Communities

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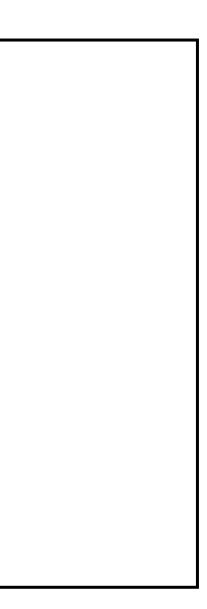
The Communities Service Area includes: Safe Communities (including community safety, anti-social behaviour, safeguarding and the Community Safety Partnership)

Strong Communities (including grants, external funding, community development, and community rights) Healthy Communities and Policy (including health and wellbeing, health interventions and preventative activity)

	April - June 2018	July - September 2018	October - December 2018	Janu
Main Achievements	Mental Health work has included a	1.The Health and Wellbeing team formed	1. The inaugural 'Stars of Babergh & Mid	
	successful Mental Health Awareness and	a working group with staff from Ipswich	Suffolk' Community and Business Awards	
	Dementia Fortnight in the workplace with	Borough Council and Suffolk County	Event was held at St Mary's Church in	
	many activities in partnership with SCC	Council to collaboratively organize and	Hadleigh on Thursday 18 October. Over	
	and HR. 11 staff members now trained as	deliver a range of health and wellbeing	150 entries were received for 11	
	Mental Health First Aiders.	promoting activities for Workplace Health	categories and Babergh had a total of 12	
	The Communities team recently	Week held between 10 &14 September.	overall winners.	
	completed a full Section 11 Audit which	In addition we also held a Prostate	2. 57 Members of Staff have received	
	required the Councils' to evidence how	Cancer Day on 12 September to raise	Child Safeguarding Training and 48	
	well we are meeting our statutory	awareness of the condition, helping to	Members of Staff have received Adult	
	obligations in relation to safeguarding,	raise £250 for the East Suffolk Prostate	Safeguarding Training during October	
	duty of care, and promoting the welfare	Cancer Support Group (this covers the	and November.	
	of Children and Vulnerable Adults. The	Babergh and Mid Suffolk area). The event	3. £3,652 has been secured through the	
	audit takes account of the level of	involved a talk by a Macmillan nurse,	Awards for All BIG Lottery Programme	
	Corporate commitment toward	information on diagnosis and the	for Voluntary & Community Sector	
	safeguarding and how the Councils'	opportunity for staff to contribute to a	Organisations across Babergh from	
	ensure that safeguarding measures are	local charity by wearing a sports top of	October through to December	
	implicit in our procurement processes	their choice.	supporting 5 individual organisations.	
	and embedded into our policies. The	2. A total of 96 women and girls took part	This is an independent external funding	
	Audit was validated by a Panel of	in this year's Sudbury Women on Wheels	stream opportunity, our officers provide	
	members from the Local Safeguarding	event. This event promotes cycling for	advice.	
	Children's Board. The Panel confirmed	recreation and as an alternative mode of	4. The Babergh Grant Programme has	
	that Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils	transport. It has enabled participants to	awarded £ 151.90 to the Acton Good	
	provided strong evidence of compliance	have the confidence to take part and in	Neighbour Scheme and £ 1,000 to the	
	and agreed we demonstrated a high	some cases join local cycling clubs.	Bildeston Parish Council.	
	standard of service.			

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Main Achievements continued	The Health and Wellbeing Team have	3. The Make, Do & Friends Project has	5. As part of the Active Wellbeing
	officially launched a new three-year joint	commenced. Suffolk Artlink in partnership	programme for older residents a
	project with Suffolk Sport.	with the Rural Coffee Caravan and Dance	Loneliness and Social Isolation training
		East and supported by the Communities	event was held in Long Melford with 11
		team are delivering a high-quality	participants taking part.
		outreach programme led by artists. The	6. A new project supporting older
		programme has secured Arts Council	people in Hadleigh (including those living
		funding for two years and has been	with dementia) to improve their
		designed for and co-produced with older	wellbeing through music-making has
		people, particularly those who are rurally	held four taster sessions across 4 older
		isolated or lonely.	people care settings in Hadleigh
		4. Lavenham is the most recent village to	engaging over 90 older residents .
		form a local Dementia Action Alliance and	7. Working in partnership with Public
		supported by the Health and Wellbeing	health, the Health and Wellbeing team
		team held a successful launch event on18	convened a Parental Mental Health
		July. It is actively supported by the Parish	Workshop on 18 October for stakeholder
		Council and the local East of England Co-	organisations in the Babergh and Mid
		Op.	Suffolk area. The team has also
		5. Grants – a capital grant of £25,000 has	supported Lavenham to develop and
		been offered to the Stevenson Centre in	launch their Dementia Action Alliance
		Great Cornard (overall project £89,000).	(DAA).
		Section 106 funding of £16,000 has been	
		provided to projects including the	
		purchase of new open space in Cockfield,	
		play equipment in Lawshall and fencing at	
		Layham	



Impact on communities/ the way	Active Wellbeing is a bespoke approach	1. The Prostate Cancer Awareness event	The active wellbeing programme is	
we work	to help people living in rural communities	was well received by staff and feedback	supporting increasing numbers of older	
	who are physically inactive, into more	received demonstrated a positive impact.	residents to improve their wellbeing by	
	active lifestyles. The programme will also	2. As a result of the Women on Wheels	becoming active and reducing social	
	support the development of new	events there has been an increase in the	isolation and loneliness.	
	activities, where they are needed, to help	membership of local cycling clubs in		
	older people to become and stay, active.	Sudbury, Hadleigh and Boxford both of		
	Active Wellbeing will initially work with	which now have a women's section. More		
	GP surgeries in Long Melford and	women cycling helps support our wider		
	Lavenham.	aim of helping more people to stay active.		
		Some women and girls have also joined		
		Sudbury and District Triathlon Club.		
		3. Community engagement for the Make,		
		Do & Friends project started in		
		September. It is working with older		
		people including those living with		
		dementia, and it is helping to reduce rural		
		isolation and loneliness .		
		By developing a network of local		
		dementia friends and engaging with local		
		businesses, Lavenham Dementia Action		
		Alliance is already making a positive		
		impact.		
		5.The Council's grant aid programme		
		supports services and projects that		
		benefit our communities and align with		
		our strategic priorities.		

