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Martlesham, Carlford  
& Fynn Valley

# Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership

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Councillor Tony Fryatt        Councillor Debbie McCallum  
Councillor Colin Hedgley    Councillor Mark Newton  
Councillor Stuart Lawson    Councillor Ed Thompson

**Suffolk County Councillor:**

Councillor Robert Whiting

**Partnership Organisations:**

Local Town and Parish Councils  
Suffolk Constabulary  
Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical  
Commissioning Group  
Community Action Suffolk  
Business Community  
Youth Community  
Environment

Members of the **Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership** are invited to a meeting to be held via Zoom on  
**Thursday, 11 March 2021 at 2:00 pm**

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- 3 Allocation of the Remaining Budget for 2020/21**  
To discuss the allocation of the remaining budget for the Community Partnership for the 2020/21 Financial Year
- 4 2020/21 Projects Update** **5 - 7**  
To receive an update from the Communities Officer on projects funded by the Community Partnership in 2020/21
- 5 Discussion regarding Environmental Care Projects**  
To discuss projects that would relate to the Community Partnership's Environmental Care priority
- 6 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Local Infrastructure Priorities**  
To receive a presentation from East Suffolk Council's Major Sites & Infrastructure Team, followed by discussion to explore a collaborative approach to address local infrastructure needs
- 7 Date of Next Meeting - To be Confirmed**

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**Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn  
Valley Community Partnership**

**Action Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 4 January 2021 via the Zoom  
video conferencing system**

**Core Membership:**

**ESC Councillors** – Councillor Chris Blundell (Chair), Cllr Colin Hedgley, Councillor Stuart Lawson, Councillor Mark Newton, Councillor Edward Thompson

**Town and Parish Councils** – Joanna Abbott (Clerk to Kesgrave Town Council), Alan Comber (Kesgrave Town Council), Stephen Denton (Martlesham Parish Council), James Wright (Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council)

**Partnership Organisations** – Laura Butters (Community Action Suffolk)

**Others present** – Luke Bennett (ESC Partnerships Manager), Simon Hooton (Suffolk Wildlife Trust), Andy Jolliffe (ESC Communities Officer), Matt Makin (ESC Democratic Services Officer), Councillor Letitia Smith (ESC Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communities, Leisure and Tourism)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Mirabel Brown (Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council) Councillor Tony Fryatt (East Suffolk Council) Louise Hardwick (Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group)</p> <p>James Wright from Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council attended the meeting on behalf of Mirabel Brown.</p>
2.	<p><b>Notes of the previous meeting</b></p> <p>The action notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p>
3.	<p><b>Community Partnership Board Update</b></p> <p>The Community Partnership received an update from Luke Bennett on the meeting of the Community Partnership Board held on 7 December 2020.</p>

	<p>Luke Bennett referred members of the Community Partnership to the written update circulated with the agenda, which provided a summary of what had been discussed at the meeting and the decisions taken by the Community Partnership Board; the written update contained links to further details on the various topics that had been considered.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Update on current Community Partnership projects</b></p> <p><u>Chinwag</u></p> <p>Andy Jolliffe confirmed that the scheme was currently on hold, following Suffolk being placed in Tier 4 restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The scheme had been promoted on social media prior to this and had received 4,500 engagements.</p> <p>Councillor Lawson, in his capacity as General Manager of the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, provided an update on the development of the project; the same template from the Age UK project had been used to develop the event and Fiona Farrell had been appointed to run the sessions. The Chinwag scheme would be branded to link in with other schemes in Suffolk and various activities were being organised.</p> <p><u>Talking Benches</u></p> <p>Eight expressions of interest had been received by the deadline; one of the requests was now being included as part of a Section 106 agreement in Purdis Farm so seven remained. Andy Jolliffe explained that the allocated budget was for five benches and it was estimated, pending quotes, that an additional £200-300 would be needed to fund all seven benches.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> The Community Partnership agreed to allow additional flexibility in the allocated funding for the project, in order to fund all seven proposed benches</p> <p><u>MeetUp Mondays</u></p> <p>Andy Jolliffe advised that, following discussions with Community Action Suffolk in December 2020, it had been decided to wait until early 2021 to identify further venues due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Kesgrave Kitchen had signed up to host an event when possible.</p>

