

SOUTH AREA COUNCIL

Working together for a brighter
future, a better Barnsley.



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Our Vision

Barnsley Council is working together for a brighter future, a better Barnsley. We will achieve this vision by driving change and improvements to achieve the following positive outcomes, including:

- A brighter future where people achieve their potential
- A better Barnsley where our residents think and feel we are making a difference together
- Working together with our partners and communities

Our three priorities to help us reach our vision are:

- Growing the economy
- Improving people's potential and achievement
- Changing the relationship between the council and community

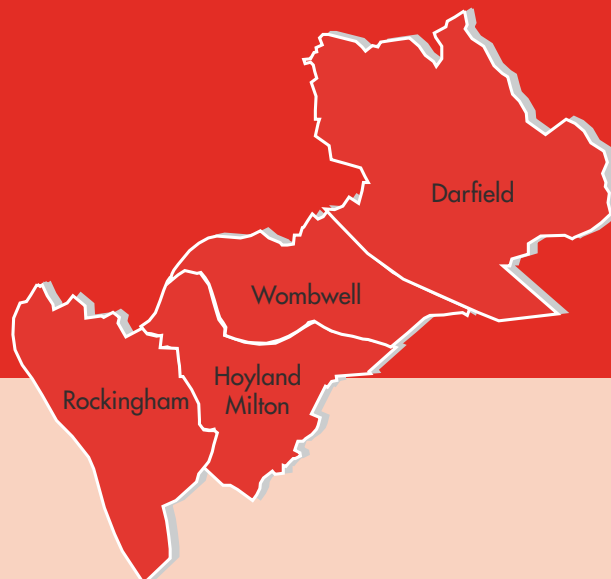
The strength of every community in Barnsley lies in the commitment of the people who live there to make it a special place that everyone can feel proud of and part of. Our aim is to unlock the capacity in our communities and optimise one of the resources still in great supply: the willingness of people to help each other. We aim to mobilise citizens more effectively around locally agreed priorities and to achieve measurable impact through volunteering.

Our Area Governance arrangements are the framework to enable this to happen at a community level. Our structure incorporates:

- six Area Councils – our Councillors responding to strategic priorities on an area basis and commissioning services with a strong social value ethos to meet these challenges.
- 21 Ward Alliances – our Councillors working alongside community representatives to mobilise and enable community responses to local challenges.
- Neighbourhood Networks – support to the 'virtual' networks that exist in our communities – the community organisations, committed individuals, businesses, faith groups, residents associations and all the other representatives that make our communities thrive.
- Our 'Love Where You Live' campaign to inspire people to get involved in volunteering locally to make in difference in their community.

This update document lets you know what we've been doing in this respect in the South Area Council. We hope you enjoy reading about our progress and if you'd like to know more on how you can get involved you'll find our contact details at the back of this document.

South Area Council



The South Area Council covers 40 Km², has a population of 45,076 (19.5% of borough total), and covers the four electoral wards of Darfield, Hoyland Milton, Rockingham and Wombwell.

The South Area Council is made up of 12 elected members (from the 4 wards referred to above) and a Clinical Commissioning Group representative. It is chaired by Councillor Mick Stowe and supported by the South Council Manager and a Barnsley Council senior link officer.

Following the confirmation of the Area Council's four priorities in September 2013, a number of project working groups with specialist advice from a range of partners were established, to develop projects which tackled these priorities, which were:

- Improving the local environment
- Providing local and accessible advice services
- Supporting business and the local economy
- Supporting young people (particularly around employability and finding work)

Meeting South Area Council Priorities

The South Area Council has developed a number of commissioned services in response to the priorities identified, and continues to develop further initiatives to address the issues identified. Table 1

provides an overview of the procurements undertaken to date and the resulting contracts awarded.

