

Project updates from the Communities Officer

Over 65's sports:

- The vendor we have worked with on youth activities said they are unable to support on this activity due to capacity
- We will proceed to run the sessions in Beccles with transport from the wider areas into Beccles
- Still ironing out dates with the vendor

Oral health project:

- Following engagement with schools, there are 353 students in Year 6 in 12 out of 13 schools on the patch – we will order 400 packs and provide excess ones to Cubs/Scouts/Brownies locally
- Schools have been very positive about the idea
- The Communities Officer met with Community Dental Services (local community dentistry) to discuss how they could get involved
- They offered time of their staff to go into the schools and train staff but this would come at an additional cost
 - This could be explored as an add-on in future
- They also offered to help with the purchasing of the packs – they will confirm price but it is not expected to exceed £1,500
- A point was raised about whether there was funding from the Department of Health available – this does not seem to be the case
- Both Morrisons and Tesco are on board to donate toothbrushes and toothpaste
- The Communities Officer did look at contacting toothpaste companies but to not much avail as it was unclear how to contact them and the ones you can contact only had American contact details.
- **Recommendation: to proceed with the project with £1,500 ringfenced for this – if there is a shortfall, councillors will be engaged about potential Enabling Communities Budget contributions**

Slipper swap:

- As per the action at the CP meeting, the Communities officer spoke with Annette and Phil to discuss the type of slipper
- Annette said that Rural Coffee Caravan have found a different type of slipper to the one proposed works better

- Phil has found that the slipper which was used for the Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages Community Partnership Slipper Swap worked quite well
- The Communities officer liaised with the Falls Prevention Team who advised a tight fitted toe slipper was best
- It was determined that we would continue with the proposed slipper as this had worked in the CCKS CP Slipper Swap but that we would monitor feedback
- We would order a similar spread of sizes as the CCKS CP
- The vendor we found also worked with the CCKS CP
- They advised that prices of slippers were going to see sharp increases in February so we were able to agree on a price per unit before the price increase
- The final cost for 60 pairs of slippers including delivery was £1,022.63 which was £5.63 over the amount agreed at the CP meeting in January
- The Chair has approved this additional spend
- The slippers will be delivered shortly and then we will begin promoting and allocating