

Full Council 25 February 2014

CABINET MEMBER REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

Report by Cllr Robert Everitt Communities Portfolio

Portfolio includes:

- Bury St Edmunds
- Community Safety
- Youth Provision/Children and Young People
- Community Development
- Third Sector/Localism
- Equalities
- CCTV
- Emergency Planning

1. Community Safety

- 1.1 Following the adoption of the Families and Communities Strategy the Locality Officers are now out and about meeting with you, getting to know who your local contacts are and starting to identify where they could support you. The focus of their role is to work with you to support your residents to find local solutions to the issues which they care enough about. For example officers are already beginning to support the following:
- (a) the set up of a new residents association for the Nowton estate;
 - (b) contributing to the Horringer Court Community Centre working group;
 - (c) discussing community resilience with a parish council;
 - (d) a community fundraising and awareness raising event for 13-17 year olds in support of Focus 12; and
 - (e) a village community arts festival.

2. Bury Skate Park

- 2.1 At the same time existing projects which are very much in line with the Families and Communities strategy are also progressing. Anyone using the Olding Road car park will be aware that the work to build a new concrete skate park is well underway. At the moment it is at the earth moving stage. Provided there is not too much more rain or heavy frosts the new skate park should emerge in time for Easter. This has been a huge undertaking for the Bury Skatepark Experience charity which has raised funds and is overseeing the work, with support from officers.

3. Howard Estate

- 3.1 Following two productive meetings with members of Newbury Community Association (NCA) the Council is now drafting a Memorandum of Understanding to capture the shared objectives of the Council and NCA in relation to retaining a community venue on the Howard Estate.

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