

<b>MEETING:</b>	North East Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 23 July 2020
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 4th June 2020. *(Pages 3 - 8)*

### Ward Alliances

- 3 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair *(Pages 9 - 30)*
  - Cudworth, held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020
  - Monk Bretton, held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020
  - North East, held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - Royston, held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Performance

- 4 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects *(Pages 31 - 50)*
- 5 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update *(Pages 51 - 52)*
- 6 Report on the use of Area Council Budgets, Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds *(Pages 53 - 56)*

### Items for information

- 7 The North East Area Council Local Responses to the Recovery Period *(Pages 57 - 62)*
- 8 Staffing Update
- 9 Healthy Holidays Funding Update *(Pages 63 - 64)*

To: Chair and Members of North East Area Council:-

Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Cherryholme, Ennis OBE, Felton, Green, Higginbottom, Houghton CBE, Makinson, McCarthy, Richardson and Wraith MBE

Area Council Support Officers:

Lisa Smith, North East Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
Caroline Donovan, North East Area Council Manager  
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities  
Elizabeth Barnard, Council Governance Officer  
Cath Bedford, Public Health Principal - Communities

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Wednesday, 15 July 2020

<b>MEETING:</b>	North East Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 4 June 2020
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Cherryholme, Ennis OBE, Felton, Higginbottom, Houghton CBE, Makinson, McCarthy, Richardson and Wraith MBE

### 47 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

### 48 Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed participants, the Press and the public to the meeting, highlighting that this meeting was to be streamed live over the internet and that a recording would be available on the Barnsley MBC website shortly after the conclusion of the meeting.

### 49 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 30th January, 2020

The meeting considered the minutes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the North East Area Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 50 Covid-19 Presentation

David Robinson, Service Director Customer Information and Digital Services, and Phil Hollingsworth, Service Director Stronger, Safer and Healthier Communities were welcomed to the meeting to deliver a presentation on BMBC's Covid Recovery Plan

An overview of the strategic approach was provided, acknowledging that Covid-19 was different to previous incidents due to its length and ongoing impact and the requirement for responses to be agile and adaptive.

The pandemic also offered opportunities to realign values and to create a new 'normal'. Members heard how the Government had drafted a recovery and renewal strategy, and a recovery plan was also in development at a South Yorkshire level, with Barnsley plans aligned and complementary to this. It was noted future plans needed to be interactive, in order to respond to the need for services to be turned on and off in relation to further peaks and that responses would be different depending on the needs of particular groups of people, including those shielding.

Three horizons were considered – h1 immediate recovery steps, h2 post-peak recovery steps and h3 realising the recovery objectives. It was suggested that Barnsley was moving into h2, with lockdown being lifted, and that this was a period of innovation. As Barnsley moves forward the h3 horizon will be the future that we want with the outcomes Barnsley desires. Barnsley is Currently in the 'collision zone' where all 3 horizons meet.

A 5 point recovery and renewal strategy is proposed, encompassing: Humanitarian (Health and Wellbeing), Business Economy, Building Resilience, Education and Attainment and finally Infrastructure and the Environment. This will go to Cabinet over the next few weeks. An impact analysis will be conducted, what's stopping, starting and continuing will be identified, the key recovery actions and plan will be set out, a 100 day recovery plan will be implemented alongside ongoing monitoring, learning, testing and adapting. It was recognised that all of these need to be underpinned by the financial stability of the Council.

We have already seen how commissioned services and community organisations have flexed to adapt their service models and continue support to local communities. However, there is a need to review funding assumptions made for all budgets in 2020/21. Funding allocations for area councils remain unchanged but there is a need to consider whether the planned priorities remain the same. There is likely to be an exacerbated impact on poverty and worklessness, education, mental health and emotional wellbeing, economic impact, coupled with a need to re-establish the fabric of society and the health and wellbeing impact from lack of service availability.

There is an opportunity to build on the digital agenda, inclusive economy, more agile working, changing support networks and examples of greater community spirit as exemplified by the Thursday night support for NHS and care workers.

Members were reminded of the guidance issued in relation to Ward Alliance Funds, and that the base budget of £10,000 per ward would remain but plans for an additional £10,000 had been paused due to the current financial situation. It was emphasised that Ward Alliance expenditure should support recovery efforts, with the only exception being where finance has already been approved and local businesses have committed resources.

