

RUSCOTE AND NEITHROP COMMUNITY INSIGHT PROJECT: WINTER 2022

Annex 3

Community-based initiatives and projects in Ruscote and
Neithrop: 2010 – present

Initiative/ Project	Status	Aims/ Objectives	Stakeholders
Play:Full	Ongoing	Aims: to give holiday experiences to those children who might not get it; to tackle holiday hunger. Community groups run an event/ excursion and Sanctuary provide food (either fruit or packed lunch).	Sanctuary Housing Cherwell District Council Community groups
Standing in the Gap	Ongoing	‘Helping pre-school and primary aged children manage big emotions, such as fear, anxiety, anger and grief.’	Standing in the Gap Sanctuary Housing
Youth Activators	Ongoing	Work with 8-16 yr olds across the district of Cherwell, North Oxfordshire, to engage with them through the use of physical activity, delivering fun alternative sports.	Cherwell DC Local schools Community groups
North Banbury Network	Ongoing	To support groups working in the community to work together and support each other’s work and share good practice	Cherwell District Council Community groups
Winter Warmers Soup project	Ongoing	Free hot soup for delivery or collection for those without cooking equipment or find it difficult preparing meals (November to February)	Age Friendly Banbury RVS The Hill Community Centre Cherwell DC
Move Together	Ongoing	Supporting people who have been shielding as a result of COVID-19, those with a long-term health condition whose physical or mental health and wellbeing have been impacted by the pandemic and people affected by isolation and loneliness.	Cherwell DC
Health and Wellbeing Walks	Ongoing	“Ramblers Wellbeing Walks make it easier to start walking and stay active. And you’ll certainly never be short of good company.”	Ramblers Cherwell DC
Banbury Cooking Skills Project	Ongoing	Runs healthy cooking classes to diverse community groups to enable participants to improve their confidence to ‘cook from scratch’.	The Hill Community Centre Sanctuary BFIB
Oxford United in the Community	Ongoing	Improve physical health through targeted football sessions and improve mental health by participating in a	The Hill Community centre Oxford United

		group activity where mental health issues could be discussed	Cherwell DC BFIB
Warm Spaces at The Hill		food and activities in a warm environment to address cost of living issues	The Hill Community Centre Sanctuary
Senior Youth Club (The Hill)	Ongoing	Football sessions as well as more traditional youth club activities, and support for young people	The Hill Community Centre BFIB
Men's Breakfast (The Hill)	Ongoing	Sessions for local people to meet and socialise	The Hill Community Centre
Reuse, recycle, upcycle project	Ongoing	Weekly (donations-based) market	Sunshine centre BFIB
Let's Play	Ongoing	Specialises in After-School clubs, Holiday activities and Youth Groups for Young People aged 5-25 with additional needs, in the Banbury area	Let's Play Oxfordshire CC Oxfordshire Play Association
Oxford Parent-Infant Project	Ongoing	'OXPIP tackles some of society's most challenging issues by helping parents and their babies to form strong and loving relationships.'	OXPIP Sunshine Centre The Hill
You Move	Ongoing	To provide free or low-cost activities for families across the county	Cherwell District Council Oxfordshire County Council
Brighter Futures in Banbury (BFIB)	Ongoing (since 2009)	<p>The Brighter Futures partnership work focusses on four wards in Banbury that contain areas which rank on the lower end of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. There are several areas in Banbury across the four wards of Hardwick, Ruscote, Neithrop and Grimsbury and Castle which rank amongst the 20% most deprived in the country.</p> <p>The partnership focuses on long-term change, looking at a wide variety of measures which support strength and cohesion in the community [BFIB Report, 2021-22].</p>	<p>Steering Group has representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherwell District Council (including Safer Communities, Wellbeing, Housing, Performance and Insight) • Department for Work and Pensions • Sanctuary Housing • The Sunshine Centre • Citizens Advice • Oxfordshire County Council (including Social Care, Public Health)

			Multiple other local partners are also involved: 'Interaction with residents can be on a formal basis via the community network groups or informally via community groups and the professionals and volunteers who support them' [BFIB report 2021-22].
Sunrise Multicultural project	Ongoing (since 1992)	'Supports ethnic minority families in Banbury who are mainly of Pakistani descent [...] wants to address cultural issues affecting families' parenting abilities and their inclusion and integration into the wider community in Banbury, building links with schools in particular.'	SMP Britannia Road Children's Centre
Active Reach Project – Banbury Grimsbury	PROJECT COMPLETE	To help people in greatest need get active and improve their health, wellbeing, and life chances.	Active Oxfordshire Cherwell DC Banbury Madni Masjid St. Leonard's Church Aspire
Press Red Healthy Eating project	PROJECT COMPLETE	'Oxfordshire County Council commissioned Press Red, an agency for social change, to help them to better understand what it's like for residents to try to be a healthy weight' [project report, November 2022]	Oxfordshire County Council Cherwell DC Press Red
FAST (Families Active, Sporting Together)	PROJECT COMPLETE	To help and make it easier for families in these areas to access physical activity where research has highlighted lower than the national average physical activity levels.	Centre For Sustainable Healthcare Sanctuary Housing Legacy Leisure Oxfordshire County Council Cherwell District Council North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership Sport England

Royal Voluntary Service– Older Persons Activity Packs	PROJECT COMPLETE	Delivered to residents in Ruscote and Neithrop. Included equipment to enable them to exercise and arts/crafts/quiz books etc.	RVS Sanctuary
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