

Charlbury Community Action Plan Group

Living Well in Charlbury

Report, Thursday, 20th July 2017

This group focused on these topics that came out of the Charlbury Town Survey:

1. Ensuring housing development is designed to meet a variety of identified local needs and build a sense of community

As other groups leading on housing we kept our focus on ensuring that future housing development catered for a range of needs

- Audit of health and social care housing: EK and CG doing full analysis
- Researching via WODC if local demand for social housing is met; who is eligible for social housing in the different developments; current profile at Evenlode.
- Need is for truly affordable housing
- Need identified to resist any reductions in social housing eg by sales to developers eg Cottesway and Evenlode
- Gap identified for social supported living and private supported living for people who need some care.
- CC might be funding extra care housing with 24 hour care (eg Order of St John)
- Homeshare (matching home owners with space to people wishing to share) is established through Age UK in Oxford and out as far as Yarnton. Although they felt access to work could be a problem in Charlbury we didn't consider this a barrier and felt there was no reason for individuals not to contact Oxford Age UK. This would register an interest in Charlbury

2. Building an Inclusive Community

- Working with Charlbury Medical Centre (deputy practice manager) on developments such as Social Prescribing, Patient Participation Group, Dementia Friendly Charlbury, liaising with All Together in Charlbury - ATIC.
- Creation of a designated group to pro-actively encourage participation for elderly and health and social care – e.g. through 'ATIC' and 'Lets Get Together' action group, Action for Carers – activities for those facing life after caring.

Various issues around getting around and public transport:

- bus at the Slade can come early, then waits at The Bell
- Villager bus doesn't come through Charlbury
- there is a shuttle bus every 20 minutes from Chipping Norton up to the surgery
- timings of buses in and around Charlbury need promoting and linking

- Liaise with Parish transport rep on Town Council.
- ATIC will have a role providing lifts

3. Information about support available

Sue Terry has the remit for the library in the Community Centre

- We need a mechanism for a regularly updated comprehensive directory of activities and services.
- A tab on Charlbury website for Community Links and Support
- Information stands at surgery and library in Community Centre
- Information icon on desktops in library

4. The Town's Physical Environment

Photographs have been taken of the bus stops in Charlbury and bus stops with examples of 3 types of bench in Witney and Oxford.

The station platform (towards Hereford) has example of benches with handles. There is a clear bus stop shelter with bench by the new houses as you enter Chipping Norton from Spelsbury.

Some bus stops are difficult to put a seat on.

- Need to establish numbers using each bus stop and the needs profile,
- costing of different types of benches
- Locations identified
 - Enstone Road bus shelter needs a seat
 - Fiveways
 - Bottom of Ticknell Piece –possibility of bench with handles to perch on
 - re-locate bench on Dancers Hill as people wait at the top.
 - Scout Hut
 - Benches to encourage walking about town
- Sponsored or memorial benches could be promoted e.g. through the Chronicle