



**Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Identified Priorities Newsletter. September 2018**

**Children and Young People**

**RWB and Cricklade Community Area**

**What has been done so far:**

1. A summer holiday programme of sports and activities has been provided for children and young people to help keep them happy and healthy over the summer months.

Fun in the Sun has been delivered in Lyneham and Purton and summer camps, including a basketball camp in Purton and a very successful tennis camp at RWB Academy, have also been available.

**Priorities November 2016**

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

2. The leisure team are working with pupils in school years 4 and 5 in select schools on the **Healthy Me Bitesize** programme. Staff will run some interactive 1-hour weekly sessions for a period of 6 weeks. These will be held within the school during curriculum time with a varying level of flexibility. The programme looks to cover a key range of healthy eating topics with the delivery taking a fun and active approach.



3. Date for the diary - **the November Area Board meeting will have a youth theme.** The meeting will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at the Memorial Hall, Royal Wootton Bassett.

**Community Mentoring And Support (CMAS)** provide positive leisure time activities for young people through their Area Board commission in Cricklade, RWB and Lyneham. This includes running a series of local youth groups, doing targeted youth work to address specific issues with the groups, personal development and mentoring for the young people involved.

Funding for their service for young people in the community area has been committed by the Area Board until the end of the financial year (April 2019).

The Area Board councillors and officers continue to work with the RWB Local Youth Network and a developing group in Cricklade to understand the needs of local young people and how resource can best be targeted. If you are developing a youth network in your community, please get in touch if you would like support with this.



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### Community Safety

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#### What has been done so far:

#### 1. Did you know there is a **Royal Wootton Bassett Neighbourhood Watch scheme**?

The RWB Neighbourhood Watch scheme is managed by co-ordinators who typically cover the road where they live and possibly adjacent roads. They meet three or four times a year, occasionally with a local Police Officer or Police Community Support Officer to learn from the police. Another purpose of the meetings is to receive information about relevant recent 'activities' within RWB and the surrounds and to report and share concerns that residents have brought to attention. These have included cold callers, scammers, burglaries and unusual or suspicious behaviour by unknown individuals with the information passing to and from the police.

Between meetings co-ordinators will disseminate information to scheme members by e-mail or personal contact and have, on occasion, been able to assist the police. Information is also available through Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging.

There is considerable scope for residents in all parts of RWB to become involved either as a member or co-ordinator. **Anyone wanting more information or interested in starting a group can contact the Secretary at [martinlansdownembe@hotmail.com](mailto:martinlansdownembe@hotmail.com) or 07941420551.**

#### 2. **Extra support for car drivers aged 25 and under!**

Are you aged 25 and under? Would you like to gain Advanced Driving Skills similar to Police Standards?

Our courses offer to help, guide and assist you to reach an Advanced Standard! Become more aware and enjoy your driving more with 1 to 1 training.

As well as gaining recognition for your skills, once you're qualified you'll become a full iamRoadSmart member and you can often receive other benefits as a result. Also looks good on your CV!

Full cost of the whole course is £149

(Inclusive of: Course Material – Group Membership for 1 year  
iamRoadSmart Membership for 1 year and Test Fee).

What have you got to lose? We offer a 'Free Taster Session'! Parents are welcome to accompany us and see what we offer. Contact Chris Gleed on 01793 772314 or [Swindongroup@hotmail.com](mailto:Swindongroup@hotmail.com) for more information.

Or view: [www.iamroadsmart.com](http://www.iamroadsmart.com) where you can book a 'Free Taster Session' in your own car.

#### 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. You are invited to **Music on Your Doorstep in Royal Wootton Bassett!**

On Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10.00am- 4.00pm at the Memorial Hall, Royal Wootton Bassett.

FREE music-making for all!

Join us for a day of free music workshops, activities and performances, as we celebrate community music-making in Royal Wootton Bassett.

Come and try out our Jam Pod, iPad Station, Instruments and more!

**Whats on!**

- Mini Musicians - exploratory music session for under 5's and their families.
- Gospel Singing Taster with Jo Sercombe - Love singing? Come and try so accessible gospel singing which is suitable for all ages and abilities.
- West African Drumming with Drum West - Enjoy a lively, loud and complete African experience. Suitable for all ages and abilities.
- Mbira Workshop - Join Chartwell Dutiro for an authentic African Mbira session with singing and much more!

The day will include performances from local groups. To guarantee a space, you can book taster sessions online from the Wiltshire Rural Music website, or just come along on the day - all welcome.

