

North West Chilterns Community Board
Community Resilience Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 27 July 2023

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 7 February 2023.

Priority Objectives: The group continue to look at the viewpoints of young and older people and crime and anti-social behaviour themes, and are now also reviewing their proposed aims for 2023/24 which will be finalised at the next meeting in August 2023. These are as follows.

- To consider issues around health and wellbeing, including social isolation and loneliness.
- To improve quality of life and community cohesion between socially isolated/lonely and deprived young and older people
- To consider areas of crime and anti-social behaviour to create safer and connected communities.
- To consider any application regarding community resilience.

Action Group – works carried out: Meetings are held every two to three months, the last one was held on 10 May 2023. The next meeting will be held on 9 August 2023, but work around our project initiatives has continued in between meetings as detailed below:

- **Projects around disability:** Further to the meeting held on 23 February 2023 with Alison Kidgell at Hughenden Manor, we have now received a funding application on our walking project, which will involve young and older people, especially those who suffer with loneliness or vulnerability. The application will now be reviewed by the Community Board's funding team.
- **Community Garden:** This is an ongoing project and we are waiting for the electric wire to be cut around the area in order to rotavate the soil and add new stock wire fencing, posts and gates. These will be provided by Briants and Penns Nursery, and in addition they have agreed to supply seeds and plants so that families can start growing their fruit and vegetables. Any surplus will go to food banks, and some will be donated, the proceeds of which will go back into the land.
- **Horse Therapy:** A meeting was held on 23 February with the Horse Trust managers regarding young and older people with disabilities that are in need of therapy with horses. The managers were interested in the project idea, but stated we needed to find a facilitator, as they only manage the horses. This is currently proving to be difficult.
- **North West Chilterns Community Board – Annual event “Party in the Park”** held on 24 June 2023 at Wades Park, Princes Risborough was managed by a small subgroup of the CR namely: Shade Adoh, (whose idea it was) Jackie Binning, Valerie McPherson, and Josephine Biss.

It was an enormous success with over thirty-nine stalls, many craft stalls, community/voluntary group stalls, NWC Community Board stand, flower stall, face painting, a variety of food and drink, fun fair, entertainment from Kathy Simms and her MDC singers that were a group of singers with disabilities, Haddenham and Thame Pop Choir, Princes Risborough Youth Theatre, Princes Risborough School Dance team, and the Proud of Bucks Awards ceremony to round off the day. A magnificent event enjoyed by all.

Chairman: Cllr Valerie McPherson BEM