



East Suffolk
Community
Partnerships
Bringing ideas to life

Beccles
Bungay,
Halesworth
& villages

PRESENTATION TO THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday 5th September 2022

Our current priorities
– SMART objectives
being developed!

Task and Finish
Groups currently
meeting

General underpinning priority and
consideration:

***Developing active and sustainable
transport solutions and/or
community transport***

Tackling

Tackling social isolation and loneliness for
all ages including young people

Improving

Improving physical and mental health and
wellbeing, enabling people to live healthy
and encouraging physical activity
including cycling and walking

Where we are at and what we've achieved

- We now have a 17 year old young person on our Community Partnership
- We held a refresher session for parishes in April 2022 and a well received Community Partnership showcase in May 2022
- Our CP first started looking at cost of living in September 2021 and have tried to embed this in projects like oral health packs & slipper swap
- Some projects piloted in our CP area have been picked up as part of the Ease the Squeeze programme – including Warm Rooms and Comfort Food (building on the success of Thin Ice in Lowestoft)
- Exciting youth research project currently underway in Halesworth and surrounding villages
- Some parishes previously not as engaged have attended CP meetings and been engaging more
- All three of our Volunteer Centres now have a permanent place at the Community Partnership
- Links developed with local supermarkets to support CP initiatives and to link groups with their funding pots

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Slipper swap scheme launched to prevent falls



AREAS OF INNOVATION AND EXAMPLES

Oral health packs

“The pupils were excited to clean their teeth with their very own toothpaste. The were shocked with how long they should clean their teeth for but loved having a timer to help them.”

Feedback from a primary school

Funded 600 oral health packs to be provided to 11 year olds to promote good oral hygiene

Each pack has a toothbrush, toothpaste tube, timer and information sheet

Working in partnership with Community Dental Services

These have been distributed in local primary schools (around 350), scout groups and food banks

They have been well received by schools and children

43% of young people surveyed said they had made changes to looking after their teeth

40% of those surveyed are brushing longer than before they received the packs



Slipper swap

Free slipper swap



*Are your slippers looking worse for wear?
Then swap them for some new ones – for
free!*

Comfortable, warm slippers prevent falls and injuries - just provide your old ones and we'll exchange them for a brand new pair.

Available for older people living in **Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth & surrounding villages***

To register your interest or for further information please contact:
communities@eastsoffolk.gov.uk
or call on **01502 523 119**



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*Subject to availability of slipper sizes
While stock of slippers last

“My Mum is very pleased with them (new slippers) and they will keep her feet nice and warm this winter”

Feedback from a family member of a recipient in her 90s

What?

- 60 pairs of slippers bought to be provided to older people

Why?

- To help prevent falls in the home and to provide a gateway to additional support

Impact

- Well received thus far from recipients, families, partner organisations (foot practitioners) and groups from further afield!
- Referrals continuing to flow in
- One referral has since been supported financially from a local fund as a result of the initial contact

THANK YOU