

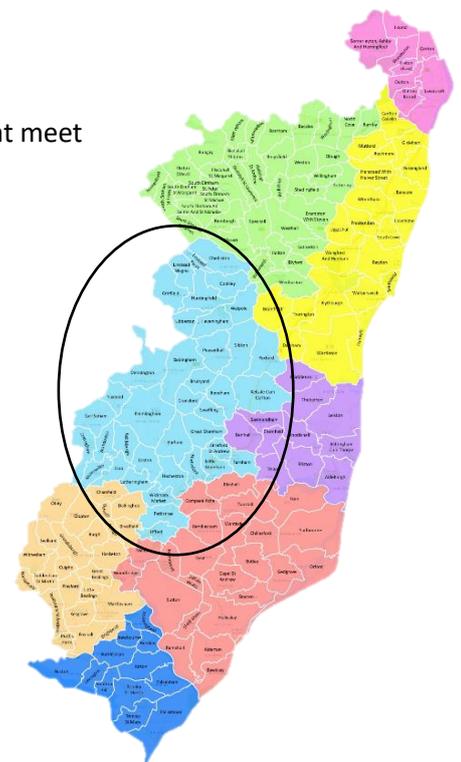


Community Partnership introduction pack – parish and town councillors

At the beginning of the new council term and the new term of Community Partnerships, we wanted to provide an introduction to parish and town councils about the Framlingham, Wickham Market and surrounding villages Community Partnership. This may be a refresher for some and this may sound something new to others, but we hope your council will consider becoming involved in the Community Partnership. The Community Partnership is about bringing together different stakeholders together to look at how to respond to needs arising in our communities – whether that be around mental health, social isolation and loneliness or other needs. Your council is able to send a representative to be a voting member of the Community Partnership. Alternatively, it can feed in emergent themes and issues happening so the Community Partnership can see what it can do to respond. To discuss more, please feel free to contact the Communities officer Sam at sam.kenward@eastsoffolk.gov.uk.

What is a Community Partnership?

- East Suffolk District is split into 8 areas.
- Each one has a ‘Community Partnership’ which is a group of people that meet throughout the year
- They discuss issues and themes that are coming up and look at how to address these
- This includes funding solutions and projects
- Community Partnerships are made up of:
 - District Councillors,
 - Town and Parish Councillors,
 - Local voluntary and community organisations,
 - Clinical commissioning group (health) representatives,
 - Police,
 - And various other colleagues in the area with local knowledge
- **Your Community Partnership is Framlingham, Wickham Market and villages (light blue on the map)**



What can Community Partnerships do?

- Community Partnerships can look at things in a deep, innovative and more strategic way as they bring together different viewpoints and insights
- They can look at what can be done to respond to an issue/priority and draw on learning about what has worked elsewhere
- The work Community Partnerships do is guided by priorities
- Priorities are set according to local data and local intelligence
- Community Partnerships can and do deliver inexpensive solutions – e.g. facilitating opportunities and events for groups to come together
- Community Partnerships also have £25,000 every year to spend on projects that meet the priorities



What do members of the Community Partnership do?

- Raise needs that they (they personally by speaking with local people or their council/organisation) have come across from the community to a panel of peers with lots of different experiences and insights
- Participate in problem solving to meet the needs expressed - e.g. what can be done to help reduce social isolation of people over 65?
- Problem solving may look like:
 - Discussing a new project/initiative that can be funded to be delivered
 - Or raising something that is available already which needs to be promoted more widely

Level of commitment from members

- The Community Partnership meets 4 times a year
- Members can be councillors or clerks
- Each meeting lasts around 2 hours (6.30-8.30pm) – so 8 hours a year in meetings
- Some of the meetings may be in person and some may be virtual – mostly in person at present at different locations on the patch
- Then after a Community Partnership meeting, you may need/want to report back to your parish council about what was agreed

Framlingham, Wickham Market and surrounding villages Community Partnership – our priorities and sub priorities

<p>New priority: Transport (especially around health appointments & isolated communities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase available transport services, and increase uptake of existing services, specifically around health appointments and isolated communities.
<p>New priority: Mental health (all ages) – links to lack of physical activities available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the offering of existing physical activities and create new opportunities based on identified gaps in provision which support an individual’s mental health
<p>New priority: Intergenerational skills exchange (Men’s Sheds, sports, allotments & arts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a local network of intergenerational skills exchange groups, including building on existing assets.
<p>Cross-Cutting Theme: Support for Volunteers</p>

