



Hinckley and Bosworth Action Group



Date: Friday 8th February 2019

Time: 10.15 am - 12.00 pm

Address: Mencap Centre, 46 Hill Street, Hinckley, LE10 1DT

	<p>Present - People who came to the meeting?</p> <p>Dawn Shepherd - Chair Person Nixie Haas - CERT - Adult Social Care Services Claire Summerfield - Partnership Board Darren Measures - Leicestershire Police Caroline Geary - Business Support - taking notes</p>
	<p>Apologies - People who could not come</p> <p>Kerry Smith, John Coghlan</p>
	<p>Dawn explained using the red and yellow cards.</p>
	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Dawn started the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking them to sign in on the sheet.</p>



We need to re-visit using social media. The Local Area Co-ordinators use Facebook. Claire said she would ask Heather. It is a good way of reaching people. Dawn said she is happy to manage it. We will look in to it further. You can send "tweets" which is a good way of making contact. Darren said they are using social media more.

Claire said that we could have some business cards printed to advertise the group which we could hand out. They are not expensive.



Consent Form

We could not talk about this today as some of the group were not able to be here.

Police Update



Darren works around Hinckley town centre. There is a Safeguard App which is a good way of keeping in touch with other groups. It is managed by the Police and is a closed messaging group a bit like WhatsApp. The Police monitor it and if there are any problems arising they can be there straight away. It is being tried in Oadby and Wigston. It is going through data protection now. You can have lots of different groups on it. It is being introduced within the next 3 - 6 months once it has been signed off. It's a great way of communicating as it is instant.



Darren gave an update about the last month in Hinckley. There was an armed robbery at Goldust jewellers. 4 suspects were arrested and charged and are now on remand in prison and will have quite a lengthy sentence which is reassuring to everyone. The Police are doing patrols to show a visual presence.

There was also a burglary at the chemist on Hill Street. Officers were quickly on the scene and a person was arrested there.

Shortly after this incident there was a street robbery in the Market Place where 3 people attacked someone and were later involved in a pursuit.



Darren said there is really good Police work in Hinckley with people coming forward and CCTV and the people who are doing harm are being locked up and Hinckley is a safe place to live.



Darren talked about anti-social behaviour in the Hinckley area. There have been 8 reports and 5 were youth related in The Mead area and the Police know who they are. There is a referral scheme called Premier Kicks, this is on a Monday night 6 - 7.30 pm. It helps young people to engage. There are 30 people attending and they have all stopped being involved in crime.



Darren said they are also looking at getting a Street Vibe Youth Bus out a couple of times a week.



Darren talked about the work going on at The Mead. There is CCTV to look at the Memorial Gardens area and there are plans to clean up the litter and sort out the dirty water. The lighting has been improved and the cameras have spotlights. More lights are being put in around the band stand.

Extra CCTV is in place at the bottom of Station Road too.



Darren said that the problem with no dropped kerb at the bus station at The Crescent is being looked in to.



Dawn asked about the street lights near the Salvation Army in The Crescent which are not working. Darren said he would have a look at this.



Darren talked about Purple Flag Accreditation for places if you are going to visit, which is a bit like the Blue Flag scheme for beaches. This was applied for last year but did not meet the criteria. Looking at public safety at night and ways to improve it.

Dawn asked about the house in Wykin which is boarded up. Darren said this is on Henry Street and was closed by the Council. Darren covers Hinckley town centre.



Keeping Safe Update

Nixie said that more shops have enrolled. The problem was with some of the shops not showing the window sticker. Darren said that Shirley was off work at the moment and Julie is covering. Claire said that the problem that some of the shops had with not showing the sticker was because they wanted a list of names of people who might come in.

Visit from Adult Social Care

Claire McWilliams was going to talk about the changes to Adult Social care today but did not attend as quite a few people could not come today. Claire plans to come to April's meeting but we will need to build up numbers.

Events Calendar

Nixie had printed some copies off which showed what was going on from January - June. Dawn and Nixie will look at this together.

Activities at Hinckley Leisure Centre

Edwina has given Nicola Parratt as the contact name for organising activities for groups at Hinckley Leisure Centre. Nixie is going to have a chat with her.

Claire said they talked about the Mencap Round the World Challenge at the Melton Action Group meeting.



It is a fun, physical activity challenge that helps you lead a healthy and active lifestyle.

Visit to Parliament

Claire said that Jackie Goodrick, CERT worker from Melton has spoken to their MP about arranging a guided tour. Heather thinks this is a fantastic idea. It would involve all the localities so we would have to general questions. If you are interested you will need to put your name forward. We are looking at around September/October and travelling by minibus which will have to be co-ordinated.

Text Reminders

This is something we will bring up in the future.

Bank Statement

Currently £849.79.

AOB

Caroline to email Nixie, Molly and Dawn with any apologies to attend the meetings.

Nixie to look at storing the groups lap top and projector at the Hinckley Hub between meetings.

Claire talked about doing group activities and making the meeting part smaller to about 15 minutes followed by an activity.

ZUMBA!



Another group had a yoga session and this went really well, the self-advocates loved it, they said it calmed them. Claire said that she has an aerobics contact, and we could perhaps look at doing a Zumba session.



Date of next meeting:

Friday 12th April 2019.