

## Whittlesey Focus on Community – November Updates

### Welcome

Welcome to the Whittlesey Focus on Community Meeting. Welcome to those joining us for the first time. Please accept my apologies, as there is a large number of individuals in the group I would ask for forgiveness, that in the interests of saving time we will avoid a round robin of introductions at the top of the meeting. Instead we will work through the planned agenda and should anyone wish to comment or enquire they provide an introduction to the group at the time of their contribution.

These meetings are a collective of individuals, community group leaders and professionals keen to see the Whittlesey Community Flourish. We meet to identify and develop ideas of how best to support our amazing community.

In a bid to spare our Wednesday evenings and to help with meeting flow some of the Agenda items will now take the form of a written statement issued ahead of the meeting to keep you all informed of updates. Should you have any points to raise please do so in when prompted by the chair.

### Updates from Our Participants;

- **GoodCompany:**

In addition to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, there will now be running another session on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month at Peel House. Numbers are still relatively low but we have had lots of interest.

It is hoped a session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month will run from Stanground, starting in January 2023.

There has been some great feedback from the people attending so far and both Allison and Suzy are really pleased on how it is going.

- **Street Pride:**

Street Pride proudly report that they have collected a phenomenal 17,000 tins during the course of this year on their litter picks.

One member has kindly reported also that they have noted a reduction in the number of Gas Canisters, commonly associated with substance abuse being disposed of on the streets of Whittlesey. This is certainly a positive. *(Chairs suggestion is that this may coincide with the youth work effort)*

Sadly it has also been noted that there has been an increase in the littering of bottles of Spirits; consumed and partially consumed in the laybys just outside of Whittlesey which is suggestive that there are some within our community that may require more support as we move into the winter months.