

# Partnerships Newsletter

July / August 2016

## Her Majesty The Queen 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

Cheshire East Council provided grants of up to £100 per community/neighbourhood group, for The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. This special occasion was embraced throughout Cheshire East, uniting communities. A total of 140 festivities were funded, which included street parties, gatherings in sheltered housing schemes, activities for schools and uniformed groups and thanksgiving services. The feedback has been excellent with many community groups expressing a desire to hold events in the future, to maintain contact and new-found friendships.

The photographs below show some of the activities that took place. The gentleman pictured in the centre of the collection is Mr Harold Dale OBE, a resident of Astbury Mere Care Home, wearing his special OBE tie. He was granted the Queen's honour for his contribution to working with royalty.



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### What is PACE?

Partnerships for Action in Cheshire East brings together all organisations who are working to maintain and improve the quality of life in Cheshire East.

## Local Area News

### Congleton

#### The Community Orchard

Lying just off the bridle path, accessible from Sandy Lane, Astbury Street and Mereside Avenue, is the newly refurbished Community Orchard. With funding support from The Congleton Partnership this spring has seen the addition of new signage, steps, a new apple core wood carving, to go along with those already in place, plus new fruit trees and soft fruit bushes. A new interpretation board is being added to both welcome residents to the site and explain its development and openness to all. As it is a community orchard, when the fruit is ripe all are welcome to pick and use for their own consumption.



[For more information on projects taking place in Congleton visit the Congleton Partnership website](#)

### Crewe

#### Steampunk Convivial



Crewe was transported back to the future when the first ever Steampunk Convivial took over the town for the May bank holiday weekend. There was a host of entertainment including street entertainment, steam traction engines, a dancing bear, face-painting and a story-telling unicyclist. The Steampunk movement celebrates Victorian science fiction and fantasy, and imagines that steam power never gave way to electricity or petrol combustion engines. Steampunks travelled to Crewe for the event from all over the UK and in a few cases further afield.

[For more information visit the Crewe Town Council website](#)

#### Big Clean Sweeps into Crewe

The Big Co-op Clean swept into Crewe as part of a national campaign to encourage communities to tackle local litter hotspots together. More than 30 volunteers from The Co-op, Cheshire East Council, Underwood West Primary School and Wulvern Housing teamed-up at the playground on Oxford Street, known locally as the Derby Docks. A skip full of litter and household rubbish, including a mattress, was removed from the site as the team rolled up their sleeves in order to “clean up and green up” and help to make a difference to the area. The team even had time for weeding and painting the play equipment.

The litter pick was one of dozens to take place UK-wide as part of [Co-operatives Fortnight](#), to highlight the benefits of co-operation. Paul Evans, a Co-op food store manager in Crewe, who helped to arrange the clean-up, said: “As a community retailer the Co-op is committed to making a positive difference locally. The Big Co-op Clean is a chance for members, customers and the community as a whole to come together to improve the local environment for the benefit of everyone. The activity has transformed the play area and it has been great to see the reaction of children, parents and the wider community to the difference that has been made.”

## Knutsford

### My World Graduation

Year Six pupils leaving Manor Park Primary School this year had a memorable send off with a special graduation ceremony at Tatton Park. The ceremony was the culmination of the annual My World project, which gives a taste of work opportunities available locally across a variety of sectors and industries, as well as teaching children confidence-boosting presentation skills.



My World, run by [OpenDoors2](#), partnered with [Great Places Housing Group](#), [Cheshire East Council](#), [Tatton Park](#), [Costain](#), [Bruntwood](#) and [Manchester Airport](#). Through taking part in the project, the pupils were able to visit a number of business sites in the area and gain experience from their hosts. These included a pilot at Manchester Airport, construction workers and an ecologist from Costain, who are developing a local dual carriageway, and the head gardener from Tatton Park who gave the children a tour of the grounds and a chance to meet the animals at the site's working farm.

The children showcased their new skills by presenting what they had learned to their family and friends at their graduation ceremony in front of guests, which included David Briggs, Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire; Jan Nicolson, Mayor of Knutsford and Councillor Olivia Hunter, Mayor of Cheshire East.

Lucy Beesley, Great Places community development co-ordinator, said: "Once again, the My World project has proved itself to be a fantastic opportunity for local children. The pupils really impressed with their presentations and it was evident how much they have all taken away from the experience. As we are looking at the fourth generation of unemployment, it is vital that we give children confidence to get into the world of work, and show them how many opportunities are out there."