Although there was an interest in re-establishing community events, it was acknowledged that this was not appropriate in the current climate, but that this position would be reviewed for 2021/22.

Members noted the previous requirement for Ward Alliance Funds to match 50% of their budgets with external finance or volunteer time was to be relaxed for the current financial year.

An update was provided in relation to the provision of grass cutting, the schedules of which had been impacted on from prioritising domestic waste collection. It was noted that that this would now recommence as staff return to substantive grass cutting duties from 8th June and the backlog being addressed in due course.

Caroline Donovan, North East Area Council Manager, outlined the local response to the pandemic. Over 100 wellbeing boxes had been delivered to elderly residents, over 300 easter eggs distributed, 28 families provided with slow cookers and the ingredients for healthy meals on a regular basis, and currently over 400 activity packs for tots, juniors and teens are being made up. Local volunteer Community Responders have worked with people who are either shielding or have been assessed as vulnerable. They have all been fully trained and provided with PPE to support shopping and befriending in their local communities.

Contracts and grants have been flexed and detailed information was provided of what this 'flexing' looked like. Current priorities and commissioning intentions were outlined, together with contract end dates. The Council was asked to consider the 5 recovery priorities; which initiatives align and can continue and which don't align.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the presentation.

## **51 Discussion: reflections on the presentation and how the Area Council can assist our communities in recovery**

Councillors were invited to ask questions on the presentation and how the Area Council can assist the community in recovery. A number of issues were highlighted including specific items of note:

The Principal Towns project will still be going ahead. Phase 1 of the project has been secured so projects will be delivered if this is what members want although the timescales may change. The Public Toilets scheme in Cudworth is going ahead unless plans are to be amended, although there may be some contractual delays. Indeed, contracts on the majority of projects have been signed so will go ahead.

There are no proposals to change governance arrangements at the moment and meetings will have to take place 'virtually'. In the future more agile working from district centres may be possible. The use of technology means people can be a lot more flexible, including working from home and in local offices, dependent on the individual and the service they work for. Consideration will be given over the next few months as to how to get district centres up and running. When shops and local businesses are able to reopen they will need help to re-establish and work safely and may need signage, advice around social distancing and queue management. Members were aware of a number of local businesses who have managed the situation well with regard to queuing and keeping customers safe.

It was confirmed that Barnsley is NOT a hotspot for Coronavirus. The figures for the period between 6th and 23rd May increased due to the fact that testing was stepped up, particularly in care homes. Lots of positive results came back during this period which seemed to indicate disproportionate positive results, which engendered this headline. It is a similar story in Barnsley to the rest of Yorkshire. Incidences and numbers of deaths are slowing but people are still catching the disease and people continue to lose their lives. It was highlighted that where communities have poor health outcomes generally and those with underlying health issues are more at risk. Barnsley will also feel the economic impact due to current levels of deprivation, which is why recovery planning is so important. Until a vaccine is developed, this situation will need to be managed as effectively as possible.

Government guidance and advice from Public Health is still awaited in terms of reopening community venues. Particular challenges exist with regard to libraries and managing numbers in the building. In terms of risk assessments, assistance will be given where possible in accordance with government guidance. Barnsley CVS will advise and assist organisations across the area.

**RESOLVED** that Members note the discussion and information provided.

## **52 Procurement and Finance Update**

The Area Council Manager introduced this item. The Members agreed that the North East Area Council's priorities should continue as follows:

- A Thriving and Vibrant Economy
- Love Where You Live
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Young People

Members were then asked to consider several financial recommendations in the light of Barnsley MBC's Recovery priorities.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i. the Executive Director for Communities be authorised to complete all the necessary paperwork in order to waive contract procedure rules to extend the current Apprentices and Employability commission until the end of March 2021 at a cost £145,000.
- ii. The North East Area Council devolve a further £40,000 to the Ward Alliances, at an additional £10,000 per Ward Alliance.
- iii. The North East Area Council allocate a further £55,000 to the Youth Development Working Together Fund.
- iv. Age UK Barnsley is awarded a further £4,000 to continue the Information, Advice and Guidance service for a further 12 months, and
- v. A £20,000 contingency fund is allocated to further strengthen the recovery of environmental improvements across the North East Area Council.