	<p><u>Mental Health First Aider Training</u></p> <p>A training session had been organised for 11 January 2021 and 20 delegates, from a variety of different community organisations, had booked to attend, leaving five spaces remaining. Andy Jolliffe thanked Joanna Abbott for her assistance in identifying interest in Kesgrave and the surrounding area.</p> <p><u>Great Bealings Speed Reduction Scheme</u></p> <p>An allocation of £500 had been provided to Great Bealings Parish Council for its speed reduction scheme, which was now with Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Highways. Councillor Hedgley advised that he had been able to provide a further £1,000 to the scheme from his Enabling Communities Budget, as another project had moved to the 2021/22 financial year, and that Councillor Tony Fryatt had provided £500 from his Enabling Communities Budget.</p> <p><u>Environmental Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>13 applications had been received for the scheme by the deadline and appraisals had been provided by the East Suffolk Council Funding team. The funding panel was scheduled to meet on 8 January 2021 to review the appraisals and make final decisions on funding.</p> <p>A total of £13,000 had been applied for, which was in excess of the £5,000 pot allocated to the scheme. Andy Jolliffe noted that the Community Partnership had £6,920 remaining to allocate for the 2020/21 financial year and suggested that further funding could be allocated to the scheme.</p> <p>Alan Comber advised that applications could also be made for similar funding from Kesgrave Town Council.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> The Community Partnership agreed to allow additional flexibility in the allocated funding for the scheme, in order to fund more schemes</p>
5.	<p><b>Update from the Environmental Care Working Group</b></p> <p>Andy Jolliffe provided an update on the meetings of the Environmental Care Working Group; the group had discussed several points around COVID-19 restrictions, current schemes already in place, and receiving feedback from local primary schools in the area.</p> <p>The Working Group was looking to take successful Environmental Grant Scheme projects and use them to create green corridors between projects.</p>

<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion of Possible Future Projects</b></p> <p>Andy Jolliffe introduced Simon Hooton, who explained that he was a volunteer Conservation Advisor for Suffolk Wildlife Trust and outlined his background in countryside management; Simon was present to advise the Community Partnership on possible future projects relating to its environmental care priority.</p> <p>Councillor Thompson suggested conducting a study in the community to see what interest there was for a project regarding hedgehog care. Simon Hooton advised on actions such as hedgehog highways and swift boxes and suggested that an ideas sheet could be sent out to gather ideas from the community.</p> <p>Alan Comber suggested notice boards for wild and trim areas, to state why the areas were left in a particular condition; he also expressed concern over excessive verge cutting and asked if a dialogue could be established with the contractors undertaking the cutting.</p> <p>There was discussion around medical transport for elderly residents; Councillor Blundell advised that this was an issue being considered by the Community Partnership Board.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – Andy Jolliffe to investigate distributing an ideas sheet for environmental care project suggestions</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Dates of next meeting:</b></p> <p>Thursday 11 March 2021, 2pm, via Zoom</p>

The meeting concluded at 3.00 pm



**Kesgrave, Martlesham, Rushmere St Andrew, Purdis Farm, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership**

**Impact Report 2020/21**

The first full year of the Community Partnership has faced significant challenges considering the Covid-19 pandemic. Individuals, organisations, and community groups had their focus drawn elsewhere whilst support was provided to the most vulnerable in our community.

Regardless of the difficulties faced, the Community Partnership has had a successful year in terms of engagement, funding allocation and addressing the priorities outline in October 2019.

The priorities of the Community Partnership are as follows.

- Social isolation and loneliness
- Environmental care and sustainable transport
- Helping people to age well
- Traffic and road safety

The Partnership also saw strong engagement with a range of stakeholders. These included Town/Parish Councils, Community Organisations, Specialist advisors and members of East Suffolk Council and its Councillors. Ongoing efforts will be made, with support from Community Action Suffolk, to engage with more stakeholders over the coming financial year and beyond.

