



## Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Identified Priorities Newsletter. January 2019

### Children and Young People

### RWB and Cricklade Community Area

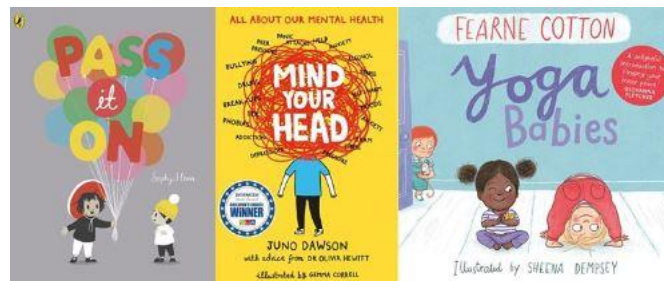
#### What has been done so far:

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 **Healthy Schools** programme continues to flourish in RWB&C, with the schools benefitting from Area Board funding and support from Wiltshire Council's Nick Bolton.

Congratulations to Lyneham Primary School who have successfully been accredited at bronze level, just before Christmas, see photo below. St Mary's School in Purton are also very close to completing their evidence, so good luck with the last push!

There are usually two chances for schools to join the programme a year and opportunities are listed here: <https://www.wiltshirehealthyschools.org/resources/training-and-events/>

Please have a look if your school isn't already a Healthy School 😊 The next opportunity to become involved is Tuesday 21st May 2019, 9:30am - 4:00pm at Trowbridge Rugby Club.





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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. Just to update on all the fantastic work that Rebecca Seymour has been doing in the community area through the **Celebrating Age** project, please find the community activities which are coming up below, further details are available from the Wiltshire Music Centre website:

#### Priorities November 2016

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

#### Activity booked in:

11<sup>th</sup> January: Lyndsay will be at Silver Threads Friendship Group in Purton, 2.30 - 3.45pm for Circle Dancing

28<sup>th</sup> January: Cricklade Open Door concert (see poster below)

5<sup>th</sup> Feb: Circle Dancing with the 3Ms memory group in Lyneham

March/April: Celebrating Age will be helping to set up a Dance Class linked to the Heel to Heal group in Royal Wootton Bassett

11<sup>th</sup> May: Trio Virtuosi concert at the Memorial Hall, RWB





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### Economy

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#### What has been done so far:

1. The **Work Wiltshire** site is a great 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.

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. Have you signed up for **Waste Free February** yet?



This is a challenge to reduce your waste during February.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust are challenging you to reduce your waste to a jam jar. Waste is classed as anything that cannot be reused, recycled or composted.

#### Getting started

During the challenge, you will receive emails of support, offering our top tips, good spots to visit and reminders about our upcoming Waste Free Feb competitions - you won't want to miss out on those!

If you haven't already, download our [Waste Free Feb guide](#) to give you all the information you need to know in order to start the challenge. The guide is full of tips and advice to guide you along the way.

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.

#### Priorities November 2016

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

2. As part of Waste Free Feb, there will be a **free** film screening of **A Plastic Ocean**, we would love for you to join us and become inspired on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 6 for a 7pm start at the Methodist Church Hall, Royal Wootton Bassett.

We invite YOU to  
watch  
the inspiring  
documentary film.....



**A PLASTIC OCEAN**  
WE NEED A WAVE OF CHANGE.

*"One of the most important films of our time" Sir David Attenborough*

Learn about the positive impact your actions can have. Speak to local businesses and buy plastic free/reusable goodies; bring **cash** if you wish to shop

**Wednesday 6 February**  
chat and shop from 6pm, Take your seats at 7pm

**Methodist Church Hall**  
Rope Yard, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7BS

**Hot food available!** FREE, no booking required

Can't make it? Join us for 'Green Drinks' in The Cross Keys Inn, SN4 7AY

Tuesday 12 February at 7.30pm

For more information contact: [rethinkrubbish@wiltshirewildlife.org](mailto:rethinkrubbish@wiltshirewildlife.org)  
Or on Facebook—Royal Wootton Bassett Environmental group

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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1. **Ellen Blacker, Health and Wellbeing Champion, secures winter funding to help over twenty older people heat their homes during the winter months.**

Ellen has been kept very busy with the winter grant scheme recently, securing £300 for each vulnerable person who meets a set of criteria to warm their homes, helping them keep well over the coldest months of the year.

Ellen offers a service which supports individuals to live independent, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives by offering information on a variety of topics. Working to improve outcomes for people by representing their needs at decision making levels.

Ellen can be contacted on 07557 922020 or [Ellen.Blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Ellen.Blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk).

#### Priorities November 2016

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

2. **Dementia Roadmap launched!**



Alzheimer's Support has launched a new website to guide people through the process of being diagnosed with dementia in Wiltshire.

The Dementia Roadmap for Wiltshire is a simple online guide to what to expect during the process of being diagnosed with any type of dementia. It includes a symptoms guide, information about other conditions that can be confused with dementia, and explains the roles of health care and non-medical staff in supporting families at every step of the way.

It is designed to be used by healthcare professionals as well as by families and individuals, who can dip in and out of the roadmap at different stages in their personal journey.

The roadmap leads to a related site, the Support Village, where the charity has pulled together links to a wealth of relevant local information about available support.

"We already have nine Dementia Advisers in Wiltshire. We think of the roadmap and support village together as a 10th 'virtual' dementia adviser, accessible 24 hours a day, and there to help people find the information they need to live as well as they can with dementia."

The Roadmap and Support Village were created with financial support from Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, and with input from people affected by dementia and local organisations.

[Visit the Roadmap](#)  
[Download the flyer](#)





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### Transport

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#### What has been done so far:

1. The September Area Board meeting had 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](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.*