

RWB and Cricklade Area Board  
Community Care Group meeting  
Thursday 24th February 2022 10.30 - 12noon  
Pip's Cafe, Purton

**Attendees:**

Alexa Davies	Community Engagement Manager
Mary Champion	Wiltshire Councillor
David Bowler	Wiltshire Councillor
Stevie Palmer	Volunteer Community Organiser (Chair)
Mark Clarke	Cricklade Town Council
Peter Berry	Age Concern Purton
Kay Ashlin	Lyneham
Catherine Hacker	Lydiard Millicent Parish Council
Louise Nankivell	Prevention and Wellbeing Team
Emily Wright	MoD Lyneham
Diana Kirby	Tockenham Parish Council
Rose Carrigan	Age UK Royal Wootton Bassett

**Apologies:**

Heather Ponting-Bather Outreach, Purton  
Ali Gardner, RWB

Meeting opened by Mary explaining the purpose of the group and introduced Stevie as Chair.

Dividing into two groups, priorities in Parishes discussed. The top priority in both groups was communication or lack of.

Other common issues were:

Loneliness and isolation in all age groups

Access to GPs, lack of face-to-face appointments, long wait for appointments

Closure of local facilities, for example banks

How to access info on local activities

Transport - lack of in the smaller rural villages.

The two groups then came together to discuss priorities.

It was decided that a booklet could be produced to include information on social events, local support groups and charities, other relevant community information covering all towns and parishes in the RWB and Cricklade Community Area.

It was agreed to set up an email network of all those attending, permission given by all for email addresses to be used. This network can be used for sharing information.

Discussion on recycling of mobility and living aids;

Members to look in to various possible charities that may be involved.

**Celebrating Age:**

Alexa explained the possibility of holding a Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration event in RWB Memorial Hall with Celebration Age and other voluntary organisations for the benefit

of older, isolated people across the community area. The group thought this a good idea. Alexa, Stevie, Mary and David to look in to this.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 23rd March 2022 10.30 -12noon Venue TBC

The group felt it was important to meet in a month to keep the momentum going (to be reviewed when the group is established).

**Actions:**

- Representatives to research and produce information on their towns and parishes to bring to next meeting.
- Notes of meetings to be sent to all Town and Parish Councils in the Community Area and encourage those not represented at today's meeting.
- Funding possibilities for the proposed booklet to be explored.