

# Iceni Partnerships

## Objectives

as dictated by its Memorandum of Association

### **To provide assistance to those who are in conditions of financial hardship**

- Debt and budgeting advice
- Work in partnership with Swaffham Food Bank
- Manage Community Fridge & soon to be Community Freezer
- Offer advice on PIP, ESA and Universal Credit often in partnership with DWP and Citizens Advice
- Offer benefit checks

### **To relieve unemployment for the public benefit, in such ways as may be thought fit in the 'area of Benefit', including assistance to find employment**

- Operate a weekly '**Work Club**' from within Swaffham Community Centre
- Arrange volunteering opportunities at Swaffham Community Orchard/Allotment and other sites/organisations within Swaffham
- Help clients with CV writing and Interview Techniques
- Promote Job Fairs in Swaffham in partnership with DWP
- Own eight business units within Swaffham that originally allowed local start-up businesses to flourish. Recently one of the original employers has expanded into six units increasing the number of people employed to a workforce of exceeding 25
- **Iceni Teenies** is a 25 place nursery housed within Swaffham Community Centre. It works hard to offer childcare placements for parents wishing to work either part or full time. Currently looking at different options to offer a larger nursery perhaps offering as many as 50+ places from babies through to an after-school club.

### **To advance education and training**

- Promote basic education delivered by Norfolk Community Learning Services
- Work in partnership with Care Home providers to deliver training for caring staff
- Gained grant from Breckland Council, via Norfolk Community Foundation, to train our own First Aid and De-Fib trainer who will deliver affordable First Aid and use of De-Fibs training to residents and organisation in Swaffham and its villages
- The Iceni Youth Team have developed a programme of training that will assist all young people whilst in education or the workplace

### **To improve and beautify the town of Swaffham and such other places in the 'area of Benefit' as the Charity may decide with a view to improving the quality of life of the inhabitants of the area, provided that in doing so the Charity shall not relieve any Local Authority or other body of its statutory obligations**

- Lead partners in Swaffham in Bloom entry into annual 'Anglia in Bloom' competition
- In partnership with Breckland Council house and manage 'Litter Picking Kits' that are borrowed by local individuals and group to tidy up their community
- As part of Swaffham Town Team organise Clean Up Days in conjunction with Breckland Council, SERCO and Flagship Housing
- Lead with Swaffham Town Team on installing a Community Garden within the 'Campingland'

### **To provide and to assist in the provision, maintenance and improvement in the 'area of Benefit' of housing, transport and other services for those who have need them provided that in so doing the Charity shall not relieve any Local Authority or other body of its statutory obligations in providing such services**

- Work closely with Breckland Council and Shelter in providing advice
- Part of team, with school STC and others in installing a 'TROD' (non- tarmac footpath) from housing estate to primary school
- Installed 'TROD' adjacent to Community Centre to allow children and carers to walk safely past heavily trafficked doctors surgery
- Jointly commissioned SUSTRANS to attend Norfolk County Council transport improvement meeting in Swaffham to offer expert advice on walking/cycling provision

Over the past year the Icen Partnership has continued its policy of supporting Swaffham and the adjoining villages in line with the objectives as detailed in our Articles of Association.

- A Community Fridge – Wellbread Bakery, Starlings & Tesco's + individual donations – food waste – landfill – everyone can access

- Community Freezer – success of fridge

- Foodbank – partnership with and special boxes for homeless – zero hours

+ litter-pick kits with Breckland Council.

- Art Gallery – attracting more artists and viewers – partnering with Dragonfly Gallery in Watton to give bigger audience

- Trained First Aid Trainer + Defib

£800

x. Towns  
Red cross

- Working with WTC, STC, Wayland Partnership – producing Tourist Guide and other initiatives

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- Work Club – run by a volunteer and we're now working with DWP on Breckland 4 Jobs programme to help young people into employment through work placements, volunteering, CV advice, etc

Thetford but Swaffham with by far the highest number of signed up businesses