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1.COVID-19 Response

1.1 Community Resilience Hub –

As of the end of June, 2021, **294** individuals have been referred to SNC's Community Hub to arrange appropriate help and ongoing support. Some individuals had multiple requests, generating 336 requests for help.

These covered requests for help with:

- Food deliveries (166)
- Prescription collection (116)
- Support with loneliness (25)

- Posting mail (3)
- Help to get online (7)
- Other (including medical transport) (19)

The number of requests for support has lowered considerably over the past months. We are working with the Community Resilience Cell to close down our community resilience hub whilst ensuring residents with ongoing need are aligned to local community and voluntary organisations best

placed to provide support and build resilience to remove the need for long term support.

2. Other Business

2.1 Disabled facility grants policy

Help with adaptations to your home

If you or someone living in your property has disabilities or has difficulty in maintaining independence in their home, you may qualify for a Grant towards the cost of providing adaptations and facilities.

We can fund essential adaptations of over £1000 through a Disabled Facilities Grants which could include stair lifts, level access showers and changes to access to enable residents to remain independent for longer in their own homes. We will ask that you be assessed by an occupational therapist who will make a recommendation based on your needs.

With the creation of the new West Northamptonshire Unitary Council there is also a new Discretionary Grant Policy which can provide swift assistance in circumstances when help is needed for hospital discharge and palliative care. Support is also available to people who have been diagnosed with dementia or long-term cognitive impairment for minor adaptations to improve their independence; these works could include door intercom and door entry systems; assistive and non-assistive technology; or telecare monitoring systems. These grants may or may not require a financial assessment.

Grants are available whether you live in an owner occupied or rented home however the homeowner will need to give their permission for works. Disabled Facility Grants and some of

the discretionary grants are means tested.

If you think you might be eligible or have any queries about this, please do get in contact with the Private Sector Housing Team at the South Northamptonshire Area Office.

Email:

pshousing.snc@westnorthants.gov.uk

Tel: 01327 322299

Home Safe - Support for home repairs & adaptations

For the third year running, assistance with minor repairs and home adaptations is available to low income households with incomes of less than £16,000 per annum who live within what was the South Northamptonshire Area of West Northamptonshire.

The Council has teamed up with Care and Repair Northamptonshire, for the third year running, to assist people over 65 years of age and those who suffer from a chronic illness or disability to maintain their independence at home.

A Home Safety Check will identify any areas of concern and Care and Repair will undertake any eligible works such as works to reduce falls, keep people warm, fit smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and remedy issues that have an immediate impact on people's safety and health.

For more information please email Care and Repair (Northamptonshire Ltd) at office@careandrepairnorthamptonshire.org.uk or

Tel: 01604 782250

2.2 Summer Holiday Provision Pallets

His Church (HIS) are offering food support to vulnerable families over the

Summer holidays. Aimed at specifically children and families. For a full list of the food that is offered please email:

HealthyCommunities.snc@westnorthants.gov.uk and we can send it to you.

To discuss any of the details surrounding this Charity please contact His Church Charity by email: hisfood@hischurch.org.uk or Tel: 03000 11 77 00

2.2 Summer Youth Clubs in Brackley



South Northants Youth Engagement (SNYE) want to ensure that there are places where young people in Brackley can safely engage in the social activities they have been missing out on throughout the pandemic.

Mobile Skate Project

There is a proposal to run a bi-weekly skate project for young people at Brackley Leisure Centre. SNYE are busy putting together the final touches for the Skate Ramp project which will start late summer and run through the autumn.' It will be an opportunity for young people to learn new skills, meet friends and promote healthy activity.

Brackley Town Football Club

They are running a weekly Youth Club on Friday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm at the football club for 11-14 year olds.

The club will offer a range of activities from board games, music, video games, crafts, sports and a tuck shop.

Southfield Primary School

On Tuesday evenings throughout the summer, there will be running a weekly Youth Club for 7-10 years olds in a new space at Southfield Primary School. This will be open to any young person from Brackley. The club will offer a range of activities from board games, music, video games, crafts, sports and a tuck shop.

