

Appendix 1

Area Champion of Community Activity update

One page update, to be used as a prompt for oral updates at Committee and published as part of the Committee notes.

Area Champion:	Adela Costello
Place:	Huntingdonshire
Date:	5 th July 2018

UPDATE

- *Successful meeting regarding Essentials by Sue, to be launched in September in Huntingdon at two locations. Pilot project to be undertaken during summer holidays, this will enable us to monitor and sort out any teething problems before official launch. County and District Champion to work on marketing/advertising early in September.*
- **Article in local newspaper covered National Volunteer's Week and events at local Libraries plus advertising Cambridgeshire Libraries Presents. Other information included SAM (Scam Awareness Month), recruitment of Reablement Workers and Foster Carers plus the White Ribbon Campaign.**
- **Supporting Ramsey Neighbourhood Trust setting up a Timebank with the financial backing of Ramsey Town Council at next council meeting.**
- **Attended an event at Ramsey Library to celebrate National Volunteer's Week.**
- **Unable to secure private funding to provide theatre workshops at our local secondary schools to acknowledge the White Ribbon Campaign in November.**

NEW CONTACTS, PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

- **Meeting arranged by Tom Sanderson with Huntingdon Town Clerk and Deputy to discuss the future of the new Medway Centre and opportunities available once opened, hopefully in September. Suggested it would be an ideal venue for adult learning not only in Huntingdon but the district. Also possibilities for classes for adults with learning disabilities.**
- **Meeting with Time Bank Co-ordinator for Houghton and Wyton. Great ideas for the future including a winter box with necessary warm clothing and blankets to be knitted by volunteers and then circulated to the elderly and young families. Details to be arranged with Ramsey Time Bank as an initial project but if successful, could be initiated throughout the District or even County.**
- **Meeting with Officers and Organiser of the Tour of Cambridgeshire, other Members present, to discuss a better management of the race which mainly affects our District and Peterborough. Many people feel isolated on the day, restricted to their homes through road closures. Possibility of an earlier start thereby reducing the time constraint.**
- **Public transport remains an issue for isolated villages and even towns. At a meeting of the Learning Disability Partnership, there was a presentation by 'East Cambs Connect' who is supported by the County, providing a service Monday to Friday for not only**

adults with special needs but the general public. Further investigation at the possibility of rolling it out into other districts may need to take place.

COMMUNITY GOOD PRACTICE

- *Joint working between officers and members from HDC and CCC plus local community organisations in establishing Essentials by Sue.*
- **Support from Time Bank Co-ordinators in establishing new projects.**
- **Joint working between members of the Committee and other officials on possible future projects.**