



WARGRAVE

BIG LOCAL



Employment
Projects

Our Learning Journey

A short film about our Job Club

<https://youtu.be/gXiiYx3clXQ>



WELCOME TO WARGRAVE



We are a district of Newton Le Willows

In the borough of St Helens
3,000 households

Historically prosperous

Today our community faces many challenges:

Over 60% of households face deprivation

10% of households have no adults in employment

30% of over 16s have no qualifications

Youth and long term unemployment are high



ISSUES FACING WARGRAVE

ANTI SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR

HEALTH
INEQUALITIES

POOR ENVIRONMENT

DEBT

DRUG AND
ALCOHOL
DEPENDENCE



LACK OF
FACILITIES

LACK OF
COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT

FEAR OF CRIME



OUR PARTNERSHIP

OUR VISION

Raising The Ambition And Aspirations Of The People Of Wargrave



Third round big local

12 partnership members

Five sub groups

Half way through second plan

LTO Helena Partnerships





INVOLVING OUR COMMUNITY



We wanted to be responsive to the needs of local people

We held a consultation day

Asked for residents' views at local events

Kept people informed through our newsletter

Asked residents to fill in a questionnaire about local issues

Listened to our partners



EMPLOYMENT

We Found:

Residents looking for work wanted support locally

Many had issues with confidence

Some experienced low self-esteem and anxiety

Basic skills training needed

If we could get them to engage locally, we could encourage them to look further afield

Our partners at Helena suggested a Job Club





WARGRAVE JOB CLUB

**Meets every Tuesday at our
Community Centre**

**CV and application support,
interview skills, vacancies**

ICE Fund

**Linked with Job Centre Plus, St
Helens Chamber & Citizens Advice
Bureau**

We identified sector-based skill gaps

Led to bespoke work with Wetherspoons





EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS



Also in year one:

Breathe - providing help with low level mental health issues

Jobs Fair helped us work out what works and what doesn't

In year two:

Job Club and Breathe continue

Wargrave Works - helping local people to be 'work ready'

Employers in Partnership - builds on sector based work in year one



OUTCOMES



More than 60 people found work in our first year

Many more have been helped to improve their social and emotional wellbeing and employability

Residents are on a journey to becoming enabled, employed and financially independent

Local people tell us they are proud of their Job Club



WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

Working with employers to find what they want and listening to residents about what they need

Not everything we try will work but we learn from this

People in Wargrave need help to realise how talented they are

We don't assume people in authority have all the answers

We've moved from being re-active to pro-active

We are applying this learning to other areas of activity





THE FUTURE



Celebrate our success - 100 jobs

**Scan the horizon for opportunities
- Parkside development**

**Continue to develop the way we
work**

**To build credibility we must listen to people and act
on what they tell us**

Learn from otherslike you

Wargrave is working!



Any questions?

Thank you for listening

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