**Priority One – Social isolation and loneliness**

Year One was predominantly focused on tackling social isolation and loneliness. using data from various sources and local knowledge and opinion, five projects have been awarded funding to begin.

1. Kesgrave Chinwag – replacing the previous version delivered by Age UK Suffolk, Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre will deliver monthly events for the older population in and around Kesgrave. Events will include other support services and groups that may be of interest, creating an informal information hub for their benefit. The Chinwags have gained significant interest since being announced and are due to begin once lockdown restrictions permit.
2. Talking Benches – a scheme that breaks down the barrier of starting a new conversation by allocating a bench to be a ‘Talking Bench’. Popular elsewhere, we are currently awaiting delivery of seven benches to different sites across the area. In the spirit of partnership working, the receiving organisations will arrange installation and promote its use within their communities.
3. Mental Health First Aid – Community Partnerships aim to enable communities to tackle the issues they face. By training individuals within our area we are embedding important mental health training in to towns and villages across the area. The first session saw 23 people trained to be Mental Health First Aid aware, with attendees from social care, welfare officers, youth workers, local Churches and

Parish Councils along with small business owners. The second and final cohort will be focused on upskilling small businesses and pastoral teams at local schools.

4. Meet Up Mondays – Our Partnership area already has 3 of these events running during less restricted times. However, our rural transport issues make it difficult for many to attend. We aim to have five new Meet up Monday events across our area in cafes and pubs. Café 66 was the first of the new group to participate, and Kesgrave Kitchen will be starting post lockdown. We have identified the three other potential sites we feel would be of benefit and will work with CAS to engage with their management.
5. Spot Wellbeing – Providing preventative advice, exercise and social interaction opportunities for older people will improve people’s wellbeing and reduce the strain on health services. These sessions have not yet commenced due to lockdown, but referral streams are already available and promotion will be a joint effort.

## **Priority Two – Environmental care and sustainable transport**

Our second priority is Environmental Care and Sustainable Transport. At a district wide Board level, Transport is being explored in more detail and pilot schemes taking place in neighbouring areas. However, in September 2020 the Partnership agreed to match fund a speed reduction initiative in Great Bealings that will improve road safety, protect other road users and encourage more considerate behaviour.

In terms of environmental care, a small grant scheme was launched in November 2020. It enabled groups to further develop their schemes or launch something new based on local need. The grant scheme was extremely well received, with a total of 13 applications being considered.

10 projects were funded with awards ranging from £100 to £1,500. A total of £10,818 was awarded. Each of these projects will actively promote the work they are doing and will continue to push the benefits of environmental care.

As of February 2021, a total of £34,292 from a budget of £35,000 has been allocated.

### **Ongoing work**

Moving forwards further work will be completed on the Environmental Care priority. A workshop involving Partnership members and external environmental groups was delivered on February 26<sup>th</sup> to explore the topic further. 14 attendees identified the strengths, issues and potential practical actions the Partnership may be able to take. From this point, the Partnership will identify further projects to deliver over the duration of the Partnership period.

