My community matters!

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Background

- Born
- Education
- Home-life
What went wrong?

- Society
- Concept of success
- Understanding of motherhood
Access to NHS Services

- GP
- Mother & Baby Unit
- Lifestyle Coach
- Healthy Minds
- Mind
Why didn’t this help?

– Treating illness, rather than creating health
– No one listened
– Control, Contact, Confidence
What did help?

- Strength focus
- Self-organising
- Power-shifting
- Community control, connections and confidence
- Gaining meaning and purpose
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– https://youtu.be/-fB7aOkaYzc
Why does my community matter?

- Shared memory
- Build trust
- The power of public spaces
Listening and responding

YOU SAID...
"MORE FAMILY ACTIVITIES"
We did...
- TEAS & TODDLERS
- THE BIG LUNCH PICNIC
- POP-UP PARTIES
- HOLIDAY WHAT'S ON
- STREETGAMES YOUTHCLUB
- CHRISTMAS PARTY
- CITY OF SPORT FUN DAY
- PUMPKIN PARTY
- FERAL SPACES PROJECT

YOU SAID...
"MORE POLICE PRESENCE"
We did...
- POLICE AT EVENTS
- JOINED SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL
- NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
- PLANNED ACTIVITIES WITH POLICE TO REDUCE ASB

YOU SAID...
"CLEANER STREETS"
We did...
- MONTHLY LITTER PICKING
- ENCOURAGED RECYCLING
- QUICK REPORTING AND REMOVAL OF FLY-TIPPING AND GRAFFITI
- PLANTED FLOWERS
- CUT BACK HEDGES
- REMOVED NEEDLES AND KNIVES

YOU SAID...
"SAFER CHILDREN'S AREA"
We did...
- CLEARED CANAL SIDE
- NEW PATH INSTALLED
- NEW NOTICEBOARD
- REPAIRED PLAY AREA
- INSTALLED PARK SIGN
- NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT
- REPAINTED PARK FENCE
- PLANTED WILDFLOWERS
- REGULAR LITTER PICKING
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