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Holly Weeks used a £2,000 SWEF grant to buy a new double oven and bigger mixer to help increase production in her bakery business. She says "I feel like the real deal now and I'm so grateful for the grant, without it I just wouldn't have been able to have scaled up."



Alex Montgomery used a £1,000 grant to buy all of the equipment and stock he needed for his seed box subscription business. He says: "It's quite reassuring to have a conversation with experts in the field who tell you 'oh yeah, we believe in your idea'."



Joanna Weaver used a £2,000 grant to help kit out her ice cream van with a specially adapted freezer to help her serve gelato at markets and events more easily. She says: "I can serve quicker and keep up with the queues. I'm really grateful for the grant and so glad I applied."



Summer Pettingale used a £2,000 grant to buy stock for her beauty salon and undertake extra training. "The grant was really helpful because with the courses I am able to branch out into other treatments I might not have been able to afford otherwise."

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Green food super production centre planned for Royal Wootton Bassett

A radical new development, which has the potential to see landfill sites across the country transformed into low-cost energy and affordable fruit and vegetable super production centres, is being proposed by Wiltshire-based Crapper and Sons Landfill Limited as part of the future vision for its Royal Wootton Bassett site.

The cutting-edge, climate friendly 'Sustain Initiative', which will be detailed as part of a public consultation due to take place in December, plans to use methane generated by its landfill site to power and heat positively pressured inflatable greenhouses. These will be used to produce affordable fruit and vegetables for the local community year-round, resulting in the creation of up to 130 new jobs.

Based on the concept of the ancient midden where waste, including animal dung, would be piled outside homes to break down, providing heat, material to burn and composted biomass, the Sustain 'Super-Midden' is designed to turn landfill sites into energy, heat, food, and fertiliser generating centres for the benefit of the local community.

Under the proposed plans landfill methane, which is currently safely tapped and burnt off, will power engines to generate electricity and heat. In a world-first, this will be used to keep flexible greenhouses situated on the sealed landfill cells at a perfect growing temperature for horticulture throughout the year.

These positively pressured greenhouses are engineered to flex with the movement of the landfill as it settles. Fully encapsulated, they are isolated from the landfill and the environment, preventing the ingress of contaminants, pests or disease.

CO₂, produced as a by-product of the energy from gas process, will be fed directly into the greenhouses to enhance and control the growing environment.

Aided by ultraviolet light, ripening can be accelerated or slowed down to meet local demand. This allows the growing season to be extended year-round, enabling multi-cropping and harvesting of everything from lettuce to avocados.

Sustain's circular solution will see its greenhouses produce just-in-time, demand-based fruit and vegetables using advanced modelling technology to manage planting, levels of heat, light and CO₂.

Minimising the need for storage and food miles, produce will be delivered to the doorstep alongside dairy products and meat from local farmers.

The aim is for the proposed greenhouses at the Brinkworth Road site to supply 80% of all fruit and vegetable requirements for Wootton Bassett, Malmesbury, Purton and Brinkworth, consuming up to 4,000 tonnes of CO₂ each year; equivalent to boiling 57 million kettles of water.

In time, food waste will be collected for anaerobic digestion when the food deliveries are made. This will be used to generate low-cost energy and fertiliser for use in the greenhouses, perpetuating the sustainable circular solution.

Spare electricity from the methane-to-energy, and energy from waste plants will be used to support green industrial development and recycling, providing high quality local employment.

Full details of the proposed plans for the Super-Midden at the Brinkworth Road site, will be shared with the local community at two public consultation events. These will take place at Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Football Club on Monday 04 December (1pm-8pm), and at Memorial Hall Station Rd, Royal Wootton Bassett on Saturday 09 December (10am-3pm).

Commenting on the Sustain vision, Richard Crapper, Managing Director of Crapper and Sons Landfill Ltd, said: "Over the years we have worked hard to support our local community. The Sustain Super-Midden plans for the site at Brinkworth Road are the next stage of that legacy.

