

Northstowe Support Partnership - Town Council Report (May 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)

May Meeting

Emerging issues

The police attended today's NSP to talk about the importance of reporting anti-social behaviour or suspicions that crimes may be being committed. The town clerk stated that the residents have reported issues to the police however the police have not had many reports. The police have encouraged residents to report either via 101 or online. The police also stated that when reporting to state at what times suspicious behaviour is being committed so that they can best plan their patrols.

The Town Council will lead on some work to raise the importance of reporting to residents.

There is a distinct lack of childcare provision currently in Northstowe. The Children and Family Centre Team will be looking into this further as to how to address this issue along with the District Council

Northstowe Projects

- **Northstowe Youth Support Partnership** – Northstowe Youth Hive are now constituted and are now running a youth Café in Partnership with Friends of the Wing. This runs on a Wednesday night. There are plans for more activity over the summer which will be confirmed in the coming weeks.
- **Update on Active & well project** – This group will be reconvening to support the local community.
- **Community facilities 2022** – update provided on future plans for the community facilities in Northstowe. All existing groups using the community wing will be made contact with to organise an alternative venue for their activity.
- **Arts development** – A licence agreement has now been drafted between Northstowe Arts and the secondary college. Now that Northstowe Arts are established and are taking a more strategic lead on the arts on Northstowe they will be joining the NSP
- **Housing Tenure integration** – Think Communities Team will be meeting with the new community engagement worker from BPHA to look at next steps for this piece of work.