



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

Children and Young People

RWB and Cricklade Community Area

What has been done so far:

Priorities November 2016

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 - 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 develop personal resilience.

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

1. Evaluation of the **Launch 2 Learning** filming project funded by the Area Board to address **cyber-bullying and self-esteem issues** is with an independent assessor and feedback on the project will be presented at the January Area Board meeting.
2. Working with Public Health, a new offer to help schools **‘Beat the Bugs’** and so reduce school absence is available to local primary schools. Please contact you CEM if your primary school is interested.
2. Last month we held the first **Apprenticeships Fair** in RWB, bringing together potential apprentices, local businesses and third party providers to help raise aspirations:
<http://www.businessbiscuit.com/8-news/4491-apprenticeship-fair>

The event went well and feedback was good, especially from the local Academy students who appreciated hearing first-hand from some very inspiring apprentices! Organised in partnership with Jolyon Rose from the Manor House Enterprise Centre, the event was supported by local organisations and businesses including Wiltshire College, Swindon College, the REME Corps Engagement Team and Imagine Cruising. A big thank you to all involved!

Below is a picture of the networking session:





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Community Safety **RWB and Cricklade Community Area**

What has been done so far:

Priorities November 2016

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

1. With **Halloween** just around the corner, the Area Board supports Wiltshire Police’s campaign to prevent anti-social behaviour at this time of year. You can download a No Trick or Treat poster via the link below to stop unwanted visitors:

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/information/documents/campaigns/802-no-trick-or-treat-halloween-poster-2017>

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

Cllr Bob Jones has held 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 put on skate sessions for young people in Cricklade, to build engagement with young people living in the town. The sessions were at times attended by local PCSOs to develop relationships and build trust between young people and the police.

Preventative work is being delivered by CMAS in Lyneham and RWB through the successful youth groups, each attracting circa 30 young people, with PCSOs also dropping in to the youth groups.

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

1. 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. A **community grant** has been submitted for CCTV install at the village centre community facility.
2. The Community Area Transport Group continues to work towards making highways improvements, (please see CATG report).

Dorset & Wilts Fire and Rescue Service have launched a new campaign targeted at parking which makes it impossible for appliances to get through to an emergency.

3. The Victim Support service has been promoted via the health and wellbeing group, posters and social media. Please find out more here: <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>





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Culture **RWB and Cricklade Community Area**

What has been done so far:

1. The first **Celebrating Age** will be held on Tuesday 28th November at Lyneham Village Hall 'Around the World in 80 Days' will be performed by Angela Laverick, complete with audience participation and followed by a fish and chips lunch for the 3M's memory group. This will be the start of 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%)

Hear more from Rebecca Seymour, project development worker from Wiltshire Music Centre, at November's Area Board.

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! Your CEM has been working with colleagues in Calne, Corsham and Devizes to find out what is working well in the community hub spaces which are already open and to learn what could be brought into Royal Wootton Bassett.





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Economy

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What has been done so far:

1. Please see Children and Young People theme for an update on **Bassett Apprenticeships Fair**.
2. **Improving opportunities for ex-military personnel** through training and skills is an area which John Stanwix from Support Empower Advocate Promote (SEAP) military advocacy will be helping to address locally. John is at the networking session for the November Area Board meeting, so please find him to learn more about the service he offers in the community area. SEAP are interested in holding sessions in the RWB community hub and library once it is ready in the New Year.

Priorities November 2016

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

2. Your CEM is working with TEN4Biz to put together an exciting and inspiring programme for Swindon & Wiltshire's **Women in Business Conference 2018**. We're bringing together entrepreneurs and businesswomen from across the south west - and we reach many more through the media, blogs and [videos](#). Next year's focus will be innovation and creativity, offering a great opportunity for businesswomen to learn, reach out and connect. The event is back at the fabulous Bowood Estate, once more celebrating International Women's Day on Thursday 8th March, save the date!
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, with help from Cllr Allison Bucknell, at the **RWB library on Mondays 10-11**. 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/>

Picture from last year's Women in Business Conference 2017:





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Environment RWB and Cricklade Community Area

What has been done so far:

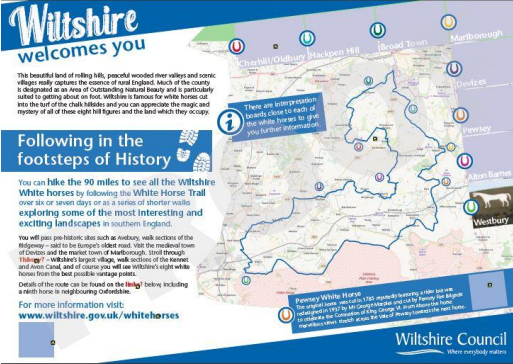
1. RWB&C is working well with the **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** to run a campaign to reduce litter across the community area and encourage people to reduce their waste and re-use materials where possible - see their written report to find out more about their **Campaign Plan**, including dates for your diary and how you can get involved.
1. Are you a town or parish council who would like to **reduce chewing gum** litter on your patch? Please contact your CEM for free promotional material for this national Chewing Gum Action Group campaign.
2. Existing interpretation boards for Wiltshire's White Horses are soon to be replaced across the county, pending agreement by local Area Boards. The signs will be updated with QR codes with links to further information about the Horses and the White Horse Trail (a walking route which links them together), audio and braille, to make the information available to more people and to encourage people to explore our beautiful county! Please find a draft of a new sign below.
3. 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.

Priorities November 2016

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

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.

Area Board councillors were also asked to take a view on having a central commemorative woodland in addition to the local planting. The councillors expressed their support in principle providing the trees are properly maintained (so the woodland would have to be owned by a properly constituted body) and a desire that any new woodland will be where there isn't already woodland, but where planting is needed to join up corridors for wildlife.





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Health, Wellbeing and Leisure RWB and Cricklade Community Area

What has been done so far:

Priorities November 2016

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

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/>

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) and 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

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

Seated Sports (previously called Fit for Life) - sports development officer Matt Pearson will launch Seated Sports in RWB for those aged 60+ in the New Year. This will start at RWB Memorial Hall (pending councillor agreement of funds for hall hire) and then move into the community hub longer term, where sessions will be led by a volunteer who has already come forwards! The sessions have support from the 3M’s memory group attendees and will start with seated boccia.

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%)

You are invited to attend an interactive meeting to discuss adult social care with the team from Wiltshire Council. Your local meeting will be on Wednesday 1st November at 2.00pm at the Manor House Enterprise Centre, RWB.

We are particularly interested in hearing from:

People who use adult care services

Carers

People/organisations/services involved in supporting local people with their general wellbeing or social care needs.

All welcome, please register your attendance with Alexa Davies; 01249 706610 / alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk.

A GP hosted tea party is taking place at Tinkers Lane surgery to help with social isolation.

3. **Safe Places and Dementia Friends**

The Caring about Dementia group met on 6th October and made plans to help the community area to become more dementia friendly. These included putting together an annual offer of Dementia Friends sessions for schools and community groups with a regular turn over, such as the Guides. The group have visited Bassett House care home to work more closely together and learn more about local needs. A local WI group have already started knitting dementia twiddle-muffs to help soothe people living in the home, thank you ☺

The number of Dementia Friends is 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. Dementia Friends sessions are scheduled for; RWB Town Council, friends and family at Bassett House care home and more. Please get in touch if you would be interested in hosting a short information session for your community group.





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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](#)

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

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

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