

AGENDA ITEM 8

GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

YOU SAID WE DID – WELLBEING BUDGET

Since the Wellbeing budget was devolved to the Neighbourhood Partnership in February 2010, 33 different local projects have been funded in Brislington. This report summarises the results that the some of the projects have achieved.

Older people and intergenerational projects

Disc Agency – Therapeutic treatments and massage for older people, training younger people to deliver treatments, respect workshops

Cost: £1790

116 young people and 24 older people took part in the project. 24 older people and 28 younger people benefited from treatments and massage, 8 younger people were trained to deliver hand massage and 75 young people took part in respect workshops.



Outcomes

- Feedback on the treatments and activities was very good.
- Young people were able to deliver massage in other settings and at other events
- Health and exercise advice was a benefit and a couple of injuries were identified and referred to health professionals.
- A dance tutor was introduced to the Hungerford centre and dance classes are now ongoing.

Brislington Enterprise College - Christmas party for older people and BEC students

Cost: £264.10

22 older people attended BEC for a Christmas party. Students provided catering, entertainment and hand massages.



Outcomes

- This is going to be an annual event – another one was done in December 2011
- The young people were nervous before the event, but afterwards were very positive about meeting the older people.
- The young people are now much more enthusiastic about doing work with the local community.
- The older people all thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Comments

“[the grant] enabled us to do activities that we wouldn’t have been able to do. The extra resources are really important to us and show a commitment from the community to encourage activities involving younger people at BEC”

St Anne’s and Brislington OAP Monday Club – Christmas Trip to Weston Super Mare and lunch

Cost: £250



22 people attended the trip. All were older people and many live alone. The club almost closed a couple of years ago but has been able to continue due to fundraising and subscriptions.

Outcomes

- The trip was a great success and the pensioners who had not been to the seaside for years were very excited – it brought back many happy memories.
- More trips have taken place since last Christmas as this one was very popular.

Comments

“With your help and a lot of hard work on the committee’s side, we have brought a lot of happiness back into the community”

“Please keep up the good work and help to achieve a better place for young and old alike”

Brislington Seniors Dance and Social Club – Christmas trip to Yeovil for dinner and dance.

Cost: £370

Outcomes

- 50 people attended the trip - A very enjoyable day
- Bring and buy sales and other fundraising is being planned to pay for future trips
- The grant provided the impetus to organise further events

Brislington Neighbourhood Centre – Intergenerational project including tea parties and visits between older people and schools

Cost: £910



Around 150 under 18's and 44 older people have taken part in this intergenerational project. 4 visits from schools to the local lunch clubs and two tea parties have taken place.

Outcomes

- Good links formed between the schools and the lunch clubs and volunteers
- Future projects include the 150-year anniversary celebrations for Broomhill school – older people will work with the school to collect photos and memories
- Everyone involved enjoyed the activities

Education and Environment

St Anne's Infant School – Forest Schools Project

Cost: £1220



The grant was used for forest school training for school staff. 60 reception children will have attended the forest school by the end of the year, and 36 further pupils will attend the after school forest club.

Outcomes

- Parents are regularly volunteering to attend forest school and have reported that they are using Nightingale valley with their children now when they didn't before
- The community park ranger has also formed links with the school and attends the forest school when needed
- The children love going to the forest school and are learning new skills and increasing in confidence

Comments

“It has been great to know that there is a team who want to help the local area and who can advise us on local issues that we can help with”

Community provision, Leisure and Sports

Brislington United Reform Church – resurfacing the floor in the church hall

Cost: £2,800 (£2,000 from Wellbeing funding)



About 280 people use the hall each week for a variety of different activities

Outcomes

- Children no longer get splinters when playing on the floor at playgroups
- The Kick Boxing class can now practice in bare feet (this is preferable for training)
- Three new zumba classes have started which need a good smooth floor

Comments

“We are absolutely delighted with [the new floor]”

“Receiving the grant was beyond our wildest dreams, as we were not sure where to turn for financial help, but we can’t thank you enough for what you did”

Crescent Lawn Tennis Club – court resurfacing

Cost: £14,535 (£2,000 from wellbeing funding, remaining money from other fund raising, subscriptions and donations)

The work will be completed in spring 2012. The club will not have to worry about similar expenditure for another 10-15 years and will plan their income and saving accordingly.

Comments

“I think it is an excellent idea that funds are devolved down to a local level. The partnership was most helpful and encouraging.”

BEC – H-Base Community Makeover team – purchase of tools and equipment

Cost: £1300 (around £300 spent so far, projects are ongoing)



15 students are part of the makeover team and they have renovated the kitchen and gardens at the Hungerford Road Community Centre. The group are identifying other community projects to work on.

Comments

“It is really good to have a local partnership whereby we can apply for funds to help BEC students engage with their local community. Local people are committed to the area and to the young people who attend BEC.”