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## Macclesfield

### The one that didn't get away - Knight's Pool, Macclesfield

Drugs, antisocial behaviour, vandalism and drinking were once the order of the day in the Knight's Pool area of Macclesfield. Now, after excellent support from a number of partner agencies working closely with local residents, this well-known beauty spot has been returned to its former glory. Complaints that the area surrounding the pool had become a venue for involvement in substance misuse prompted a series of meetings and actions co-ordinated by the Multi Agency Action Group involving the Police, Prince Albert Angling Society and the Council's Facilities Management team.



A number of improvements have since taken place to resolve the issues being experienced. Security fencing has been strategically erected to prevent access to the areas most affected by the antisocial behaviour. Members from Prince Albert Angling Society have voluntarily cleared the area of numerous bags of litter, empty cans and rubbish. The securing of the area has enabled them to install new fishing platforms and they are restoring walk boards to support the use of another part of the lake. Local Cllr Mick Warren commented: "The Council is committed to improving the site by making it more secure to reduce the number of antisocial behaviour incidents at the location."

## New Day Support Service for people with memory problems

Age UK Cheshire East is setting up a new Dementia Day Support Service in Henderson Street, Macclesfield from September, for anyone aged over 50 years living with memory problems. The sessions will provide a range of activities that combine physical and social stimulation, specifically tailored to people with memory problems. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day, along with a two course hot lunch. The new service will operate from 9.30am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday. In the first instance, two groups will run, each accommodating up to 10 service users. There will also be capacity for short term respite places, of which there will be 4 per day in the first instance. They aim to expand the service in April 2017, with the introduction of another group making available an additional 10 places and 2 respite places.



The service will be taking referrals from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016. They are looking to partners to help identify suitable clients who may benefit from referral to the new service. Leaflets explaining more about the service are available on request and a speaker from the charity is available to talk about the service and referral pathways at any team meetings partners may be having.

[For more information visit the Age UK Cheshire East website](#)

## South Park begins its Transformation

Work has begun on a major project to transform Macclesfield's historic South Park after the award of a significant grant to help finance the £223,000 scheme. Cheshire East Council has secured £49,000 in [WREN](#) funding to be able to carry out major works to upgrade and modernise existing sports and recreation facilities. The grant application was successful, largely because of the support and commitment from S:Park, the local friends of the park, who have worked closely with the Council to drive forward the regeneration plans.

Situated only a short distance from the town centre, South Park contributes significantly to the health and wellbeing of local residents and visitors as well as providing an important wildlife habitat. An 11-week long programme of works will see the installation of a multi-use games arena and a complete overhaul and resurfacing of the park's tennis courts, together with other new sports facilities to create a fitness zone 'action station'. Ryles lake, which is popular with local anglers will also be de-silted. An 'action station' open day is planned for 31<sup>st</sup> August, between 11.00am and 3.00pm, when all the work is expected to be completed.

## Summer in Macclesfield may be off to a slow start but there is plenty to celebrate

The Town Mayor, Cllr Alift Harewood-Jones, has been awarded an MBE in the [Queen's Birthday Honours 2016](#) for her services to the Macclesfield community. Her mantra as Mayor is "moving forward together".

Macclesfield Town Council has made 90 trees available for the community to request and plant, in commemoration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. An additional tree has already been planted in the town centre by the former Mayor of Macclesfield, Cllr Liz Durham. For more information and to request a tree visit the [Macclesfield Town Council website](#).



[The Brick Project](#), originated by artist Dan Petley and supported by Macclesfield Town Council, brightened up a dismal underpass in the town. Hundreds of local people painted a brick. The project was so successful, it will be repeated in August to complete the other side of the walk way.

## Continuing the Clean for the Queen Legacy with CVS Cheshire East



CVS Cheshire East is looking to continue the legacy for the Clean for the Queen initiative by involving volunteers to clean their local areas. Keep Britain Tidy asked people throughout the UK to join together and present a gift to her Majesty the Queen, a gift that will benefit us all by litter-picking to make the places where we live more beautiful.

CVS Cheshire East would like to encourage people to clean up 'grot-spots' and will be completing a litter-pick in Macclesfield on the Weston Estate / Broken Cross school grounds on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 10.00am to 2.00pm and at South Park on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00am to 2.00pm

[To get involved contact Nicola Cooke](#) and to promote the initiative download the poster from the For Your Notice Board section of this newsletter

## Nantwich

### Nantwich Words & Music Festival announces first Headlining Acts

Headlining acts for Nantwich's 9<sup>th</sup> Words & Music Festival are to include legendary punk poet Dr John Cooper Clarke and Scottish singer/songwriter Eddi Reader, formerly of Fairground Attraction. Celebrated alt folk band Stornoway and Sex Pistols songwriter Glen Matlock are among other famous names making their way to Nantwich between 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Internationally acclaimed Nantwich resident Thea Gilmore is appearing again and many more acts expected to be announced this month with tickets already on sale for four shows.



