

**Patchway Town Council Report**  
**for Quarter 2 July to September 2019**

	Patchway Town Council Targets	Measure
1	Organise and facilitate quarterly Charlton Hayes Steering groups and ensure actions are completed.	4 meetings a year attended by at least 8 partners.
2	Run weekly 'community conversation' drop in sessions at the Patchway Hub	At least 40 weekly sessions held at the Patchway Hub
3	Links made and relationships built with community groups in Patchway & Charlton Hayes	Visits to at least 30 local community groups
4	Supporting residents to start new community groups or get involved with existing ones.	Number of groups engaged with.
5	3 community events run in Patchway per year	3 events
6	Ad hoc support for a weekly job club in Patchway by providing cover for busy sessions and by promoting this service locally.	Weekly promotion of job club via social media.
7	Supporting a local business breakfast meet up through attendance, signposting and promotion.	Number of business breakfasts attended/promoted.

1. Organised the quarterly Charlton Hayes steering group meeting in July. This meeting provides an invaluable method of agencies and organization working in Patchway and Charlton Hayes to hear from residents through ReACH with 13 people attending. In September we held a walkabout for the Priority Neighbourhood Steering Group, to visit the green spaces in Patchway and to familiarize newer members with the area. 16 people attended.



2. Held 6 community conversations drop in sessions for people to raise ideas or concerns about Patchway. Had conversations with people about volunteering opportunities in Patchway.

Knocked on doors in Larch Way, had conversations with 6 residents about how they find living in Patchway

3. Visited Early Years Messy Play, The Parade Gardening Group, Patchway Minibus, Community Fridge, Food Bank, to see what their needs are. Many groups are looking for more volunteers to support the running of the sessions. Working with Patchway Volunteer Centre to promote opportunities and currently writing articles for local newsletters, including Patchway People, and magazines in the surrounding areas e.g. Severn Beach, Bradley Stoke to raise awareness of the groups and volunteer needs. Supported 2 Patchway groups to apply to Quartet express grant. Pretoria road allotment for new shipping container for safer storage on site. Sports and Social association at Scott Park for new exercise outdoor gym equipment.
4. Supporting Local group “Mamas swaps and freebies” with becoming a constituted group, and supporting their Christmas swap event in November at Coniston Community Centre. The monthly, evening Meet up for Patchway residents, held at Starbucks in Aztec West has had between 6 and 8 attendees each meet up, it is now being continued by a member of the community. In August we held a Parade gardening day, with volunteers from Hoare Lea a local business based in Aztec West.



5. The Community Development co-ordinator is member of Patchway Festival committee and supported the festival this July. Attended festival, gave out 300 pieces of fruit and 200 Patchway #Lovewhereyoulive tote bags containing leaflets and information about Patchway. Friends of Southern Brooks have held 1 community quiz night at Brooks café. This is well established and provides good quality, low cost evening activities in Patchway.

6. The weekly Job club held at Coniston Community centre has had 20 attendees. The community development worker has set up and manages a Patchway Jobs Group on Facebook, now with over 650 members. Regularly updated with local jobs and volunteering opportunities specifically for Patchway residents and promoting jobs in Patchway.
7. There is no longer a business breakfast at Patchway Community School due to funding cuts. We are investigating the need for a business breakfast in the local area.

### **Additional Information**

Applied for additional funding to run an “Anxiety and Me” in the Casson centre for a 3 week evening course with Network Counseling. Referrals for this came through South Glos One You wellbeing service with half the attendees being Patchway residents. Feedback from the attendees was that they found it very useful and were sad the course was ending, they gained practical knowledge on how to manage their anxiety.

The second Diwali Festival is taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> October at Charlton Wood Primary School, additional funding of £3000 was received from South Glos Council to run school workshops for Indian dancing and lantern making. This event is in partnership with Avon Indian Association and Patchway Town Council.

## **Case Study**

### **Meet up**

Feedback from residents in the community plan consultation indicated a lack of opportunities in the evening for local residents to meet and share thoughts and ideas about living here. The Meet-up was established in July 2018 as a monthly evening drop-in at Starbucks in Aztec West. This was chosen as an accessible space, open in the evening with soft drink options. It has steadily gained a regular group of members and each month also has new people drop in. People have attended the group for far more reasons than initially anticipated. This has included people new to Patchway attending to meet other residents, people who’ve recently been bereaved have used this group as the first time they’ve been to an event on their own since their husband died, and people who have high anxiety about meeting new people have also attended. A local resident has now offered to continue running this group, so we will support him to keep this going. This is now an excellent new resource for Patchway residents.