



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

Children and Young People

RWB and Cricklade Community Area

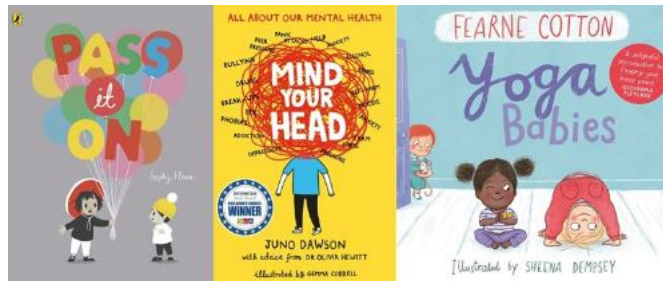
What has been done so far:

1. Did you know the library has fantastic resources to help with mental and emotional health issues?

The National Literacy Trust have a new wellbeing-themed book list available on their website, full of amazing titles suitable for all ages from babies to teenagers. Why not see if your local library has any in stock?

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 a **Healthy Me offer**. Sam Perry from the team will be at the November Area Board meeting for you to find out more. Staff will run 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 covers a key range of healthy eating topics with the delivery taking a fun and active approach.
3. **The UK Youth Parliament are recruiting now!**

Have a voice influence decisions stand for election to the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP)

Elections take place 28 JAN - 10 FEB 2019

UK Youth Parliament offers 11-18 year olds the opportunity to use their voice to bring about social change by standing for election as a Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) in 2019.

Any young person aged between 11 and 18 years old who lives in Wiltshire, or attends a boarding school in Wiltshire, has the right to stand for election and the right to vote. You must be ready to engage with and represent other children and young people in your area. Wiltshire has **three seats** on UKYP. You will be standing for election in the area where you attend school.

Creating your manifesto

Candidates will be asked to write a manifesto for use during the campaign and election period. By standing for election to UKYP you are agreeing to:

- serve a one-year term as one of three members of UKYP in Wiltshire
- be a champion for young people's views locally and nationally
- become an active member of the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAS)
- work with your locally elected councillors and MPs to promote youth voice
- attend regional conventions of the UKYP (three Saturday per year)
- attend the annual conference of UKYP - a national weekend at the end of July
- attend the House of Commons debate in November each year
- deliver the Make Your Mark youth voice campaign and other UKYP campaigns
- write your manifesto, being published on Wiltshire Wiltshire Council website and social media, if appropriate

Application deadline 26 NOV 2018

For more information
 Visit: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/children-young-people-voice
 Email: voiceandinfluenceeam@wiltshire.gov.uk
 Tel: 07342 064355

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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 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 for more information.

Or view: 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. Saturday 6th October saw a fantastic **Music on Your Doorstep** event in **Royal Wootton Bassett**.

This was a day of free music workshops, activities and performances, as we celebrated community music-making in Royal Wootton Bassett with mini musicians, gospel singing, West African drumming, an Mbira workshop and much more!

Following up the event, we have met with Tinkers Lane surgery and a local fantastic choirmaster, to look at potential options for a community choir in the town.



Priorities November 2016

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

2. The Library Service are currently promoting the Home Library Service which we offer to people unable to access their local library and who have no one to collect books or audio items on their behalf.

The service is available for people of any age who are disabled, elderly or frail, blind or partially sighted, recovering from a long-term illness or unpaid carers unable to easily leave home. It enables people to continue having access to library services and the benefits to health and wellbeing that reading for pleasure can bring, as well as interaction with our friendly volunteers who deliver the books to the home.

For more information and how to apply for the service, the local library is a good place to start, but applications can be received on line or enquiries taken by phone. Please can you help us spread the word about this service offer in your local communities?



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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 or follow Caroline on Twitter **@cgray02**.

3. Have you heard about the **Swindon Workshed**? The Workshed has lots of great events and activities for budding entrepreneurs. Have a look here to find out more: <https://www.theworkshed.co.uk/>



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Environment

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What has been done so far:

1. The amazing work of **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** continues in the community area. Most recently Gemma, Jess and the team have been encouraging people to make their own Halloween outfits and decorations from scraps! Currently seeking to arrange a showing of A Plastic Free Ocean in the New Year.

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 RWB and Cricklade Community Area

What has been done so far:

1. A Local Area Coordinator is an accessible point of contact for people in the community. They are available in six community areas to help with short term support, information, advice, or connections to local resources. They will also work alongside individuals and their families, who may benefit from longer term support. If you would like to contribute to recruitment to a local post, or have any questions, please contact Vicki Lofts on victoria.lofts@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01225 716820.

Priorities November 2016

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

Local Area Coordination is starting in Wiltshire

What is a Local Area Coordinator?

They are an accessible point of contact for people in their community.

They are available in parts of the six community areas for short term support, information, advice or connections to local resources. They will also work alongside individuals and their families, who may benefit from longer term support.

They will work alongside individuals and families to:

- Access information in a variety of ways that are helpful;
- Be heard, in control and make choices;
- Identify their personal strengths, goals and needs;
- Find practical ways of doing the things they want or need to do;
- Develop and use personal and local networks – friends, family, community;
- Build a positive vision and plan for the future;
- Connect with, be part of and contribute to local community life; and
- Access, choose and control supports and services.

Finding our Local Area Coordinators

Wiltshire's first three Local Area Coordinators have started in Melksham, Westbury and Trowbridge. We are now recruiting in the following community areas: Calne, Chippenham, Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade, Amesbury, Salisbury and Warminster.

How are they selected?

We work with local people, including people living with disabilities and/or mental health issues and older people, their families/carers and the wider community, to find the right person - **together**.

How can people get involved and contribute to this?

We would love to meet people in Calne, Chippenham, Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade, Amesbury, Salisbury and Warminster with a passion for their community and who may be interested in selecting our new Local Area Coordinators or being involved in the future.

Are you interested in getting involved or in becoming a Local Area Coordinator?

For more information please contact Vicki Lofts by tel: 07824461272 or email: victoria.lofts@wiltshire.gov.uk
Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN

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2. **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.



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Older People

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- The RWB Sunday Lunch Club** continues to support elderly people in the local area, thanks to fantastic volunteer Stevie.

There were 20 guests at The Wiltshire Hotel at the October meeting, where the group celebrated Barbara's 89th birthday. A good time was had by all. Happy birthday Barbara!

Priorities November 2016

- Social isolation and loneliness (80%)
- Support for carers (57.65%)
- Dementia (54.12%)



- Silver Newsflash!!**

Did you know, The Silver Line is the only free confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people, open 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Need help? Call us ANYTIME on: [0800 4 70 80 90](tel:08004708090)

To find out more, and how to get involved, please see here: <https://www.thesilverline.org.uk/>.

- Dementia - 3M memory group provision is continued by the Caring about Dementia group**
Funding has been agreed by the Caring about Dementia group for the continued support of the 3M's memory group in Lyneham, for a year's staffing costs.



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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 Tinkers Lane surgery for a Contact Tea! 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. Further information on the Community Housing Fund and the grant funding which is available, please see 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.