Outer North East Wellbeing Fund monitoring reports

Project: Social Activities, Sunshine and the café in Boston Spa Lead organisation: Wellbeing Funding: £3150 WISE

Boston Spa café is running very well, it is held every second Tuesday 2pm – 4pm and is well supported with an average of 16 people (including carers) attending each month.

The café in Collingham continues to run successfully and is in its fifth year.

Two new groups – Bramham Ladies and Clifford Ladies have been established and have a slow increase in numbers.

The Thorner socials are going well and the socials at Northgates continue to be very successful with about 22 people attending.

The new luncheon club established at Mason House in Wetherby has started with good attendances in May and June. Numbers in July down, possibly due to summer holidays.

Extract from a letter from WiSE:

'On behalf of WiSE and all the friends and clients thank you for your support, we would not have been able to provide some of these socials without your help.

Once again many thanks for your support it is very much appreciated.'

Project: Promoting Partnerships Lead organisation: MAECare Wellbeing Funding: £8694

April - June

- A Royal Wedding celebration event was organised jointly with Northcall 80 people attended and the event was self funding with money raised through entrance, tombola and cake stall funding expenses.
- Exploratory meetings have taken place with U3A and Alwoodley Community centre
- Moortown Methodist Church continues to be used as a community venue.
- Spring bulbs were distributed by Allerton High and a Strawberry tea was organised for service users in June
- An initial meeting has been held with ENE homes to explore partnership.
- MAECare users group will work with the district nursing team to support some patient participation work.

July-September

- A Creative Writing Class continues to meet at Open House Community Centre.
- A Strawberry tea was organised for service users in partnership with Allerton High school in June. Thirty MAECare service users and 15 younger people attended.
- A monthly coffee morning is delivered at Moorhaven court, an ENE homes sheltered housing scheme, where service users play the Nintendo Wii and have an opportunity to get together. As a result of this nine members attended a 'Nintendo Wii match' against Age UK Leeds in September.
- We have begun to develop the work of the MAECare users group, who have recently fed back to the District nursing team to support their patient participation work.
- We continue to work in partnership with the Moorfield Nursing Home, where we have four volunteer befrienders linked with vulnerable and lonely older people.
- We have met with Northcall to discuss possible future partnership work and to try and

avoid duplication.

October – December

- We remain members of the Schools Cluster Leadership group in the Alwoodley area.
 - We now have five older volunteers linked to Allerton Primary as volunteer readers, who are due to start volunteering in January 2012.
 - We are also exploring the possibility of a homework club delivered by older people at Highfields Primary School.
 - Allerton High Christmas Party attended by 55 MAECare members.
 - Allerton High students have also provided 15 Christmas hampers to our service users.
- A celebration event for the International Day of the Older Person was held in October in partnership with East North East Homes, attended by 15 older people. The day included a performance by the Feel Good Theatre Company on distraction burglary and advice from the fire service.
- The Skippko arts project has now been completed with two weekly groups based at Treetops Community Centre and Moortown Methodist Church 19 people attended.
- A Healthy Living Day was held on November 10th at St Barnabas Church Hall, attended by 31 service users. The theme of the day was "Be wise and warm this winter" and delivery partners included: Red Cross, Age UK, Lloyds Pharmacy and the Fire Service. The evaluation responses were positive and a short evaluation report has been written.
- A MAECare staff member and Management committee members attended the launch of the Public and Patient Involvement group meeting for the Calibre CCG in October. A meeting has now been held with staff members from Calibre which focused on ways we can work closely together in the future, particularly around long-term conditions.

We met with the team planning the new Integrated Health and Social Care teams and hope to work together in the future.

Project:	
•	Wellbeing Funding: £10000

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- Over 55's club 17 people attending weekly
- Three after school clubs for children aged 5-11 (averaging 8 children each)
- One weekly luncheon club (20 people)
- One breakfast club for families with pre-school children (11 families)
- One family group around pre-school learning (11 families)
- Café open weekdays from 9:00 to 12.30
- Partnership work with Methodist Homes Association line dancing and internet sessions
- Free internet
- Volunteer training
- Free play scheme
- Housing and police surgeries once a month
- Trips out for families and older people
- Photocopying and telephone services as well as sign posting to other agencies
- Job seeking programme in partnership with Jobcentreplus and Zest

- Guitar lessons for all
- Sewing lessons
- Cookery lessons

The centre continues to be well used and acts as a focal point for the community

Project: St Barnabus Church Hall Refurbishment Lead organisation:

Wellbeing Funding: £4000

The Church Hall now provides a welcoming place, fit for purpose, for the community and church congregation to meet, socialise and learn.

