

Pewsey Area Board Councillor Initiative

1. What is the Project?

The use of the facilities at Meadow Court, Pewsey for elderly people, especially those who are isolated and less mobile, within the community area. Funding may be required for transport to and from people's homes to Meadow Court.

There are currently activities at Meadow Court at least three days a week including:-

- Armchair exercises
- Bingo
- Picture card bingo
- Arts Together activities
- Lunches
- Annual music events

And a gardening club is also being planned.

It is hoped to extend the activities to daily, with additional annual events.

2. Where is the project taking place?

Meadow Court, Pewsey – available to older people within the Pewsey community area.

3. When will the project take place?

From February/March 2012 initially as a pilot for one year.

4. Please outline:-

- **Community benefits**
- **Evidence of need**
- **Links to Community Plan**
- **Community Issue**

The need for this project arose through discussions with the Pewsey Community Area Health and Social Care Forum who had been approached by some members of the Pewsey Evergreens, as well as local residents and community leaders. The Evergreens, which closed in December 2011 was a monthly club for older people to attend and held at the Bouverie Hall Pewsey. The club had been going for 50 years.

A barrier to taking part in activities is transport. Leonard Cheshire and Aster have agreed that

Meadow Court facilities and activities can be made available to older people from the community area. Leonard Cheshire has agreed to facilitate the transport needs of people. A request is being made to the Pewsey area board for some ring-fenced funding to allow people's transport needs to be met during the pilot stage of this project. In the future it may be necessary to charge a small fee but until the project has run it is not yet known what the demand will be, or where the participants will be travelling from.

Lack of appropriate facilities and opportunities for people who are socially isolated is a concern raised through the Pewsey Community Area Plan together with Care for older people, care for vulnerable people, activities for older people and lack of daycare/social provision in rural villages for the elderly (pages 12, 13, 14).

5. What is the desired outcome/s of this project?

Elderly people in the Pewsey Community Area will be able to access activities and company at Meadow Court which will improve their general well-being.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

Martin Easton, Leonard Cheshire

7. Please confirm cost and provide quotes together with any details of match funding

- Total project costs up to and including £5,000 - 1 quote
- Total project costs over £5,000 - 3 quotes

The costs are difficult to estimate without knowing how many people will take part in this project but up to £1,500 is requested to be made available (ring fenced).

Leonard Cheshire will manage the spend, and then send in a report to the Community Area Manager (CAM) and Chairman giving details of how much has been spent together with an invoice for reimbursement. This could be agreed by the CAM or Chairman or put before an area board meeting.

The reason for ring-fencing rather than giving a grant to Leonard Cheshire is because it is not possible to provide a quote until the project is up and running and the needs and costs are known. It also depends on where the people travel from, if they need personal assistance, and how often they are accessing the facility.

8. Additional information in support of the project