

Councillor Maggie Sutton – Portfolio Holder for Communities

Report to Full Council: 5th December 2023

Uttlesford Health & Wellbeing Board

The priority leads had a meeting on the 11th of October 2023 to begin to scope themes for workshops so we can build the evidence base to form delivery plans for each priority. The Health and Wellbeing board meetings are paused until the action planning has been completed.

5 Key Priorities are:

- Improve and support mental wellbeing.
- Enable people to live healthy, active lifestyles throughout their lives.
- Build healthy, resilient, active communities.
- Alleviate pressures associated with increased costs of living.
- Improve access to services and facilities.

Dementia Action Alliance now Dementia Friendly Communities

The first meeting was held on 21st September which coincided with World Alzheimer's Day. Main areas of discussion were centered on Dementia Awareness Training and organising community awareness events. Next meeting early December.

Community Development Food share Takeley

Work continues to develop Takeley Old School Community Hub and to integrate Touchpoint food share with the community café. Numbers are growing every week and there are now local volunteers helping with food distribution as well as a new team in the café. We are also trying to improve access to the Citizens Advice remote access point and working with Saffron Hall, looking to introduce their Dementia project Together in Sound run in partnership with Anglia Ruskin University. Saffron Hall are also planning a community engagement event in February 2024.

Ukraine Community Grant

As part of our ongoing support for our Ukraine guests and hosts, we have set up a community grant scheme to promote the further integration of Ukrainian guests into the Uttlesford community. This will help fund and support activities, events and projects being run by a range of Parish Councils, community groups, hosts and guests.

Up to £300 grant can be awarded per activity / event / project

The grant could cover the cost of such things as venue hire, equipment, transport, instructor time, refreshments.

Refugee support – Asylum dispersal funding

Discussions are ongoing with partners and stakeholders to develop a clear process to ensure that available funding is utilised and best serves the needs of the individuals and families residing in the IBIS and Great Hallingbury Hotels to prevent Homelessness and

Voluntary and Community Grants

We have been engaging with key stakeholders regarding how UDC delivers grants to the voluntary sector and well as to the community. We will work up some proposals under Blueprint Uttlesford Programme once all of the consultations have taken place. Next years' funding rounds are now open and have been publicized throughout the sector.

Motorwise Lead Officer AG

The Community Safety Partnership are in discussions with Carver Barracks as a venue for hosting a Motorwise project in March 2024, aimed at school years 12/13 to raise awareness of the four most prevalent causes of death and injury when driving; speeding, mobile phone use, drink/drug driving, no seatbelt.

Early indication is that schools are supportive of this valuable project.

Violence Against Women and Girls

The CSP have been awarded £6300 via the Op Minerva funding from the PFCC which is to be used for reducing Violence Against Women and Girls. A project incorporating women's FREE self-defense classes, a theatre production to tackle misogynistic viewpoints will commence November/December 2023.

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