Words & Music Festival is organised by producer, musician and singer/songwriter Nigel Stonier alongside internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter Thea Gilmore and a team of Nantwich-based volunteers. Nigel Stonier said: "We started as a weekend event with just three shows back in 2008. Now we're running for a week, and Nantwich as a town has given us a repeated 'thumbs up'. Most of our shows are sell-outs, and we're very happy that every year visitors from further afield come and enjoy the shows and discover the town. Audience members have previously travelled from Japan, Norway, Germany, France as well as from all over the UK.

[For more information and to purchase tickets visit the Words & Music Festival website](#)

## Partner News

### Cheshire Furniture Reuse Forum launch their quarterly e-newsletter



Have you subscribed to the Cheshire Furniture Reuse Forum e-newsletter yet? The past 12 months shows that they have helped nearly 15,000 households, diverting over 1000 tonnes from landfill, attracting and retaining over £1.2million in the local economy, employing over 70 staff and engaging with nearly 350 volunteers and placements.

This informative new newsletter provides information on discounts and furniture packs available for referred individuals and families, along with information on the various bike reuse projects.

[For more information visit the Cheshire Furniture Reuse Forum website](#)

## No tolerance for Hate Crime

Since the result of the EU referendum, there has been a reported rise in hate crime incidents across the country which is incredibly worrying and unsettling for all communities. Hate crime is any criminal offence committed against a person or property that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's hostility towards someone because of their:

- Race/ethnic origin
- Religion
- Gender identity
- Sexual orientation
- Disability
- Any other personal characteristic.



Hate crime, which can come in the form of physical attacks, threat of attack or verbal abuse or insults, will not be tolerated in Cheshire East and can be reported by calling the police, visiting a local police station or hate crime reporting centre or online through the [True Vision website](#). This website is promoted by [Cheshire Police](#) and along with the reporting system contains a great deal of information and advice and a variety of posters which can be used to raise awareness and mechanisms for reporting hate crime.

## Connecting Cheshire saddles up to boost broadband roll-out



Connecting Cheshire has lined up as a Tour of Britain stage sponsor and launched a 'broadband without brakes' campaign to promote the roll-out of superfast fibre. To coincide with the Tour of Britain cycle race stage across Cheshire in September, the campaign will help to drive the take-up of the additional fibre broadband across the county funded by the Connecting Cheshire Partnership of BT and four local authorities, including Cheshire East, and will feature the Fibre Guy characters.

Using the analogy of comparing cycling uphill on slow broadband with speeding downhill with superfast fibre broadband, the campaign will explain how to upgrade to a faster network and that in most cases upgrading can work out cheaper due to competition in the provider market. Connecting Cheshire will be attending the [Nantwich show](#), plus at the start and finish of the [Tour of Britain Cheshire stage](#).

[For more information visit the Connecting Cheshire website](#)

## Eastern Cheshire GPs in spotlight at awards ceremony

GPs have been saluted for working with health chiefs in a new way to keep patients well and independent. NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) outshone more than 100 entries to be one of five organisations shortlisted in the "transforming commissioning of primary care" category of the [Healthcare Transformation Awards 2016](#).

The shortlisting applauded the introduction of services by the area's 23 GP practices to help people stay well, look after patients with long-term conditions, and reduce inconvenient hospital visits by making pre and post-operative procedures and investigations available in the surgery.



The improvements have been made possible by a £2m investment by the CCG through the Caring Together programme that is joining up health and social care services across the area. The funding will also improve access to general practice and ensure patients get access to the same services wherever they live. Although the CCG did not win the award, its work was saluted during a ceremony in London.

[For more information visit the Eastern Cheshire CCG website](#)

## Multi-Agency Action Groups

The Multi-Agency Action Groups (MAAGs) were established in Cheshire East in May 2015. They are an operational group focussing on prevention, intervention and enforcement. Independently chaired by a representative of a supporting agency, their role is to identify emerging and entrenched community issues, using the latest available intelligence to develop practical solutions to resolve issues.