Table one

Priority	Tender	Contractor Appointed	Value	Status
Environment	Environmental Enforcement	Kingdom Security	£135,000	Contract Live
Environment	Tidy Teams	Anvil Community Interest Company	£150,000 (1 year with extension to 2 on satisfactory completion)	Contract Live
Locally information and advice	Advice and Guidance 'One Stop Shop'	Citizens Advice Bureau / Welfare Advice Service	£145,000 (2 year)	Contract Live
Supporting business and the local economy	Local business survey	Being conducted by South Area Team - extra hours	£4,000	Survey being conducted between Sept and Dec 2014
Supporting business and the local economy	Local support to businesses to meet needs identified by business survey	To be decided dependent on needs identified	To be decided	To be developed after survey collated

The councillors on the South Area Council have been involved in the development of service specifications for procurement through a series of in depth workshops where they worked alongside the Area Council Manager and a range of technical experts to pull together outlines for services which would be highly responsive to identified local needs and priorities.

The importance of social value has been highlighted as part of each procurement and all successful organisations have effectively demonstrated how they will create local jobs, use local supply chains, ensure local spend, use volunteers, and create new volunteering and work experience opportunities. Social value indicators and targets have been agreed for each contract and will be reported into South Area Council as part of the agreed contract and performance management arrangements.

The South Area 'One Stop Shop'

This project arose from some alarming statistics which suggested that demand for advice services had rocketed over the 12 months from 2012 to 2013, with a 300% growth in those presenting to existing advice services with unmanageable debt and with a range of other issues causing demand on existing advice services to go well beyond capacity.

These issues included massive rises in benefit sanctions, introduction of the 'Bedroom Tax' and other welfare reforms, issues with ATOS assessments for those on Employment Support Allowance and the effects of the recession on household income. It was felt that locally available services would help to meet this demand and enable people (often in crisis) to seek help more quickly.

This project was put together to provide the full range of advice services at locally known and accessible venues. In order to provide a holistic service, the working group felt that both Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB) and BMBC Welfare Rights needed to be involved in delivery, and as a result, the project commissioned 1 full time generalist CAB Adviser and 1 full time Welfare Rights Worker, to work closely together to network with community groups in the South Area to 'spread the word' about the services on offer for help with benefits, pensions, debt, housing, disability, legal issues etc.

- £94,560 of benefits and payments gained that people would not otherwise have received – money which is not only vital to those individuals but which will also be spent in our local economy.
- Zoe and Phil have more than recouped their own salaries and oncosts in the first quarter alone!
- Many other gains made for clients, including the reversal of benefit sanctions, the negotiation of debts written off, the rectification of mistakes made by benefit agencies and averting those in danger of becoming homeless, as the case studies below illustrate.

During the next quarter, the 2 Advisers will continue to work closely together in visiting further community groups & will particularly focus on a campaign to increase the numbers seen from Rockingham ward. A random 10% client satisfaction survey being conducted by both Advisers should also offer useful feedback for future improvements to the project.

Phase 2 of the project is currently under development, which includes the provision of a wider range of locally available advice services, including money advice/Credit Union and the provision of Careers Guidance for young people and adults. Phase 2 will also join up with a project currently being developed by the Hoyland Milton/Rockingham Ward Alliance which will look to train up existing/past Workclub members as mentors and advocates to support those recently joined.

Highlights from the first quarter include:

- 205 clients seen; an unusually high number for a new outreach service during a summer holiday period.
- Extensive joint networking done by the Advisers themselves with 19 community groups and organisations and extensive promotion of the service through the Neighbourhood Networks and Ward Alliances.



Case study one

The client is a single person working full time, in receipt of Working Tax Credit and living alone in Berneslai Homes accommodation. They sought advice when they received a Notice of Eviction from Berneslai Homes for rent arrears of £1,564.00. The client had tried unsuccessfully to negotiate an offer of payment with Berneslai Homes, and the bailiffs were due to come to evict the client and change the locks in 3 days' time.

After exploring the circumstances, it became apparent that the client had fallen into difficulties whilst on Jobseekers' Allowance and had been unable to pay the shortfall on their Housing Benefit when they were charged the newly introduced 'Under Occupancy Charge' [known informally as Bedroom Tax].

This led to the client becoming depressed and they began gambling in an attempt to solve their debt problems. They had no support or help with this addiction because they did not disclose it to anyone.

The adviser helped the client to apply to court for the Judge to consider suspending the eviction and look at the client's offer to clear the arrears. The adviser contacted Berneslai Homes and advised them of the client's offer, but were told that they required a payment of £782.00 in order to stop the eviction.

The client was also signposted to organisations who support those with gambling addictions. At the court Hearing, the Judge suspended the eviction, based on the client paying £22.00 per week towards the arrears. The advice the client received meant that they did not become homeless and they were very grateful for the help they received.

Case study two

Ms X is a working age person who is suffering from the after-effects of a brain haemorrhage in 2011, which have left her unable to work as a result of mental health issues including confusion and memory loss. She currently receives Employment Support Allowance (ESA) & an occupational pension.

She was in receipt of full Housing and Council Tax Benefit until recently, when she received a letter telling her that this support would be drastically reduced because of a change in her circumstances, and that she had been overpaid these benefits to the tune of £1,808.00.

Ms X was shocked, worried and annoyed by this, as she was not aware that her income or situation had changed. The Adviser realised that she had been changed from one type of ESA benefit to another, which altered her eligibility for these benefits. The Housing/Council Tax benefit departments had been informed, but her claim had never been altered, leading to the large overpayment.

The adviser argued that it was unreasonable to expect that someone suffering from confusion should have been able to distinguish the difference between 2 almost identical benefits and that the agencies themselves should have actioned the change at the start, avoiding the overpayment.

The departments responsible agreed with the Adviser and wrote off the overpayment of £1,808.00.

The South Area 'Tidy Team' project:

This project was put together in order to respond to a number of issues identified locally, including:

- Environmental issues and the desire for a liveable environment, which were identified as top priorities by all Ward Alliances in the South Area, and came out top in every ward when consulting on the Ward Alliance Plans during Summer 2013
- Growing concern amongst community groups and members at the forthcoming reductions in Neighbourhood Services' capacity to deliver environmental maintenance services due to funding cuts
- A growing recognition that this situation was unlikely to change, and there was a real need to encourage local people, community groups, schools and businesses to take a more active part in maintaining their environment – to move from 'doing for' to 'doing with'

A small working group was established who put together a project specification to go out to tender for a 'Tidy Team' to do small scale environmental projects across the South Area, but with a strong emphasis on developing joint working with community groups, schools and local businesses.

The project tender was awarded to Forge Community Partnership/Anvil CIC, a community organisation well respected in the area, and with strong local links. Anvil recruited 6 local people who had previously been out of work to start delivery in 2 teams (Wombwell/Darfield and Hoyland/Rockingham) in early August.

To avoid the team being overloaded with reactive requests for work, it was decided to allocate workloads through a Tidy Team Steering Group, which comprises local members, Ward Alliance members and representatives from Berneslai Homes, Neighbourhood Services (to avoid duplication of work) and the SNT/Enforcement team. The Area Team have also used the Neighbourhood Networks to encourage community groups to get in touch with us if they have projects they would like to take on with the Tidy Team's help – this approach has been carefully worded to avoid the production of a long list of tasks the groups would like the Team to do for them.

This approach has worked well so far, and the next stage will be to promote the Tidy Team to the wider public; again with a very clear steer towards 'would you like some help with....?' rather than 'we can do this for you...'. The Teams themselves are also starting to act as the 'eyes and ears' in terms of generating their own workloads.

There are also plans being put in place for young people who receive littering tickets from Enforcement Officers to join the Tidy Team on cleanup days and litter picks.

Early successes for the teams have included:

- A highly successful 'week of volunteering' with young people in conjunction with local Youth Workers, who were keen to develop a system where their youth groups 'earned' their rewards and trips. Local hotspots were identified by members and a team of 6 young people worked alongside Tidy Team members to clear them up
- A joint approach with a group of older community volunteers in Darfield, who wanted to plant up a local roundabout no longer maintained by BMBC, but who were unable to do the heavy digging over. The Tidy Team were able to do the heavier work, leaving the volunteers to do the lighter planting
- A very active resident from Hemingfield who is a Steering Group member is currently negotiating with a local pub landlord that if he puts together a group of volunteers to litter pick and clean up around the pub, the Tidy Team will then mow the grass banking near to his beer garden in exchange
- A joint plan with Neighbourhood Services, where the Tidy Teams will conduct a litter pick and dog fouling pick up before the N/S teams move in with the grass cutting equipment
- Whilst out and about, the Tidy Teams have been universally well received, with several people approaching them to offer to join in a voluntary capacity. These people are now being recruited and trained to join the paid teams