## **53 Close of the meeting**

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# Item 3

<b>Cudworth Ward Alliance</b>	
<b>Meeting Notes</b>	
<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Cudworth Ward Alliance</b>
<b>Date and time:</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 10.30am.</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Bow Street Offices. Cudworth</b>

<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Councillor Joe Hayward. (Chair)          Councillor Charlie Wraith (vice chair)          Janet Robinson          John Hayhoe          Tina Heaton          Joan Jones          Mick White          Florence Whittlestone          Jenni Baker          Pam Kershaw</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b>  <b>David Gill</b> – Community Development Officer.</p>	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Councillor S. Houghton.</p>
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		<b>Action / Decision</b>	<b>Action Lead</b>
1.	<p><b>Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests:</b></p> <p>John Hayhoe and Florence Whittlestone declared an interest in a funding application for Chewin t Cud.</p> <p>Janet Robinson and Mick White declared an interest in a funding application for Birkwood School.</p> <p>Jenni Baker declared an interest in a funding application for a Handwashing project.</p>		
2.	<p><b>Notes of the previous meeting:</b> Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florence has contacted Mr Bean at Churchfield School about a date for the Our Town, our roots project. No dates yet have been given to the Ward Alliance. Florence will visit Churchfield School on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and will ask if they have a date for Our Town, our roots.</li> <li>• Councillor hayward has contacted Principle Towns to enquire if there should be a sign to say CCTV is operating in the area.</li> </ul>		

<p><b>3. Potential Projects:</b></p> <p><b>The Environment:</b></p> <p>David Gill informed members of the British Spring Clean, which is to take place between Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 up to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020.</p> <p>David suggested Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 10am to 12 noon.</p> <p><b>Increased opportunities for achievement for local residents:</b></p> <p><b>Our Town, our roots:</b> The dates for our three primary schools have yet to be confirmed. Florence is to collect the shield for engraving from Churchfield school, Councillor Hayward is to collect the shield from Cherrydale school, Janet and Mick are to collect the shield from Birkwood school.</p> <p><b>Academic Achievement Awards:</b> Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 was suggested.</p> <p>David asked for volunteers for a steering group for the Achievement Awards. Janet, Joan and Florence put their names forward.</p> <p><b>Health and Wellbeing:</b></p> <p>David informed members <b>the Spring Health Fayre will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 10.30am to 12 noon at Cudworth Methodist Church.</b></p> <p>David is to contact the Methodist Church for confirmation of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 11am at the Methodist Church for the volunteers to do the fruit packing ready for the Health Fayre.</p> <p>David is to order the fruit and daffodils for the Health Fayre. And contact the lady about having Chair Aerobics at the Health Fayre and to ask if there will be a charge.</p> <p>David updated members about the four defibrillators we are to have in Cudworth.</p> <p>Cudworth police station has agreed to have one.</p> <p>Thornton's Accountants has agreed to have one.</p> <p>Age UK. has still to decide due to an assessment being done to see if the shutters will interfere with the siting of a defibrillator.</p> <p>Darfield Road Fish and chip shop are interested in having a defibrillator. Mick White has obtained contact details for David to follow this up.</p> <p>The Handwashing projects. Jenni Baker is to go into schools with the project.</p> <p><b>Youth Provision:</b></p> <p>David suggested increasing out of school activities, weekdays and weekends. David is to contact Victoria Agnew.</p> <p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>David circulated the finance figures</p>	<p><b>David Gill</b></p> <p><b>Jenni Baker</b></p>
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4. Total allocation remaining is £2,476  
The total allocation remaining may be less after this meeting today when the funding applications have been reviewed.

5. **Funding applications.**  
**Chewin t Cud. Members agreed to fund £545**  
**Birkwood School. Members agreed to fund £768**  
**Spring Health Fayre. Members agreed to fund £730**  
**Handwashing Project. Members agreed to fund £280**

6. **Correspondence:**  
There was no correspondence.

7. **Compliments and Complaints.**  
Councillor Wraith paid compliment to how nice it looks now the hedges have been removed from the bottom of Manor Road down to the old Cudworth Bridge. The hedges will be replaced with fencing.

