

Update for Pewsey Area Board

Update from	Pewsey Community Area Partnership
Date of Area Board Meeting	14 th September 2015

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Headlines/Key Issues

- **Spice Time Credits** – The target group for the Time Credits are those who are unemployed, families on low incomes, young people and those who would not normally volunteer. Wilton Windmill, Moviola in Great Bedwyn, Manningford Trout Fishery, Body & Soul and Absolute Style have or are in the process of signing up as Spend and/or Earn opportunities. A full list of current Earn and Spend Partners is available on our website, together with details of how to get involved (www.pewseycap.org.uk).
- To date Pewsey Primary School has issued 48 time credits to new adult volunteers many of which have been used at Pewsey Leisure Centre for health benefits. We are also working with the Pewsey Health Trainers to promote volunteering and the health benefits available via time credits. The work on building the "spend" portfolio for Time Credits locally is also supported by a grant from Aster Communities and we are very grateful for this support.
- The young people via the LYN and Pewsey Youth Group have earned around 100 time credits volunteering this summer and are looking forward to spending the time credits they have earned on activities and outings paid for out of the LYN/AB youth funding awarded to PCAP at the last meeting. We hope to use half of this funding at local activity centres to benefit the local economy. In this way we encourage them to join as spend partners, offering free future sessions for the time credits project, whilst also providing positive activities for the young volunteers already on the scheme. The first activity they have chosen was learning about Fly Fishing at Manningford Trout Fishery which will take place at half term. A small number of local businesses and clubs have already offered over £1,000 worth of free services/activities to the Time Credits project, excluding the generous offers from Pewsey Leisure Centre. But we really hope others across the villages in the community area will join in.
- PCAP would like to hear from any service business, sport club or activity based group who can offer spend options for time credits. We especially want to engage with those offering health and wellbeing sessions such as Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, dance, drama etc. These can be limited to off peak times or a max number per week/month to prevent an adverse impact on the business. They will however get free promotion in the local catalogue for Time Credit Spend and inclusion in the national Wiltshire Catalogue if they so choose. This is a great way for service businesses to develop corporate social responsibility and give back to the community they serve.

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- **Pewsey – Devizes Bus Consultation** – The pilot is underway. A meeting is taking place on 7th September to discuss issues with the service from feedback and observations of passengers.

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- **Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership** – New Partners who have signed up include Wilton Windmill, Crofton Lodge, Marr Green Farm Shop, No 10 B&B, Suddene Park Farm, Manningford Trout Fishery and Body & Soul.
 - The full website – www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk – is now live as are the Facebook pages (Visit Pewsey Vale for visitor information, Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership for business information) and the Twitter account @visitpewseyvale.
 - Any organisations wishing to become a partner of the Partnership should email info@visitpewseyvale.co.uk – just £40 per annum – details of benefits and application form are available on the website or email info@visitpewseyvale.co.uk.

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- **Pewsey Vale Dementia Awareness Group (PVDAG)** – Leaflets are available at the

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Area Board and also are on the Pewsey Community Area Partnership website (www.pewseycap.org.uk). If you would like to volunteer please get in touch with PCAP tel 07802 444022 or email pcap@hotmail.co.uk . The Care Café is a Spice Time Credit earning opportunity for those who don't normally volunteer – email pcap@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

- PVDAG ran a Music Mirrors workshop on 29th July at 10am at Pewsey Fire Station which was fully booked. If you would be interested in attending another course, then please email pcap@hotmail.co.uk .

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- **Highways Meetings** – On hold.

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- **Funding** – Work continues to find funding to support the work that PCAP does. Some grant funding has been successful and we have also used Crowdfunding to raise funds for the Care Café. It is very time-consuming and not always very fruitful!
 - **Requests for funding from Parish Councils have been sent out and we would urge Parish Councils to support PCAP to ensure the benefits of PCAP can be continued.**

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- **Pewsey Area Crime & Community Safety** – The Police & Crime Commissioner, Angus McPherson, will be attending the next Pewsey Area Crime & Community Safety (PACCS) meeting on **Wednesday 28th October** at 2.30pm in the Pewsey Parish Office. Mr McPherson will be informing us and answering questions on how levels of service and safety will be maintained or improved in the Pewsey Community Area given the recent cut in front line resources (see the PCAP meeting minutes for more details).

This cut comes despite the Pewsey Area Board supporting an increase in the Police precept which we had been assured would reduce the likelihood of any resource cuts (see also Minutes from the Pewsey Area Board January 2015 and information from the Police regarding the precept increase).

Parish Councils are strongly urged to attend this meeting. This request for Mr Macpherson's time has been done in a spirit of supporting our local Neighbourhood Police Teams who work tirelessly to reduce crime in our parishes.

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- **Next PCAP meeting** – The next PCAP meeting is on **Thursday 8th October** at 7pm at Great Bedwyn Memorial Hall.

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- **National Grid Pylons Project** – PCAP attended a second technical meeting to go through the report which is being submitted to the Steering Group for consideration later this month. There were no major changes to the report.
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