South Area Environmental Enforcement project

This project was developed in response to a number of local concerns, including:

- High levels of complaints about littering, dog fouling and parking issues arising from councillors' surgeries and community consultations
- Reductions in enforcement work done by BMBC staff as a result of budget cuts
- Concerns about the effect of parking on the local economy, particularly around the two main commercial centres at Hoyland & Wombwell

A tender specification was put together with the help of the council's Enforcement and Community Safety managers and was awarded to Kingdom Security, a private sector provider with extensive previous experience of enforcement contracts with local authorities.

Kingdom recruited and trained 4 local people to work as Enforcement Officers within the South Area. They started work in early August, tasked by the local SNT Tasking Officer alongside existing Enforcement and SNT staff to ensure a consistent approach.

Extensive work has also been done across the South Area to ensure that the public are aware of the new service and can refer hotspot areas through to the Safer Neighbourhood Team. This is particularly vital for dog fouling, as specific intelligence about who, where and when can make all the difference when attempting to catch dogs (and their owners) in the act!

The team will also work in tandem with the Tidy Teams, establishing a pattern of cleaning up by the Tidy Teams, followed by enforcement activity to send out a strong message to ensure that cleared areas are subsequently kept clean.

During the first 3 weeks of operation, the 4 officers working in the South Area issues 66 tickets for litter and 1 for dog fouling. The staff are currently awaiting the training required to issue parking enforcement notices (PCNs) and it hoped that this will be completed by October.

Local elected members with Kingdom Enforcement Officer at their 'Meet & Greet' session



South Area Local Business Support Project

The Area Council has identified number of issues that it wants to tackle.

- Ensuring that local businesses are enabled to take advantage of supplier opportunities presented by large companies moving into the Junction 36 Enterprise Zone
- Supporting small and medium sized local companies to access the help and support they need to grow their business now and in the future
- Encouraging businesses to register on Yortender where appropriate and to gain any support they may need to participate in the process
- Encouraging businesses to become more involved in their local communities, and to take more responsibility for the maintenance of their immediate surroundings
- Encouraging businesses to participate in professional organisations where this would help them – we have worked with the Chamber of Commerce, who have agreed to a 50% discount for those taking part in the survey

It was decided to put together an in-depth survey of local businesses which focusses on gathering of information around:

- Businesses who may be able to act as suppliers to larger organisations coming into Junction 36, and to work with BDA to 'broker' this with companies coming into the area

- The current and future training/support needs of local businesses, so that those taking part in the survey can be put in touch with appropriate provision where it exists – and for the Area Council to look to fund where gaps in provision exist
- SME experiences of Yortender and how we can better support smaller businesses/ organisations wanting to obtain contracts from local authorities; particularly vital if we want smaller organisations to tender for Area Council commissioned work
- The degree to which businesses in the South Area already take part in their community, and how they might be able to help out in the future – including an introduction to the Tidy Team if they are prepared to work on the appearance of their premises and the immediate area surrounding them

The Area Council felt that the survey should be conducted largely face-to-face, in order to get better quality information and intelligence, and have commissioned a 12 week survey commencing in mid-September. The resulting intelligence will help the Area Council to invest in support to local businesses.

Working with Tesco

The South Area Team has been working closely with Tesco, who opened a new Superstore in Hoyland on 15th September, creating 140 job opportunities. Tesco recruitment is all undertaken on-line. Recognising that a lack of ability or access to IT equipment could be a barrier, the Team worked with the management of the store to organise 2 'popup' recruitment days. These were held at local venues to enable those without internet access/ expertise to apply for the jobs online with the help of store staff and Jobclub staff from Forge Community Partnership. Over 100 people attended the sessions, with the vast majority stating that they did not have or could not afford internet access. As a result around 85% of the jobs have gone

to those living within a 2/3 mile radius (some of the other positions went to existing Tesco staff working at other stores).

