

## **Health & Wellbeing Working Group – Chair’s Update – 2 March 2026**

Since January, I have been engaging with Cherwell District Council (CDC) to understand the support available and ensure Bloxham is included in district-wide Health & Wellbeing initiatives.

12 January:

Met with Rob Pattenden and Tom Gubbins (CDC). We discussed available resources, opportunities for partnership working, roles and responsibilities, and the potential for future funding once the Working Group is established.

26 January:

After following up, Tom confirmed that Bloxham can be included in CDC’s “Insight Profile” initiative, which gathers key demographic and wellbeing data (population, life expectancy, disability levels, etc.). He shared the survey link that will support this work:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/rurallivingpublic/>

18 February:

Confirmed Bloxham’s wish to participate fully and asked if Tom was still able to attend the Parish Council meeting on 2 March, as previously planned.

25 February:

Assuming Tom may not be able to attend, I requested an update on the initiative’s timelines, including:

- When and how the survey will be communicated
- Likely closing date
- Time needed for analysis
- When results and conclusions will be shared with the Parish Council

Achievements so far:

- Secured inclusion in a district-level data and insight programme
- Established working relationships with key CDC officers
- Positioned Bloxham to plan Health & Wellbeing priorities using evidence-based information
- Opened the door to future funding discussions

A further update will be provided once CDC responds with timelines and next steps.