

Bloxham Well-being Network



Connecting people, enabling opportunities and supporting health and well-being across Bloxham.

Briefing for Bloxham Parish Council | October 2026

Network development and Community First Oxfordshire

At its meeting on 2 October, the Network welcomed Lisa Stead and Clare Dodwell from Community First Oxfordshire (CFO). The discussion focused on engaging residents across Bloxham, working openly with existing groups and developing a practical approach to community research. The Network remains community-led and seeks to connect and enable rather than duplicate existing activities.

Reaching the whole village

Members discussed how Bloxham comprises several distinct neighbourhoods and communities, and the importance of including residents who may be less visible or face barriers to participation. CFO recommended using a mixture of printed and digital communication, working through established groups and identifying well-connected local residents who can help reach others.

Early plans for community engagement

A substantial part of the meeting was devoted to an initial timeline, from introducing the Network to local groups and residents through to a proposed Celebration Event in early 2027, community research, analysis of survey findings and identification of future priorities. The timeline is an early working draft, not an agreed programme. The Celebration Event is intended to showcase existing groups, encourage connections and gather residents' views; venue and format remain under consideration.

Immediate priorities

- Contact existing groups to explain the Network's origins and purpose and invite collaboration.
- Prepare an A5 introductory flyer for local events and the Bloxham Broadsheet, in print and online.
- Establish a dedicated email account and WhatsApp group; map neighbourhoods and existing noticeboards.
- Compile a shared list of local health and well-being groups as the starting point for a community resource directory.
- Work with CFO on research methods, survey questions, timing and how findings will inform achievable action.

Potential research support

CFO indicated that £1,000 may be available for analysis of community survey data, subject to an application by Bloxham Parish Council and a 10% Council contribution. This opportunity requires further exploration; no funding decision is reported.

Next meeting

Friday 4 December 2026, 7pm, Jubilee Park Hall Meeting Room.