Further to this, Tesco were keen to be involved in community activity and be seen to be supporting the local community. The Area Team facilitated a 'Cheese and Wine' event at a local venue attended by local members, activists, and partners (around 40 people) in early September. Further to this, the local Milton Hall was agreed as a venue that the Tesco staff are going to undertake a 'DIY SOS' project during October. The store also want to support a second community group which is in its early stages of development – Friends of Hemingfield Colliery – and will be allowing a member of store staff to attend their meetings to offer longer term support.

Overview of Ward Activity

The Ward Alliance model has shown a new way of working, which has changed the dynamics for communities, whereby support is available to groups doing things for themselves rather than simply buying in services and expertise. This has dramatically increased the amount of Social Action within communities, who are giving volunteer hours, in kind donations and supporting each other in many ways. An active campaign to promote the Ward Alliance Fund is starting to see funding applications being submitted, which link to the area priorities. There have been some good ideas suggested as part of our 'roadshow' at galas throughout the summer, and these

are now being developed into long term projects. We are also discovering a number of people 'doing it for themselves', dog walkers who are taking a bag out with them and litter picking along the path, fishermen who are cutting back and tending overgrowth in order to improve access for all. There is a real sense of an increase in community spirit.

We are also aware of a lot more activity going on out there which has not been captured within our figures.

Number of volunteers
265



Volunteer hours
1,076



Economic value
£11,932



Bags of litter collected
104



Darfield Ward Alliance

**Pride in
Darfield Ward**

**Strengthening the
Community**

**Quality
of Life**

**Information and
Support**

**Youth
Provision**

Darfield Ward Alliance has been busy building the capacity in the community. It has arranged for first aid training to be delivered within the community, which can be accessed by local community groups so that they are able to safely run their own events and activities. Following on from this they are now looking to build up community groups by offering access to safeguarding and food hygiene training. It is hoped that as the capability and capacity of these groups increase so will their community offer. Many of the groups who had benefitted from this initiative showed their thanks and support for the area by helping out at the community gala. This was the first of several activities which built into a successful summer programme, which also included sports, heritage and various crafts, many of these sessions were run by volunteers and were funded through the Ward Alliance.

The Ward Alliance have also used some of their funding to support the Basketball Club with league entry fees, thereby offering an activity for young people over the coming months. They are also supporting the Brownies and Guides, and the Army Cadets, who in turn will have young people improving the Darfield area by contributing their time to local projects.

In addition, the Ward Alliance have supported the neighbourhood network host in the development of the Darfield Community Network website which, once completed, will have web pages to use to promote each of the different community groups operating within Darfield. The South Area Team is supporting the 2 volunteers taking the lead on the website development, and seeking to engage other volunteers to help with this role and keep the website updated.

Darfield Army Cadets/Darfield Gala

After receiving a grant for a laptop from the Darfield Community First Panel to enable them to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards, the Cadets wanted to be more involved in the local community.

The young Cadets came up with the idea of running a number of social events for the more isolated, elderly/vulnerable residents living near the Cadet Hut. This project idea not only hit 2 of the Ward priorities - Quality of Life (keeping older people involved & active) and Youth Provision (keeping young people involved and active) – it also builds links between the youth of Darfield and its older residents.

With the support from the South Area Team the Army Cadets have submitted a further bid to the Darfield Community First Panel as well as the Darfield Ward Alliance for funding to enable them to deliver these social activities from out of the Cadet Hut.



Seven young Army Cadets from the Darfield Detachment volunteered on the day. Two of the Cadets along with the Cadet Commander (who were registered first aiders) staffed the first aid station, with the remainder of the Cadets helping out with things such as assisting community groups with the setting up their stalls – all of the Cadet volunteers even stayed around for the inevitable litter pick after the event.



Further more, the Army Cadets were involved in helping organise a Darfield Summer Gala with the aim of bringing together local residents and community groups. The Darfield Summer Gala took place on Saturday 26th August with 12 local community groups participating at the event. Some of the groups used the opportunity to do some fundraising, however, the majority of them, used the gala to promote themselves and the work that they do.

Darfield hadn't had a gala for a few years before this and it was clear from the feedback from local residents on the day that it had been sorely missed! The Gala working group hope to build on this success and engage more community groups in planning the event next year.



