

Parish Magazine Article November 2010: "What to do about cuts"

First Meeting was on 26 Jan 2011: then, 12 Apr, 13 Jul, 12 Oct 2011

Achievements – for which HaVACE has been at least partially instrumental

Coffee-morning based advice meetings – isolation–loneliness
 Village Agents scheme: benefits – unclaimed: form-filling
 Fuel Syndicate – now 150 members
 Unemployed – mentoring offer

Active consideration – some progress made

Signposting – information, helpful agencies
 Survey of needs of elderly
 Neighbourcare re-invention / extension
 Care home in benefice – wardens - Respite home - Almshouses – Specialist
 planning advice offered
 Parish nursing scheme (Church sponsored)

Ideas which have been mentioned - no action at present

Car-share schemes
 Supporting carers – sitting service
 Unemployed – Job Club
 Pre-school – babysitting
 Young (teenagers) – mingling places
 Social side of baby clinics
 Supporting those with poor/chaotic lifestyles
 Debt – counselling
 Local Exchange Trading Systems barter system
 Pill deliveries
 Lunch for Children: especially for those receiving free school meals.
 Volunteer Awareness
 Meals on wheels
 Food distribution (as in Andover Food bank)
 Lending of equipment etc (as in LP Community Association. Loan of
 barbecues, tents etc)

Agencies and people we met in the first half of last year:

Christina Moran of Age Concern Andover & District
 Lucy Mackmin, Community Development Officer, Basingstoke & Deane Borough
 Council
 Pam Gibson, Community Worker from Basingstoke Voluntary Services
 Lisa Edwards Community Innovations Development Worker from Basingstoke
 Voluntary Services

Action this year – possible aims

Aim: Become better known

- Register with:

Basingstoke Voluntary Services	}	and with Test Valley
Basingstoke & Deane Community Development	}	BC equivalent
Community Action Hampshire		
- Send publicity to:

Citizens Advice	Doctors Surgeries	Hampshire (Healthcare)
Parish Councils	Pubs	Commissioning Services
Churches	Kingfisher Day Centre	Social Services
Age UK	Longparish Community	Andover Neighbourcare
Schools & Pre-	Association	& Rendezvous
Schools	Whitchurch Family	Andover Foodbank
Police	Network	Two Saints Outreach
Shops	Surestart Overton	Andover Job Club

Aim: Publish Signposting leaflet

Aim: Research – in particular,

- Older persons' needs
- Extra Care housing scheme – e.g. BrendonCare Knightwood at Chandlers
Ford
- children's and young people's needs: Surestart

Aim: continue support and encouragement