

Partnerships and Communities Team

Locality Update for Members

Adur & Worthing

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We hope that you find this update helpful in informing you of the work we're doing in Adur & Worthing. Please do contact us if you would like to discuss any of the items.

Current Work Stream Overview snapshot

WSCC Adur & Worthing Officers Place Based meetings

The 'One Council' transformation work programme, looks to create better links between WSCC officers and services working in a place. Chaired by the Partnerships & Communities team. Managers, or their representatives across different WSCC directorates in Adur & Worthing are beginning to know each other better, as well as look at opportunities for information sharing and joint working. The next meeting will Focus Community Works the Adur & Worthing Infrastructure organisation with an update from Emma Baars Development Manager.

Adult Services

Future Work

Support continues to The Community Led Support project with Adult Services ensuring Adult Services are linked into local partnerships and the Voluntary and Community sector appropriately. More detail will be provided in future updates as this develops.

Campaigns

Continuing our team commitment to connect services and promote information, we are key to the local role out of winter resilience, community safety and public health campaigns via our networks.

Supporting Voluntary Organisations

The role of the Partnerships & Communities team is primarily to provide a link to WSCC services and functions for voluntary organisations, and to be a connector of services. We are in touch with many organisations in Adur & Worthing, and this quarter have worked in depth with several organisations in particular around support to Spacehive & promotion of the new Micro Grants.

Voluntary & Community Sector Forums

The Partnership and Community team attend, where possible, all Adur & Worthing CVS forums, which provide an opportunity for networking and information sharing. Highlighted information we shared at forums for this quarter include:

Adur & Worthing Health & Wellbeing Partnership

Welfare Reform Partnership

IPEH Advisory Partnership in both Adur & Worthing

Local Community Networks in both Adur & Worthing

Children & Young Peoples Network

Worthing Dementia Alliance

Action Northbrook

Adur & Worthing Walking & Cycling Forum

Keep Lancing Safe

Projects

The Adur & Worthing Partnerships & Communities Team are working in Partnership with Adur & Worthing Council to deliver their activities Strategy which will include:

Ping -Communal Table Tennis tables situated in Community Spaces in Worthing. This is a great opportunity for people in our community to increase their health and wellbeing and it's another great reason to get out and enjoy our lovely parks and open spaces. Ping is a free activity & has a track record of removing barriers and encouraging people of all ages to get active.

There are 2 tables in Homefield park, 2 tables in Victoria park & 2 in Beach House grounds.

Map of locations & events can be found [here](#)

Beat The Streets- Beat the Street is a real life walking, cycling and running game for a whole community working with 11 schools in Arun, Adur & Worthing. Sue has been working closely with The Project Lead in Adur & Worthing Council to support the launch this project which is now live please find details here <https://beatthestreet.me/coastalwestsussex>

There are currently 15,525 players including 74 Community Teams this project runs until 31st July.

Future events include:-

Beat the Street Outdoor Gym Sessions to celebrate GO ACTIVE
Come along to the FREE fun circuit sessions - all ages welcome!

Victoria Park Worthing: 19th July and 23rd July 15:45-16:45

Buckingham Park Shoreham: 17th July and 22nd July 15:45 - 16:45

Work & Skills

Adur & Worthing Councils, together with the MET College, Adur & Worthing Partnerships & Communities Team, and the DWP, embarking on a research project focusing on understanding the issues and opportunities for people with housing issues, and employers with good sustainable work, to look at why and how these two worlds might be better connected, enabling more people to find good sustainable work and improve their skills

The aim of the research is to explore four worlds and to see how we can influence and connect people in Temporary Accommodation to employers in order to find good and lasting employment, whilst building their skills. The information and stories we gather will be gathered and used to improve the way local partners work together and help people and employers. This work is ongoing & we are looking to develop & produce a local information pack that can be given to people to help them connect to services & support in their local community.

Thriving Connections

This project led by a core team of partners from Adur & Worthing Councils, Adur & Worthing Partnership & Communities Team WSCC, Health and the Voluntary Sector. We have been working with partners to explore what enables communities to be more connected to tackle loneliness. We know that loneliness isn't just experienced by older people; all ages are affected. This work is ongoing & we are meeting as a Core group in the near future to discuss next steps.

BAME Project

Creative writing Workshops & Film Nights

We identified a lack of community work supporting the BAME community in the Adur Worthing area so these projects were trying to help fill that unmet need designed to support local BAME individuals to better engage with each other, to help build a sense of community and to begin to better engage with local agencies. Also, to provide informal learning opportunities, help to create a deeper understanding of each other's cultures and to help reduce intolerance.

12 People attended the Creative writing class weekly.

The Creative Writing finished with a presentation from Debbie Kennard & the evaluation report when completed by Euromernet will be presented at the next BAME forum to which Sue has now been invited so that has been a good outcome from this piece of work!

We now have a E Mail list of attendees that will be useful to use for future Community engagement opportunities including holding a meeting to discuss forming new committee so funding can be raised to bring back Euromernet for another round of films/creative writing in the Autumn depending on identified need.

An addition development from this project is that a few of the participants from the Creative writing class now wish to set up their own board games group at the Library when it reopens next year. Their Microgrant Application was successful & they are now working with Community works to look at DBS checks & safeguarding awareness training.

Relationship with the Worthing BAME Forum has strengthened & we hope that they will support & lead on future Film & Creative Writing Groups.

EPIC Project

Sue & Tracey met with Peter King whom is the Project Manager for The Enhancing Places, Inspiring Communities (EPIC) Project a Partnership between the Ouse & Adur Rivers Trust and Sompting Estate Trust, Excavations started in June to create a new river between Worthing & Sompting. This is a really exciting project which will be the largest area of public space away from the beach. We linked Peter into key contacts in the Community & suggested

that he may like to present the project at a future CLC. It will create a large natural Community Space with opportunities for the local community to be involved.

Details of the project here <https://www.somptingestate.com/epic#>

Care Home Project

Traditionally, care settings have had a tendency to be shut off from their surrounding community. In most care facilities, services such as catering, hairdressing, the doctor and so on are provided 'in-house' – and this has the effect of reducing the need to reach out to the wider community. And yet, creating better links with organisations and services in the local area provides many benefits for a care home, sheltered housing or day care center. This is a County Wide project but we are working with St Marys Care Home in Worthing. This place based approach to developing community links within a care home setting, forms part of the wider UPOC programme. It also connects to the [West Sussex Wellbeing and Resilience Framework](#), as adopted by the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board, and the New Economics Foundation evidence based [5 Ways to Wellbeing](#). WSCC value the need for fairness for all, regardless of background and will actively promote equality and fairness for all through our activities.



Care Home Progress
Report July 19

Our Town Worthing

The launch of Our Town Worthing supported by the Partnerships & Communities Team was a great success.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/scheme-launches-in-worthing-to-help-residents-feel-safe/>

Following the success of the launch, there has been a lot of interest & more cards are needed. We are supporting Jolene the Community Connector from The Pines Day Service to source additional funding.

Community Hub Sculpture/Art Project

A staff member at Worthing Library has come up with an idea for an Art design /Sculpture to be installed outside the entrance of the new Worthing Community Hub. Tracey & Sue are exploring this concept & seeking a Community Organisation to take this project forward. A meeting has been arranged in August with an organisation called Creative waves whom are currently designing the new exhibition for Worthing Pier which has been sponsored by 12 local businesses.

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