

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Chippenham & Villages Area Partnership
Date of Area Board Meeting	29 th June 2015

Headlines/Key Issues

ChAP and it's relationship with the Chippenham Area Board Wiltshire Council has now withdrawn Core funding for Community Area Partnerships. Despite this most of the partnerships in Wiltshire continue to work within their communities. In Chippenham the partnership now works on a totally voluntary basis and maintains it's close relationship to the Area Board, continuing to support their priorities.

We do anticipate difficulties ahead as there is no funding available for basic expenses such as room hire and storage facilities for our community assets. We still offer equipment and outdoor furniture for loan. Our volunteers are totally committed and deliver valuable projects. We would welcome offers of assistance in kind from other organisations.

ChAP H&SC Forum At their April meeting the forum welcomed Megan Comber and Sarah Mills Wiltshire Health Trainers. They explained their role which plays an important part in maintaining healthy communities and assists people who need to make changes in their lives to ensure good health. The forum is also working with stakeholders in the CCG transformation which aims to develop new Integrated Community Teams to deliver health and social care in an integrated seamless way. The H&SC forum are planning a networking event for the Chippenham Area.

DONM 30th June 10-12am Croft Court, Westcroft.

Defibrillators ChAP was pleased to facilitate a presentation to the Chippenham Childrens Parliament by the Community Heartbeat Trust. The presentation included information about the use of defibrillators and how to perform CPR. The members then discussed ways in which they could cascade the information to their own communities, and ways to raise money for defibrillators. Kington Langley has now begun fundraising and hope to install two AEDs in the village. ChAP continues its commitment to facilitate the availability and awareness of defibrillators (AEDs) across the community area. Please contact Alison Butler or Julia Stacey for further information.

Better Use of Open Spaces ChAP recently facilitated a special trip up the River Avon courtesy of WBCT. This was an opportunity to review current access and use of the river and the surrounding open spaces, and to explore the potential to develop and enhance the river for leisure use. The route took us approximately 2 miles upstream and we were able to fully appreciate this beautiful and under-used waterway, and the adjoining countryside. We were able to examine the three existing slipways. The Common Slip off St Marys Street is poorly maintained and extremely overgrown with very restricted access.

The slipway at the Sailing Club is curved and narrow and is therefore limited in use.

The slipway at the Sea Cadets headquarters was built when the river level was much higher and

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consequently the design makes it very difficult and dangerous to use.

Easy access to the river is severely restricted for craft of greater size ie trip boats. There are a number of suitable locations along the bank where a new accessible public slipway could be constructed.

Safe Places Project ChAP is pleased to be able to support the Safe Places Project. ChAP is now visiting local Luncheon Clubs to promote and raise awareness of the scheme amongst the older community. ChAP continues it's role to enrol new members to the scheme and to train staff.

Chippenham Older Peoples Forum ChAP continues to support the COPF. Recent meetings have included an introduction to the new Care Act, and an explanation of the work of Dorothy House.

DONM 12th August 2.00pm St Cats Hall, St Andrews Chippenham.

BSO Projects The final project with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra took place in Monkton Park Frogwell, Sutton Benger and Kington St Micheal primary schools. The sessions were delivered by four BSO musicians who explained how different instruments fit into the orchestra, and then woked with the children to compose and perform a piece of music based on particular subjects linked to current class work. The expertise and teaching skills of the musicians stimulated excellent pupil engagement and enthusiasm. All the pupils participated, some their own instruments. Feedback from the schools used the words "very good, fantastic, fabulous and brilliant!" This project was an excellent example of local community partnership working

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