8 **Any other business:**  
The grass verges on Bow Street are to be made into parking bays.  
Tina Heaton informed members Cudworth Businesses and Community Together group are to donate approx. £1,800 towards the erection of the Christmas lights this year 2020.  
Mick White asked if it would be possible for a letter of thanks be sent to Age UK for the Christmas hampers, Christmas panto and Christmas Celebration event. All of which was arranged by Age UK.  
John Hayhoe asked if it would be possible to fund purchasing three books. One for each of our primary schools. Cliff Gorman wrote a book called "The Social History of Cudworth". John thinks it is a good idea for the schools to have a copy in their library.  
Councillor Hayward thanked everyone for attending and for their contribution to the meeting.

**Please note the time change for the next meeting.**

**Date and time of the next meeting.**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 1.30pm at Bow Street Office**

**Future meeting dates:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Cudworth Ward Alliance

### Meeting Notes

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Cudworth Ward Alliance</b>
<b>Date and time:</b>	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 10.30am.</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Bow Street Offices. Cudworth</b>

<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Councillor Joe Hayward. (Chair)          Councillor Charlie Wraith (vice chair)          Janet Robinson          Tina Heaton          Joan Jones          Mick White          Florence Whittlestone          Jenni Baker          Pam Kershaw</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b>  <b>David Gill</b> – Community Development Officer.</p>	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Councillor S. Houghton.</p>
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		Action / Decision	Action Lead
<p><b>1.</b></p> <p><b>Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests:</b></p> <p>There were no interests declared</p> <p><b>2.</b></p> <p><b>Notes of the previous meeting:</b> Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020</p> <p>A member asked if Darfield Road Fisheries has been contacted about a defibrillator being sited there. David stated an electrician has visited Darfield Road Fisheries and the shutters will be a problem for a defibrillator to be sited outside.</p> <p>Councillor Hayward informed members with Age UK being unable to have a defibrillator sited outside because of the shutters. He has spoken with Infinity jewellers on the main Barnsley Road about a defibrillator being sited outside the shop. It was agreed to have a defibrillator sited outside the shop on condition that if any vandalism occurs the defibrillator will have to be removed.</p> <p>A local resident approached a Ward Alliance member to praise the work done, of removing the shrubbery from the bottom of Manor Road down towards the former Cudworth Bridge area.</p> <p>Councillor Wraith informed members The Prince's Trust has done some of the work in the Valley Parks area, litter picking, planting trees and putting up bird boxes.</p>			