To find out more information and how to sign up to any of the clubs, please email Penny Embden (Youth Engagement Coordinator at SNYE): pennyembden@youthengagement.co.uk

2.3 WNC Summer Provision



WNC are offering a number of free drop-in multi-sport holiday sessions this summer for 5-11-year olds. The sessions are based at a variety of venues, including those in more rural locations to ensure all our young residents have the best chance of being able to participate and stay active this summer on a holiday provision near home. The fun, active, and engaging sessions will give young people the chance to play the sports they love or maybe try something different whilst making new friends! For more information, please contact the WNC Youth Activator, Kieren Westbury – Kieren.Westbury@westnorthants.gov.uk

Week1

03/08 – Boddington Village Hall

04/08 – Towcester Watermeadows

05/08 – Kings Sutton Green

Week 2

09/08 – Hartwell Community Centre

13/08 – King Sutton Green

Week 3

16/08 – Boddington Village Hall

17/08 – Towcester Watermeadows

18/08 – Brackley Leisure Centre Rec

Week 4

23/08 – Hartwell Community Centre

24/08 – Towcester Watermeadows

2.4 Home Start

A 25-year strong local charity who work with isolated and vulnerable children, families and parents supporting people in their own homes and a series of groups. Over our 25 years they have worked with over 1000 families through a home visiting service and worked with over 200 people through their group work programme in 2019. Having had to suspend much of the face-to-face work during the Covid-19 pandemic and associated lockdowns they have still kept in touch and supported families via phone calls and outside visits where possible.

The children that they work with often face multiple disadvantages, recent analysis shows, for example 48% have behavioural problems, 39% have emotional problems, 32% have identified learning difficulties and 13% a physical disability. 63% of children's challenges have been negatively impacted by Covid-19.

Through working with Home Start, 90% of children have experienced improved wellbeing, for 70% of children with behaviour problems there have been improvements and additionally 43% of school age are doing better at school.

Parental mental health is a common issue (87% of parents identified it as a

problem for them), isolation was a problem for parents before the pandemic, it has increased to 77% of parents feeling isolated, also seeing increases in the use of foodbanks (60%) and increased debt (43%). For families there can also be the additional disadvantage of rural isolation impacting on access to other forms of support.

Working with Home Start has resulted in 83% of parents feeling more supported, 50% of parents reported an improvement in their mental health and over a third feel that they are better parents.

Home Start is a lean and efficient organisation, who can support a family through a home visiting service for £2000 a year. The weekly fitness and fun groups – tackling childhood obesity and helping children and parents form support networks costs £1000 for six months each. They have bespoke support for children and families requiring more intensive support costs in the region of £750 for three month's support (varying due to need).

To find your local [Homestart](#) visit their webpage.

2.5 Holiday Activities & Food

The Governments HAF programme is funding £1.8m to fund free holiday clubs for disadvantaged families during summer and Christmas holidays in 2021. For further information on the [N Sport HAF](#) offer available for all local authorities in England read here.

2.6 Alderton Art Festival

Alderton are delighted to announce this event will be held LIVE this year! Over 200 paintings on display by more than

30 local artists over 4th & 5th September 2021. Located at St. Margaret's Church, Alderton, NN12 7LP. Saturday 10.30am – 5pm. Sunday 10.30am – 4pm. Entry cost £1. Alongside the wonderful artwork will be a raffle, tombola home made cakes, free parking, beer tent, all day BBQ, and lots more going on.

2.7 Northamptonshire Museum

The museums doors are once again open after a £6.7m impressive redevelopment programme lasting 3 years. Read all about the huge and exciting expansion here - [Northampton Museum](#).

2.8 Plant a tree for the Jubilee

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is encouraging people, organisations, schools and communities across the UK to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' to mark the monarch's 70 years on the throne in 2022. Get involved in this exciting green legacy. Planting season is October – March so get preparing by visiting [The Woodland Trust](#).

2.9 Parish & Town Councils' Forum Survey

During our recent Town & Parish Council Forum for South Northants Locality, Liz Barrett, Customer Services Manager spoke of a survey being sent out to capture views for future Forums.

Please click on the link to the survey here: [Survey](#) .

Capturing your views will help to shape the format and content for future Town & Parish Council Forums.

3.0 The Community Ownership Fund

Over 4 years this £150m fund will support Community Groups across Great Britain to help them take ownership of assets at a risk of being lost to the community. Community assets such as pubs, parks, music venues are and have been crucial to building our localities. Visit [Community Ownership Fund](#) for further information on the fund and application process.

3.1 Jubilee Celebrations?

We have begun to receive interest in celebrations being held in communities for the Jubilee event in 2022. We have decided this will be an agenda item at the next Parish Forum to be discussed with all Parish & Town Council forum members to hopefully answer all queries in relation to this.