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	Neston & Willaston Community Partnership Steering Group	CE1/15

Cllr Braithwaite was appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Neston & Willaston Community Partnership Steering Group and has provided the following update following attendance at a steering group meeting on 9 May.

Overview

The Steering Group has a wide membership including representatives from health, social care, community sector, local authority and education. There are several sub-groups (older people, broader issues, mental health, children & families) which report back to the Steering Group.

Steering Group Meeting

The following points from the 9 May meeting were of particular relevance to Neston:

- Breastfeeding Peer Support Group "Bosom Buddies" run by Koala only have 1-2 expectant mothers attending and is at risk of folding in Neston. The Market Manager is co-ordinating with Koala for the organisation to have a stand on the market one Friday to promote this fantastic support group. Can I please encourage people to use social media to promote too?
- Neston Angels are looking for volunteer befrienders – hopefully this can be promoted on Council Social Media Platforms.
- Silver Mail – an organization that brings generations together and prevents loneliness is looking for youngsters to be pen pals to senior citizens.*
- Space Hive, the crowd funding platform, is now open. Search Cheshire West Crowd Funding*
- CWVA funding page is now open.*
- Cheshire Community Action – organisations can apply for capital grants up to £10,000.*
- Neston Civic Centre are looking for fundraiser to help get money for the roof and other repairs. Could the request for a volunteer be promoted?
- The NCYC Big Lunch is being promoted by NTC.

**The Town Council's Chief Officer advised that Neston-specific information will be shared on the Town Council media platforms and that councillors promote other more generic items on social media platforms that they have an interest in.*

Cllr Carol Braithwaite