<p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p>	<p>Councillor Hayward informed members he has been to all three primary schools in Cudworth with a copy of the “Cutha’s Worth” book for their school library. The author of the book is Cliff Gorman a local Cudworth resident and is about The Social and Local History of Cudworth.</p> <p>The schools were pleased and appreciative to receive the book.</p> <p>Jenni stated she has spoken with Alison Thomas about the handwashing project in schools. Alison suggested delaying the project for a month due to the Coronavirus outbreak.</p> <p>Mick asked if there is any progress with turning the grass verges on Bow Street into parking bays. Councillors stated progress has been made and it is all systems go.</p> <p>Councillors stated nearly all the shop shutters have been done in Cudworth by Principle Towns, plus new signs.</p> <p>CCTV cameras are operating in the Robert Street, Bank Street, and former Cudworth Bridge area.</p> <p>A member stated it is good the that CCTV cameras are operating and being effective with shops being broken into recently.</p> <p><b>Cudworth Ward Alliance Review Presentation.</b></p> <p>David gave an overview of Cudworth Ward Alliance. After some discussion. Members agreed some headings should be changed. David is to send the amended copy out to members. Members all agreed it is a good list of projects for the work the Ward Alliance has done and helped to fund over the las 12 months.</p> <p>Tina suggested for David to send her a copy of the Ward Alliance funded projects expenditure to put on the Businesses and Community Together website.</p> <p>Tina informed members the Dementia friendly Chit-Chat Cafe started last Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 10am to 12 noon. The Chit-Chat Café was enjoyed by the people attending. There will be different themes each week. New volunteers have already been identified.</p> <p><b>Discussion for Cudworth Ward Alliance Priorities.</b></p> <p>Tina suggested putting older people in their own category under the heading of Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p>Councillor Wraith informed members the skate park is to be moved down to the Valley park.</p> <p><b>Potential Projects:</b></p> <p>The Environment: The British Spring clean is to take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 10am to 12 noon.</p> <p>30 Hanging baskets. Approximate cost will be £1,650.</p> <p>C.A.B – Citizens Advice Bureau.</p>	<p>David Gill</p>	
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<p>6.</p> <p>7.</p> <p>8.</p> <p>9.</p> <p>10.</p> <p>11.</p>	<p>Increased opportunities for achievement for local residents:  Academic Achievement Awards: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020  Our Town, our roots: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Churchfield School. 9am  23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 Birkwood School 10am  26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Cherrydale School 10am  Spring bulbs planted near the former Cudworth Bridge are in bloom.  David is to contact Victoria Agnew about Youth Work.  David asked for volunteers for a steering group for this. Jenni, Pam, and Councillor Hayward put their names forward.  Spring Health Fayre. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 at the Methodist Church. 10.30am to 12 noon. Volunteers to arrive for 10am.  Health Fayre fruit packing 11am at the Methodist Church Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020</p> <p><b>Finance.</b>  David informed members there is £883 left to spend plus approx. £800 left in the working fund.</p> <p><b>Funding applications.</b>  <b>Pinfold Pumas.                    Members agreed to fund £550</b>  <b>C.A.B.                                Members agreed to fund £1,667</b>  <b>30 Hanging baskets.        Members agreed to fund £1667</b></p> <p>Councillor Hayward is still waiting to hear from the Diocese about the flagpole at St. Johns Church memorial site. Councillor Hayward is to find out the cost for this project.  Members agreed in principle to fund this project.</p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b>  A thank you email has been received from Birkwood School for the “Cutha’s Worth” book gifted to the school from the Ward Alliance.</p> <p><b>Compliments and Complaints.</b>  Compliments have been received about the Mural in the Peace Garden and the work done in the Valley Park.</p> <p><b>Any other business:</b>  Jenni circulated a leaflet to members on how to wash your hands correctly.</p> <p><b>Date and time of the next meeting.</b>  <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 10am - Zoom meeting due to Covid-19</b></p>	<p><b>David Gill</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Hayward</b></p>	
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**Future meeting dates:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - cancelled due to Covid-19 lockdown

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – cancelled due to Covid-19 lockdown

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – zoom meeting due to covid-19

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

**January 17<sup>th</sup>. 2020 @ Silverdale Community Centre**

**In attendance:**

Cllr Steve Green. Cllr Ken Richardson, Cllr Victoria Felton, Sue Fox, Brian Bell, Blair Radford, Tom Sheard, John Marshall, Gavin Doxey, Caroline Donovan

1	<b>Apologies:</b> Gemma Conway, Christie McFarlane	<b>Actions</b>
2	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None	
3	<b>Notes of the previous meeting:</b>	
4	<b>Project Feedback:</b> Memorial Gate £580 + sign £90 Awaiting planter sign proofs Defibrillators now in office, awaiting installation quotes, training to be provided.	
5	<b>Ward Alliance Fund – applications received:</b> None	
6	<b>Funding &amp; Finance:</b> Spreadsheet circulated, underspend discussed and more projects requested. Need for more litter picking equipment.	
7	<b>Additional Items:</b> <b>CAB – D Andy in attendance, he gave a presentation and answered Questions and gave assurances as to any future service. Good return for investment in service.– resolved to increase service to fortnightly.</b>	
8	<b>AOB:</b> Great British Spring Clean 20/3 to 17/4. Agreed to organise 5 area clean-ups. Champions: GD, VF, SF, GC. Grassed area outside St Pauls – CD to organise site visit Remembrance Day Parade 2020, need to book drums now Planters on TPT in Lundwood Extra planters across the Ward discussed.	CMcF  CD CMcF
9	<b>Date of Future meetings</b>  Next meeting will be held at Burton Grange Community Centre  February 28 <sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am	

Meeting closed by SG at 11am

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# NORTH EAST WARD ALLIANCE

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>North East Ward Alliance</b>
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Great Houghton Welfare Hall</b>

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr A Cherryholme (Chair) Cllr J Ennis Cllr L D Higginbottom Cllr J Hayward Ms. D P Coates, Ms. C Donovan Messer's M Fensome, D Gill, A Hampson, R Archer, L Holt,	Cllr A Cherryholme, Ms. B Sargesson, Ms. S Nixon