"Our goal is to transform the way landfill sites are utilised so that they become one of the most climate-friendly methods of waste disposal. This is made possible by repurposing and reusing landfill cells once they become full, adopting cutting edge technology to create affordable, just-in-time food, through a process that consumes more carbon than it produces.

"The green food Super-Midden production centre will be owned and operated by a Community Interest Company, which will return profit to the local community in the form of grants for community projects."

Richard Crapper added: "All this is possible within the footprint of our existing site, but the really exciting part is that this solution has the potential to be replicated across the country, addressing the unsustainable practice of importing out-of-season produce from all over the world.

"Adopted nationwide, our Super-Midden solution could alleviate food shortages, provide cheap power to local communities and help to address the cost-of-living crisis, all by generating affordable, freshly harvested, non-warehoused produce at a lower cost than the major supermarkets.

"It's all part of our wider Sustain vision that aims to create sustainable working environments and communities of the future."

Visitors to the public consultations will be able to share their views on the Sustain Super-Midden plans via a feedback form. For those who are unable to attend the event, information about the

proposed plans and an online feedback form will be available from 04 December on <https://sustainwiltshire.co.uk>

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Editor's notes:

About Sustain:

- Sustain is a new initiative founded by Crapper and Sons Landfill Ltd, a family run business that has been providing landfill and sustainable solutions to its local communities for over 40 years.
- Based on the outskirts of Wootton Bassett, Sustain aligns with the core values of Crapper and Sons Landfill Ltd, which is committed to recycling, reusing and repurposing. Its goals are to deliver sustainable food, energy, employment and living to its local community.
- Sustain's mission is to have positive impact on communities and places. This includes providing affordable food, improving the quality, availability and sustainability of new homes built around existing towns, and enhancing employment opportunities by providing sustainable heat and power, and eco-workplaces.
- Transforming landfill sites into climate friendly food, heating and energy centres, owned by Community Interest Companies, Sustain's Super-Midden concept is a revolutionary new solution that could change the face of the landfill sector globally, turning existing landfill sites into one of the most climate-friendly, carbon negative methods of waste disposal.

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Care Group
Wednesday 25th October 2023, Pip's Café, Purton
Notes

Item	Notes	Action
Present	Dianna Kirby, Tockenham PC; Cat Attewell, (Home Instead); Stevie Palmer; Heather Ponting-Bather; Abi Mitchell (Rethink Metal Health); Rebecca Seymour (Celebrating Age Wiltshire); Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Mary Champion, Louise Nankivell, (Prevention & Wellbeing team), Andrew Jack (Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager) (Wiltshire Council).	
Apologies	Mel Lambourne (Care Coordinator, Tinkers Lane Surgery); Nick Arthurs, (Cricklade TC); Rose Love (Lydiard Tregoze PC); Ali Gardner.	
"Accessing Healthcare" engagement	AJ introduced this item following on from the last CCG meeting where it was agreed to try and combine this engagement or information session with an existing Celebrating Age (CAW) event. AJ had had a conversation with RS in September to discuss this further. RS had recommended that instead of trying to bolt these separate events together, CAW could use their creatives to weave the information into the "performance" and the information session becomes the CAW event. AJ asked the group to describe to RS the issues this event was trying to overcome. MC described the difficulty in contacting New Court surgery and even speaking to someone to try to book an appointment. Other group members described their experiences of booking at Tinkers Lane, which was different. DB said that people need to know about the different services that can be offered and to know to accept those appointments as they could be all that is offered. For example, at an appointment with a nurse, they can set up an appointment with a GP immediately if necessary. MC pointed out that appointments are available to different groups of people, such as looked after children or those in foster care. DK and others describe how Tinkers Lane does have a telephone waiting list, then a triage system with a nurse to give calls back, assess then call in to the surgery if necessary. RS recommended a written sheet for people to take away explaining what each surgery offers. To make it clear who needs to be aware of which information, RS suggested seating in the venue is set up in two sides with patients of each surgery sat on different sides. It was suggested that meetings are set up with RS and practice managers so they can be engaged in the event and get their messages across accurately. Mel Lambourne will be able to help at Tinkers Lane and AJ should be able to contact the manager at New Court. RS pointed out this would be an event outside of CAW's regular schedule. It would need separate funding which can come through the area board, up to £500. She agreed meeting with practice managers would be valuable.	AJ AJ / DB
Self-help care/carers group in	SP described how the group had its first meeting on Tuesday 17 th October and that LN went along too. Six people were invited to attend,	

