle and securing seat belts etc.

*Please contact Zoe Millington if you can help:
zoemillington.wsun@btconnect.com*



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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.**

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](#)

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

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