

What is “Making It Happen”?

Making it Happen is a county wide project, funded by East Sussex County Council, that seeks to support communities to build on what is already happening and develop new ideas, make new connections and build positive relationships within and between themselves.

In Wealden, this project is supported by Action in rural Sussex and has four priority areas; Crowborough, Hailsham, Polegate and Uckfield.

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What We Do:

- * We work with people to connect them with the positive things already happening in their community.
- * We encourage people to build on the positive things within themselves and the communities they live in.
- * We support individuals and groups to develop their ideas for the benefit of themselves and others in their local communities.
- * We seek opportunities to support individuals and community groups to find their voice at all levels, so that they can influence decision making.
- * We support efforts that strive to build a grassroots led, asset based system of change for all.

Get In Touch:

- If you would like to know more about Making it Happen in your area.
- If you have an idea yourself that you would like to explore and develop.
- If you would like to build opportunities to listen to the voice of the community.



**A few projects MiH has supported
in the Wealden priority areas.....**

Crowborough

- * The community orchard has received a Next Steps grant to continue their development. They have been planting fruit and other trees with the local school and members of the community.
- * The Wildlife group is helping to get the new nature space ready for the public and is working with a local business to help make their grounds more bio-diverse.
- * The skate park re-development in Jarvis Brook has got the go ahead to raise funds. This will involve some great community engagement. Making it Happen is supporting them in their way forward.

Polegate

- The Friends of Polegate Jubilee Nature Reserve (FPJNR) is now a fully constituted group and is working hard to make the nature reserve accessible for the wider community. Polegate Town Council own the land and were keen to create a community led project, with support from AirS, Making it Happen and Sacred Earth. FPJNR would love to hear from people interested in getting involved. Email them on: PolegateNatureReserve@gmail.com



- We are also pleased to hear about the development of Polegate Scarecrows into the Polegate Community Foundation and look forward to working with them again.

Hailsham

- * Action Community Together (ACT) was supported with a small sparks grant to set up a free preloved uniform bank based at the Gospel Mission on Station Road.
- * Plot 50 community allotment has a next steps grant to improve access and encourage more of the community to get involved with its growth.
- * Power of Plants is growing plants and then using them to make crafts and other products. They are collaborating with Plot 50, to the benefit of both groups. Making it happen is supporting this activity and they are looking at a next steps grant for this.

Uckfield



- * Uckfield Green partnership is developing its own constitution to become a formal group
- * Uckfield now has warm hubs on every day of the week. Numbers of users are increasing and they have formed a network to support each other.
- * Selby Meadow continues to host the parent and toddler drop in "Out and About" on Wednesday mornings, weather permitting.
- * Churchcoombe Community Association are looking for new volunteers and ideas for future activity. They would love to hear from local residents who might be interested.