

# Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board Community Care Group

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 10.30am – 12 noon  
Cricklade Town Council Chambers  
Ockwells, 113 High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE

Notes: A big thank you to Duncan from Cricklade Town Council for making the group welcome for this meeting and to Nicola for taking notes of the meeting.

## ATTENDEES:

Cllr Mary Champion	Wiltshire Councillor
Cllr David Bowler	Wiltshire Councillor
Stevie Palmer (Chair)	Volunteer Community Organiser
Ashley Harris	Carers Support
Nicola Arthurs	Cricklade Town Council
Kay Ashlin	Lyneham
Diana Kirby	Tockenham Parish Council

Apologies: Alexa Davies, Catherine Hacker, Rose Carrigan, Louise Nankivell, Heather Ponting-Bather, Ali Gardner.

### **1. Update from Cllrs Mary & David on funding for information booklet**

The next RWB&C Area Board meeting is 6pm for 6.30pm start at Lyneham Primary School on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The funding for the information booklet (£500) will be on the agenda as a Councillor initiative and we are hopeful it will be agreed. The quote for 500 copies is approx. £250 and then if there are a lot of amendments, we could re-print (if it's just a couple of items then send an extra page insert to update).

### **2. Update on progress of information booklet and distribution**

The initial print run will be distributed pro rata on the number of residents and to the parishes and councils that have been involved in the group. 1 copy to be put in places such as doctors, village hall etc. with a note to go to x for a copy is the plan. Individual parishes and councils to decide on their own distribution points.

There will be an electronic copy to be added to local parish & town websites and circulated to relevant practitioners.

It was also decided to send 1 hard copy to the parishes not involved to see if it would encourage them to become involved in the group.

### **3. 'Celebrating Age'**

Rebecca Seymour has funding for a singer to attend an event in RWB suggested date 13/7/2022 from 2pm to 4pm. Max limit of 60 to be set and tea and cake to be available in interval. Stevie is looking for volunteers on the day. Possible volunteers - Mary, Diana and Kay.

#### **4. Health Fair**

Alexa suggested a Health Fair at Lime Kiln Leisure Centre in RWB in October might be an idea to bring the local groups together and help make people aware of the support which is available. The group felt this was a good idea. It would be open to support organisations and the public.

Possible organisations to ask:

Carers Support	Age UK	Doctors surgeries	Public Health
Parkinsons Nurses	Admiral nurses	Wiltshire Sight	Care homes
Alzheimers Support	Mobility shops	Phoenix Transport RWB	Link scheme

**ACTION** – all to come to next meeting with any further ideas of participants.

#### **5. Updates / AOB**

**Hospital discharge:** discussion regarding how dis-jointed the process is. If you have a support system, or you are well enough then you will be ok. If your support system isn't what you claim, then there are a lot of issues. An example was a resident who had numerous stays in hospital and care homes and it took 10 months to get a full assessment completed.

This group is good for sharing knowledge and for us to pass onto our colleagues, residents etc if they reach out to us.

In conclusion, it was felt that we will try and get a Practice Manager to a meeting and ask 2 specific questions:

The discharge from hospital process and transport to and from hospital – would it be possible to put an insert in the hospital letter stating a local option such as do you have a link scheme or does the local area have a dedicated taxi company they can recommend? A lot of the time the elderly do not have access to internet etc to research this themselves.

#### **Information sharing:**

Stevie - copies of Age UK booklets

Nicola - copies of Independent Age booklets

Ashley - Carers Support booklets.

Carers Cafe (supported by Carers Support) is being held on 7th June 2022  
10.30 – 12 noon at The Angel Hotel, Royal Wootton Bassett. All carers welcome.

Social prescribing – a speaker booked for next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

#### **Dates of next meetings:**

29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – venue to be advised.

20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – venue to be advised.