

West Howe Networking Group

Tuesday 6th March at Howe Croft Community Centre

Present: Vicky Walsh (vicky.walsh@bournemouth.gov.uk), Sharen Stevens (sharen.stevens@bournemouth.gov.uk), Carla Pilgrim (carla.pilgrim@oceanlearning.org.uk), Donna Yates (donna.yates@bournemouth.gov.uk), Glynis Page (Glynis.page@kingsleighprimary.co.uk), Peter Stock (peter.stock@bournemouth.gov.uk), Cllr Norman Decent (norman.decent@bournemouth.gov.uk), Cllr Roger Marley (roger.marley@bournemouth.gov.uk), Martha Searle (martha.searle@bournemouth.gov.uk)

Cllr Roger Marley – Local Improvement Funding has now ended and will not returned in the new financial year. They have been able to donate £1500 to West Howe Community Enterprises.

Cllr Norman Decent – is reporting potholes emerging in the area. Please report them too at <https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/Report/Report.aspx> Councillors now run their surgery on the first Monday of the month at West Howe library 10.30am to 11.30am

Peter Stock – housing officer for the area is now joined by Kirstie Ellis who covers Tedder Road, Turbary Park Avenue and Montgomery Avenue as well as others. Flytipping is high in flat bin stores.

Glynis Page – Kingsleigh Primary have are celebrating world book day dressing up as characters from non fiction. The autism group is growing well. There is also a group emerging to help people within the school community suffering with stress and anxiety. The school is covering internet safety. The pre school is fully subscribed.

Donna Yates is able to take any excess meals through the brokerage team and redistribute to groups in need such as homeless. Many meals were wasted recently as a result of the snow days.

Sharen Stevens – recent statistics show that the gap between the poorest 30% and most affluent in the area is growing. The gender gap is also growing. Health visitor checks are less frequent now so less developmental delay is picked up as quickly. Sharen to share the data with schools and Martha.

Vicky Walsh – Early Help Young People at Sussed – gives advice and information to young people. They are seeing high levels of anxiety and depression, and higher levels of drug and alcohol abuse at a younger ages. They run a sexual health clinic on Wednesday, and give access to bus cards, glo cards and Citizen cards. They help NEETs into training and the intensive youth support team are based at Sussed. Sarah Powell runs the young parents university from the Salvation Army centre in Winton. There is guidance available on Universal Credit also.

Donna Yates works in adult commissioning for services for people aged over 21. She keeps the local services directory including information on advocacy, support, day opportunities, gardening help, removal help. She gave out a list of the information she provides. Please contact her for more details.

Carla Pilgrim – Heathlands are enjoying particular success in their sportsmanship especially in tag rugby tournaments. The school is looking to recruit more school governors and reader volunteers. They are launching their recent book publication at Kinson Tesco's and will have an exhibition at Beaulieu motor museum. They are also looking for gardening volunteers to help an in school project. Please contact Carla for more information.

Martha – North Bournemouth Area Forum is on Saturday 10th March changes to bus routes and service for young people are on the agenda. Heathwatch are holding an Easter egg hunt on Wednesday 4th April 1.30 to 3.30pm. Meet at the main entrance on Turbary Park Avenue. There will be an Easter disco at the Henry Brown Youth Centre for children and families up to 13 years old Friday 6th April 5.30pm. Please buy tickets in advance at the Inspiring Change Shop. Fernheath Play are holding an Easter playscheme. Call them on 01202 581008 for more details.

Meeting dates for 2018:

Tuesday 8th May 10am at St Philips

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

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

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