



Supporting and working with community groups and clubs to promote a deeper understanding of local health and care needs and experiences

## Spotlight on Bentswood Community Engagement Event

On Tuesday 5th March, ten local community organisations came together at the Saltworks Community Hub. The event was hosted by Sussex Clubs for Young People, Healthwatch West Sussex, Bentswood Community Partnership and Clarion Futures, with refreshments provided by UKHarvest. Eighteen Bentswood residents gained appropriate support and advice, and it is hoped that more residents will engage in future events.

### Participating organisations:

Healthwatch  
Family Support Worker  
Haywards Heath Foodbank  
West Sussex Waste Prevention Advisers  
Clarion Futures – Digital Inclusion, Financial Inclusion  
and Employment & Training  
Bentswood Community Partnership  
CAB  
UKHarvest  
Volunteering – Dawn, Community Development Worker



### Comments from those who attended included:

- a great venue, great food and appreciated the opportunity to network with other local organisations.
- Great networking
- UK Harvest - what a great organisation!

Similar community information and support events will be planned during 2019. The individual insight given to our Community Partnership Co-ordinator was collated and anonymised and forms part of the insight and evidence that Healthwatch gather to identify common themes around what works and doesn't work for local people.

**This insight is used to influence service development and can feed into:**

- West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board
- HASC - Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
- WSCC Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Safeguarding Adult Board
- NHS Sustainability Transformation Partnership workstreams (Sussex & East Surrey).

In this way, the voices of Bentswood community help to influence the ongoing development of Health and Social Care in our County.



Not only do we collect the experiences of local people, but we can also provide free information and guidance just call: **0300 012 0122**.

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If you are setting up or would like to share news of a similar project we would be interested to hear from you. Please contact Cheryl Berry, Community Partnership Co-ordinator, email: [cheryl.berry@healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk](mailto:cheryl.berry@healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk)