



Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages

Community Partnership Workshop

Thursday 28th November 2019

Market Hall, Saxmundham

Attendees:

Nick Khan	Strategic Director, ESC
Nicole Rickard	Head of Communities, ESC
S A Betson	Leiston Town Council
Tony Cooper	ESC – Community Partnership Chair
Terry Barrow	Saxmundham Music and Arts CIC
John Findlay	Saxmundham TC
Zoe Botten	Communities Officer ESC – Officer Lead
Liz Jackman-Graham	Leiston Good Neighbourhood Scheme
Graham Page	Citizen's Advice (Felixstowe)
Kerry Overton	Healthwatch
Gareth Moir	SCC
Jenny Stockman	Seckford Foundation
Wil Gibson	Wil Gibson Consultancy
Caroline Rinder	Leiston TC
Mike Chaplin	Catch 22
Luke Turner	Suffolk Police
Julie Stokes	ActivLives
Rachel Nightingale	Connect for Health
John Fisher	ESC
Lesley Hill	Leiston TC
Sandra Lewis	ESC
Richard Nicols	ESC
Debbie Chapman	St Elizabeth Hospice
Jonathon Macro	Saxmundham TC
Sammie Charlesworth	ACT
Stuart Watson	CYDS
Georgina Hirst	ESC – Community Support Officer – Support Officer Lead
Sian Hart	Coastal Leisure Learning
Shann Cuthbert	Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham Dementia Project
Marianne Fellowes	Aldeburgh TC

Caroline Coleby	One Life Suffolk
Elspeth Gibson	Leiston Together
Marilyn Reeves	Leiston Enterprise
M Schedrin	Friston PC
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Caroline Cecil	CAB Leiston
B Newman	Leiston Together
L Butler	CATS
John Staff	Knodishall PC
Luke Bennett	East Suffolk Partnership
Cathy Smitt	AONB
Judy Gowen	Aldeburgh Carnival
Nicola Jenner	Communities Support Officer, ESC
Jade Read	Communities Assistant, ESC
Anita Humphrey	Communities Manager, ESC
Sarah Shinnie	ESC
Sonia Lambert	ESC
Letitia Smith	Cabinet Lead for Communities
Colin Baldwin	SCC
Richard Best	ESC

Community Partnership Data Pack

1. What statistic surprised you the most?

- Obesity rate x3
- Housing conditions x2
- Ofsted school data – Key Stage 4 being below national average
- High statistics of depression in Saxmundham, and low in Leiston x3
- Homelessness data – concern that this is more of an issue than the data suggests as people don't want to declare themselves as homeless
- Social isolation – particularly in rural areas
- Employment profile – why is there no agriculture category?

2. What statistic(s) do you want to know more about?

- Housing statistics – Were second homeowners included in this, and if so, have they skewed the data?
- Unemployment
- Average wage rate
- Average family income
- Police data – particularly anti-social behaviour statistics x2
- How is social isolation being measured?

- Household poverty
- How is childhood obesity measured?
- Availability of dental services
- Transport that is available to get to facilities and social activities in Leiston
- More in-depth statistics on adult obesity in order to be able to compare with childhood obesity
- Inter-relationship of data sets
- Rural transport
- Mental health

3. Do you think there is any data missing from the data pack?

- Holiday home and second home data
- Crime statistics and trends x2
- Are there any links with domestic violence and the deprivation areas?
- School attainment – Ofsted data, but focusing on attainment, absence and exclusion (temporary and permanent) in schools x2
- Seasonal workers
- Mental health – not just dementia and depression
- Environmental issues – risk of flooding (exactly where this is) and traffic volumes
- Vulnerable people
- School leavers (NEETs)
- Sexual health
- Carers and young carers
- Teenage pregnancy
- Cost and accessibility of education opportunities
- Transport – but more than just buses
- Access to healthcare – particularly waiting times to see a GP

Community Partnership Priorities

- 1. Transport links and access to services (30 votes)**
- 2. Economic Regeneration / High Street (28 votes)**
- 3. Housing that meets local needs (18 votes)**

Voting Table

Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham and villages Community Partnership

