

Communities Officer update

16th April 2024

Task and Finish Groups

- Transport
 - Engagement work beginning with Thomas Mills to gauge their perceptions and usage of Katch
- Mental health
 - “Try it” fund being developed
 - Mental health survey launched
- Skills sharing
 - Getting the community cooking workshops set up with Abbeycroft Leisure

Project updates since last meeting

Project	Locations	Cost	Update/progress
Priority – intergenerational skills			
Intergenerational community cooking workshops	All three wards	£5,991.87	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to delays, will now be planned for a September start • Wickham Market venue to include the Open Pantry • Possible locations for Framlingham (Castle Community Rooms) and Kelsale and Yoxford (SAX Community Allotment)
WM Men’s Shed	Wickham Market ward	£3,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now no longer required as funding was granted by another body – this funding to be reallocated
SAX Community Barn Project	Kelsale and Yoxford ward	£800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original barn project proposal is set to change so they will come back to the CP with an update on this
WM Community Choir	Wickham Market ward	£2,560	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CO has started conversations with the organiser about sustainability going forward
Hour Community Men’s & Ladies Shed	Framlingham ward	£1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding provided to Hour Community
Priority – Mental health			
Youth Opportunity Fund	Organisations in all three wards	£7,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some delay to get this set up but now in operation • Positive response thus far including subscriptions for youth club covered for lower income families and a school trip covered for a family dealing with a health crisis

Flood support	All three wards	£2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wickham Market ward looking at Z cards with information on about emergency support
Youth mental health event	All wards	£2,250 £750 x3	<p>Wickham Market:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 young people attended the event in October Useful feedback received about mental health needs and youth facilities in Wickham Market – fed into the task and finish group <p>Yoxford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnering with CYDS to deliver this <p>Framlingham:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnering with FAYAP to deliver this
Mental health survey	All of the area	£0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched on 12th April Running until 24th May A delay on launching this as waiting for the Well Minds East Suffolk books to be ready with information
MH activities – ‘try it’	All three wards	£4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant guidance drafted and shared with the Task and Finish Group
Field to Fork ETS top-up	All of the area	£5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaised with the lead for the project and they have advised that due to timescales, it would work best for launch in Spring 2025 In the meantime, ‘softer’ work can be done to start laying the ground for this e.g. disseminating resources to schools and community groups
Priority – Transport			
Chediston bus	Chediston area	£800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported by the Transport Task and Finish Group with their unspent budget To provide more time to embed and become sustainable

Stakeholder and parish council (PC) engagement

- Have sent the mental health survey to parish councils who have shared it via local networks
- Am working with Thomas Mills High School to develop an activity about resilience for Year 10 students for the summer term
- Many parish councils have started looking at emergency plans (after the floods) and I have linked them up with SCC who can assist with this