

# Community Partnership Proposal Outline



## **'Singing Ducklings' Parent and baby music and social group, Grundisburgh**

### What is the project/service?

The Singing Ducklings is a fortnightly parent and baby music group in Grundisburgh during term time. It is led by Anna Ducker, a high school music teacher that identified there was a gap in 'stay and play' provision within the Carlford and Fynn Valley villages and wanted to give back to her community.

Each session allows the children to explore appropriate instruments, interact with others of a similar age and join in the activities with their parents or carers. The children benefit from the stimulation and social engagement, whilst the parents/carers have a regular session to meet with others, introduce their children to new experiences and come together for mutual benefit.

The provision started as a trial prior to the pandemic and has restarted since. It has a regular and consistent number of attendees and has moved to the new Village Hall in 2022 to provide a suitable space for families.

### How was the need identified?

It is noted that the number of 'stay and play' sessions that are free to access has significantly declined over the years. The cost of such a session, particularly during 2022, can be prohibitive to some. Primary Schools are also reporting concerns about future intakes of children that have not developed the expected social skills that were expected pre-pandemic.

There is also ongoing work at present within East Suffolk to map and understand the current provision as it is known to be limited, especially in the rural areas. Outside of the larger populations within the CP, Grundisburgh has a relatively large area of potential social deprivation and a significant number of social landlord properties, where incomes are social mobility is generally reduced.

Although not exclusive to the residents of Grundisburgh, the group is well placed to offer a more accessible opportunity for local families.

### Which priority does this meet?

'Support wellbeing by strengthening existing networks'

### What are the details about it's delivery?

Sessions are run fortnightly during term time. They are free to attendees, however a donation is available to make if people wish to do so. The donations are returned to fund further investment in the group. No person is paid for their delivery of the session.

Simple musical instruments, particularly percussion are introduced along with singing and rhythm songs. Once each session is complete, adults can come together and build local relationships with people in similar circumstances. This enables people to take better care of their mental health without the need for clinical intervention.

### How much funding is required?

£1,000. This will provide the service for 2 calendar years.

#### Breakdown of costs

Room hire - £400

Refreshments - £200

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New instruments and equipment - £400

### Who is the recipient of the funding?

The funding is paid to Grundisburgh Church as they are ultimately responsible for the safe delivery of the sessions. Anna is a member of the Church and ensures that the sessions are appropriately insured, risk assessed and fit for purpose. Governance is included within the Church's current arrangements.