



WARGRAVE
BIG LOCAL

**Building a better
Wargrave together.**

Autumn Edition 2016

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WARGRAVE BIG LOCAL A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter, as we go into Autumn we have been busy on the Big Local committee planning lots of new projects which will be taking place in the very heart of Wargrave, at Newton Community Centre.

Projects such as the Beyond the Scars self-harm and Domestic Violence support groups will be available to help and support our local residents, also if you are suffering financial worries or need help to apply for benefits then the weekly Citizens Advice drop-in can help, please don't suffer in silence and access these groups if you need to, they are there for you and are totally free.

I know that lots of local groups have benefited from our Community Chest Grants, it has been a pleasure to see our local young people enjoying clubs and activities that we have helped to fund.

If you live in Wargrave and would like to get involved with Wargrave Big Local, then look on the back page of this newsletter to find out how.

David Hartley



LOTTERY FUNDED

OUR NEW BIG LOCAL PLAN 2016-2018

If you would like to see a copy of our new Big Local Plan then copies may be ordered by contacting Graham on **01744 417663** or alternatively copies are available in the local Library, Doctor's Surgery's, and Newton Community Centre.

We have been busy writing our second Big Local Plan to take us through the next two years. To do what is right for Wargrave we have listened to the views of Wargrave residents, we welcomed people to our open day in June. Over 100 questionnaires have been completed over the summer, we are still looking for residents feedback if you would like to contribute and give us your views please see the back cover on how to get in touch.

We found out that people enjoy locally held events, some people need help to improve their health, feeling safer in the community was important, more financial security and help with finding employment. The environment is also important to local people and want to live in a Wargrave that looks pleasant with good community facilities. We are interested in involving young people in Big Local as well and value their ideas.

Our Themes for the next 2 years are:

Health, Employment, Community Safety, Financial Inclusion and Environment.

We hold sub groups meetings once a quarter they look at these themes, if any of these take your fancy and you would like to come along get in touch.

Our weekly job club has supported 18 people into work



Key Dates

BEYOND THE SCARS SUPPORT GROUP

Every Monday 6pm-8pm at Newton Community Centre

JOB CLUB

Every Tuesday 1pm-4pm at Newton Community Centre.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Every Tuesday 1pm-4pm at Newton Community Centre.

BREATHE COURSE

Every Thursday morning at Newton Community Centre, for more info contact Sarah on **01744 26414**

WEEKLY HEALTH WALK

Every Friday 10am-11am meet at Newton Community Centre.

COMMUNITY CHEST

Deadline date Friday 18th November.

OPEN DAY

Consultation on community Garden, 8th October 10am-1pm at Newton Community Centre.



We have a few different funds available to local groups and residents:

Community Chest fund - Grants up to £500 local groups who benefit local people.

Bright idea's - Advice and support for local people with a bright idea.

Community Events Fund - Local people and groups looking to put on events in Wargrave.



Vulcan Juniors under 7's

We supported a new junior football team, Vulcan Juniors Academy applied for **£150** to fund one of their coaches to become an FA Certified Coach and create a new Under 7's football team. Simon Collier has now got his FA badge and the team has started to play some friendly matches before the season commences in mid-September.

Paul Robinson (Chairman - Vulcan Juniors FC)

"We are extremely grateful for this grant from the Partnership; It has enabled the club to continue to provide opportunities for more local children to play football and Simon will ensure these boys and girls are guided expertly as they develop as footballers."



**Breathe project
has supported 15
local people**



roomoo on Tour

We awarded roomoo with **£1000** to deliver 12 sessions to stimulate residents of Wargrave and engage with them to develop and create unique CV's and portfolios that would make individuals stand out to potential employers, colleges and universities.

The tour bus visited sites all across Wargrave and Tanya spoke to 284 people and supported them in signing up to the roomoo website or creating unique CV's. Tanya also advised 19 people to attend our weekly Job Club at Newton Community centre.

roomoo is a website created by young people in St Helens, the site has a unique CV and portfolio builder, to give people an edge looking for work using roomoo's integrated job search engine as well as training and volunteering opportunities.

We have also supported 15 other local groups totalling over **£6,500** given out in funding.



Coming soon...

If you or someone you know suffers from **domestic violence** then we have a weekly support group starting in October at Newton Community Centre, find all the support you need to help you through, all are welcome, **don't suffer in silence.**

Open Day

Wargrave Big Local are holding a drop-in session for local residents about the proposed community garden on:

Saturday 8th October from 10am-1pm at Newton Community Centre, Park Road South.

Try this fantastic recipe for a delicious dessert

For the crumble:

- 125g plain flour
- 75g low-fat spread
- 50g caster sugar
- 50g rolled oats

For the fruit:

- 750g Bramley apples
- 1tbsp sugar
- Juice of 1 orange
- 2 tsp low-fat spread

1. Preheat the oven to **200°C (390°F)** or **gas mark 5**.
2. Sift the flour into a bowl. Rub the spread into the flour until it looks like breadcrumbs.
3. Stir in sugar and oats.
4. Peel and thinly slice the apples and toss with the sugar and orange juice. Arrange the slices of apple in an oven proof dish.
5. Cover the fruit with the crumble mixture and dot with spread.
6. Bake in the oven for **20-30 minutes**, until golden brown. Serve with custard or cream



Did you know?

Our work in schools continues with our Wise Money Owl project, this project involves helping the pupils to understand how to save money.

Get involved and have your say

Community Chest & Community Events!

Tell us about your idea for an event or activity in Wargrave using our **Community Events Form** and we can help you to make it a reality.

Grants are also available of up to **£500** for projects and groups using the **Community Chest Form** application.

Forms are available to fill-in on our website:

www.wargravebiglocal.co.uk

Don't Forget

Visit us on Facebook, Wargrave Big Local and share our posts on your wall, keep track of what's happening via Twitter **@blwargrave** or email, call, post or fill-in our website contact form: letters can be left at the office at Newton community centre, park road south, marked Wargrave Big Local.

Volunteering

To help at our community events and projects

- Like us and share our posts on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter
- Have your say on the website
- Leave a letter at Newton Community Centre marked Wargrave Big Local

Or call Graham on **01744 417663**