**Priorities November 2016**

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



**Economy**

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### What has been done so far:

1. The **Work Wiltshire** site is a fantastic resource with information about local apprenticeships and work experience in Wiltshire:

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/>

**Apprenticeship opportunities at Wiltshire Council** continue to be promoted via Area Board social media channels. Follow **@RWBandCCEM** (community engagement manager) and **@wilcolyneham** (Chair of the Area Board) on Twitter for updates.

### Priorities November 2016

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

2. Use it or lose it - **NatWest community banking service** in RWB library from 10.00am-12 noon!

NatWest has introduced a new role in response to the changing ways customers bank. Community Bankers will work in local communities recently affected by branch closures. As part of their role, they provide customers with personal assistance in accessing the right banking options for their needs across a range of channels. You don't need to bank with NatWest for Caroline to be able to help you and provide advice.

Caroline Gray has been appointed as NatWest Community Bankers for the Melksham, Marlborough and Royal Wootton Bassett region. Caroline will be based in RWB library on a weekly basis on Thursdays from 10am-12noon.



Caroline also offers a range of talks for community groups to help with the prevention of fraud and classes for schools and youth groups to improve money management skills. Caroline can be reached on: [caroline.gray@natwest.com](mailto:caroline.gray@natwest.com) or follow Caroline on Twitter **@cgray02**.



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**What has been done so far:**

1. The amazing work of **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** continues in the community area. Over the summer a highlight has been their waste free picnics. Wiltshire Waste Watchers had a lovely time with Cricklade residents and Friends of Dance Common at their August picnic. After some tasty wastefree snacks, the group explored Dance Common and found lots of interesting bugs and plants!



**Priorities November 2016**

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

For more inspiration, ideas and advice on how to reduce, reuse and recycle, have a look at the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust website and follow the Waste Watchers @SlimBinWilts.

**2. Involve Swindon is looking for opportunities!**

Could your organisation or group benefit from the help of corporate volunteers? Involve Swindon has many requests from teams looking to help out for a day. It could be help with painting, sorting out stock, outside gardening, etc. A recent example was a team from Arval who helped clear the railway path near Chiseldon.

Many of these teams plan their events several months ahead, so it is not too early to put in requests for help leading up to the Festive period - for example, decorating a Christmas tree and helping with a party for your beneficiaries.

Please contact Sue Dunmore, either by phone (01793 420557) or email (involve@swindonvolunteers.org.uk) to find out more or to submit a request.

3. The Area Board has provided a letter of support for the Morningside Farm meadows project, to help them with fundraising. Objectives of the project are to purchase and protect the meadows as a public nature reserve, improve their condition through favourable management, carry out critical works to enhance public access, provide interpretation and train and equip volunteers and supporters to help survey and manage the site outside RWB.



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**Health, Wellbeing and Leisure**

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**What has been done so far:**

- Age UK run a new Fitness and Friendship group in Royal Wootton Bassett:**

"If sport and physical activity was a drug it would be regarded as a miracle cure".

Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer for England.

We promote both physical and mental health and wellbeing and support older people to remain independent for longer by helping them to stay fit and active in later life.

A social club for older people with an emphasis on keeping active.

The Fitness and Friendship Club is open to all older people who would like the opportunity to take part in activities and gentle exercise. There is a cost of £4.00 per session. Activities offered include bowling, skittles, kurling (no ice required), quoits and gentle T'ai Chi.

The club is held alternate Thursdays in the Memorial Hall, Station Road, Royal Wootton Bassett, between 10.00am-12 noon. New members are always welcome.

**Seated sports** with Innov8 Sports is going strong in Royal Wootton Bassett.

This programme is an adapted sports offer for older people, people recovering from an illness or injury or perhaps those who wish to take the first steps towards 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. Sessions take place from 10am on Thursdays at Royal Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall.

**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**

**1. What has been done so far - this edition we're focusing on dementia, in honour of Dementia Action Week 2018:**

The week started with a bang, with a huge **THANK YOU to Debbie Lawrence, Tim Mason and Purton Parish Council**. The stellar team put on an inspiring **Dementia Friendly Communities session**, open to parishes across the county to share their experiences, to inspire and to motivate parishes to do more to become dementia friendly.

**Priorities November 2016**

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

The Purton team are truly leading the way on this vital piece of work, and we would encourage any parish, community group or individual with a desire to make a difference on this subject to get in touch; alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk.

In support of Dementia Action Week, the Royal Wootton Bassett Caring about Dementia group were also busy! The group here, led by exceptional volunteer Linda Frost, invited 36 people to a very special event which was held at the Manor House Enterprise Centre.

