

Community Partnership Board – September 2021

Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and villages Community Partnership

Key achievements

Small grants:

- Very good take-up from local organisations and we received good attendance and good feedback about our first funding advice drop-in (May 2021)
- The following organisations were funded:



Project	Amount
Brampton and Stoven village hall	£819.00
Fisher Theatre	£985.00
BACT Community Transport	£1,000.00
Falcon Meadow Community Trust	£500.00
Lowestoft & Waveney Breastfeeding Support	£970.00
Suffolk Family Carers	£1,000.00
Waveney & Blyth Arts	£1,000.00
Allocated in Round 1: £6,274.00	
The Rotary Club of Beccles – a replacement bench in the town	£436.00
Asperger East Anglia – an awning outside to extend their workshop working area	£1000.00
INK – setting up a pilot 'INK Creatives' Forum'	£1000.00
Earthwake CIC – an environmental youth club in Bungay	£1000.00
Beccles Parish – a new Youth Hub to start	£948.28
BEBA (Bungay Events and Business Association) - pilot village bus service	£1000.00
Swell Music CIC – fortnightly singing sessions for people who are affected by dementia	£997.80
Bungay Community Support – creative project for local residents	£ 999.12
Halesworth Volunteer Centre – providing activities to help people build friendships and share and learn skills	£999.00
Chediston & Linstead Group Parish Council – to restore the Chediston Community Field so it can be used again by the wider local community	£500.00
Girlguiding Bungay District – Activity day for members	£1,000.00
Shadingfield/Sot/Wil & Ellough Joint PC – replacement of play equipment	£1,000.00
Allocated in Round 1: £10,880.20	
Total allocated: £17,154.20	

Areas of innovation

Locally funded summer activity and meal programme:

- The Partnership allocated £1,500 for activities in Beccles, Bungay and Halesworth (£500 each) – Town councils and parish councils have tended to contribute in the past as well
- The original idea was for the offer to be activity provision in the three towns
- After consultation with Town Councils and councillors, we decided to broaden this to offer activities and lunch

- This was to do our bit to help on holiday hunger in the area for those on Free School Meals as well as families that don't qualify for Free School Meals but are still struggling
- With funding from the CP, three town councils, 7 district councillors and the Beccles Covid food fund, we were able to offer each town 5 days of free sport and nature over the summer holidays and provide a free lunch to all
- We partnered with Go Geronimo, Beccles Forest School and Bushcrafters CIC to deliver the activities and local businesses (where possible) for the lunches
- 210 young people participated over 15 activity days and the activities have been well received by young people and parents
- The offering of a free lunch as well has been praised



Hearts and Mind – mental health friendly towns initiative:

- Our partnership allocated £15,000 (£5,000 per town) for a mental health friendly towns initiative – named 'Hearts and Minds'
- We are working with Access Community Trust to provide a 6 week training programme to the wider community (businesses and residents) so they can feel more confident in being aware of mental health symptoms and triggers, having conversations about mental health, safeguarding and signposting
- The project was first being explored in Bungay but the Community Partnership with the Town Councils agreed to extend to all three towns
- Each town has a steering group of local organisations and people with lived experience to help steer the training programme
- Bungay has launched first with the first training session being held on 14th September
- Beccles and Halesworth will then launch – Beccles and Halesworth steering groups are currently preparing for their training sessions
- Businesses and organisations that complete the training will receive a Hearts and Minds window sticker and certificate to show others that they are a mental health friendly organisation
- Training will also be recorded and shared as a free resource
- The aim for the project's legacy is that there will be 'mental health friendly organisations and businesses' in each town where local people can go for signposting and a chat
- Video about the project is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9a2t_laTpAk

Examples

Community orchard:

- We allocated £3,250 to the Beccles Community orchard – a project to convert a dilapidated site into a community growing space
- The area was cleared and is currently being assessed to see what can be grown there
- Beccles Forest School has used the site for Wild Wellbeing sessions – there are further plans to introduce local people to the space