The majority of issues dealt with by the MAAG have tended to relate to crime, disorder, antisocial behaviour and other community safety issues, however they do not focus exclusively on community safety as cases relating to the support of vulnerable people and environmental concerns have also been addressed. The MAAG process considers intelligence on recent trends and also considers problem nominations referred for consideration. They can work with partners to form task and finish groups to impact on local issues, deliver campaigns to raise awareness around topical issues and promote positive outcomes improving the conditions for local residents resulting from the work of the group.

There are two MAAG processes operating in Cheshire East, one in the North of the Borough (covering Congleton, Disley, Knutsford, Macclesfield, Poynton, Wilmslow) and one in the South (covering Alsager, Crewe, Holmes Chapel, Middlewich, Nantwich and Sandbach). Each group meets on a 6 week cycle.

For more information or to make a referral contact [Richard Christopherson](#) or [Martin Forshaw](#)

## Cheshire Fire Choir to record charity song



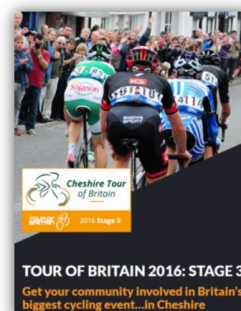
After taking part in a critically acclaimed concert at New York's famous Carnegie Hall and a tribute performance to fallen firefighters at Ground Zero, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Choir is proud to announce they will be recording their signature tune, The Rising, for charity. The Rising is a song written by Bruce Springsteen after the terrible attacks in America in September 2001. The song is specifically about a firefighter in one of the twin towers realising that he is not going to make it. The song will be released as a digital download and all proceeds will be donated to The Fire Fighters Charity.

The choir is heading to Parr Street Studios in Liverpool to record the song and plans to release it later in the year. Macclesfield Watch Manager Phil Marke, chair of the choir, said: "It was the Ground Zero performance whilst in New York that made us decide to record the song professionally and release it to raise funds for the Fire Fighters Charity. Performing The Rising is our way of never forgetting our colleagues in America. The moving song holds a special meaning for every single member of the choir as it was written in reaction to the September 11th 2001 attack on the Twin Towers in New York in which 343 firefighters, 60 police officers and 10 paramedics lost their lives. But, for the choir, the song isn't only a reminder of those who fell on 9/11; each time we sing it we feel it is a tribute to those emergency services personnel in the UK who have given their lives in the line of duty".

[For more information visit the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service website](#)

## Cheshire Tour of Britain – Time for communities to get involved!

A Community Toolkit has now been developed that will help groups and organisations with ideas of how to get involved, whether you live or work in one of the many places along the route, are a community organiser or simply want to support the event. Community activities can take place almost anywhere. There will be lots of opportunities to take part in organised activities at your local library, village hall or community centre, but they could just as easily be in your local pub, café or even your own front room or garden.



[To get inspired for ideas visit the Cheshire Tour of Britain website](#)

## Tour of Britain Volunteers Wanted

With a few weeks to go before the Tour reaches Cheshire East, organisers are seeking volunteer stewards. To ensure the stewards are fully briefed and competent to carry out their tasks a series of NVQ Training is now available. All times of training will be from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and will take place at:

- Congleton Leisure Centre      Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> July
- Wilmslow Leisure Centre      Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup> August
- Crewe Lifestyle Centre      Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August



Additional training will be organised if you are unable to book a place. No volunteers will be permitted to steward the Tour without completing training. The organisers will try and position stewards in their preferred area however they may have to place stewards in areas of need

[For more information and to sign up as a volunteer visit the Cheshire Tour of Britain website](#)

## For your Notice Board

This section allows you to download posters which you may wish to display on your notice boards, either for staff, customers or residents. Please email September / October notices to [Tina Jones](#).

- [Delivering Differently in Macclesfield](#)
- [Shop Well for Less](#)
- [Family Fit and Fun Day](#)
- [CVS Litter Pick](#)
- [Alsager Super Hero Day](#)
- [Sandbach 10K and Family Fun Day](#)
- [Venables at Middlewich](#)
- [Wheelchair Football](#)
- [Bushcrafts for those with Muscular Dystrophy](#)
- [Sports for those with Muscular Dystrophy](#)
- [Citizens Advice Middlewich](#)
- [PAT Testing Training](#)
- [Heritage Open Days](#)

## Conferences and Events

### A family adventure beyond your wildest dreams

19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016  
Rode Hall Estate, Cheshire

The award-winning Just So Festival, produced by Wild Rumpus, has revealed its marvellous programme for 2016. Codes & Ciphers, Detectives & Disguises, Mysteries & Mayhem, the game is afoot! An annual, intimate, weekend-long camping festival for children and their families, the Just So Festival provides an imaginative outdoor adventure like no other, showcasing the best art, music, literature, comedy and theatre for families in a wondrous landscape of woodland clearings, rolling parkland, arboreal amphitheatres and lakeside spots in the Rode Hall Estate.

