

## **CP workshop 3 March 2022**

### **Community Partnership Survey**

- Concern that the CP was seen solely as a place for funding, and once funding was received projects stopped being engaged.
- CP needs to be engaged long term, and seen as a way to help solve problems.
- Need to define 'community' so it is clear to people how they are involved
- Need to define some of the other terms used – for example a 'community hub' is not just a village hall building.
- Need to be driven by people, not infrastructure.

### **Community Partnership Priorities**

#### **Community Hubs**

- Defining 'community hub' – a place people naturally meet, every local community needs a shared space
- Rendlesham – has a bar, looking to launch a Men's Shed, large scout group, community centre but this is used by smaller groups which restricts its use by other groups
- Need to identify what is there already and how it is being used, and where else people meet
- Need to look at how spaces can be shared more fairly – is there oversubscription on one day and undersubscription on others. What groups own buildings that could be rented out?
- Idea of community hubs as groups of people – for example cooking sessions for young people.
- Sharing of skills across generation, helping people feel less isolated by enabling use of technology
- Local roadshow – local people sharing their skills/experience on various services and topics. Rural coffee caravan provides a similar resource, but does not cover this area – could they be commissioned or funded to extend into this area?

#### **Supporting young people**

- Need to deal with three barriers: transport (young people often dispersed, road network not often suitable for cycling or walking), lack of appropriate locations for young people to meet (mainly in Woodbridge), lack of coverage by services
- Young persons travel card does not cover all services
- Some lack of awareness of what is available

- Need to ask young people what they want, and also demonstrate possibilities/show opportunities
- Need a 'carrot' to get people through the door
- Freedom from close supervision important
- Current groups are general 'adult-led' and aren't widespread
- What counts as 'young people' – 11-20? 0-25?
- Family members very important for getting people involved, need to engage whole family from very early stages
- Financial aspect – all clubs cost something which can be prohibitive
- Life skill important – cooking, budgeting, basic home repair/maintenance
- Need to build on what is already successful and expand their reach
- Community youth champions – providing people who are motivated to help young people with training they need to do so safely
- Projects need to be 'transport proof'- could a pot of money be designated to ensure transport is there for projects.
- Example of project in schools which bought together families of children for meals in the school