

GGO

Report for the period: Apr 11 – June 11

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Achievements in the Period:

GGO Branding & Communication Plan

Local residents have come up with GGO as the preferred name for neighbourhood working in West Winsford. GGO stands for Glebe Green, Greenfields Park and Over. Branding ideas have been developed and work is progressing to harmonise how the different agencies develop publicity, so that there is a one team approach, utilising Talkabout for example.

GGO Community Planning

Using a participatory appraisal technique, a series of events involving residents and partners have taken place to develop a Community Plan for West Winsford. Local residents have spoken to over 450 local people regarding their top priorities for the neighbourhood. The top three priorities have been confirmed as:

- 1) The Environment/Anti-Social Behaviour
- 2) Unemployment
- 3) Children and Young People

An action plan is being developed and a draft will be produced before end of July. Local residents are planning to communicate the plan with the rest of the neighbourhood by way of a Community Fun Day.

Involvement Plan and Involvement Pathway

As part of the community planning process, local residents were asked '*What are the main barriers to getting involved?*' The main barriers identified were themed around confidence, motivation and communication. With this in mind a draft involvement plan has been produced to remove these barriers. Building on the Five to Strive Project which was delivered in the neighbourhood, an Involvement Pathway is currently being developed by local residents. The pathway will give local residents a spectrum of information regarding what opportunities are available to them in order to develop their skills and knowledge.

Local residents have developed a Mission Statement for the GGO Initiative (can be seen over page) and the role of Community Champions is being developed in the form of 'GGO Getters!' The role of GGO Getters will be to work with the GGO team

Neighbourhood Board

A development session is being organised for Board members to focus on outcome focussed delivery. This will be a timely session as there have been a number changes to Board membership over the past few months as people move on. Ian Wood, Police Sergeant has retired, James Kerr, Groundwork Project Manager has attained a new post and Lindsay Weedall, Children's Centre Manager has also attained a new post out of the area. Lynda Jones, Cheshire West & Chester Councillor for Over & Verdin Ward has expressed an interest in becoming a Board member, as has Paul Jones, Town Councillor for Wharton Ward.

New Ward and Town Councillor Induction

New Ward and Town Councillors attended an induction meeting to find out more about GGO and how they can support the initiative. An opportunity to meet local GGO Getters (residents), colleagues from agencies and to look at some of the successes and challenges will take place in September.

Response to Dwelling Fire on Over Estate

Unfortunately, there was a fire incident at a dwelling on Mount Pleasant Drive on 1st July 2011. Luckily no-one was injured and there has been a fantastic response from agencies in dealing with the fire and supporting the families who were affected. There has been an amazing reaction from the local community who, not only supported the families on the day, but have delivered a fund raising event and raised £540 for the affected families.

BMX – Gravel Grippers

The Gravel Grippers Club is currently struggling as a few of the clubs' volunteers have moved on to other things. Therefore, in addition to visits to BMX tracks in Chester and Crewe an action plan is being developed to build the capacity of the club.

Junior Neighbourhood Wardens

The Junior Warden Scheme is progressing really well with 14 young people from across the neighbourhood involved. Recently the wardens attended a team building day at Reaseheath College which was a great success. The next session will involve estate walkabouts, reporting issues and cleaning grotspot areas.

Work Club

Attendance at the Work Club from the Edge is slowly increasing, however feedback suggests that awareness of the club could be improved. A new flyer is being produced and the possibility of a banner introduced. Work to enhance the offer of the club has been developed in the way of incorporating welfare advice at the sessions.

GGO Mission Statement

Working together, our vision is to empower everyone to create a better and safer neighbourhood for all, where people take pride and ownership and listen to and respect each other.

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