

Overall objectives: Leverage unique links at place level to engage with communities

Working with Communities: Identified Action	South Kestevens Action Plan	By When	By Whom	Completion Status	Progress as of September 2024
Capture and build on district community engagement knowledge and expertise: Combine and codify the District's knowledge and approach to community engagement and empowerment, building on success and experience gained during the pandemic.	District-wide consultation exercise with voluntary and community sector and residents relating to provision of voluntary services, opportunities for volunteering etc.	Summer 2024	Carol Drury	Completed	Consultation carried out with residents and voluntary and community groups. Findings helped determine the content of the Community Engagement and Development Strategy
	Development of a Community and Engagement and Development Strategy with input from the VCS through the consultation exercise	Summer 2024	Carol Drury	Completed	Our People, Our Place - A Community Engagement and Development Strategy for South Kesteven was adopted by Cabinet 6.2.2024
	Council in the Community initiative to engage with residents face-to-face	Summer 2024	Carol Drury	Ongoing	Format to change as events attracted limited take-up. Community Events the Community Engagement team has actively participated in pre-existing community events. 8.6.24 - Sproxtton - D Day event 29.6.24 - Grantham - Safer Streets 14.8.24 - Grantham - Wellbeing event organised by SHINE Lincolnshire 7/8.9.24 - Caythorpe Gala 14.9.24 - Belton House Community Festival
	Series of funding workshops to support project development and delivery by VCS across the district	Summer 2024	Carol Drury	Ongoing	Funding workshops delivered: Deepings 6/7/2023 Stamford 21/9/23 Grantham 18/1/2024 Funding Fair - Bourne - 27/3/24 4 further workshops and a funding fair planned for 2024/25
	Engagement of two cost of living coordinators to support local communities	Ongoing	Cost of Living Team	Completed	Ongoing engagement – Cost of Living Team are funded until 31 March 2025
	Ring-fenced financial support for Foodbanks and other food support agencies across the district	Ongoing	Cost of Living Team	Ongoing	Ring-fenced funding pot of £10,000 is available to support the work of agencies and community groups within the District which provides access to food and essential supplies to those in need. • This support is offered to the four Foodbanks within the District along with community larders, agencies providing hot meals to vulnerable individuals and community cafés operating on a 'pay what you can' basis. • Currently, £12,000 of support has been issued, with the remaining £3,000 to be issued by 31 March 2025

Expand district participation in current sector discussions across the wider system.	Attendance at mental health groups, district health and wellbeing groups, food support groups	Ongoing	Collaborative officer working	Ongoing	Community Engagement Officer attends meetings organised by health colleagues covering Grantham, Bourne and Stamford on a monthly basis
	Wellbeing fairs in collaboration with health and wellbeing partners, food outlets and small business sector	Ongoing	Collaborative officer working	Ongoing	Continue to attend events to showcase how the council supports. Community Engagement attended events recently with wellbeing partners and businesses.
	Attendance at meetings and information sessions relating to Armed Forces Veterans	Ongoing	Debbie Nicholls	Ongoing	Armed Forces Officer leads on and/or attends: Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant Partnership Local Authority Armed Forces Leads meeting LGA Armed Forces Covenant Network Airborne Heritage Trail meeting Community Engagement meetings with Prince William of Gloucester Barracks Arnhem 80 Sub Committee
Strengthen sector oversight and assurance: Work with partners (Sector representative groups and County) to develop an agreed approach to sector oversight and assurance, harnessing community potential in a safe, effective way.	Work in collaboration with LCVS and other agencies to provide health checks and assurance relating to VCS	Ongoing	Carol Drury	Ongoing	This service is provided on request from voluntary and community groups within the district. Engagement work with LCVS continues including their collaboration on the Bourne Funding Fair and our participation in their Volunteer Management Conference 12/6/2024
Enhance and sustain voluntary sector engagement and contribution: Building on success during the pandemic, develop and formalize mechanisms to draw on volunteer capacity quickly and efficiently in response to emerging community needs e.g., flooding, pandemic.	Worked with 55 groups (1500 volunteers) during the pandemic. Database now increased to include more than 300 groups across the district.	Ongoing	Carol Drury	Ongoing	The database is an ever-growing ecosystem of contacts amongst voluntary, community, faith, wellbeing and armed forces groups. The database currently contains 616 contacts plus a further 117 specifically related to Armed Forces events/activities.
	Formal links with Parish and Town Councils	Ongoing	Carol Drury	Ongoing	Parish and Town Council conference is under development to take place in the autumn of 2024. This will focus on emergency planning (as a response to flooding earlier in the year) and community safety. Opportunities for information stalls will be offered to other service areas and organisations.
	Public Protection and Community Engagement of officers working with other agencies and stakeholders to ensure an effective and timely response in an emergency situation	Ongoing	Carol Drury	Ongoing	The Community Engagement Team is planning a Parish and Town Council conference in Autumn 2024. Working with the Emergency Planning & Health and Safety Lead, LCC partners, Public Protection and the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to provide an agenda covering emergency planning and community safety.

	Specific inclusion within Community Engagement Business Continuity Plan relating to the importance of community engagement during emergency situations.	Summer 2024	Carol Drury	Completed	New Business Impact Assessment and Business Continuity Plan developed August 2024
A strategic Commissioning approach in Lincolnshire: To maximise impact and reach of commissioned services across the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing System.	Move towards a strategy commissioning approach across the health and wellbeing system. Investigate the current system of community connectors (SHINE) and social prescribing (LCVS). Work alongside Active Lincolnshire with this approach.	Spring 2024	Carol Drury (for community engagement. Commissioning of health and wellbeing led by other services of the Council).	Ongoing	From a community perspective: The CE Team works in collaboration with Shine Lincolnshire, has developed strong links with the Community Connectors that work across SK. Our Community Grants and Funding Officer has been an active participant in the determination of grants through Shine's Mental Health & Wellbeing Investment Fund. The CE Team also takes opportunities to work collaboratively with LCVS who manage the Social Prescribing Link Workers across the district.
Wellbeing Lincs: Review opportunities to further develop districts preventative approach, using Wellbeing Lincs as a proven and trusted mechanism for collaboration and innovation (harness Wellbeing Lincs as a powerful vehicle for co-production, collaboration, innovation).	Attend partnership meetings	Ongoing	Sarah McQueen	Ongoing	Continue to attend.