

COMMUNITY



Burntwood Town Council

Warmer Welcome across Town

Last summer, as the country sweltered, our Council picked up on the warm spaces initiatives being implemented across the Network in advance of winter and the huge energy prices being anticipated. As summer rolled into autumn and no actions were being taken on this front by our principal councils, District or County, we decided that we should take the initiative and kick-start a Warmer Welcome scheme for our town.

Our funds are limited as a parish council but the community and voluntary sector in our town is engaged, thriving and very supportive of the Council's push for a #BetterBurntwood so we agreed to commit £2000 (only) to engage with local groups, businesses and organisations to open up their premises to invite residents to share their warm spaces and offer refreshments. We hired a key local community activist to compile a log of these venues and now have 15 groups operating in a town of 28,000 residents! No-one is far from receiving a Warmer Welcome.

The scheme is growing with venues offering a range of additional activities from games and light lunches to signposting advice. Our District Council has now recognised the value of our scheme, in terms of its reach, impacts and funding and has passported funding of £5000 to allow the Town Council to offer grants to our WW groups to continue and develop their offer.





The Council's Leader and Deputy Leader, Sue Woodward and Darren Ennis, get a warmer welcome at Chasetown Football Club

Councils don't have to commit huge resources to support residents; just some creative thinking, the will to make things happen in and with our community and the ability to move quickly.



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