



WARGRAVE
BIG LOCAL

**Building a better
Wargrave together.**

Spring/Summer 2016

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WARGRAVE BIG LOCAL A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

My name is David Hartley and I am chairman of Wargrave Big Local, we are financed by The Lottery and have been given a sum of 1 million pounds to spend within the Wargrave area over the next ten years.

Our committee consists of Wargrave residents and other people with an interest in the area. We are a fully inclusive group and would welcome any resident who would like to join our committee or help in any way, we are particularly keen to attract young people to our group.

We meet at and work closely with Newton Family and Community Centre located in Park Road South.

Our overall vision is to raise the ambition and aspirations of the people of Wargrave.

Please look inside to find out more!

**I would like to invite you all to our
open day on Saturday 18th June 2016,
2pm-5pm at Newton Community Centre**

David Hartley



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About Wargrave Big Local

Wargrave Big Local are holding a drop-in session for all local residents of Wargrave on: **Saturday 18th June from 2pm – 5pm at Newton Community Centre, Park Road South.**

Our first years plan has been all about “Raising the ambition and aspirations of the people of Wargrave” and our projects are helping that to happen. We currently have four sub-groups on the Wargrave Big Local Committee, and here’s what’s happening on each of those groups.

Enjoy free coffee and homemade cakes, browse the stalls and find out about our current projects. Visit local craft stalls and get a free raffle ticket when filling in our questionnaire. All welcome, bring the family, chat with the committee and give us your views and ideas for Wargrave!

Environment



Our Goal:

- To improve how our neighbourhood looks and to increase the opportunities for people to enjoy their environment.

Update

- We held sessions to consult about a Community Garden.
- We have a proposed design for the Community Garden and a site.
- Carry out an Environmental Audit of the area.

Environment sub-group Chair David Hartley says: As well as the Community Garden project on which we will commence work in the near future, we intend to conduct an environmental audit throughout Wargrave to see where and how we can improve our local area.

Health



Our Goal:

- To help people take action to improve their own health and to support others with health problems.

Update:

- Community mentor program to encourage young people to make healthy choices.
- Fit4Life sessions in primary schools.

Health sub-group Chair Louise Forshaw says: We are currently focusing our efforts on finding out what are the health issues of most concern for local residents of Wargrave, and this information will help to shape our future projects with the aim providing support where it is needed most.





Employment



Our Goal:

- To connect people with the support and opportunities they need to reach their goals in life.

Update:

- Successful Job Club every Tuesday 1pm - 4pm.
- Job Fair that took place in February over 200 people attended.
- Breathe project, this helps people remove barriers stopping them moving into work.
- Course for young people aged 16-24 offering work experience and support.

Employment sub-group Chair Damien O'Connor

says: I am really pleased to be the chair of the employment sub-group as this is a subject close to my heart. There will be a lot of jobs coming to our area with some big developments planned. It is most important that local residents from the Wargrave Area are job ready and get access to these and other current employment opportunities.



Community Safety



Our Goal:

- To help people feel safer and to take action to deal with risks in their community.

Update:

- We have made good links to local partners and service providers to help us reach our goals.
- We are in the planning stages of projects.

Community Safety sub-group Chair Peter Mallet

says: Keeping our community safe means many things, we need to speak to partners who can help in delivering what is needed in our area. We want to deliver support to those in need and we will make sure this is how we progress with this theme.

In the future we want to better understand our young people, so that we can help prevent them becoming involved in something that may impact on their future. This work will be done through consultation with young people.



What's On

JOB CLUB (in partnership with Helena)

Held every Tuesday from 1pm-4pm at Newton Community Centre, Park Road South, come along for help to find employment, create a CV, plus training and volunteering opportunities, all ages welcome.

BREATHE BIG LOCAL

A free 8 week course for those living in Wargrave with mild to moderate mental health issues including depression, anxiety and stress.

Delivered each Thursday morning at Newton Community Centre.

Contact **Sarah** on **01744 26414** for more details.

OPEN DAY

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ROOMOO ON TOUR! roomoo®

A bus with a difference, you can catch Roomoo on tour in various locations around Wargrave, climb aboard the bus to get help to create your CV quickly and easily, tour dates are as follows:

**2.00pm - 5.00pm 26th May & 2nd June 2016
All State Diners car park, 249 Wargrave Rd,
Newton-le-Willows**

Did you know?

We have awarded **£3941.01** through our Community Chest Grant scheme

Paul from Vulcan Juniors said “the grant has allowed us to put one of our volunteers through FA coaching qualification”

Did you know?

A foodbank is held every **Wednesday** from **11.30am 1.30pm** at **St John's Church hall in Earlestown.**

Debt advice is also available, just call in.



Going for gold

Wargrave Big Local in partnership with Helena recently held a Wetherspoons open day for those seeking a job at the new Wetherspoons pub in Earlestown.

Over 60 local people attended and 25 were short-listed, what a fantastic result for Wargrave, local jobs for local people!



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
- Attend our open day 2pm - 5pm on Saturday 18th June 2016.

Or call Graham on **01744 417663**

Try this delicious recipe for a healthy breakfast

- 2 slices of brown bread
- 1 banana
- 1 tablespoon of crunchy peanut butter

Toast bread and slice banana, layer banana on one slice of toast, spread the second slice with peanut butter, then sandwich the two together and eat straight away.



Have you got a healthy recipe or good news story you would like in our next edition? Let us know!



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