Summer programme of activities for young people

A programme of summer activities was organised via the Ward Alliance for the children and young people of Darfield. The aim of the project was to utilise the skills of local community groups and encourage them to volunteer their time in activity delivery. Groups were encouraged to put in applications to the Ward Alliance for funding for any equipment / consumables they might need for the delivery of their planned activity.

There were four local groups who came forward and offered their time and expertise in running a variety of workshops/activities for children and young people. Activities included sports fun days delivered by the Darfield Cricket Club, the Darfield Bowls Club ran weekly junior bowling sessions, the local history group delivered

family history detectives and the Amenities Society organised a treasure hunt around Darfield.

The Ward Alliance did have to buy in a couple of bespoke activities but the summer programme was a good start for looking at what local groups can offer to the wider community and the impact they can make on helping to achieve the Darfield Ward priorities.

Over 60 children and young people participated in the summer programme. The Ward Alliance hope to build on this and hopefully engage more community groups in delivering even more activities as part of the programme next year.



Number of volunteers
84



Volunteer hours
365



Economic value
£4,042



Bags of litter collected
10



Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Ward Alliance

A community where people can take part and have a say

A healthy and happy community where people want to live

A healthy local economy with good opportunities for all

The Hoyland Milton and Rockingham Wards have a combined Ward Alliance, recognising the close collaboration that takes place between these two wards. The Ward Alliance also works closely in collaboration with the Forge Community Partnership who are a well established social enterprise in the area and who were appointed as the 'neighbourhood network' host. Below are examples of this collaborative work that has been taking place.

The Forge Community Partnership has been successfully running a work club, with some good results, however it was at full capacity. Working with the Ward Alliance, a project was developed which enables some of the long term participants of the work club to be supported to become advocates to newcomers. This development has enabled the work club to now open a new session, in conjunction with the Salvation Army at Hoyland Common. They have

also been offered the extra resource of an Information Guidance worker from Prospects for half a day a week to support the offer. They are also working to update the Hoyland Works 4U website which offers further support to those seeking employment.

The canal at Hemingfield had become very overgrown. The paths were becoming impassable especially after heavy rain. A group of young men approached the local action group to ask if they could borrow tools etc in order to improve the area. The area has now been cleared making better access for all and some of the fishing pegs have been replaced so that they can be used again. The group are now looking for further support from the Ward Alliance to buy the equipment they need to maintain this area in the future.



Before



After

Hoyland Community Website



The Hoyland neighbourhood network host, Forge Community Partnership has established a new website www.hoylandcap.co.uk which stands for Hoyland Community Access Point and acts as the public-facing front of the neighbourhood network. They have supported its development through an existing member of staff but are now seeking volunteer input to assist with its upkeep.

As well as having a website, Hoyland CAP offer two weekly drop-in sessions to community groups to allow them access to IT equipment

along with support on things such as producing posters and creating/updating websites. The drop-ins give groups the means to share information with the network by both emails/internet and also by text messaging.

The above drop-ins are run alongside the existing Work Club delivered by the Forge Community Partnership allowing those attending the Work Club to develop their own skills and confidence by supporting community representatives to develop their skills in IT. It may be that these Work Club members could eventually become more involved with the upkeep of the community website.

A new project developed out of the Hoyland CAP drop-ins is the IT Doctor – still in its infant stages, this project is run by a volunteer who is fully trained in IT. Community groups with PCs/Laptops which are used for the work of their group and which are in need of some TLC, can bring them along to the IT Doctor who will take a look at them and give them a bit of a clean-up. This is a free service; the only thing the group will need to pay for is any parts.

Hoyland Groups Come Together

A successful 'come and meet your community event' took place in June. This was a great networking event, allowing community groups from both the Hoyland Milton & Rockingham Wards to come together and find out more about each other.

One of the groups in attendance (the Hoyland Common Salvation Army) took the opportunity to speak to the South Area Team about their desire to set up a job club. Unaware of the existing Work Club

facilitated by the Forge Community Partnership, the team were able to put them in touch with John who runs the Club.

