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East Suffolk Community Partnerships Melton, Woodbridge & Deben Peninsular Community Survey

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Survey

During April 2024, Julia Catterwell, Communities Officer ESC, commissioned a survey of town and parish councillors within the Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsular, primarily to understand if any projects within the ward meet with the partnership stated priorities, and to gauge availability of towns or parishes to attend Community Partnership Meetings or focus groups.

The survey was submitted to the clerks at all twenty towns and parishes within the partnership, with a request to forward the survey on to each councillor within the parish.

Responses to Survey

The survey was submitted on 27th March, with a close date of 29th April. A reminder was sent out on 15th April.

Reviewing the mailing, in total fifteen of the twenty towns and parishes opened the mailing, and a total of five completed the survey.

Farlingaye, Woodbridge
Riverside Ward
Melton
Deben Peninsular
Sutton Heath

Four of those responding stated that they would be prepared to join an on-line focus group, with five stating that they would be prepared to attend the next Community Partnership meeting to discuss project ideas.

Town or Parish	Project	Delivery
Farlingaye, Woodbridge	Use of ESC's unused and abandoned Houchell's Meadow for allotments and/or other leisure uses. This has been rejected before as ESC see it as a ransom strip for development on Toller's Field but only a small strip would be needed for that purpose.	ESC should be prepared to discuss uses and possible lease or transfer of land to Woodbridge Town Council. Woodbridge Town Council has well below the recommended number of allotments and would be prepared to develop the site for such use. I have the professional technical knowledge to guide the council on who to engage to investigate and then deal with any residual issues on building such allotments on a 50+ yr old domestic landfill site.
Riverside Ward	The further development in 2 years of The Longshed (once the separate charity, Sutton Hoo Ships Company have finished their replica build) to allow for a wide range of	Although at an early stage of development and with a long lead in time, the project has attracted great interest. The outline model for this project is taken from a long-standing

	<p>community based on practical projects with a maritime focus.</p> <p>Starting in 2019 five pilot projects were run by Woodbridge Riverside Trust (WRT- who are long term Longshed leasee from Woodbridge Town Council) together with Just 42. These proved of huge benefit to young people struggling with school and life generally.</p> <p>Coming mainly from the wider partnership area, the range of difficulties spanned school refusal through to learning difficulties. The outcome was the same for all. They all reported enormous benefits to mental health, confidence, and abilities to mix and work with others. Educational connection was re-started for several with spectacular successes from long-term school refusal to university placement.</p>	<p>similar project in New York City called www.rockingtheboat.org (RtB). Already links between WRT and RtB have been established and other organisations such as Level 2 in Felixstowe, local high schools, the Job Centre, Just 42, and the Police and Crime Commissioner have shown great interest in being involved. Other organisations concerned with the support for, and success of our young people have also shown enthusiastic interest.</p>
Melton	<p>Keeping Rights of Way and other footpaths in a usable state. Tackling problem locations on roadside pavements to encourage more people to walk locally. To promote greater use of buses by providing more information on local services, particularly for members of the community who do not have access to this online.</p>	<p>These issues I have raised are primarily the responsibility of the County Council and East Suffolk Council. But local people could also help, potentially coordinated by the Parish Council who should be more aware of what is required locally.</p>
Deben Peninsular	<p>Increasing physical activity with guided exercises. This could be met by personal guidance, or</p>	<p>Please see previous answer.</p>

	mobile application which are plentiful for fee.	
Sutton Heath	A pétanque pitch	We require a local builder to prepare and deliver a pitch in a community area on Sutton Heath for all the community to use and then hopefully join the local league to link communities together. Cllrs would supervise as project management.