

BRAUNTON AND COMMUNITIES FORUM

8th February 2024 5.30pm to 6.30pm

A flavour of the brief introductions to the work of our amazing groups working for our community in 30 minutes with apologies for any detail missed

Adam Crispin Home Instead North Devon Dementia Alliance, Barnstaple Library, S. Molton and Bideford Memory Cafes. Funding for Community Dementia Workers has been withdrawn. There is a need to ensure knowledge of the support that is available is given to carers and for education of perceptions around dementia to be undertaken.

Paul Cockroft Braunton Caen Rotary. To publicise and invite entries for the Peter Kingdon Award for Young Persons under 18 who have provided inspiration, gone above and beyond, improved lives in the Braunton area with a prize of £250. Closing date end March. Details on the Braunton Caen Rotary website.

Pete Stapleton Friends Assault Training Centre. Restoring old American military equipment working with the MOD, Natural England, John Breeds, metal detecting, assembling a tank. Organising D Day events on Saunton Beach, walks, talks and school trips

Sarah Jellard Community Environmental Educational Therapy CIC. Passionate about mental health, working with vulnerable children in school, National Trust, protection of the environment, home schooled children, refugees, children in care. An allotment behind TESCO with produce going the community, a beach project, cycling trips, combating loneliness.....

Ben Pounds Saunton Sands Surf Life Saving Club. They have grown massively and need help managing, fundraising and coaching. They do lots of patrols, training, and Duke of Edinburgh Gold Silver and Bronze awards

Pam Lang Pickwell Foundation. There are now 11 Afghan families at Chivenor following their emergency evacuation with 9 due to arrive. They need befrienders for walks, cycling buddies

Kev Nicholson 361 Energy. They give retrofit and home energy advice as well as help with home insulation

Libby Plastic Free North Devon Working with Pickwell Foundation.. Repair Cafes.. Ocean Explorers - young people who don't have access to nature or struggling at school. Leased minibus from Park Dean.

Louise Flagg North Devon Volunteer Service. Helps organisations to flourish, governance, policies, volunteers and fundraising. The Devon Connect platform - voluntary connectors. Assistance with Accreditation Quality Marks now expanding from Memory Cafes available to all voluntary organisations

Susanna Hill Live Well in Braunton Community Garden at Braunton Academy. Huge response already. A communal space not just for lonely and isolated but lots of groups. How would the community like to use the space? - contact us

We had run out of time as we wanted to give everyone the chance to talk together and connect with each other but we squeezed in the following for a few words.

Marie Ash Ask for Jake. Conversation with parents to understand self harming. referrals from GPs, CAMHS . Activities.

Andrea Mules Community Developer Live Well in Braunton. A shout out for Community Ambassadors Training Sessions to signpost people to the right place.

Brian Gilbert Friends of Braunton Library. Lots of events for children and all ages. Warm Space in Winter.

Brian Gilbert U3A An appeal for speakers with an audience of approx 100 each month. 300 members with a huge range of groups and activities.

Graham Bell District Councillor. A reminder that Councillors have the ability to give grants to community groups

David Baker St. Brannock's Church emailed afterwards: The Church is open daylight hours 7 days a week, an oasis of gentleness. St. Anne's Church Saunton grounds alive with snowdrops - a compost loo open for visitors. Craft Courses 27 Feb and 26 Mar 2.30 - 4.40 £12 at St. Brannock's Rooms. The Rooms are also available for hire. A roof appeal for repair after recent storms.

30 minutes of lively discussion ensued before a prompt finish at 6.30pm

The following were also present not speaking but joining in discussion

Mark Sumner - Braunton Youth Club

Jess Giblett - Braunton Countryside Centre

Roger Byrom - Men's Shed

We were grateful to those Councillors who could attend, with apologies received from others. We also welcomed several who came to support their organisations and assist in discussion.

We would like to thank everyone who came and enjoyed the get together and many thanks to Monica who took the notes from which these resumes are taken