Priority	Votes	Priority
Support people to age well, for example to stay healthy and active and maximise their income	7	
Targeted work to support vulnerable children, including Children in Care and those living in low income families	5	
Projects to reduce the number of overweight/obese primary school children	7	
Support people with Dementia and their carers	10	
Improve mental health and wellbeing, particularly in Saxmundham	8	
Encourage and enable everyone to be more physically active and healthy	14	
Reduce social isolation and loneliness – particularly carers, older people, men over 40	15	
Support people to make compromises to help the environment/tackle environmental issues/climate change	7	
Improve the condition of housing in the area and help people to heat their homes	5	
Support schools to improve attainments levels at KS4	2	
Robust plans for mitigating the impact of the Sizewell C development on local communities, should it go ahead	3	
Education, opportunities and Aspirations	15	
Transport links and access to services	30	1 st
Opportunities for young people and families	10	
Housing that meets local needs	18	3 rd
Music and Arts	8	
Economic Regeneration / High Street	28	2 nd
Community Hubs	10	
Seasonal work / Tourism	3	

Individual Comments

Social Isolation and Loneliness

- Social isolation x 4
- Intergenerational work to reduce social isolation x 2
- Isolated young and old people
- Reducing isolation for rural areas
- Activities for older people to reduce loneliness and social isolation
- RCC provide a service to reduce social isolation
- Support for women who are socially isolated due to complex issues – such as health, domestic abuse, family break up and children
- Social isolation in more affluent areas that might not be expected
- Men 40+ who are isolated through family break up, unemployment and poor mental health
- Older people on their own
- Carers with complex health needs, dementia and isolation
- Tackle social isolation

Carers

- Support for carers x 2
- Care for people in their own home and help maintain this

Transport

- Rural transport x 4
- Bus services x 2
- Rural Coffee Caravan x 2
- Accessible transport x 2
- Transport – but more than just buses
- Access to healthcare – particularly waiting times to see a GP
- Better local transport x 2
- Speeding cars
- Rural isolation and the importance of transport
- More bus services for people with disabilities
- Appropriate community transport services
- Transport for young people
- More CAT's transport
- Bus and train connections x 2
- Improved transport x 2

Community/Volunteering

- Making use of community spaces x 3
- Community involvement
- Volunteering
- Community Police
- Access to healthcare – particularly waiting times to see a GP
- Development of a stronger sense of community in Saxmundham

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- More mental health support
- Access to services to promote wellbeing
- Training and support for local people with dementia
- Substance misuse
- Mental health

Physical Health and Wellbeing

- Increase physical activity levels in young people / Early years exercise x 2
- Sports provision for children
- Childhood health and obesity
- Adult inactivity
- Improved access to health, leisure and fitness for all age groups x 2
- Access to fitness facilities
- Running and walking groups
- Health and wellbeing
- Exercise machines for the older generation in green spaces
- More activities that are health related for both young and elderly individuals in order to raise awareness of this issue

Poverty

- Household poverty
- Child poverty
- Lack of knowledge and learning for families around budgeting and lifestyle x 2
- Family living in deprivation
- Fuel poverty

Economic Development

- Infrastructure support and development x 2
- Networking across the partnership
- Leiston Town Centre regeneration x 5
- Leiston Together
- Infrastructure impacting the small village
- Economic regeneration
- Impact of tourism

Environment

- Coastal flooding x 4
- Preparing for climate emergency x 2
- Environment towards being carbon neutral
- Coastal protection
- Effective working with energy suppliers for local people
- Addressing fuel poverty

Access to Services

- Accessing medical appointment at affordable prices x 2
- Detailed information on access to services that are available

- Access to healthcare – particularly waiting times to see a GP
- Families and individuals to be aware of services available relating to youth support, such as ACT
- More/wider coverage of responders to support ambulance service as they currently take too long to arrive
- Family activity opportunities
- Reinstate cottage hospital in Aldeburgh for minor emergencies – make it 24 hours, seven days a week

Housing

- More affordable housing x 4
- High proportion of homes in poor condition – 16,000 population with 2,320 homes in 'poor' condition x 3
- More social housing
- Accessible housing
- Housing grants x 2
- Need warmer homes
- Improving heating in hard to heat homes

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

- Anti-social behaviour
- Divert young people away from crime and ASB
- Get information from Police about crime in the area

Employment

- Improve skills and development in order to access better paid employment
- Addressing low skills economy
- Zero-hour contracts
- Unemployment
- Mitigate against seasonal workers

Education

- Adult education x 2
- Excluded from school
- Cost and accessibility of education opportunities

Arts

- Music workshops for children
- Music workshops for adults
- Theatre workshops
- Make use of arts, theatre and music – to help solve some of the other priorities, such as obesity