Bradenstoke	who are all carers. The invites are word-of-mouth only to make sure the people who attend will benefit most. Only three attended but all went away with useful information, which is the purpose of the group. There was also good social interaction, with someone from the pastoral care team there. Lots of advice and support was given. Everyone benefitted from this and agreed it was a useful group and wanted to carry on. There were suggestions for more new members. Talks to the group from organisations like Bobby Van and local police were suggested. The next meeting in November will be in Bradenstoke's pub. The group was keen to agree dates for the whole of 2024.	
Booklet Review – Community directory from '22	Following agreement at the last CCG meeting to renew the community directory, AJ has not yet contacted local parish councils or community groups for updates about their work. AJ will prioritise this. AJ asked members of the CCG group to look over the directory for their own area and highlight any changes to him. For more information about grants from the area board, please contact Andrew Jack on Andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01225 713109	AJ All
Widening membership of CCG	AJ began this point with a wish to open out membership of this group more widely and encourage other local organisations to join it. This is partly to increase the geographic coverage, the kinds of services offered by member groups and the people supported. It could also open up the grant funding to other organisations. CA thought there could be 2 tiers of membership, where some people are happy to attend meetings contribute that way and others who are on the mailing list and receive information that way. SP and DK thought the purpose of the group is to share information, either through inviting speakers or news within the group. This information would go to members and be cascaded throughout their own organisations via the meeting notes. DB felt that town and parish councils do not all disseminate any information from this group. AJ said he could re-promote this group and its purpose to try to raise awareness and increase membership. AJ could also try to produce more notes in a more attractive format to get across the information this group promotes. This will depend on AJ's capacity and the nature of each meeting; AJ said how this meeting is very much about managing internal business of the group and would not be of interest to non-members. Activities or events like the CAW awareness event would definitely be promoted widely. The group could be offer opportunities to other organisations to share their news via these meetings and through the notes being shared widely.	AJ
Supporting local work with funding	AJ described the grant funding that is available through the area board to support services and activities for older and vulnerable adults. He said how this group has a role to promote that funding within member and non-member groups as well as looking at "mapping and gapping" of services in the area. Where gaps are found, this group could help encourage an organisation to bid for funding to provide that missing service, and "commission" it for this area.	

	SP asked if funding could be used to support a volunteers' recognition scheme or awards? AJ said that area boards elsewhere do this by hosting awards either on their own or with the local town council. SP thought it would help encourage existing and new volunteers by having a volunteers' day and award to say thank you. SP will look at this further	SP
AOB	There were no new grant applications to consider. SP raised an issue about the amount of time it can take between someone developing symptoms and a full diagnosis, e.g. for dementia. Often, any treatment or support for the person and their family cannot begin until that formal diagnosis and that can take up a couple of years. This delay can lead to the person deteriorating without treatment and their family finding it hard without support. SP wanted this group, as a working group of the area board, to ask the ICB why there is this delay. MC will take this further on behalf of the area board.	SP / MC
Rethink Mental Health – Abi Mitchell	Since it was her first time attending, AM described the work of her organisation, Rethink Mental Health . AM works for the Access community mental health service as a coordinator. This role is about finding out what's going on in the community that can offer community support to a person. AM described it as a short-term hand holding service. It is non-clinical but links with the NHS. People are offered 6-8 sessions which can sign post to other services and help to create a support plan. Anyone who is 16+ and lives in Wiltshire or has a Wiltshire-based GP can access the service to receive support with their mental health to achieve their goals. Further contact details are: www.rethink.org accesswiltshire@rethink.org 08082 803528	
Date of next meeting:	Next date: 31st January at The Croft café, near St Bart's Church, RWB; All meetings starting at 10.30	