Such networking events help groups to build relationships with each other. Finding out what services are already being offered within the community, avoiding duplication, and at the same time enhancing and developing what already exists.



Funding support



Hoyland Milton has been awarded Community First funding. The South Area Team has supported a number of community

groups over the past few months to access this funding stream which is due to finish at the end of this year.

- 40th Barnsley (Hoyland) Brownies – This group was looking for a funding contribution towards the cost of their Centenary event. From the initial application received it was clear that there was no link to the Community First priorities. Following a meeting with the South Area Team, the group was able to identify existing work which directly addressed the funding priorities and a revised application was submitted. The group was successfully awarded £1,189.

- Platts Common and Blacker Hill TARA – An application was being submitted by this group for funding for a community notice board. Their application was rejected due to Community First money being unable to fund projects which are purely based around communications. The group was supported by the South Area Team to explore other project ideas and subsequently, the group was able to submit a 2nd application which was successful. They received £1,450 in Community First funding.

After being encouraged to think about what they had to offer to their community and to explore ways in which they could offer more, both groups were able to submit successful applications. There are so many groups who offer a tremendous amount to our communities. For some of them, it is only when they are encouraged to think about their skills and expertise, do they realise just what an impact they can make.

Number of volunteers
130



Volunteer hours
439



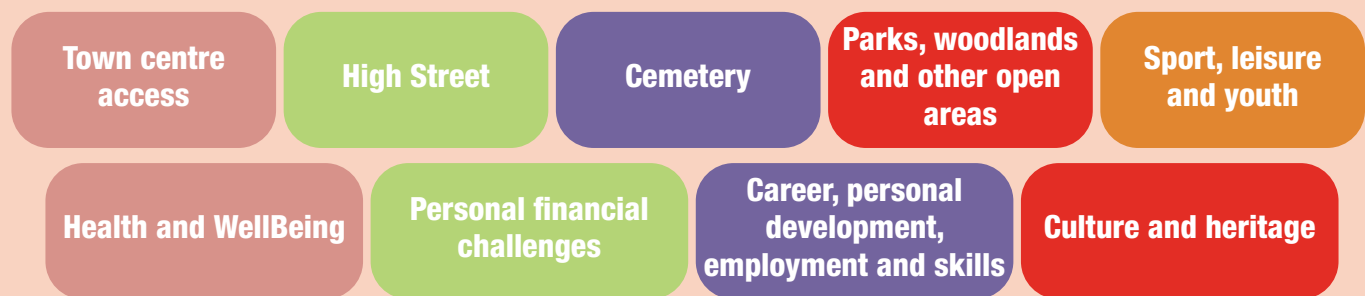
Economic value
£4,868



Bags of litter collected
82



Wombwell Ward Alliance



The Wombwell Ward Alliance is an active group that were among the first to develop a comprehensive ward plan. They work closely with the existing organisation 'We Love Wombwell' who act as the neighbourhood network in the area. The Ward Alliance have met with senior officers within the council in order to start and address their priority of improving the Market and the High Street. This is a major project and will be pivotal to the delivery of their action plan.

The 'Poo in the Park' initiative was very successful with a notable reduction in the amount of 'new deposits' left. The idea is now being considered by other areas, and a sharing of stencils, information and experience is being formulated. They have been supported by Berneslai Homes who have helped spray the no fouling signs around their estates. They are also noting new areas which need spraying while conducting estate walkabouts, which has had an impact on mainstream services and is an example of co-working. Wombwell Alliance themselves are now planning to expand the idea and have just secured the funding to look at tackling litter issues.



Wombwell neighbourhood network supporting ward priorities

Personal Financial Challenges

Promote what services are available – credit union, one stop shop, food banks – act as a giant notice board!

