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Mission - Objectives

To encourage and develop sustainable rural communities where people want to live and work



Our Patch!



Today's Focus

- Health and social care
- Neighbourhood planning
- Community-led housing

Early Intervention Services



every £1 invested



We are helping communities start their own initatives and empowering them to self-help

Over 1200 lunch clubs and day-care sessions have taken place across Cheshire West



Up to 200 people have accessed specialist mental health interventions

Collaborative working between partners is helping to reduce the number of falls across Cheshire West

Your Path To Wellbeing



The range of social

activites and sessions

offered through these

services are tackling loneliness and isolation

Management of Long Term Health Conditions



555 people engaged across 9 'care communities' across Cheshire West

100 participants engaged in condition specific conversations - people with neuromuscular conditions, people with deafness, carers, people with learning disabilities and people with heart conditions

1,200 hours contributed by patient participants





Neighbourhood Planning

- 86 Neighbourhood Plans either 'Made' or underway in Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East;
- 21 made in Cheshire West and 22 made in Cheshire East
- CCA have helped circa 70 NPs;
- Support a small number of groups outside Cheshire;
- 2018/19 CCA supported and gave advice to 37 different groups;
- 2018/19 11 Neighbourhood Plans were 'made' -CCA helped with 7 of these;
- The future new groups still coming forward, others are nearly ready to submit, or go to referendum, and the earlier NPs are about to be reviewed.





Neighbourhood Plans in Cheshire West



Neighbourhood Plans in Cheshire East



Neighbourhood Planning Survey

- **28 responses** (East: 15, West: 12 and; 1 from Shropshire)
- **15** = average number of volunteers involved
- **3.8 years** = average time taken to produce a NP
- 2,800 = average number of volunteer hours spent on producing a neighbourhood plan or 1.6 full time equivalent for 12 months
- **49** = average number of hours given per volunteer

Neighbourhood Planning Survey

- 42% of steering groups were Parish or Town Cllrs
- 58% were non-Parish or Town Cllrs
- Top 3 reasons for starting a NP: Manage development for community; fear of being exposed to inappropriate development and; driven by 1 or 2 very enthusiastic people
- Top 3 areas that improved as a result of NP: Understanding of NP regs; understanding of local housing needs and; understanding of local community needs

Neighbourhood Planning Survey



Housing

CCA hosted the North West Community-Led Housing (CLH) Conference in Manchester (funded by Nationwide Foundation via the ACRE Bid) Oct 2018.



Why local authorities support CLH

- 1. Improving housing supply and providing permanently affordable housing.
- 2. Supporting regeneration and returning empty homes to use.
- 3. Empowering communities so they become more self-sufficient, cohesive, resilient and sustainable.
- 4. Involving residents in addressing housing need.
- 5. From a planning perspective it delivers on requirements within NPPF, the Housing Act 2016 and the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017.

Sources: CCIN Report and 'A Planner's Guide to

Lancaster Cohousing



"Our multi award winning eco cohousing community at Forgebank consists of private homes, community facilities, workshops/offices/studios and shared outdoor space. We are around 65 adults and 15 children. We eat some meals together, make our decisions by consensus, and enjoy meeting our neighbours in our lovely pedestrianised street and Common House. Our cosy and comfortable homes meet Passivhaus and Code for Sustainable Homes (level 6) standards, and we benefit from renewable technologies (solar, biomass and hydroelectricity). Living at Forgebank also enables us to live a lower impact lifestyle in many ways e.g. through our travel plan and car club, cooperative food store, shared meals and other shared resources."

Source: http://lancastercohousing.org.uk/

Questions