

## What EUCA have achieved so far

- At the end of 2014 we conducted a straw poll and ran some listening events early 2015.

We were one of only 112 groups accepted onto the Government initiative programme called 'Emerging Potential Areas and Parish Building for Development' The required project was to create a development plan for our community group. This document, which was guided by the straw poll and listening events, was sent to Central Government for scrutiny where it was approved and signed off by Ministers at HMG Department for Communities and Local Government

- Chosen to be one of only 115 groups take part in the Government Initiative called 'First Steps' which required us to develop a 'Community Action Plan'. This provided us with the support and guidance of a Relationship Manager, formal training sessions and a grant of £2,500 to complete the task.
- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2016 we were one of only a handful of the First Steps Groups honoured by a personal visit from John Connell the Head of Local Transformation Services and Tracy Foster "First Steps" Liaison Officer, of HMG Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). This was following the submission of a draft project to show we were complying with the tasks involved.
- A declaration of 'Outstanding' by Government Ministers and the 'First Steps' delivery partners was awarded to us on the completion of the Community Action Plan.
- A Certificate of completion signed by the Under Secretary of State Marcus Jones MP and Alison Seabrook Chief Executive Officer of the Community Development Foundation for our efforts.
- Community action plan and the first newsletter were delivered to every household at the end of May and early June 2016
- A successful application to the Big Lottery Awards for All of £10,000 to fund a Community Communication project.
- The production of a Community led newsletter
- The Community led Website, available on the move, was launched 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016
- Assisted another local community group to successfully apply for a £10,000 grant from Big Lottery Awards for All.