

# Rudheath and Witton Together Newsletter

## February/ March 2021

### New Plan and New Projects

Our newest (and last) Big Local Plan is now in the process of being approved by Local Trust and will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. This will take us through the next 3 years to the end of the Big Local funding.

We have worked really hard on the next plan and have projects and activities lined up for the whole community. We're really excited about the work we plan to do with our young people, including the Young People Fund, this is funding is allocated to projects and activities that young people in our community will decide on. The RWT Partnership think it's really important to inspire and empower our young people as the next RWT generation.



We've also included support for our community and the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are planning a project to help the RWT community access the support and income they are entitled to and a small Covid fund to help people trying to get back to work with practical support.

We're lucky in that we have a number of open and green spaces in the area and part of the plan is to help improve these spaces for all. Lesley has been working with Ange Richardson, Rudheath PCSO to look at installing some talking benches and look out for the RWT Clean Team once we can get people together again.

Last but not least, and when we can, we're planning some activities for adults to try and bring back some fun after what seems like the longest year ever!

If you're interested in what RWT do and want to find out more please don't hesitate to contact us.

### Welcome

It's been a while since we've sent out a newsletter and we know it's been a difficult time for our community, but there has been a lot going on!

See the note from our Chair to tell you more about what some of the things RWT have been doing during the Covid-19 crisis.

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## Phase 3 – Our Achievements

Our Phase 3 plan will end on 31<sup>st</sup> March, after being extended for 6 months due to Covid-19, and we didn't realise just how much we achieved in that 2 ½ years.

The huge success of the fete in 2019 and the Scarecrow Competition in 2020 were just a few of the fun packed things we did during the plan as well as give out grants of over £30,000 to 19 community groups and organisations.

[Take a look at our plan review and find out more.](#)



## Note from the RWT Chair, Zoe Cadman



The Covid-19 pandemic has been challenging for our whole community, but I've been so proud of how much people have stepped up to help and support others.

At RWT it has been a big adjustment after being so face-to-face every day. Early in the pandemic, we worked with Northwich Isolation Support to co-ordinate the volunteer support in Rudheath and Witton, our sewing group made scrubs, scrub bags and masks for the NHS and

we've continued to try and find fun ways to support families. As RWT Chair I'm excited about the new plan and new ways to work with our community.

I just want to say a huge 'Thank You' to all in the community who have given time, energy and skills and offered support in this difficult time.

Zoe

## Did you know?

There are 150 Big Local areas throughout England.

There are 9,700 people in our Big Local area!

We have 10 partnership members, all who are residents in the Northwich and 9 who live in the RWT Big Local area.

In addition to the Big Local funds we have also successfully applied for grants from The Welcome Network and Edsential to deliver projects to reduce holiday hunger.

Since Summer 2020 we have given out over 500 recipe bags for families in school holidays.

**The RWT AGM will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 6-7:30pm via Zoom. The link will be posted on Facebook and our website nearer the date.**

## Activities Coming Soon!

- Easter – Bunny Trail & Recipe Bags and Activities
- Love Slow Cookers, Hate Waste Project
- Boomers Bonkers Bingo
- Quiz Night



Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further information, dates and booking.

## We're On the Move

The new plan will focus on us being more mobile in the community (once we can). This will also mean us moving some of the activities to other locations to reach more of the community.

With that in mind we have moved from our office base at The Venue to be more out and about. Staff will visit Waterside House when they need to do admin, otherwise, once we are able to return to some sort of normal, we'll be out in the RWT area.



You can contact us in the same way as always (see page 2). We just want to say thank you to Rudheath Parish Council for the use of the office space, which helped us deliver some fantastic activities during the last phase.

## Join us

If you are interested in what we do and would like to help you can join in in a number of ways.

- **Join the partnership** – if you are passionate about the local community you could work with our dedicated group to bring the plan to life.
- **Volunteer** – once our groups and activities are back up and running we welcome any volunteers who would like to help.
- **Young People's Group**– if you are aged 12-19 would like to hear your views on what the Young People's Fund could contribute towards.

If you have any suggestions or would like to join us contact information is on page 2.