We hosted a Mobile Virtual Dementia Tour Bus which provided an innovative dementia training session giving delegates the opportunity to experience what living with dementia might be like and small ways we can all help those living with dementia and their carers.

The feedback from the delegates was “a feeling of vulnerability, scary, intimidating and confusing” but by having a better understanding of the person with dementia you can change your practice of care to improve their lives.

We hope this event has sparked debate and action to improve support for people living with dementia and their carers.

As a follow up we are arranging Dementia Friends Sessions for companies, organisations, community groups or individuals. The session lasts just 45 minutes and is a simple way to spread awareness and do something which really makes a difference to others. If you would like to book a place please contact Alexa Davies at alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk and we will arrange a mutually convenient time and place, i.e. at your place of work or an agreed venue.

It is only 45 minutes of your time but it could make a huge difference to others.





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**Transport**

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**What has been done so far:**

1. The September Area Board meeting has a transport theme, with experts on hand to provide information and answer your highways related questions. The **Community Area Transport Group** agrees funding for road safety improvements - currently there are 4/5 schemes that CATG can consider at any one time, please see the CATG report in the agenda pack for further information.

**Priorities November 2016**

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

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. Most recently it has been used for transporting people to and from the Bradenstoke Festival. Please contact your Community Engagement Manager, alexa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk, 01249 706610 if you would like to use this vehicle.



**Stagecoach** have upgraded their 55 Chippenham to Swindon buses and have re-introduced the 54 bus to West Swindon.

**Purton Age Concern** now have their new minibus vehicle, with help from the community grant scheme.

Purton and District Age Concern raised £40,000 through fundraisers and appeals to help pensioners get around town. With two buses in operation the charity is back to full strength, allowing residents to zip along to lunches, trips and doctors' appointments when they need. None of the 950 or so people benefitting from the service will be left behind either – the seven-seater vehicle comes complete with disabled access.

President of the charity Tony Price said: "The village is very kind and we're very lucky that we got it. It means people can get out.

"We've got volunteers who are a great asset to the community to give up their time. They really feel for the people they're carrying and form nice relationships with them."



Emblazoned on the new bus are the names of John Blackwell and Joe Ricketts, who were long-time supporters of the service before they died. John used to be in charge of coordinating the drivers while Joe took care of secretarial duties such as insurance.





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### Housing

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#### What has been done so far:

1. Wiltshire Council is promoting the development of **affordable homes** in the county.

The authority has joined with Wiltshire Community Land Trust (WCLT) and Community First to set up the Wiltshire Community-Led Housing Project. The project's officers provide advice and encouragement to communities aiming to develop affordable homes in their area.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Wiltshire Council's cabinet member for housing, said: "We are seeking out communities who are keen to provide homes for people at affordable prices; to help them start their own CLTs, or explore other ways of providing new affordable homes.

"CLTs are the most common and proven way of delivering local housing schemes that are under the control of the community itself, by buying the freehold or leasehold of a development site.

"Homes provided in this way can be earmarked for local needs and cannot be sold, unless some homes are sold to help create an overall viable scheme.

"The local community does not necessarily have to be the developer and, typically, they will work with a housing association or similar body, such as the council."

There are about 225 CLTs around the country, with numbers rapidly growing in Wiltshire – including projects at Broad Chalke, Wilton, Seend and Cricklade.

To find out more about community-led housing contact [communityledhousing@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:communityledhousing@wiltshire.gov.uk). Further information on the Community Housing Fund and the grant funding which is available, please see [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/housing-community-fund](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/housing-community-fund).

2. In 2017 Wiltshire Council published our digital strategy. This sets out how we harness technology and digital opportunities to deliver our priorities by making our services more easily accessible to customers. It maximises the potential of our workforce and helps us work more collaboratively across the public sector.

Take a look at our short **Digital by Choice** video available on Youtube [here](#) to find out more about the digital library service (including e-books, magazines and audio), MyWiltshire app and e-forms. The video sets out our vision and the changes we have made already.

Watch this space over the coming newsletters as we provide more updates on how we intend to become 'Digital by Choice.'

#### 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/>

***For regular updates from the RWB&C Area Board ...***

*Have a look at the NEW Our Community Matters website, where you can post your news, events and activities for all to see on the community noticeboard!*

<https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/rwb/>

*Follow us on Twitter - @RWBandCCEM*

***AND sign up to Our Community Matters for your weekly Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade local newsletter:***

[\*here\*](#), we would love to hear from you.