

## Northstowe Support Partnership - Town Council Report January 2023

*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 usually 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)*

*For this particular meeting the agenda was changed to just discussing Northstowe Projects with the option within the AOB to discuss any issues that would usually be covered under “Emerging Issues”. In its place was a discussion regarding a review of the Northstowe Support Partnership itself.*

### Northstowe Support Partnership review

Time was taken to discuss the Support Partnership. – what people find useful about it. Anything to potentially change. Make it more effective?

There were a number of views from the partnership.

From a community safety perspective knowing what is going on in the community as well as any issues is a good “temperature gauge”. Able to support and give reassurance to community when issues arise.

The NSP can support the population as it grows – There has been a lot of power in the effectiveness of the subgroups.

The NSP allows support structures to be put in place. It allows issues on the ground to be addressed. It encourages forward thinking. NSP is able look at what the issues are and what the needs are of the community.

Consensus was the power of collaboration to support the community. As a collective the NSP is able to pull resources to support Northstowe. It is important however to listen to the community.

It was noted that young people are a key part of Northstowe and as a collective we need to ensure that their voices are heard.

As professionals we have a duty of care to the community and to help them to see it thrive and NSP has a part to play in this.

There was also discussion around making the agenda more action led.

**Action: To arrange a pre-meet of key partners working in community to set a more effective agenda based on data and anecdotal information from community.**

## Northstowe Projects

### **Youth Work**

Northstowe Youth Partnership met in November for its last meeting in its current form. Northstowe Youth Hive will take over the planning and chairing of meetings going forward. Plan always was to identify and bring together those in Northstowe supporting young people. The group are now a fully formed, constituted group with a broad range of trustees. They are to run as an umbrella organisation – working with other groups and organisations to deliver youth work (already connected in with Over youth Café) and to jointly apply for funding. The new Youth Worker Emma has settled in well and is working closely with NSC.

### **Northstowe Arts**

Northstowe Arts have been awarded national lottery funding to commission an artist to create art with the community at the new heritage annex. This is in partnership with CCC. The aim of the project is to use archaeological spoil (5 tonnes) which is mostly roman pottery that wasn't significant enough to keep. A local Willingham based artist has been commissioned to work with the community to meld from past and present.

### **Housing Tenure Integration**

No update other a meeting is planned soon to discuss further.

### **Winter Support**

Currently two warm hubs taking place in Northstowe - Children and Family Centre led on a Thursday morning at Pathfinder school and a community led/ Town Council warm hub running twice a week.

### **Under 5's Childcare – Ellen**

Childcare Sufficiency are awaiting a new head at Pathfinder.