

## Congleton Partnership Report 2021-2022 (August '22)

- Increased social innovation in the Community
- Communities are better connected
- Increased Knowledge and accessibility of Services
- Decreased Demand on public services

Projects/Events	Outcomes	Measure	Date	Details
<b>Community Health and Wellbeing Fayre</b>	<p>Bring together the best the community has to offer to support local people with their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Communities are better connected</p> <p>Increased Knowledge and accessibility of Services</p>	<p>£500 funding from Inclosure Trust</p> <p>Strengthening local connections</p> <p>Health &amp; Wellbeing</p>	29 <sup>th</sup> March '22	<p>We attracted 40 exhibitors which was a mix of local businesses, services, community groups &amp; gov services.</p> <p>The fayre had been postponed for 2 years due to covid, the exhibitors commented on the excellent networking opportunity, and several follow-up meetings had been arranged to strengthen community relationships.</p> <p>We attracted 150 visitors, the defib workshops were popular. Covid rates were still high in the town so a good turnout considering.</p>
<b>Dementia Friendly Congleton</b>	<p>Continuing to advance our Dementia Friendly Town status by implementing initiatives that enable those living with dementia and their carers to participate in social and active activities.</p> <p>Many events have not restarted from Covid, concern was 'Men in Sheds'. Reducing social isolation is proven to delay the onset of dementia as well as the groups themselves</p>	<p>Health &amp; Wellbeing Socialising</p> <p>Reduce Social Isolation</p> <p>Strengthening local connections</p>	Ongoing	<p>The Swap Shop project has been working well from Congleton Library, a number of items have been 'swapped', the most popular are the magnetic boards (toolbox/baking cupboard/sewing box).</p> <p>The Dementia lead for the Partnership has continued to work with Jo Cliffe in developing a Dementia Strategy for Cheshire East along with input from other forum members.</p>

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		<p>being dementia-friendly. Currently looking at options for this to restart.</p> <p>Increased Knowledge and accessibility of Services</p> <p>Increased social innovation in the Community</p>	<p>£2k funding to support the project from the police and 4 local trusts.</p> <p>Joint project with Congleton Lions</p>		<p>PSCO Project – 80 activity packs were successfully delivered to people who are living with Dementia in Congleton.</p> <p>Bear Grills Café – 1st &amp; 3rd Thursday of the month, not well attended since Covid but Diane is still committed as it appears in the leaflet. A mix of traditional board games can be played, very welcoming at the Café.</p> <p>Dementia Buddy - David thanks the Social Prescribers for the referrals to the scheme, the challenge/frustration is in delivery, there is a delay of 3 to 4 weeks in some cases in receiving the device due to the postal service.</p> <p>The original lump sum invested with the suppliers has nearly been used, they will most likely pay for orders as and when received going forward.</p>
	<b>Defibrillators</b>	<p>Lifesaving Defibrillators to be installed in and around the town, joint project with Congleton Lions.</p> <p>Increased Knowledge and accessibility of Services</p> <p>Communities are better connected</p> <p>Decreased demand on public services</p>	<p>£1500 match funds from Congleton Lions</p> <p>£750 matched funds Plus Dane.</p> <p>£2250 funded CP.</p> <p>Working in Partnership with agencies.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Defibs are installed at Congleton Library, Congleton Park and Parnell Square. <b>A 4<sup>th</sup> unit has been installed at the Ambulance Station.</b></p> <p>Now looking for more placements</p> <p>All are 24-hour access and registered with NWAS. Maintenance and promotion are ongoing.</p>

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	<p><b>Senior Forum</b></p>	<p>Befriending and telephone buddy scheme launched with service provider Changing Lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To recruit 13 volunteer Buddies and Befrienders to support Congleton residents</li> <li>To match an additional 15 clients in the Congleton Town area referred into the Scheme with a Volunteer Befriender</li> <li>In addition to the above targets, aim to achieve 2021 baseline figures of 15 further clients matched.</li> </ul> <p>Increased social innovation in the Community Communities are better connected</p> <p>Looking to expand the Congleton Talking Newspaper, ongoing. (Joint project)</p> <p><b>Jubilee Tea Dance</b></p> <p>In a joint project between CTC and CP a Jubilee Tea Dance was held in the Town Hall, invited were 6 people from each of the care homes, Snow Angels, and local people from bungalows on the crescent. The mini bus helped with transport.</p>	<p>£3584 funded by CP.</p> <p>Reducing social isolation</p> <p>Matching volunteers</p> <p>CP £400 Joint project with CTC</p> <p>Jubilee matched funded.</p>	<p>Launched OCT '21</p>	<p>Continuing to explore other sites. 22 referrals to date (June '22) 17 matches. 12 volunteer sign-ups.</p> <p>Good feedback from Social Prescribers – they would love to extend the scheme to include in-person.</p> <p>Great feedback, guests really loved the event after many were isolated for so long. We are looking at making it an annual event. A great example of the community working together.</p> <p>Estimated cost between £1500 - £2000</p>