Groups returning to the hall with the new facilities include:

Weekly groups of Socatots¹, Art group, North Leeds Fitness, Karate, church youth groups. Monthly groups of Mums and Toddlers, and Busy Bs (a social morning open to all) followed by lunch.

The facilities are available for hire, advertised on our website and by flyers.

The refurbishment enables the Church Hall to provide facilities in the future for: MAECare events; charity fund raising events; Fairtrade café, which is currently held termly in other churches.

This year is the 50th anniversary of St Barnabas Church, so several events are planned including a Flower Festival with Sunday BBQ over the Diamond Jubilee weekend.

Project: Wetherby Arts Festival

Lead organisation: Wellbeing Funding: £750

The Festival was more low key than in previous years but very successful. A varied programme was offered to appeal to all sections of the community. In the event the Festival attracted more older people than young. The Comedy Evening attracted a younger adult audience and saw an attendance of 93%. All the remaining acts, one of which was sold out and three over 905, were attended mainly by older people and a considerable number were from further afield from Wetherby and the surrounding villages. Residents from local homes attended with their carers. The 'Lets Do Lunch' programme which featured a different type of performance each day, and was free, was extremely well attended.

Events promoted by the Festival Board were complemented by excellent contributions from the local groups.

The feedback from audiences was very positive and complimentary.

Project: Refurbishment of Existing Flooring		
Lead organisation: Wigton Moor United Reformed Church	Wellbeing Funding: £1677	
The floor covering in the kitchen/coffee bar area was laid very successfully in two days. Everybody is extremely pleased with the new floor.		

¹ Soccer playscheme for pre-school children

Project: Barleyfields Radio Project – media skills training for young people

Lead organisation: Tempo FM Wellbeing Funding: £1000

The Barleyfields Radio Project continues every Thursday evening. The majority of the young people are keen to continue the sessions throughout holiday periods.

A regular new member of the team (Amy) has enabled the weekly music/chat shows to continue with a new direction. Nine shows have been produced and broadcast to date and her keenness has enabled several joint shows to be produced with the other members;

Two recordings of sketches by young people from the Amethyst Creative Acting Group which will be set with appropriate pictures and published on 'You Tube' or the Amethyst Acting website:

Members from the group helped participate in the 60 hour non-stop Broadcastathon carried out by Tempo FM in aid of 'Children in Need' in November 2011. Members of the group participated with live broadcasting during the event and helped raise £1800 for the charity;

Most notably one new student (Dom) has become very confident and produced several shows with others and recently solo shows to a high standard;

To increase listenership the Tempo FM broadcast schedule has been changed to provide the regular broadcast of the Barleyfields recorded material produced on a Tuesday. This has proved more popular than the Monday time previously allocated.

To supplement the recorded programmes, a new programme has been created on a Wednesday called 'Barleyfields Live' where students who have reached an advanced stage of training are allowed to presen a show live in the Tempo FM studis. To date, two of these have been broadcast and have proved very popular with record numbers of on-line listerers being achieved.

Project: Wetherby Community Bonfire – security fencing, patrolling, first aid and equipment hire

Lead organisation: Wetherby Town Council Wellbeing Funding: £1000

This community event was attended by approximately 4000 people with over 1000 tickets being sold to adults. No charge was made for young people to attend.

The security measures and fencing ensured that the event was safe and incident free. Spectators were able to enjoy the bonfire and firework display in a safe environment where there was not worry from any traffic. Stewards were available to deal immediately with any concerns that may have arisen and all welfare facilities were provided by Wetherby Sports Association. The huge attendance at this event confirms its continuing popularity and spectators commented

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Many attending were local people who walked to the venue from all areas of Wetherby and stewards were on hand at the end of the evening to help them leave the site in an orderly manner. Overnight security ensured that there were no incidents with the bonfire until all the wood/embers were removed the following morning.