

COMMUNITY FIRST DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2013

Victoria Park Community Centre



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Our mission aim:

- Break down barriers within the ward, social and economic
- Improve links within the community via community involvement
- Increase the use of the community centre for people on low income
- Increase the use of the dog wardens in the area

Victoria Community Centre lies in the heart of the community; the community first panel is made up of people from the local community and local council, all of which are staunch supporters of the area.

Information gathered from events organised with CDF monies has allowed the centre to gather information from the community, it is clear links need to be made to the various community organisations to allow a cohesive map of activities which take place in the community.

By working closely with the local schools and community groups to discuss the priorities of the wider community it will become clear what is needed to break down the barriers of the economic and social struggle for families in living in the area.

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Our plan:

- Support the accessibility of information for people on low income by assisting them with information and community involvement. Allowing people to gather information can help build confidence and can assist them to self manage their own destiny; gain new skills and experiences.

- Offer a wide range of community based events; job clubs, youth activities, lunch club, support for volunteers, work in partnership with local organisations as well as schools to provide facilities for individuals to achieve their aspirations either personally or from a community perspective.
- Liaise with local community groups to ensure funded projects are built on; information gained from such projects would be used to inform wider local community groups, thus ensuring a more cohesive community structure.

Local Venues currently linked with Victoria ward

- St Georges Hall
- Sea Cadets Hall
- Chilton Trinity Sports Centre
- Chilton Trinity School

All of the above have a variety of events on offer, some of which are available for people on low income; Victoria Community Centre will continue to provide for the whole community; providing the community with activities and events which are at an affordable cost.

Funding:-

CDF funding will be continued to be advertised to the community; encouragement to small community groups which are unavailable to access other funding. Victoria Community Centre will continue to source funding to allow low income families to access facilities within the community.

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