

RVS Community Development Update

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Supporting our membership examples:

Equal Potential CIC

Rushmoor Repair Café CIO

3 x Let's Talk Trustee Workshops for new and existing trustees

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Revamped Rushmoor in Bloom to become the greener, more ecofriendly Rushmoor Community in Bloom.

The competition criteria was reviewed to include wilding, water retention etc and was organised using responsibly sourced paper, ink and materials for all its promotional material and trophies.

For our first year, we limited ourselves to four categories for which we received 35 entries. The winners were presented with their prizes at an awards evening at West End Centre. We were pleased to have 4 great sponsors from local businesses. Next year we plan to go bigger with more categories so please encourage your members etc to join. Campaigns like this all help towards living healthier for longer.

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Together for Our Planet

As a team, we have implemented a number of quick wins this year, including setting up a recycling area, food waste bin in office kitchen, coffee grounds collected for composting, not buying new before checking stock, switching off screens at the end of the day, reviewed catering at events, researched green options when buying new equipment.

Rushmoor Community in Bloom – delivered with sustainability as a core value.

We are working towards our Bronze investors in the environment award - Investors in the Environment (iE) is a national environmental accreditation scheme designed to help organisations save time and money, reduce their impact on the environment, and get recognition for their progress.

We have invested in training to support our greening work.

We are calculating our carbon footprint and will be developing a carbon reduction action plan – working with a group in the north of the country VONNE as part of their Better Together Programme

RVS have included sustainability as a Value in their Strategy and now have a Climate Champion role on the Board of Trustees

We now have a page on the RVS Website to support members on their greening journeys.

Our intention is to be able to support other groups to green their activities. RVS is a partner in a collaborative that has a bid in with TNL currently to support us to be able to do that on a wider scale across Hampshire.

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This is our newest project and one that we are very excited about! In fact today, you are having a sneak peek ahead of the official launch in January – consider this to be our premiere!

Rushmoor Link is the new place for the people of Farnborough and Aldershot to discover what activities, groups and community services there are locally. Links to it will be imbedded in our website, the council's website etc.

Rushmoor Link community directory has been achieved in 6 months, thanks to the collaboration of our strong partners: Funding and input from RBC and Rushmoor and Hart's local Children's Partnership, significant input from colleagues at Hart Voluntary Action and our own team of volunteer RVS Directory Detectives have succeeded in bringing this to life.

A team have been diligently gathering intelligence to create a wide-ranging online directory with 21 different categories, including Care & Support, Community Venues, Disabilities & Health Conditions, Employment, Housing Support, Social & Leisure Activities and Money Matters.

We welcome you to take a look and give us your feedback. Postcards are on the table for you to take a way and distribute to your members and clients.

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This is new for us in many ways. It's a project working in partnership with the NHS and it's directly aimed at C&YP.

For 2024 we are working with Frimley ICB to deliver the next wave of Core20+5 Connectors. A national project funded by NHS England. The evidence shows that in our borough we have a high level of oral health challenges, particularly amongst children and young people. This is exacerbated by vaping, which we know is a real issue even amongst children.

We've heard of cases of school and college students not being able to focus because of tooth pain, even incidences of people pulling their own teeth with a pair of pliers!

We will be recruiting a team of volunteer Connectors to share health messaging with C&YP. We know that children look up to and are more likely to listen to young people. This project will recruit a team of Core Connectors to help deliver positive health messages in schools and groups and at community events. We look forward to starting this in 2024.

Does anyone have any questions on anything that has been shared with you today or about RVS, more widely?