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**REPORT FOR BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH & WELLBEING

FAST

Families Active Sporting Together (FAST) continues to go from strength to strength. (See attached leaflet). Christmas Hubs ran at 4 sites (NOA, Spiceball, Bicester LC & Kidlington LC) from 20th - 24th which included food and physical activity. 550 children participated. £24,000 funding from Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) to run this. Working on year round HAF allocation and not applying each holiday period

Move Together

Referrals going well with 170 on the programme in Cherwell. Legacy Exercise on Referral programme is linked to Move Together. Everyone on Exercise on Referral scheme now gets Move Together 50% discount and will come onto programme with 1-2-1 activities.

Swimming

Top Up swimming – 9 schools, 195 children have gone through programme since September. £45k COMF funding to extend provision for next year

Active Reach

Mosque Activities going well with high levels of participation in Football , Fencing, Gym & Classes and Cricket – 22.

Swimming – Mother & Tots and Children swimming will be starting soon.

Lifeguard issue will be addressed by sessions being lesson based and specific numbers per week.

Skills training will be provided, starting in February, to make this self-sustaining.

Bike library going in at the Mosque and training from British Cycling to deliver beginner training for juniors and women's only sessions. CDC has appointed a dedicated cycling officer who will be joining in April. They will do some outreach work with the Mosque. Hope to roll out elsewhere. Discussed replicating the bike library at The Hill. Issues around security of the bikes.

£20k COMF funding secured for more provision next year

HEALTHY BICESTER, KIDLINGTON K5 BETTER TOGETHER BANBURY HEALTH ROUTES

Park Run has found a home, West Kidlington Primary School have confirmed we can host it at their school. Volunteers are now being drawn together to work out who will be part of the core team of

volunteers. An off shoot of this project is looking into finding funds to build a track in the school playing field.

Banbury Health routes have been installed with just the lecterns left to be designed and set in place. A community engagement plan is being drawn up to help encourage use. Member of team is leading a Couch to 5K event at NOA which will also make use of the Health Routes.

Work is beginning focusing on the role of green social prescribing in Cherwell. Initially working in Bicester, we hope to expand the network of partners willing to be involved in the system while making the service more easily accessible for both patients and prescribers.

WILD BICESTER & WILD BANBURY

Successful extra (COMF) funding received to extend Wild Bicester and Wild Banbury for a further two years and to create and run Wild Kidlington for three years. Specific funding received to encourage people from non-traditional backgrounds to get involved (e.g. to purchase boots/tools etc.)

YOU CAN DANCE

Continued support of You Can Dance programme – encouraging people with long term conditions to move more. This includes marketing/comms support as well as a hands-on approach by accompanying the team to Bicester Market on Friday 7 Jan.

BICESTER HEALTHY GROUPS

(online group video consultations) – Sessions continuing throughout January and currently developing scale up plans for the project including recruiting of clinicians

LICENSING

Two significant ongoing licensing enquiries in train.

ARTS

I continue to be a trustee of the Mill Arts Centre. As such, I am looking for ways to ensure the stable future for them that does not rely on local authority funding in the long term.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR

I continue to be a trustee of community first Oxfordshire. Again I am working with their board to see how we can ensure they continue their good work into the future without excessive reliance on local authority funding.

Yours sincerely



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Adderbury, Bloxham & Bodicote

Attachments