

STALL HOLDERS COMMENTS – Wellbeing Event 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

<b>One Life Suffolk</b> Helping local people live healthier lives	Positive feedback for facilities in Beccles e.g. Community Room at Station, The Waveney Centre, Lido and Paws for Tea on the common.	Parking in Beccles was bad. Not always using designated parking areas i.e. cars parking badly in unsafe places.	Suggestion for a new provision was an <b>Outdoor Gym.</b> Possible subject for a policy?
<b>East Coast Community Health Care</b> Encourages independence, co-ordinates 38 different services	They could potentially have a very useful input on areas like number of wheelchairs and assistance dog-users in Beccles.	Also their needs in terms of facilities, street design and so on.	<b>Taylor Moore</b> was keen we got in touch (01502 445356) to discuss this further.
<b>BACT</b> Carers Transport	Commented on their problems with their minibuses.	Potholes. One-way bridge end of Kemps Lane, together with the weight restriction of the George Road bridge meant that they had to do a 1.5 mile detour to pick up/ drop off clients in Derby Road. The pinch point on St George's Road caused chaos when school traffic was out.	
<b>Police</b>	They would like crime prevention consulted about lighting and footpaths in the proposed Garden Suburb. The officer mentioned <b>Alan Kealy</b> as the local contact. He also said he wouldn't like the new residential area to become a 'self-contained community'. He approved of the extended town centre CCTV coverage and would like it further extended to Rigbourne Hill.		
<b>Food Bank</b>	In relation to their clients, mentioned: 1 Difficulty getting doctors' appointments. 2 Transport issues for non-car users (wasn't specific). 3 Access to leisure facilities for those in poverty.		
<b>National Careers Service</b>	No immediate comments, but would look at our website.		

NB: General comments received from attendees at above event were as follows:

1. On the positive, Beccles provided a good retail range, which included small shops as well as supermarkets. Also a good selection of cafes and eating places, together with the Library and the Public Hall.
2. On the negative side, people would like to see less traffic in town to cut down on pollution. Try to restrict the number of holiday houses, and empty buildings used for housing. Also try to encourage young people to return to Beccles following university or when they marry, they are able to find a home in Beccles and not have to move away.
3. Comments from 2 Sir John Leman pupils confirmed the need for cycle routes to be developed throughout the town and to and from the Garden Suburb, together with secure parking areas for bikes.