



- **Profile of the Resilient Communities Partnership:** <http://db.tt/hqMJ48U0>
- **May agenda:** <http://db.tt/UVjEB00h>
- **May minutes:** <http://db.tt/Ra16Urn>

Laura's notes from the meeting:

- Update from Karen Scott of Wiltshire council on the Volunteering Strategy. There is a new Volunteer Centre Manager. GROW have expanded their staff team and has been identifying gaps in opportunities and has therefore created new chances in arts and sports volunteering. They are holding a workshop in July to look at needs for supported volunteers.
- SPICE time credits <http://www.justaddspice.org/time-credits.html> being piloted in Chippenham, with a second pilot just starting in Bemerton Heath, Salisbury, then Tidworth and Pewsey to follow.
- Wiltshire Employer Supported Volunteering scheme 'WREN' already have a number of employers involved and are looking for placements
- Update from Sue Crisfield the Programme Lead for carers from Wiltshire Council. Some very interesting statistics:
 - Prediction that there will be 9million carers in UK by 2037
 - Everyday another 6,000 people take on a caring responsibility
 - Carer's benefit is £55.55 per week for a minimum of 35 hours a week (i.e. £1.58 per hour)
 - 1.25million provide over 50 hours care a week
 - One fifth of carers have to leave their job to carry on caring for someone
 - Carers are twice as likely to suffer with mental illness
 - 625,000 people suffer mental illness/physical ill health as a direct consequence of the demands of caring
 - Estimated 40,000 carers in Wiltshire (thought to be a lot higher as many undeclared – people don't consider themselves carers if it's for a spouse/child/parent etc)
 - Unpaid care in 2011 by Wiltshire Carers equated to £727.6 million per year
 - New system where GPs can 'prescribe' breaks for carers including gym membership, alternative therapies etc
 - GPs are encouraged to support carers through a new system 'Investors in Carers GP Accreditation Scheme' where surgeries are awarded for good practice. One third of Wiltshire surgeries have signed up, there will be a Bronze, Silver and Gold.
 - Training Partnership – a multi-agency partnership to deliver comprehensive programme of training to carers, some supplied by other carers. A coordinator has been appointed to lead this.
- JSA event feedback. Main point was that Arts, Culture and Leisure needs to be included in future JSAs
- Partners in Literacy scheme working currently with Westlea Housing residents. Idea is to help people with their own literacy goals, this maybe to take a further course or may be as simple as wanting to read a bedtime story to their children. Looking for Champions.

Next Meeting: 18th July 2012

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