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	<p><b>Old Saw Mill Meals</b></p> <p><b>Elizabeth Group – Install bronze statue of Elizabeth in Congleton Town Centre</b></p>	<p>Delivery service of meals on wheels to isolated residents grew out of covid and now delivers over 80 meals each week. Also evolved into a buddy/befriending scheme.</p> <p>Increased social innovation in the Community</p> <p>Communities are better connected</p> <p>Increased Knowledge and accessibility of Services</p> <p>Decreased Demand on public services</p> <p>A very successful unveiling day was held on IWD 8th March '22, Baroness Hale was brilliant on the day. Elizabeth is now happily situated in Congleton Town Centre, it's great to see all the interest and selfies taken! A massive well done to all involved.</p> <p>Increased social innovation in the Community</p>	<p>Buddy and Befriending</p> <p>Matching Volunteers</p> <p>Culture &amp; Heritage</p> <p>Women's Rights</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> March '22</p>	<p>Due to the success of the buddy/befriending we have adopted the AMI volunteer system from Cheshire East and received £17500 in grant funding to develop our volunteer program.</p> <p>AMI system has had some teething problems so we have been promised by October it should be up much better.</p> <p>The group is taking a breather before committing to any more projects but looking to continue with Elizabeth's day.</p>
	<b>Congleton Tree Group</b>	<p>Aim to plant 30,000 (one tree for each resident of Congleton) reducing our carbon footprint.</p> <p>Approx. 15,000 plants/trees were planted, an amazing achievement thanks to a large group of volunteers and lots of hard work, fantastic effort! (March '22)</p>	<p>Carbon Footprint</p> <p>Climate Emergency</p>	Ongoing	<p>For the TREE TOTALISER Actual 2019/20 1364 (5% target); actual 20/21 5282 (18%); actual 21/22 8004 (27%) =51% target Remainder 14639 (49% of 30,000 target)</p>

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	<p><b>Congleton Hydro</b></p>	<p>Situated in Havannah on The River Dane, funded by a community share scheme (£710K) is also developing new joint working with Siemens and Eaton Bank Academy.</p> <p>Educational element, group tours and inspiring the next generation of green champions.</p> <p>Increased social innovation in the Community Communities are better connected</p> <p>Increased Knowledge and accessibility of Services</p> <p>Decreased Demand on public services</p>	<p>Education Carbon Footprint</p> <p>CP matched funded Educational Boards £3080</p> <p>£4000 in community grants</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Cumulative Energy Generated to the End of March 2022 was 139.1 MWh</p> <p>£4000 in community grants was made available through the MWMF, distributed to green projects in the town.</p> <p>Building on the success of Congleton Hydro, the team behind it have secured £100K funding to develop a brand-new renewable energy scheme.</p> <p>The grant funding is from RCEF –Regional Communities Energy Fund. This time the goal will be to generate power from both hydro and solar sources.</p> <p>A planning application has now been submitted to Cheshire East for a hydro in the park.</p> <p>Buildings have been identified for the solar panel project, now it's a case of approaching businesses and accessing the business case per building.</p>

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	<b>Inclusive Wheelchair friendly Roundabout in Congleton Park</b>	<p>The Partnership is currently in a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds to install an inclusive roundabout in Congleton Park.</p> <p>Part of the Cheshire East Crowd which could fund up to 10k</p> <p>Communities are better connected</p> <p>Increased Knowledge and accessibility of Services</p>	<p>Health &amp; Wellbeing Socialising</p> <p>CP has contributed £1000</p>	Launched Apr '22	<p>Cheshire East assessment funded 40%.</p> <p>42 backers</p> <p>£12,416 pledged of £18,948 (65%)</p>
	<b>Communications</b>	<p>To improve Congleton Partnership communications and marketing to attract larger investment opportunities, communicate what Congleton Partnership is and be an effective educator for the Congleton Community.</p> <p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a social media marketing plan</li> <li>• Media: utilise all media channels such as local papers and radio.</li> <li>• Improve web presence with informative website/app</li> </ul> <p>Increased Knowledge and accessibility of Services</p>	Culture	Jan '22	<p>Developing the vision and future targets for Congleton Partnership.</p> <p>Social Media Profiles are now been used on Facebook, Linked In, Twitter and Google My Business.</p> <p>2000 plus views monthly on Google.</p>

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	<b>Congleton Repair Cafe</b>	Running on the last Saturday of the month (10:00 - 14:00). A monthly pop-up event dedicated to repairing possessions & items. Based at The Old Saw Mill in Congleton, run by volunteers.  Increased social innovation in the Community	Very well attended each month.  Education  Joint Working  Life skills development	Ongoing	
	<b>Sustainable Living Course (Digital)</b>	Sustainable Living Course is now launched online: <a href="https://learn.congleton-tc.gov.uk/courses/sustainable-living-in-congleton/">https://learn.congleton-tc.gov.uk/courses/sustainable-living-in-congleton/</a>	Education  Climate Emergency  Zero Carbon Target	Sept '21	A joint project between Congleton Town Council and the Partnership.

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	<p><b>Minibus</b></p>	<p>Due to covid, the mini-bus hire was severely affected, we are now seeing a steady uplift in bookings, not at pre-covid levels but encouraging to see.</p> <p>Decreased Demand on public services</p> <p>Communities are better connected</p>	<p>CP supported the running costs (Insurance etc.) £4000 to enable the project to continue.</p> <p>Welfare</p> <p>Community support</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Users include organisations such as St Johns Community Centre which pick vulnerable members of the community for a weekly lunch club.</p> <p>Bromley Farm youth provision use the minibus to help young people to access different positive opportunities that increase their knowledge, build strong relationships with key services such as youth support service and the police which helps to reduce the demand on police response calls and social services resources.</p> <p>We have also supported some Ukrainian transport free of charge.</p>
	<p><b>Green Fayre &amp; Festival Week</b></p>	<p>24<sup>th</sup> September is the Green Fayre.</p> <p>A week of planned walks and talks is planned.</p> <p>The landing page for the event is:  <a href="https://www.congletonpartnership.co.uk/congleton-climate-festival/">https://www.congletonpartnership.co.uk/congleton-climate-festival/</a></p>	<p>Joint project between CP and CTC</p>		<p>A bumper edition of Congleton Repair Café and Cheshire Kids Clothes Swop is being held inside the town hall.</p>