

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	26 th September 2022
Report Title	Isolation/Loneliness Within the Community (2022 Community Choices)
Agenda Reference	10
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Officer's Recommendations:

1. To note the Isolation/Loneliness Within the Community (2022 Community Choices) report.

Background

At the September's Community Development Committee meeting (Min Ref CD 075) the Community Development Officer brought a list of events and projects for the Community Choices 2022 initiative – Loneliness/Isolation – to the value of £5,334.00.

The purpose of this report is to update on the progress on these projects and key dates that the Community Development Officer is working towards.

Recent Activities

Soft play mother and toddler session

This successful event was hosted at Jungle Kingdom on Monday 26th September 2022. Six parents and seven toddlers came along, the community bus provided transport for those going, and food was offered for the parent and child/children. Some of the lone parents forged friendships during the trip and expressed an interest in attending a similar event on the future if offered.

Allstarz - Children's football skills and adults walking football

The children and adult football sessions were originally scheduled to run consecutively for 6 weeks at Trent Road. These were due to start 5th September 2022, but due to heavy rain on the day of the first session, and the Queen's death and subsequent period of national mourning, the initial session was delayed until 26th September 2022. The sessions will now run for 4 weeks, instead of 6 weeks, and the daylight situation will be monitored once the clocks change.

Exercise Classes – for the Over 40s

Due to the period of national mourning, these sessions have been delayed until 19th October. We will be supporting the classes by offering the room hire for free.

Graffiti workshop

The dates for these have also been delayed, the first three workshops have now been completed.

Community Bus Trips

The Haydon Wick community bus continues to take Parish residents on shopping trips and the occasional medical appointment if they are unable to find alternative transport.



There are several trips planned for the autumn and winter months, including a trip to Hilliers Garden Centre at Lechlade in October, and Richard Jefferies Museum in November. A special Christmas trip is also being planned, but no details have been fixed yet.

Office staff were recently reminded of the value the community places on the bus, when a resident said, *“the Council does us all proud with the bus trips and the places it takes us, we are so lucky to have a service that is aimed at people in my age range”*.

Ukrainian Café

Dates for the first three cafés have been set up and advertised via Facebook and the Pattern Church.

These will be held on 2nd November, 30th November and 7th December at the Council Offices from October providing refreshments only initially. Attendance will be monitored and if popular, further cafes will be held in the New Year.

Working Towards

Event	Category	Date
Curry, Karoke and Quiz	Isolation	7th October 2022
Ukraine Café	Isolation	2nd November - 7th December 2022
Connie The Covid Snake	Youth	22nd October 2022
Graffiti Workshop	Youth	21st September - 13th October 2022
Graffiti Workshop	Youth	15th October 2022
Lin Jefferies Exercise	Over 40's	19th October - 23rd November 2022
Halloween	Youth	31st October 2022
Warm Rooms	Isolation	7th November - 31st March 2022
Over 60s Fish & Chips	Isolation	November 2022
Over 60s Christmas Lunch	Isolation	December 2022
Christmas Parcel Additions	Christmas Activities/ Isolation	16th & 17th December 2022
Christmas Party 5-7pm	Youth	19th December 2022
Christmas Presents	Isolation	21st December 2022
Friends of Mouldon Hill	Isolation	January – March 2023
BEST Martial Arts	Events	January 2023
Volunteer Thank You	Events	18th February 2023
BEST Youth	Youth	22 nd February 2023
Cream Team Over 60's	Isolation	24th February 2023
Prosecco & Paint	Isolation	Early Spring 2023
Park Yoga	Isolation	Early Spring 2023