



REPORT TO THE WDP

7th January 2019

Organisation Name: Beaminster and Villages Local Area Partnership

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Your organisation's priority/ priorities	Reducing Social Isolation	Supporting Rural Economy	Supporting Community Transport Needs
Objective/s (what are we seeking to improve?)	Helping those who live with dementia and their carers to feel like they are valued members of the community	Improving visibility of rural businesses in the Beaminster Area	Maintaining and improving access to transportation services in rural areas
Evidence of Need	Informed by the BAVLAP 2015-2018 Action Plan, surveys, public meetings and other community feedback and participation events		
Action (how will we achieve this?)	Through supporting dementia friendly initiatives in Beaminster Town and surrounding villages.	Through the updating of the Beaminster Rural Business Directory. BAVLAP are considering having a welcome book for new residents to be held at Yarn Barton, work to start in Q1 2018/19	Campaigns to save buses, raising publicity and fund raising locally. Thorncombe and villages bus users group are raising money to keep service going.
Led by (name of person/ Organisation responsible)	Led by Mick Reed, Yarn Barton Centre Manager and Beaminster Dementia Friendly	BAVLAP Chair and steering group	Cllr David Marsh, Thorncombe and WATAG
Timescale (date to be completed by)	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
Key outcomes (how will we measure success?)	Action Plan updated every monthly meeting	Action Plan leading to Publication of book	A decrease of cuts of transportation services and/or an increase in community transport schemes in the BAVLAP area.
Progress Update (what has been achieved as at the	Alzheimer's Society. BDF has had a lot of support	Broadwindsor and its surrounding villages have been working on	This is what young people said in the Parish Plan questionnaire in

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date of review, how are you progressing against your planned outcomes)	<p>recently from Alexandra Baker, (Dementia Friendly Communities Officer - South West) who has been most helpful on a number of points. BDF have posted an end-of-year status update again the Beaminster community on the Dementia Friends website.</p> <p>Beaminster is now in possession of the treasured Alzheimer's Society window stickers which proclaim "Working to Become dementia Friendly 2018-2019". So far, these have gone to the following: Ann Day cafe, Steak Out, Brainwave shop, Weldmar shop, Thorncombe Village shop, Yetminster surgery, Church Office, Beaminster School and others are planned for Barton House and Beaminster Pharmacy.</p> <p>Thorncombe Village Shop. BDF was contacted by the newish proprietor who is keen to make the shop as Dementia Friendly as possible. They have been supplied with Alzheimer's material concerning retail outlets and customer-facing staff and a visit is</p>	<p>their neighbourhood plan. At its meeting on 12th November, the Parish Council gave its approval for the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to go forward and be submitted for independent examination. As part of the examination of the plan, the independent examiner has to consider whether the plan meets certain basic conditions and satisfies legal requirements. The Plan has now been submitted and all documents can be viewed on the Broadwindsor website. The area is very supportive of its local economy with local shops and pubs and halls all having been consulted. Interestingly all local businesses felt they could have the capacity to support housing growth which would bring addition people into the parish and the garage said that electric car charging points would have to be considered. Thorncombe Village Shop has also taken on some Post Office duties after Mosterton closed.</p> <p>An article was submitted to Dorset Magazine which was publi</p>	<p>2013 'Bus 45 stopped with one week notice. First don't take Damory tickets (but Damory take First), tickets are not the same price for both companies, 40 stopped going via Broadwindsor, last bus to Bridport is at 3.45 and first one at 12.00. It is even more difficult for teenagers to get around Beaminster, Bridport, Yeovil and villages. Interestingly, this is still proving to be an issue to locally isolated young people.</p> <p>Waitrose Community Matters (Green Tokens). Waitrose are dedicated to helping local causes and during November 2018 in their Bridport store shoppers were given the chance to vote for Beaminster's CB3 Community Bus. This is a Saturday service operating between Bridport and Crewkerne, via Beaminster and surrounding villages. It is a service run entirely by volunteers which replaced the Number 40 bus. DCC and Yeovil College have also worked together to make sure there is community bus provision</p>

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	<p>planned to visit to the shop some time soon to get feedback.</p> <p>Tollerford Surgery. BDF has followed up on the relationship established last year when they attended one Saturday morning to talk to anyone passing through. Tollerford arrange regular open sessions with speakers and BDF have agreed to attend one such, some time in the New Year, to speak about the Community initiative. Tollerford may set this up as a joint session with Barton House surgery, to be confirmed, which would be doubly good. BDF have also asked whether the practice partners would agree to an article about the surgery in a future newsletter.</p> <p>Beaminster School. BDF has a great dialogue underway with the head of sixth form who is keen to arrange a series of Dementia Friends Information Sessions. These sessions will be for interested staff and sixth form pupils, where</p>	<p>An article was submitted to Dorset Magazine and published in the December edition as well as West Dorset District Council helping to fund extra publicity to show that Beaminster was still open for business even though they were suffering from lower customer flow due to the attempted theft of a cash point machine in the centre of town which has caused severe traffic difficulties whilst the cashpoint building is repaired. There are a couple of local website pages that keep people informed about local issues, the latest seems to be that everyone is waiting for the local fruit and veg shop to reopen after the Christmas break!</p>	<p>during the week so that students can get to Yeovil College and back home.</p>

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	<p>relevant to courses. BDBF have also kept the governors informed of their progress and invited them to join the programme.</p> <p>Magna. Some good research has been done with residents and the next step will be to approach Magna and see what they think about information sessions for Magna employees.</p> <p>St Mary's Church. BDF would be very happy to arrange an information session for church personnel, volunteers, wardens and so forth, and is believed the church would be happy too, the issue is finding time in a busy clerical schedule. BDF are working with friends at the church to try and put a session in place. One other aspect to this is that St Mary's is one of a cluster of churches, fourteen in all so the potential impact of finding a way to make this happen could stretch beyond Beaminster.</p>		

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	<p>Next newsletter. Items currently under consideration for the next newsletter are:</p> <p>Telephone Protection Service Priority Services Register Smart slippers Over 50s chair exercises LIONS Message in a Bottle Coffee Companions “Alive” Conversation Cards Walking for Health article</p>		
<p>Comments (Barriers to progress – reviewed action to overcome barriers)</p>	None	Social Media seems to be the way forward for keeping people up to date and often if people don't know where to find a trade that they need, they will post on social media and get a response reasonably quickly which nullifies the need for a paper version of a directory for most people.	Lack of funding and volunteers will be the issue here.
RAG (red/amber/green)*	Green	Amber	Amber

Any questions about this report to name, role, phone, email

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