



## Community Engagement Report – Tidworth, Nov 2021

### Vibrant Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council working through the Area Boards will be distributing the last tranche of Covid-19 Additional restrictions Grant (ARG) amounting to nearly £3m.

Funding will be available for businesses with a shop front and will be split into 3 pots. The funding can be backdated to April 2021 and the application process will be kept very simple and quick. More information will be released imminently

### Rural youth project

Community First have spent some time in Tidworth meeting young people, stakeholders and parents. There will be a joint area on-line stakeholder event on Jan 19<sup>th</sup> where we will hear more and think about how the findings can be implemented

### Climate Change

Consultation has finished on the Wiltshire Climate strategy and COP26 has ended. We are therefore planning a joint meeting with the Pewsey area in February or March where we can explore what local actions we can take and support.

### Prevention and wellbeing Team

A new team has been set up at Wiltshire Council as part of adult social care and in a unique position to work alongside adults, preventing the need for formal support. They are replacing local area coordinators who were in some areas of the county but not in Tidworth. However, the new team will be in the Tidworth area and will work closely with the community engagement manager. Alison Timmins has been appointed the officer covering our area and this will be a great help in the work we are doing to help address the priority of improving mental health.

### Walking and cycling

The “Paths for All” project is up and running again, but with a difference. It is now a joint project with the Stonehenge area, and it held its first meeting back in September. We are planning the next one in February and would encourage anyone who is interested in improving their footpaths to come along and join in. Funding will hopefully be agreed at the Area Board meeting on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> which the community will be able to use.

***Tidworth Area Board has funding left which any local voluntary or community group can apply for. There are 3 separate pots of money. Community grants can be used for capital projects, youth funding for improving the lives and activities for 13- to 18-year-olds and health and wellbeing money aimed at older and vulnerable people. If you want to discuss a possible project or idea, please contact Richard Rogers using the contact details below***

