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Community Engagement Team

Structure Chart

Corporate Team

The Community Engagement Team area part of the People and Policy Directorate within the Strategy Engagement & Marketing Team



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Delivery of the Council's Local Engagement Framework

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Corporate support to staff on consultation and engagement plans to meet the [Community Engagement Charter](#) principles and corporate guidelines.

The team also co-ordinate various engagement meetings

Placed based engagement

Delivered through the five Connecting Communities Forums:

- [Bath Area](#)
- [Bathavon Area](#)
- [Chew Valley Area](#)
- [Keynsham Area](#)
- [Somer Valley Area](#)

Parish Engagement is supported through the principles agreements within the [Parish Charter](#) and Parish Liaison meetings



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Partnership and networking

The team facilitate other sessions including:

- [Let's Talk Sessions with Voluntary Sector](#) – 3SG and Council initiative to enable informal discussions and debates' within the sector
- [Student Community Partnership](#) – improving town and gown relations
- [Community Wellbeing Hub Partnership](#) – public, private and VCS partners to deliver joint initiatives
- [Interagency Meetings](#) – network meetings for staff and volunteers across all sectors working across BANES
- [Interagency e-Bulletin](#) – information bulletin

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Student Community Partnership



Support for organisations seeking funding and delivering various funding programmes

The team manage various funding programmes and provide advice and support on funding

- [Funding Journal](#) - sources of national and local external funding programmes
- [Ward Councillors Community Empowerment Fund](#) – funding allocated to all BANES Ward Councillors to support local community initiatives
- [Bath Neighbourhood CIL Funding](#) – Community Infrastructure Levy funding from development for Bath
- [Community Contribution Fund](#) – contributions made by residents to support local community initiatives
- [Ukraine Support Fund](#) – support local community initiatives



Promoting people's independence and improve their health and wellbeing

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- Supporting the development of the [Community Wellbeing Hub](#) including expansion into acute and primary care settings. Developing the five year business plan and delivering key projects
- [Village Agents extension](#) – working with the VA to expanded their services in urban areas.
- [Volunteer Service commission](#) – manage the HCRG contract to support volunteer recruitment and retention
- [Armed Forces Covenant](#) – ensuring the council and partners deliver legal duty – Education, Housing and Health
- [Community Defibrillators](#) – managing and co-ordinating volunteers to oversee sites across BANES.



Community Assets and Resources

[Assets of Community Value](#) – manage listings for where communities have identified important community assets to be saved – eg local pub, post office.

[Community Asset Transfers](#) – assist communities to develop business plans where CATs are considered appropriate.

[Community Awards](#) – recognising the valuable contributions made by community leaders, organisations, volunteers etc through annual awards.

[Christmas Lights](#) – supporting corporate procurement framework within communities outside Bath City Centre.

[Volunteering](#) – promote volunteering and initiatives to increase volunteering activity across the district.



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