HOWEVER, we can be flexible! If there are emergent community needs/issues that are coming up, we can consider how to respond to them even if they don’t align completely with our priorities

Link to our CP on the website: [Framlingham, Wickham Market and villages Community Partnership » East Suffolk Council](#)



Progress to date / examples

Wickham Market Football Club / Goal Posts	Current posts in desperate need of replacement and considered H&S risk with regards to moving them in and out of situ before and after each matchday.
Framlingham Hour Community / Kiosk on the Hill	Renovating former telephone kiosk in order to offer it to other organisations in the town to promote their work and services, in a creative and imaginative way, for a small charge to cover costs.
Brandeston Village Hall / Children's Play Area – Swings Safety Matting	Improve safety around play swings by purchasing safety matting (made from recycled materials).
Sweffling Parish Council / Boosting learning & development in early years	Boosting appeal of Jubilee Field playing field by installing baby swing and thus providing more outdoor facilities (Covid).
Ufford Arts Festival / Ufford Arts Festival.	Community-led three-day event designed to draw the village together and promote social inclusion, well-being and engagement in the arts.
Ufford Parish Council / Sogenhoe Chapel Bench	Replace existing bench to continue supporting offer of a quiet place to reflect and observe wildlife.
Wickham Market Good Neighbour Scheme / Befriending Events	Staging two 'tea party' events to support people that are isolated and lonely, including transportation.
Wickham Market Village Hall / Installation of Wi-Fi	Add wi-fi to hall so that organisations, eg Gardening Club and WI can have 'Zoom' meetings for those, due to Covid, unable to attend and allow guest speakers from further afield to present.
Yoxford Parish Council / Meet Up Tuesdays	Providing older people with weekly refreshments and a lunch service at a reduced cost.
Yoxford Parish Council / Teenagers' Outdoor Shelter	Construct a shelter and provide a dedicated area in Yoxford for teenagers who will design it and, with the help of village volunteers/CYDS Project, build it and decorate it to their taste.
Avocet Academy Trust: Wickham Market & Easton Primary Schools / Holiday activity provision for children in low income families	Fully funded places for children (families in need) at activity clubs for part of each week in summer holidays to ensure some opportunity for social and active engagement
Badingham Parish Council / Village Hall Community Garden	Utilise a free, but currently untapped space for use by all aspects of the community, ie create a peaceful garden-like atmosphere to support those suffering social isolation and loneliness by providing a safe, aesthetically pleasing area to meet.



Chediston and Linstead Group Parish Council / Bus Service	Weekly Bus Service from Chediston and Linstead to Halesworth
Framlingham Town Council / Chat Benches	Install 2 benches in 'The Fens' that would enhance the meadow and allow walkers to sit a while and enjoy the peace and quiet, on recommendation from judges of ESC Quality of Place Awards
Kelsale-Cum-Carlton Parish Council / Zipwire for Playground	Responding to requests from families for eqpt. for older children - this being the most popular item identified
Marlesford Community Council / Marlesford Community Centre Improvements	Improve the access, resources and ambience by increasing the use of the hall by young and old alike
Wickham Market Parish Council / Youth Outreach	Hire of a meeting room once a week and to fund qualified youth workers to facilitate street-based and centre-based positive youth focused activities
Wickham Market Toddler & Baby Group	Increase attendance at the group from currently averaging 15 families per week, up to 25 per week and replacement of old carpet; provide 'board' books and two ride-on toys to enhance the facilities/offer

Why should you/your council consider joining?

- This is a unique way to feed into problem solving about broader priorities and topics that may impact your community – e.g. social isolation, mental health
 - Feeding into the discussions and decisions as a member or feeding in what you are hearing on the ground about needs/issues, will help enrich the work the group does; after all, it is about working together to meet needs affecting local people
- It is a great opportunity for your council to work with other organisations to further benefit local people – this may be other parish/town councils or voluntary organisations who may be able to help with information or delivery of activities
- The work the Community Partnership does has positively impacted and continues to positively impact young people, older residents, young families and rural assets – the work has real impact and reward

What you can do

- Join the Community Partnership as your council's rep – if you & your council are happy with this
- Participate in Task and Finish Groups on the Community Partnership around priorities
- Relay ideas that have come up in the community to the CP to consider for funding
- Let sam.kenward@eastsuffolk.gov.uk know (or ask the Clerk to let Sam know) if there are new issues that have come up which you want to address but may need some broader support around – e.g. feeling of disconnection from support available in a certain area