

## Charlbury Community Action Plan Group

### Let's get Together and Learning on Our Doorstep

#### Interim Report July 2017

The results of the Charlbury Town Survey were assessed, and those which are relevant are given below:

*Number of respondents in each age group*

16-17 yrs	73
17-25 yrs	166
25-35yrs	242
35-45	349
46-55	470
56-65	474
66-75	319
75+	328

*Total number of respondents- 2421*

*713 would like to see Charlbury have a centre for lifelong learning. (29% of total respondents)*

*102 would not.*

*453 would like to see more opportunities to learn, develop new interests, hobbies, skills.*

*331 would not.*

*See list of activities/interests and no. of respondents below:*

- 137- Arts and crafts*
- 53- Education*
- 48- Sports, exercise, dance*
- 44- Languages*
- 36- History*
- 29- Music*
- 28- Clubs/ interests*
- 25- Gardening*
- 25- Cookery*
- 23- IT/ business*
- 35- Other*

*131 would be willing to share their skills/ knowledge with others.*

*631 would not.*

*466 said yes to more opportunities for different people to meet- more community get-togethers and open access venues.*

## **Sub Group's Focus**

The sub group talked about the fact that there are already lots of activities/ interest groups in Charlbury but felt that information about them isn't always readily available and very often it's only word-of-mouth that enables you find out about something. In other words, is there a need to set up new clubs/activities or should there just be more publicity about what is already available?

How could more formal learning be set up in Charlbury? What are the priorities for organisations such as WEA and U3A to run courses in Charlbury?

There was also discussion about how 'taking the first step' and joining a group/ club/ activity is an issue for many people. How do we set up a Buddy System to encourage and welcome new joiners to give them confidence to come along for the first time?

## **Action Plan**

- Put together a definitive list of existing clubs/ groups/ classes with info and contact details which could then be put on the Charlbury website, in the library or possibly as a loose or pull-out addition to The Charlbury Chronicle.

This has already been started by Liz Jones, although not yet completed- it will need to be added to when the new Community Centre's activities are in place and will also need regular updating.

- Look at websites and/ or contact WEA and U3A to determine how and where they set up and run courses.
- Contact existing groups/ clubs- how do they encourage new members and ensure that they feel welcomed? Do they have a contact that a newcomer can get in touch with before going along to their first meeting or class?

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