



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

1. A **mental health themed ‘takeover’** of the Area Board meeting is taking place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.00pm at RWB rugby football club - this session is designed to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing, increase understanding and reduce stigma and discrimination. It has been introduced in response to the prioritisation of mental health by the community through the Joint Strategic Assessment process.

The session itself is interactive and is suitable for both professionals and members of the public. It focuses strongly on how to improve and maintain wellbeing and mental health.

1. Evaluation of the **Launch 2 Learning** filming project funded by the Area Board to address **cyber-bullying and self-esteem issues** will be presented at the January Area Board meeting by Marie Wykes.
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 your CEM if your primary school is interested, [alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk), 01249 706610.
2. In November 2017, Nick Bolton from Wiltshire Council ran a **Healthy Schools** training day, supported by funding from the Area Board. Four local schools completed the training and will be benefitting from committing to an action to make their school and pupils healthier, these schools were:

Longleaze Primary School  
 Lyneham Primary School  
 Noremarsch Junior Community School  
 St Bartholomew’s Primary Academy

Well done to everyone who took part in the training day! The programme accredits schools that have provided evidence to show how their provision effectively supports the health and wellbeing of their pupils. Schools can work towards bronze, silver or gold levels to achieve Wiltshire Healthy Schools status. To be accredited schools need to meet certain standards based on local and national priorities.

Further information about our Healthy Schools programme and the schools which are involved can be found at <http://www.wiltshirehealthyschools.org/about/>

3. Cllr Sue Hughes from RWB TC has been working with local youth to set up a Locality Youth Network to look at youth leisure activity provision in the area. First meeting is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> January 17.30 ahead of the Area Board meeting at RWB RFC.



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**Community Safety**

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**What has been done so far:**

1. In early December, councillors met with Ben Evans, Managing Director from **Community Mentoring And Support (CMAS)** to find out how their street based youth work in Cricklade was going.

This targeted piece of work had been commissioned by the Area Board to help the town address the ASB taking place.

Ben reported that the group in Cricklade who had been causing issues had now on the whole divided up and tended to hang out either by the surgery or the park. Moving forwards, holding a weekly CMAS session inside was agreed and a venue for this was being looked into by Cllr Bob Jones.

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.

Purton was raised as also having some ASB issues in the community. As funding for this year had already been fully committed, options for commissioning work would be re-considered in the new financial year 2018/19.

2. The Community Area Transport Group continues to work towards making highways improvements, (please see CATG report). The CATG process was being reviewed in order to make it simpler for people to use well and understand. This was happening alongside promotion of the **My Wiltshire App** as a means of reporting issues directly to the Wiltshire Council services which can help, e.g. as a way to report potholes. A session on using the My Wiltshire app will be coming up at a future Area Board meeting, please watch this space!

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have launched a new campaign targeted at parking which makes it impossible for appliances to get through to an emergency. Please see the flyer in the image at the bottom of this page.

3. The Victim Support service is available to support anyone living with domestic abuse, see here for further information: <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>

**Priorities November 2016**

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





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**Culture**

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**What has been done so far:**

1. The first **Celebrating Age** event was a fantastic success, held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Lyneham Village Hall 'Around the World in 80 Days' was performed by Angela Laverick, complete with audience participation and followed by a fish and chips lunch for the 3M's memory group.

This was the start of a monthly programme of cultural events brought into the local area funded mainly by the Arts Council and supported by the Area Board. Events will initially be free of charge, targeted towards celebrating older people and move venues around the whole community area.

The next event is: 'Journey through the dance bands of the 1920s-40s' at Ridgeway House, The Lawns, Royal Wootton Bassett. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30am–12 noon, join **Duncan Galloway**, band leader of the Pasadena Roof Orchestra, for a trip down memory lane, as he takes you through a short history of the dance bands from the 1920s-40s.

The talk will be illustrated with images, film footage and Duncan himself giving the occasional impression of your favourite crooners! This is a free event, with teas and coffees provided, donations are welcome 😊

1. A **Community Asset List** has been put together to allow community groups, charities and town and parish councils to share their assets locally and we've had our first request! The Our Community Matters website will be updated in the New Year and once this is complete, the asset list will be available to all from the website. If you have an asset you are willing to share with your neighbours, please don't hesitate to get in touch: [alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto: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.

