

North West Chilterns Community Board
Community Resilience Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 7th February 2023

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 6 December 2022.

Priority Objectives: The group continue to look at the viewpoints of young and older people and crime and anti-social behaviour themes and maintain their 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 fuel stolen.
- 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 to three months, the last one was held on 7th November 2022. The next meeting will be held on 20th February 2023 but work has been continuing and the group will be discussing the progress on a number of project initiatives which are as follows:

- **Projects around disability:** As confirmed during the last meeting, a site visit was made by the Chair of this Action Group and the Community Board Manager (CBM) with Hughenden Manor on 19th October 2022 to discuss the groups proposals for walking in the countryside during the different seasons, which could be enjoyed by young and older people, especially those who suffer with loneliness or vulnerability. Hughenden Manor were extremely interested in our proposals and we are meeting again in February 2023 (date to be finalised) to put a proposed project plan in place.
- **Community Garden:** As stated in previous reports, Orchard View Farm have agreed that the Community Board can have a piece of land to grow fruit and vegetables. This initiative 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 meeting was held on 4th November 2022 with the Chair, CBM and the owner of Orchard View Farm. It was agreed that their pigs will be put on the land to eat the overgrown vegetation. We have a further meeting arranged with Orchard View Farm on 9th February 2023 to discuss next steps.

In the meantime, we have arranged a meeting with the Managing Director of Briants in Longwick on 3rd February 2023 to discuss the community garden and the various items we require such as stock wire fencing to keep the rabbits out of eating the crops, fence posts, wood to make raised beds, tools such as forks ,spades, trowels, rakes, bushes, watering cans and seeds etc. in order to be able to start planting in March with our Volunteer Gardeners.

We are also arranging a meeting with Penn's Nursery in Longwick with the joint owner to supply us with a variety of seeds.

- Bench project: The aim of this project is to celebrate the work of care workers during the Covid period. The Community Board have now approved the project and funding and the order has been placed with the supplier (TDP Limited).
- Horse Therapy: The Chairman of this action group has contacted the Horses Trust in Speen regarding therapy for those individuals that require help and understanding, where they will get involved in activities with horses to promote human physical and mental health.

We are trying to arrange a meeting with The Horse Trust in Speen with the Chief Executive on 9th February 2023 at 3.30pm to discuss how we can move forward on this project.

- North West Chilterns Community Board – Annual Event - Party in the Park: Meetings continue to be held by the Task and Finish group to organise this event. Note: this event will take place on 24th June 2023 at Wades Park, Princes Risborough.

Various community organisation's (including local dance groups, singers etc.), our local Police and Fire and Rescue Teams, plus local businesses have been contacted and invited to have a stand. "Save the Date" invitations have also been sent.

Furthermore, schools in the North West Chilterns have been invited to design a theme for our event. The closing date is 5pm on 31st January 2023. The winning design will be placed on our posters and banners which will be used as part of our comms campaign to promote the event and the Community Board.

Chairman: Cllr Valerie McPherson BEM