Spice Time Credits in Chorley

How Spice Time Credits are supporting communities in Chorley to do it for themselves and how service delivery is adapting to facilitate this

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1 Lancashire Time Credit

Spice

Time doesn’t change us. It just unfolds us.
Max Frisch

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EARN TIME CREDITS:
- Litter-picking in the park
- Driving the mini-bus for the local day centre
- Helping out at your local youth club
- Attending or setting up a peer support group.

GIVE 1 HOUR TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

GET 1 TIME CREDIT WORTH 1 HOUR

SPEND TIME CREDITS:
- At the place where you earned them
- On other local activities and opportunities
- Give them to someone as a thank you
- Somewhere across our UK network.
Why did we develop a Time Credits Scheme?

- Supporting the community to do it themselves
- Tool for supporting our public service reform agenda
- Increasing the number of people giving time across Chorley
- Connect the voluntary and community sector groups across Chorley
The project in numbers....

- 1200 members
- Almost 50% have never regularly volunteered before
- 62 organisations using the Time Credits
- 38 council activities where you can earn and/or spend time credits
The Impact...
Changes in Participation

- 45% of members had not regularly given their time before earning Time Credits.
- 62% of members are giving their time at least once a week.
- 81% said they are very likely to carry on giving their time.
- 76% feel able to contribute more.
- On average, members regularly give nearly nine hours per month.

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Changes in Organisations

- 62% of organisations report that they are able to make better use of skills and resources in communities.
- 95 people have been incentivised to start a community group.
- 48% of organisations are able to deliver improved services.
- 74% have shared their skills with others.
Changes in Individuals and Communities

- 73% have taken part in more community activities
- 63% can afford to do new things
- 71% have made new friends

- 65% reported an improved quality of life
- 49% feel less isolated
- 19% of people say they need to go to the doctor less since earning and spending Time Credits
Public Service Reform