

West Howe Networking Group

Tuesday 8th March at Howe Croft Community Centre

Present: Carla Pilgrim (carla.pilgrim@oceanlearning.org.uk), Glynis Page (Glynis.page@kingsleighprimary.co.uk), Cllr Norman Decent (norman.decent@bournemouth.gov.uk), Cllr Roger Marley (roger.marley@bournemouth.gov.uk), Martha Searle (martha.searle@bournemouth.gov.uk), Lynn Foster (lynn@destinylifechurch.org.uk), Lyn Jeffrey (lyn.jeffrey@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk), Christine Brooks (christine@cofekinson.org.uk), Karen Hallifax (ktucker@crumbs.org.uk), Steen Stones (steen.stones@outset.org), Tara Civil (Tara Civil@bournemouth.gov.uk), Sue Leighton (sue.leighton@sedcat.org.uk), Jo Amey (westhowe@bournemouthlibraries.org), Elinor Cook (elinormc14@yahoo.co.uk)

Carla Pilgrim – Heathlands School recently raised £400 to develop a garden in memory of Pepe. The Governors are holding a coffee morning on 15th May from 9am. The school council is organising a litter pick with Bournemouth Countryside. Heathlands School is available for hire. There is a focus on upcycling in years 1 and 2 with a visit in July to the Inspiring Change Ship. The school offers a Bikeability course for students. The allotment needs volunteer and plants please.

Glynis Page – Kingsleigh Primary is hosting the North Bournemouth Area Forum on 12th May. This year is Kingsleigh's 50th anniversary and they are holding their first exhibition of the year w/c 18th May. Their summer fayre this year is on 22nd June. Please contact Glynis if you would like a stall there. The Samee Project has been into school, inspiring pupils in careers. The Autism group is thriving and they have set up a Wellbeing group with talk time to support parents with anxiety and depression. They have a lone parent group. Their caretaker has received a local hero nomination. They have organised a trip to Moors Valley for 60 young carers and other vulnerable groups.

Sue Leighton works for Sedcat community transport. They have withdrawn from Shopmobility in Boscombe which is now run by Lakeside. Sedcat are offering dial a bus outings and more pub lunches. Looking to take other groups on trips. Changes to permits may affect minibus drivers who are paid – in future they are likely to need PSV licences, Sue is looking for more referrals to their project for isolated men.

Cllr Roger Marley – The local Improvement Fund has now ended but Cllr Marley is hopeful it will be reinstated in July. Proposals for the Community Infrastructure Levy are welcome. Please contact Roger if you would like to make a suggestions for this funding. He is campaigning to improve the alley to Moorside Road.

Jo Amey – West Howe Library. Jo distributed the leaflet for Bournemouth and Poole Libraries. Half term activities will be available. 5 ways to wellbeing with Dorset Mind next Monday. Under 5s groups. Free room to hire for one to one interviews.

Elinor Cook – Destiny Life Church offers afternoon tea club for the over 60s on the last Monday of the month (28/5, 25/6, 30/7, 24/9, 29/10, 26/11, 17/12). Coffee mornings monthly 10.30 to 12 (14/5, 11/6, 9/7, 10/9, 8/10, 12/11, 3/12)

Lynn Foster – Destiny Life Church has rooms available for hire. Offers a 10 week recovery course for people with any addiction and compulsive behaviours. Formerly run at St Swithins, it runs on Thursdays 7-9.30, offering a free meal.

Lyn Jeffries – works with Dorset Community Action offer coaching for people who are out of work including ex offenders and people in recovery. Individual coaching, help into training and volunteering. Community enterprise to take on challenges based on community needs such as gardening, catering at events.

Cllr Norman Decent – has been reporting potholes in the area. To report environmental issues of concern please use the report button on the Bournemouth Council website.

Christine – the new roof for the church is now fully funded. The building will be out of action for 3 months. Faithworks are mapping church activities.

Martha informed the group that Jeff Coombs is setting up a loneliness group at West Howe Library. The next North Bournemouth Area Forum is on 12th May at 10am at Kingsleigh Primary. Picnic in the Park will be held on Sunday 20th May. The next Give or Take Day is on 26th May at the Henry Brown Youth Centre 2-4pm.

Karen Hallifax works at Crumbs who work with adults with disabilities in catering and offer training for employment. They are looking for work experience opportunities and job coaches to support when people are in employment. Crumbs also run outreach lunches and offer delicious buffets for outside catering.

Steen Stones works for Outset and Get Set helping people explore self employment through one to one support and workshops. The courses are run in Southbourne and the Dolphin Centre. Get Set provides business support for existing traders in topics including sales, digital marketing, finances. They can also support charities in some areas, including social media.

Tara Civil works for Bournemouth Early Help in Kinson and West Howe. They offer information, advice and guidance from Sussed in Kinson. A team of 10 intensive youth support workers are available to work with young people with high levels of need including long term NEETs, people with mental health difficulties and social isolation. They offer group support for young people at risk of child sexual exploitation. The same support is also available from 507 in Boscombe.

Meeting dates for 2018:

Thursday 5th July 10am at Butchers Coppice (Jubilee Centre), Holloway Avenue

Tuesday 4th September 1pm at the Henry Brown Youth Centre, Cunningham Crescent

Tuesday 6th November 1pm at the Henry Brown Youth Centre, Cunningham Crescent