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## **TCAF Progress December 2014 – February 2015**

### **The Charity Commission**

TCAF has been assigned a case worker and will be contacted by 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### **WfCAP and CAPS funding post April 2015**

A report was presented at the Area Board in January to request the support for TCAF from the Area Board to lobby Wiltshire Council for future funding post April 2015.

- The official response at this meeting and repeated this week to WfCAP ( 18<sup>th</sup> February) is as of April 2015 there would be no revenue money at Area Board level, therefore no core-funding available to CAPs. WfCAP will also no longer receive funding post April.

### **Project Funding Bids**

#### **SPICE - Time Credits**

- The Time credits scheme recognises the time that individuals give to support the local community, voluntarily, and aims to encourage more people to get involved and give their time. A credit is issued for each hour the volunteer gives.
- A bid has been submitted to the Area Board and will be presented at the March meeting; The bid requests funding for a Time Credits Hub located at the TIB, Civic Centre and will be supported in partnership by Trowbridge Town Council.

#### **Sensory Equipment**

- Application submitted to Area Board, March, for a Councillor led project in partnership with Collaborative Schools. A portable, sensory interactive floor and additional items to be available for all. Evidence identifies that this sensory experience hugely adds value to the life experiences of those suffering from mental health disorders, profound and multiple disabilities, emotional trauma, the elderly and extreme behaviour challenges. Equally so those residents where English is not their first language. This bid has been pushed back to the next funding round – June 2015.

#### **Trowbridge Town Council**

- TCAF are in discussion with Trowbridge Town Council on how TCAF may work creatively in partnership with them on projects 2015/2016.



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### **Safer Places Project**

35 businesses have signed up to the Safe Place Project which enables members of the public to visit registered businesses to seek help and refuge if they feel vulnerable.

- Letters issued to sign ups to welcome them to the scheme and offer training; First Aid, Safeguarding and Dementia awareness sessions.
- The Police have been promoting the scheme through their community talks and at elderly residential homes to make the public aware of the local scheme.

### **The Wiltshire Guide for Migrants**

The Guide which is bi-lingual ( Polish/ English), is full of helpful information about living, working and becoming part of the community in Wiltshire.

- Now available in hard copy at Westbury, Warminster, Salisbury, and Chippenham Libraries.
- BoACAN have a hard copy for their new community 'Hub'.
- Posters have been created and will be posted up throughout the Trowbridge area to further promote the Guide to local residents, where they can access a hard copy its availability via the TCAF website.

### **BA14 Culture**

AGM held 4<sup>th</sup> February. A new chair has been secured, Sarah Kenyon, Exhibitions & Arts Officer at Trowbridge Museum. The members reviewed the draft cultural strategy for Trowbridge. It was agreed future meetings would change to encourage a more informal networking opportunity for all; cultural and arts groups/ individuals to attend; two informal networking and two formal meetings per year.

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January 2015