### **Impact Map**

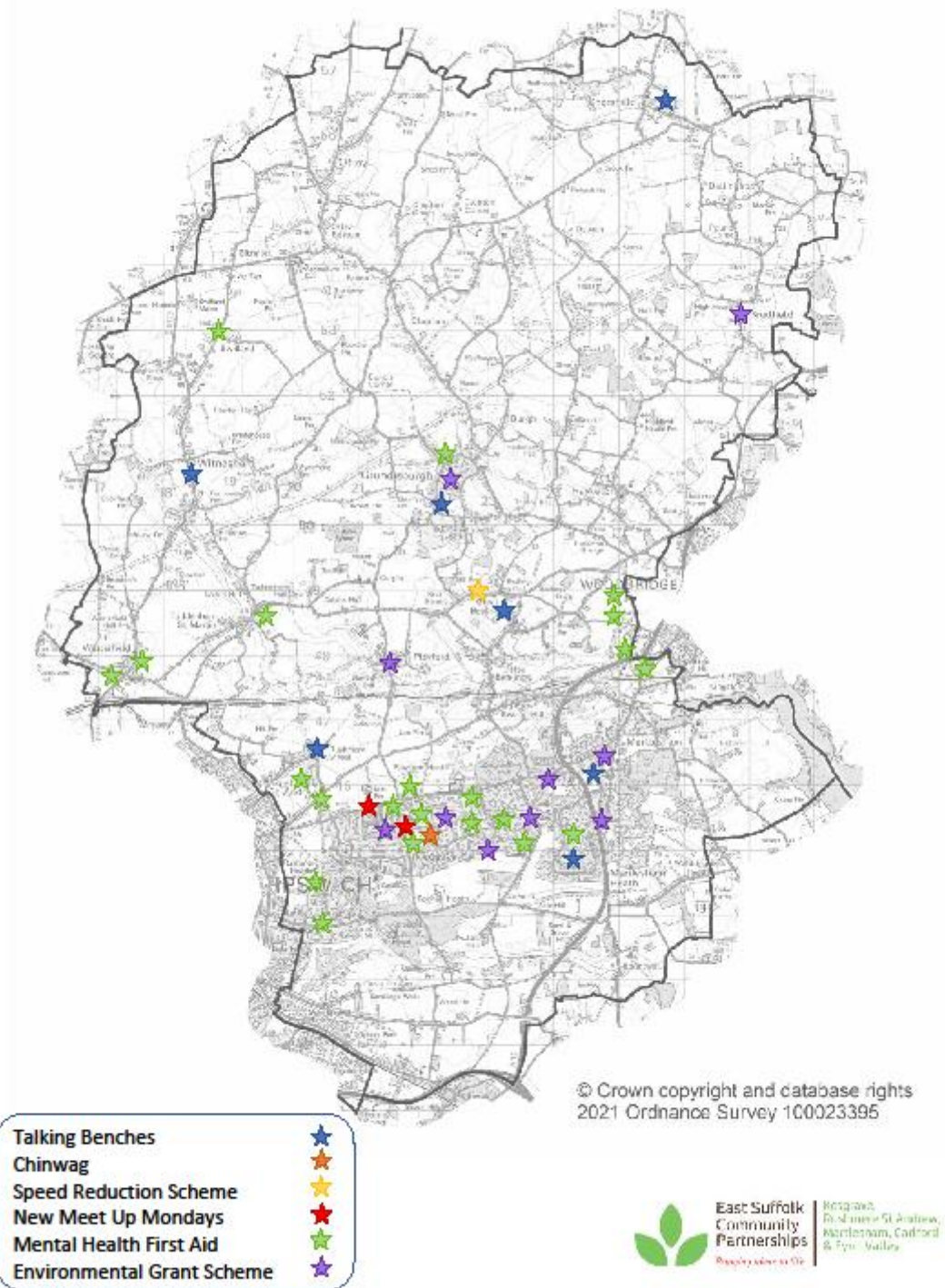
The Partnership area consists of urban and rural areas alongside each other. There has been an effort made to spread the benefit of the Partnership across the entire area.

The impact map below demonstrates the sites of our projects and can suggest where the impact will be felt the most. In comparison to the hidden needs data available to the Partnership, much of the impact correlates with the areas of greatest need. For example, Kesgrave West has a high concentration of people at risk of isolation and loneliness. The relaunch of the Chinwags, ongoing activities provided outside the Partnership by Kesgrave Town Council and others, and two Meet up Monday events surrounding it will reduce the risk to those living nearby. The development of further Meet Up Mondays will also mirror the areas at greatest need.

The impact map will continue to be updated as the Partnership makes further progress.



Impact Map – 2020/2021



*Note – the Impact Map only shows new provision delivered by the Community Partnership. It does not take in to account current services or similar activities and provisions to those provided by the Partnership.*

*Note – The four green stars (Mental Health First Aid) along the border with Woodbridge indicate people that attended the training and work across the entire Partnership area.*