The remodelling of the Royal Wootton Bassett Hub and Library has been delayed to give us more time to plan and design the right type of facility that the local area deserves. While we had planned a flexible space that meets the community's needs and those of our partners, we didn't feel the initial plans would achieve that. With this in mind, we instructed architects to redraw and improve the plans in order to get the most out of the new facility, and we hope to appoint builders to begin the project in early 2018. We expect the building to be completed by summer 2018, and are working in partnership with Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council to deliver a top-class facility for the town and surrounding area.



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**Economy** **RWB and Cricklade Community Area**

**What has been done so far:**

**Priorities November 2016**

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

1. Please see previous newsletter for an update on **Bassett Apprenticeships Fair**.

December saw Belinda Showering from the Adult Social Care team at Wiltshire Council doing some work shadowing of the Area Board in order to better understand what we do and improve integration between communities and the adult social care team. We'll be catching up with Belinda in the New Year and report back learnings to help improve the service offer to local people.

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 is helping to address locally. John was at the November Area Board meeting and is interested in holding sessions in the RWB community hub and library once it is ready.

2. **Learndirect** are also keen to 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. 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](#). This 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 8<sup>th</sup> March, save the date! Just a heads up - #WiB2018 now online on Eventbrite at [www.wib2018.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.wib2018.eventbrite.co.uk).

2. With some lucky people receiving new techie gifts for Christmas, remember there is a great group of **WithIT** volunteers at the **RWB library on Mondays 10-11am** who are able to help you learn to use your device completely for free.

In Cricklade, the group of digi-champions meet in the **Cricklade leisure centre cafe on Mondays 10-12 noon** and are happy to help anyone keen 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.



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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. Since the last newsletter, Jess and her team have been holding lots of sessions showing people how to have a waste-free Christmas, we hope you have been able to pop in and learn from them 😊

**Priorities November 2016**

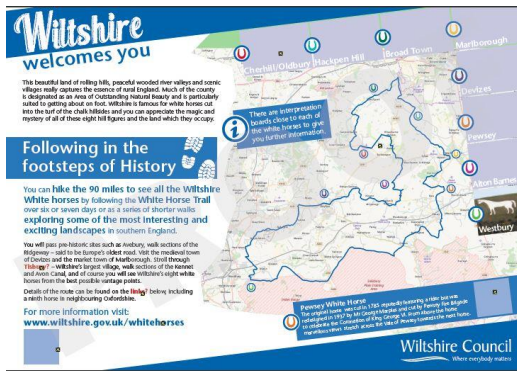
1. Fly tipping and litter (74.12%)
2. Improving rights of way (42.35%)
3. Protecting the countryside (36.47%)

1. Existing interpretation boards for Wiltshire’s White Horses are hopefully soon to be replaced across the county, pending agreement by local Area Boards – this is a councillor initiative at today’s Area Board meeting. 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.

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.

CATG continues to work on this priority (see separate report).

3. The Bradenstoke parish will be taking part in the **WW1 tree planting legacy project**, thank you to the team here for your support in committing to planting and looking after the baby trees.





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### Health, Wellbeing and Leisure

### RWB and Cricklade Community Area

#### What has been done so far:

1. Have you heard of Action for Happiness? How about Happy Cafes? Do you know a café where the norm is to support local people and help make them smile? Please see here to find out more and get in touch if you know a business which might like to become involved in the local area:  
<http://www.actionforhappiness.org/happy-cafe>

#### Priorities November 2016

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

2. 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 your CEM if you would like to register your interest. Find out more about TWIGS here: <http://www.twigscommunitygardens.org.uk/>
2. A brand new, first of its kind **seated sports programme** is being launched in Royal Wootton Bassett this January.

The seated sports programme has been developed by Wiltshire Council's Sports Development team and the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board. As part of the feedback from the joint strategic assessment process, local residents expressed that accessible sports provision for older residents was a key priority in the town.

The programme is an adapted sports offering for older people, people recovering from an illness or injury or perhaps those who wish to take the first steps to a healthier lifestyle. All sports and activities take place from a sitting position, allowing participants to take part in a low intensity, highly enjoyable form of physical activity.

The weekly session will take place from 10am to 11am each Thursday at Royal Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall and is free of charge for participants. The first session will take place on Thursday 18th January.

Cllr Allison Bucknell says "Taking part in a regular form of exercise is proven to be extremely beneficial to people of all ages. It is brilliant that we are able to offer something different to help those less able join in with sporting activities. Hopefully they will get the bug and soon be demanding all sorts of other exercise, and that we can have the fittest older population in Wiltshire!"

To register for the seated sports programme, or to request further information, please email [SportsDevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:SportsDevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk) or call Matthew Pearson, Sports Development Officer, on 07827 982279.











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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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