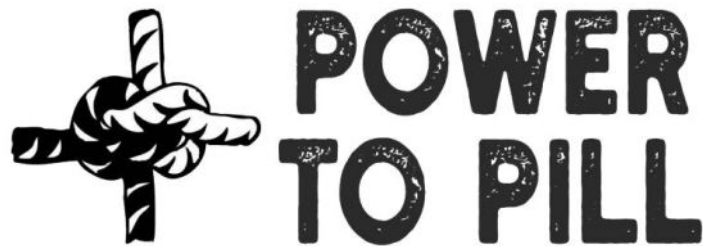


Pill Community Foundation – Power to Pill



Pill Community Foundation (PCF) led a community engagement and development project in Pill & Easton-in-Gordano. It aimed to build community social capital in an area of high deprivation, and involved employment of a community development officer to engage and connect with local groups, understand village needs and aspirations, identify funding and development opportunities, and the form a steering group partnership of community professionals.

UKSPF Achievements

40 organisations supported

322 people engaged by the project

Wider impact

On top of their face-to-face public engagement, the Community Development Worker also engaged with 50 external stakeholders and delivered 451 survey postcards to West Pill households promoting the project and drop-in sessions.

The Steering Group set up by the project continues to have very good engagement and consider what is important to residents. They have agreed 3 project areas based on feedback from the community:

- Community Hub/community café
- Improved green spaces and play areas for children and adults
- Health inequalities

They have also set up a fundraising subgroup to help coordinate funding opportunities and bids in the area. VANS ran a Fundraising Skills workshop for them in, attended by 13 members of the village. It was very well received and various groups made connections in order to think about possible partnership applications.

PCF have used the momentum of Power to Pill to successfully bid for further funding from UKSPF and other sources to action some of the feedback from their engagement work, including organisational capacity building, developing a

community hub space, and playing areas for children. 13 people signed up during the engagement drop-in sessions to be part of delivering these next steps.