



BIGGLESWADE COMMUNITY GROUP

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TRUSTEES 2025 REPORT to the AGM

Biggleswade Community Group is a not-for-profit initiative run by volunteers. Since September 2020 we have been providing the local community with important, easily accessible, information to keep them updated and reduce isolation.

Throughout 2025 we continued to publish Biggleswade Community News monthly as an 8-page A5 size printed booklet. Our printing costs were met by grants from Biggleswade Town Council received in March and September. That enabled us to make 1500 copies available free of charge at pickup points and some Community Events. Local organisations benefited from much needed publicity. Most like us are run by a small team of volunteers and we helped to make their plans and activities known.

We maintain a web site with details of our activities and constitution etc. and also publish our Newsletters online, sending monthly updates to a subscriber list. We promote via social media and have a Facebook page which is updated several times a day. It draws attention to items about Biggleswade and nearby villages in one place. It is popular and the number of followers is growing daily. Our trustees work together using Whatsapp and email.

All of this work is done by a team of volunteers to whom we are very grateful. This includes members of Biggleswade Good Neighbours and Students from Ivel Valley College.

We have continued to maintain our links with partners including Future Action Biggleswade (FAB), Biggleswade Community Garden, Biggleswade Community Carnival and Biggleswade Community Safety Group. We shared stalls at local events such as the Carnival Duck Race, "Think As You Shop" in the Bigg Theatre. and the Christmas Fayre in the Market Square.

We help our partners with publicity to ensure that their activities are well known and supported. New additions this year included Preen. We are helping them with publicity and a search for new premises in Biggleswade.

Our efforts are appreciated within the local community and we receive phone calls and messages seeking assistance. We plan to continue with that and expand what we offer subject to having sufficient volunteers.

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