

Northstowe Support Partnership - Town Council Report (January 2022)

The **Northstowe Support Partnership** was established in 2014 and is a multiagency group which aims to have good representation across all the sectors.

Recognising that new communities often benefit from additional support during the early phases of their development, the partnership focuses on bringing together all the Public Service providers including those in the Voluntary / Community sector to work collaboratively around prevention and creating early intervention opportunities. Whilst Northstowe remains a fantastic place to live for many, this work is in keeping with Cambridgeshire County Councils Supporting New Communities Strategy with an aim to avoid trends seen in other new developments.

The Support Partnership meets every two months, each meeting has two main agenda items:

- **Emerging issues** – where any concerns can be raised this might be from intelligence collected at an organisational/ sector level or because of feedback from the community.
- **Northstowe Projects** – Where the partnership can design, resource, and monitor the delivery of projects targeting specific issues

The meeting is chaired and administered by the Think Communities Team at Cambridgeshire County Council and links into the South Cambridgeshire District Council led Community Safety Partnership acting as a Priority Area PSG (Problem Solving Group)

January Meeting

Emerging issues

The group reviewed the recent graffiti problems (information was provided by the Community Safety Partnership) members of the group will use their own channels to unpick if this is a local issue or if it is coming from the surrounding area. The Partnership discussed tackling the root causes of vandalism/ASB by looking at ways that the young people of Northstowe connect with the community, developing a sense of place and helping them to engage with positive activities through more general Youth work.

Northstowe Projects

- **Northstowe Youth Support Partnership** – Updated on the plans for a youth-led programme where the young people of Northstowe can shape the programme and local residents are supported to train to become youth workers. The Hive is the early stages of this. Anyone wishing to get involved with this project would be very welcomed
- **Update on Active & well project** – Focus moving to a more peer to peer approach with services rallying around to support those in the community who are keen to lead group walks, become cycle leaders and similar.
- **Community facilities 2022** – update provided on future plans for the community facilities in Northstowe
- **Arts development** – the partnership supported plans to provide some funding to Northstowe Arts to help develop the cultural offer in Northstowe. A licence agreement will be put in place between Northstowe Arts and NSC in relation to management and maintenance of the pavilions.
- **Housing Tenure integration** – this project is soon to be started