

**North West Chilterns Community Board**  
**Community Resilience Action Group**  
**Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Purpose:** This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

**Priority Objectives:** As a reminder the Action Group is combining the viewpoints of young and older people and crime and anti-social behaviour themes, looking across the broad range of ideas which will connect both boundaries. The group will focus on:

- Road safety around antisocial behaviour (this may at times link with the Transport and Road Issues Action Group).
- Drug issues within County lines, drug trafficking in rural and urban areas.
- Matters around exploitation, including domestic violence, modern slavery, young person's grooming, and school children used as drug runners or mules.
- Solutions around coms and scams.
- Matters around rural crime. Farms or small holdings having machinery or animals stolen. Dogs off leads causing huge problems.
- Training and educating young people who are at risk of offending/reoffending.
- Issues around social isolation and loneliness.
- Issues for young children from deprived families.
- Any ad hoc funding application in relation to Community Resilience.

**Action Group – works carried out:** Meetings are held every two months, the last one was held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. During this meeting, the group agreed a number of project initiatives they would like to pursue. Progress to date is as follows:

- **Projects around disability:** A meeting was held with Road Farm in Great Missenden to discuss the sort of projects/events they hold on the farm as well as the open countryside. It is thought that these sorts of activities have a number of health benefits and help to improve people's understanding and appreciation of the countryside.

The discussions from this meeting inspired a concept of walking in the countryside during the different seasons, which could potentially be enjoyed by young and older people, including those with learning difficulties who may benefit from this sort of venture. Those that attend could learn about the countryside, the wildlife, and flowers, which could possibly be combined with other farming activities.

To move this forward we require evidence that this endeavor would be helpful and something people would want to do, so we contacted Town and Parish Council's to ask their views and to find out if they knew of organisations/groups that would be interested in partnering with the Community Board. Through this a link was made with the Chiltern Society and we have a meeting coming up soon to discuss our proposal.

- **Grow to Give:** Further to various meetings and conversations, Orchard View Farm have agreed that the Community Board can have a piece of land to grow fruit and vegetables. The idea is to grow food to give to families in hardship and food banks etc. and to sell some of the produce to put back in the land to make it sustainable. A potential gardener (volunteer) is also being pursued and this resource should be finalised in the next couple of weeks.
- **Projects around Knife crime:** Junior Filmmakers (JF) attended our meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> to present their project around knife crime. JF produce films with young people from junior and secondary schools, which includes the process of script development, script writing, pre-production, (which involve casting who is going to act, crewing, filming, and editing). Four films will be created and shared with all schools within our board area. The aim of the project is to dissuade young people from getting involved in knife crime.

Junior Filmmakers have submitted a funding application which is currently being reviewed in-line with our funding procedures.

Inspector Stephen Bobbitt and PC Russell Hawkins from Thames Valley Police and Pei-Ling Harper from Trading Standards also attended the Action Group meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> and gave an update on the NWC.

**Chairman: Cllr Valerie McPherson BEM**