



9 June 2022

## People and Communities Bulletin



**Latest updates and engagement opportunities across your community**

### Join us in Swindon town centre for our Walk A Mile event

Carers Week is key to raising awareness of unpaid carers looking after family members, partners and friends every day, 24 hours a day. Please support Swindon Carers Centre by joining us for our Walk A Mile event on Saturday 11 June 2022 at 11am.

We are meeting at Sanford House, Sanford Street for a short walk through Swindon town centre, followed by refreshments back at Sanford House. We are excited to be planning this face-to-face event after a two year break due to Covid-19 and we are looking for as many people to take part as possible.

Three in five people will be carers at some point in their lives. If you're not caring for someone, it's likely that you know a family member, friend or colleague who is, so please join us to make caring visible, valued and supported.

Find out more and sign up today

*Join us*  **SWINDON Carers Centre**

**in Swindon town centre for our Walk A Mile event!**

*Help us to make caring visible, valued and supported.*

**On Saturday June 11th**  
Starting at Sanford House,  
Sanford Street Swindon,  
SN1 1HE

Registration from 10.30am  
**Start time:** 11am  
**End time:** 1pm

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## Spotlight on co-production series

Over the coming weeks Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living will be showcasing various examples of co-production that have taken place in Wiltshire.

Co-production refers to a way of working, whereby everybody comes together to create positive change. Disabled people are credited as experts and assets, they are local change makers who are able to influence, design and develop how their local community and everything in it works for them.

This week we are highlighting positive community change that took place in Bemerton Heath, when some of the local residents decided that they wanted to do something about the dogs mess on the streets that was causing them problems with using the pavements with mobility aids.

[Check out the video diary](#)

## Join the upcoming Wiltshire Community Foundation Connecting People Network events

Wiltshire Community Foundation (WCF) hosts two networks - the Swindon Connecting People Network, for groups primarily working in Swindon, and the Wiltshire Connecting People Network, for groups primarily working in Wiltshire which local people are welcome to join. If you cover both areas, you are welcome to both!

These networks aim to bring organisations together; who have an interest in or provide day to day activities that connect people to address loneliness and improve wellbeing; to share learning and network. Hosted online via Zoom, network workshops focus on discussion, sharing, learning and networking. The theme for the next meetings in June and July is "Considering impact of the cost of living crisis on community



connections".

Swindon Connecting People Network - Thursday  
16 June 2022 10am-12pm

Wiltshire Connecting People Network - Thursday  
7 July 2022 10am-12pm

Find out more about Wiltshire  
Community Foundation



## Would you like to understand and get a flavour of what the Voluntary and Community Sector in Wiltshire does

Could you help raise awareness and celebrate the Voluntary and Community Sector in Wiltshire? If the answer is yes, then please share this with your teams, direct supports, volunteers, service users, trustees and funders and sign-up to the Wiltshire Voluntary Sector Expo.

The Voluntary Sector Expo is a celebration of the diversity and vibrancy of voluntary and community organisations working in Wiltshire to provide a variety of services, support, and activities for local communities. The week-long Expo aims to raise awareness, promote the essential services available to Wiltshire's communities and help connect to local community organisations.

From 20-23 June you can hear from up to [35 participating Wiltshire based voluntary and community organisations](#).

Find out more and sign up  
today

## Covid-19 information

### Information about Covid-19 vaccinations

If you have any queries about the Covid-19 vaccination please check the frequently asked questions section of our website, which is being refreshed and updated regularly.

Frequently asked questions

## Press releases

## Read the latest news from across BSW CCG

[Stay well this Jubilee weekend by stocking the medicine cabinet and treating minor conditions at home](#)

[Health and social care services contract in Bath and North East Somerset not extended](#)

[Time lapse video shows progress of soon-to-be completed Devizes Health Centre](#)

[Full list of press releases](#)

## Latest information and updates from BSW CCG

### Dates for future engagement forums

The next meeting of the B&NES Your Health Your Voice forum will take place on 12 July 2022 from 2pm-3:30pm.

The next meeting of the Swindon Patient and Public Engagement forum will take place on 14 July 2022 2pm-3:30pm.

For more information, or to register your interest, please email the BSW Engagement team via [bswccg.engagement@nhs.net](mailto:bswccg.engagement@nhs.net)

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