

Building Community Capacity in Chesham

Up Date on Project

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1. Financial Fact Sheets

These have been edited by members of the Steering Group.

Distribution:

- On Chiltern DC website front page link, and links from
 - Bucks CC website
 - Chiltern Voice website
 - Your Chesham website
- Information on FF Sheets and website address
 - Your Chesham magazine Sept issue and in discussion about more in-depth articles each issue on one of the Fact Sheets
 - COPAG newsletter
 - Church2community newsletter
 - Chiltern Voice
 - Chesham Town Talk
- Hard copies distributed
 - Chiltern DC Reception
 - Chesham Library
 - Wallington House
 - Amersham Library
 - Wendover Library

2. Community Environmental Walkabout

Responding to issue raised by Mosque regarding the Bellingdon Road area environment, organised a walk around the area with agencies and community members including older persons. Issues were noted and agencies responsible have been informed. Community members are receiving on-going reports as agencies respond and actions are taken.

Example: ASB near one block of flats which caused one older person to keep his curtains drawn all day. Both the Town Council and Paradigm have accepted responsibility to fix a fence so that non residents will not be able to use this area.

3. Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Talks arranged for

- COPAG
- Wallington House Community Centre
- Churches Together will host a talk inviting care homes, McMinn Centre etc.

4. Bucks LINKs (community voice examining Health and Social Care)

Talks arranged

- COPAG
- Wallington House Community Centre
- Paradigm community centres

5. Contact Lists

Coordinator is making contact with community groups i.e. Town Women's Guild, Women's Royal Volunteer Service, Asian women's group etc.

6. Community Champions/Links/Good neighbours

A number of agencies and groups are looking for such persons and offering training. Project Coordinator will bring all agencies/groups together to discuss having a full day's training whereby all community champions are brought together and given training by each organisation.

- NHS
- Social Services
- Age Concern
- NAGS
- CHAV (Project of the Mayor of Chesham for emergency situations)
- Chiltern DC Emergency Planning
- Women's Royal Volunteer Services & Buckinghamshire MIND & Red Cross have community volunteers
- Others

7. Key Phone numbers

A laminated sheet with key phone numbers to be distributed to homes of older people. Samples will be made and taken to older people in the community for testing. To be completed by end of year.

8. Energy Efficiency Check

Working with the CAB, promote a telephone number to make an appointment at CAB for energy efficiency check - before end of year.

9. Older Persons Housing Consultation

A consultation will take place 21 October 2010

Members of the community will be identified and invited to attend a day of consultation. Older people will be particularly represented, as well as ethnic minorities and people with disabilities. While there will be more home owners represented, there will also be some people from sheltered housing.

Prior to the event, housing information will be sent to the participants. The first part of the day will focus on participants' experiences of this information, and also access to the information. Participants will then be invited to identify other issues, and these will be discussed during the remainder of the day.

An Audience Participation Voting System will be used to capture points of view, see results of votes simultaneously, and enable individuals to have their say anonymously.

10. Chesham Mini Health Check-up Event

This multiagency event will take place in Chesham 25 September. Older persons have been targeted for leaflets, and there will be special arrangements made so that the Asian community can take part (i.e. screens to separate men and women while tests are being made).

11. Pond Park Health event

A similar but smaller event is scheduled for Pond Park, Chesham in November. This will be primarily to give information on services.

12. Mapping the journey of older people

Interviews are taking place to map the journey of older people with regard to contacting services.

13. Asian Older Men's Group

This group is in the process of forming. Led by a request from the Mosque, a space has been found for older Asian men to get together. Added to this will be stimulating and fun activities, gentle exercise, and a chance for agencies to give information on health, benefits, and other appropriate subjects.

14. Networking event for agencies working in Chesham

This is being planned for late November, and is a result of feedback from a similar event that took place last year.

15. Older People's Day - UN International Day of the Older Person

01 October - too late for this year but if funding continues next year would like to hold event in Chesham.