With an incredible mix of regional, national and international artists and performers, it promises to take visitors on an expedition of mischief and mayhem, to lands full of magical midnight feasts, raucous pillow fights, tribal tournaments, curious creatures and breathtaking beauty.

[For the full line-up, information and tickets, visit the Just So Festival website](#)



## Heritage Open Days 'Revealing Murgatroyd's'

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
1.00pm – 4.00pm  
Middlewich



There will be a special public opening of the last intact brine pumps in the UK since 1977. Visitors will be able to join guided tours, see a display of Murgatroyd's archive collection and find out more about the Brine Pump Restoration Project. Entry is free but booking is required for the guided tour.

For more information contact Kerry Fletcher on 01606 833434

## Training

### Working Together to Safeguard Children Training

The Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Partnership (CEDAP), working with the Cheshire East Local Safeguarding Board (LSCB), provides access to a number of training courses to safeguard children. These include basic and intermediate awareness courses, sexual exploitation, tackling the toxic trio and many more to assist in training your organisation's staff.

The courses are aimed at partner agencies and are therefore not guaranteed on a first-come-first-served basis as a good multiagency mix of delegates is required for effective training. The training is free-of-charge but there will be a charge of £100 for non-attendance on the day or cancellation without 10 days' notice.

[For a full list of courses and how to book visit the Cheshire East LSCB website](#)

## Funding

### Bupa UK Foundation's 'Caring for Carers' Grants Programme



UK  
Foundation

The Caring for Carers Grants Programme is now open to not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises and community interest companies. The Bupa UK Foundation recognises that carers are often under significant pressure, with many finding that caring can take its toll on their own health. The Foundation is looking to fund practical projects that will help unpaid adult carers to support, manage and improve their own health on a daily basis.

Small grants of up to £15,000, medium grants of between £15,000 and £50,000 and large grants exceeding £50,000 are available for practical projects or initiatives which will:

- Focus on the health needs of unpaid carers, rather than on those they care for.
- Support adult carers aged over 25 years and above.
- Address the day to day needs of carers.
- Engage and support unpaid carers directly.

Projects which address the needs of the following will be particularly welcome:

- Carers that are juggling work and caring responsibilities.
- 'Sandwich carers' looking after both young and old.
- The increasing number of elderly people who are caring for other elderly people.

The deadline for first stage applications is 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (midnight).

[For more information and to download an application form visit the BUPA UK Foundations website](#)

## Cheshire Crimebeat

Cheshire East Council is one of a number of partners who continue to support the work of Cheshire Crimebeat. Cheshire Crimebeat is a charity that sponsors young people to enable them to undertake projects in support of their communities. Since the launch of Crimebeat in 1998 a total of 713 project bids have been approved across the Cheshire region. The maximum grant available has recently been increased from £500 to £1,000 to meet the needs of some of the more ambitious projects.

[For more information and to download an application form visit the Cheshire Crimebeat website](#)

## Participatory Budgeting

The Public Health and Partnerships and Communities Team within Cheshire East Council are working together to devolve decision making powers, and the allocation of £400,000 across Cheshire East, to improve public health outcomes. This will be achieved through the development of an innovative Participatory Budgeting approach at a local level, to reduce health inequalities, build community capacity and increase access to services.



### What is Participatory Budgeting (PB)?

- PB is a process which allows members of a community to participate in making spending decisions about local things that affect them, in this case health and wellbeing
- PB encourages people to bring forward ideas for their community
- PB fosters a greater understanding of local community issues
- PB gets people involved in their community and in voluntary activity
- PB makes sure that what gets done is what the community most wants
- PB helps the community understand how they can influence the spending of public funds
- PB helps to create community spirit – bringing the community together

### What next?

- A publicity campaign will get the PB message out into the community to encourage involvement
- Community awareness events will be taking place at different venues across the towns
- Drop in sessions in a variety of locations during the application period of 8<sup>th</sup> August to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

For more information contact [Dawn Clark](#) on 01270 686663

**The next edition of the Partnerships Newsletter will be circulated at the end of September, the deadline for submission of articles, of no more than 200 words, is 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

**To promote an event, conference or consultation, ask for help with a project, let people know of changes taking place in your organisation or share information which is of interest to our wide range of partners contact [Tina Jones](#).**

**Previous copies of the newsletter are available on the [Cheshire East website](#)**

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