Parks, woodlands & other open spaces

Support groups/ individuals organising litter picks/environmental events by signposting to the Tidy Team and Enforcement projects, helping with publicity, recruiting of volunteers and sharing experience/advice

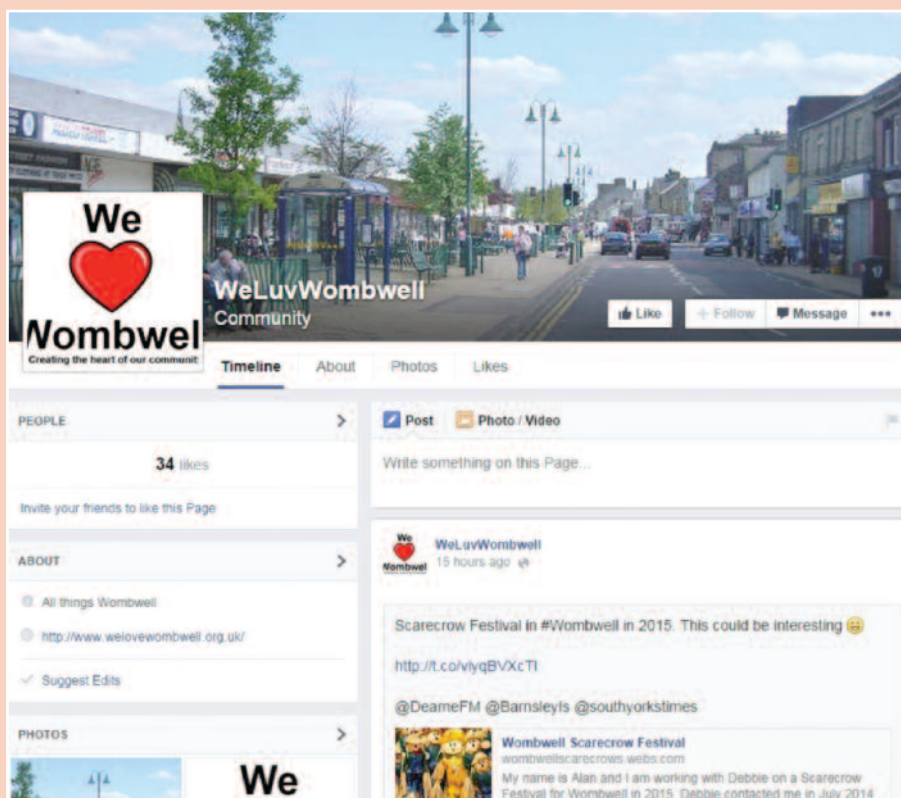
We Love Wombwell (WLW) is really keen to fulfil its role as the host organisation for Wombwell's neighbourhood network. To help them do this, members of the South Area Team, facilitated a development session with the WLW management committee to look at how they, as the host organisation, can help support the Wombwell Community Alliance in delivering against its Ward Priorities.

Historically, this group has used an email circulation list to share information but following a successful bid into the Wombwell Community Alliance, the organisation has been able to enhance its communication methods via the internet and social media.

This 2-hour long workshop consisted of a 'how you area works' presentation (produced as part of the Community Organiser training) followed by the group focusing upon the priorities listed within Wombwell's Ward Plan. It was a very positive and productive session.

The Management Committee are currently organising a similar workshop for later in the year but this time for the wider community groups to come together and start to look at what skills and expertise exists amongst them as part of an 'asset mapping exercise'. This will then help to shape how the community can help address local priorities.

WLW takes its role as network host seriously and has put in hours of work to develop a fabulous community website, Facebook page, Twitter account and email circulation list to use as a platform to circulate information around Wombwell's community network.



Building relationships

The South Area Team was contacted by the newly formed group called Mayflower Complex Resident Association. This group came together to discuss antisocial behaviour issues affecting the residents living within the Mayflower Complex, Wombwell.

The group needed support in identifying funding streams and deciding upon their future direction. Following a visit by a member of the South Area Team, it was clear that the group had lots of ideas about what it was they wanted to achieve but didn't know what community support existed to help them materialise these ideas.

Working with the Team, the group were able to set themselves a clear plan of action and were put in touch with other groups who could offer them support such as the local TARA group, crime and safety group and neighbourhood watch scheme. The group was encouraged to submit an application to the Wombwell Community First Panel and fully supported with the process attached to this.

Mayflower Complex Resident Association is now a member of the Neighbourhood Network and receive regular emails from the host organisation, We Love Wombwell.

Number of volunteers
51



Volunteer hours
273



Economic value
£3,022



Bags of litter collected
12



For more information about South Area Council
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