

Community Partnership ALS priorities

Key priorities identified for the Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and surrounding villages Community Partnership

- Education, Opportunities and Aspirations (1)
- Reduce social isolation and loneliness – particularly carers, older people and men 40+ (2)
- Encourage and enable everyone to be more physically active and healthy (3)

Since the introduction of the Community Partnerships, the needs and focus for the community and services has significantly shifted. Covid has had a huge impact on the residents of all ages, yet this encouraged huge support from services which included the urgent financial input to meet the needs of the community.

The Community Partnerships sole focus is the impact the group can have on our community, addressing need or gaps in services, identification of emerging issues and supporting initiatives to positively promote the priorities.

Previous experience identified that smaller groups are keen to apply for more modest amounts of funding via the grants programme, but if we could promote the opportunities to all to ensure we are reaching as many as we possibly can.

Cllr Tony Cooper, the funding team and I are happy to discuss potential projects before submission if this would be of benefit to anyone wishing to submit an application for consideration.

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