1.	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><b>1. Notes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct.</p> <p><b>2. Matters Arising –</b></p> <p><b>Cllr JE</b> - informed members that the Shafton Panto was very good and worthwhile.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- Stated that item 5j should read £2k and not £2000k</p> <p><b>Cllr DH</b> informed members that an artificial Christmas Tree had been purchased and returned as unsuitable, Consideration should therefore be given to planting smaller real ones for continued future use as they grew</p> <p><b>Ms D P Coates</b> informed members that the Christmas collaboration event and party went well and was well attended.</p> <p>Prior to the main agenda items Caroline Donovan, The North East Area Council Manager and Cllr J Hayward gave members an update on the initiatives promoted and supported by the council and the Alliance throughout the course of the year</p> <p>They are as follows</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>''</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Achievement Awards – in partnership with Primary Schools.</li> <li>• Gala's and Prom's – throughout the Alliances</li> <li>• Yorkshire in Bloom</li> <li>• Grimethorpe Community Farm – learning skills supported by local business's financially and in kind</li> <li>• Once upon a Prom – alternative approach to purchasing attire for Year 11 students wishing to attend school proms</li> <li>• Grimethorpe Activity Zone – Alternative Education.</li> <li>• Community Ambassadors – Academic Achievement Awards for Children</li> <li>• CB Apprenticeships – in partnership with Barnsley Community. It provides an accountable Environmental Team Service plus recognised knowledge and competency qualifications.</li> <li>• Reds in the Community -Healthy Lifestyles</li> <li>• Christmas Lights – in partnership with Cudworth Businesses and Community Together Group</li> <li>• Christmas Elves ESV – in conjunction with Grimethorpe Community Farm</li> <li>• Period Poverty Consultation – Support &amp; assistance etc.</li> <li>• Stop smoking Initiative – Now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year</li> <li>• Social &amp; Isolation Dementia Project – Help to address issues relating to the illness, Support, Help &amp; Advice</li> <li>• Great British Spring Clean, 17 events held,344 volunteers &amp; 423 bags of rubbish collected.</li> <li>• Physical Fitness VIY Project – educational support for adults.</li> <li>• Gt Houghton Reading Room Project – Social inclusion for the elderly.</li> <li>• NE Health &amp; Well Being Fund – one off fund created to address NEAC priorities. 10 Community Groups have been supported.</li> <li>• Tour De Yorkshire – Preparation &amp; Support.</li> </ul> <p>It was also reported that in 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 84 projects had been supported in the 1<sup>st</sup> year</li> <li>b) There had been 5,885 volunteers involved in those projects etc.</li> <li>c) Over 26,111 volunteer hours committed to those projects</li> <li>d) The economic value of the volunteer hours equated to £36,216. 61</li> </ol> <p><b>3. Ward Alliance Finance</b></p> <p><b>D Gill</b> circulated a copy of the latest accounts which took into account, the additional costs of recently received funding application,</p>	<p>All Noted</p> <p>All Noted</p>	
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<p><b>4, Ward Alliance Funding Applications</b></p> <p>The following applications have been received for consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Gt Houghton Village Hall Committee – Provision of Planters £200</li> <li>b) Grimethorpe Residents Group – Craft &amp; Hobbies =£160 (RA declared interest)</li> <li>c) Grimethorpe Residents Group – Litter Pick Equipment £160 (RA declared interest)</li> <li>d) Shafton Aged Welfare– Catering Equipment £90</li> <li>e) Shafton Methodist Church -Repairs &amp; Sign £804</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Ward Alliance Action Plan Update</b></p> <p>DG updated the member as follows;</p> <p><u>Environmental Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) That the Bulb Planting initiative went well</li> <li>b) That it was time to consider entries for the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition and recommend that the Grimethorpe War Memorial be nominated again.</li> <li>c) It was also recommended that the Love Grimethorpe Project (Lady Wood School) be considered at a cost of £30</li> <li>d) The Great British Spring Clean would take place between 20<sup>th</sup> March &amp; 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020</li> </ul> <p><u>Local Economy.</u></p> <p>The main focus this year would be on creating more opportunities for young people,</p> <p><u>Health &amp; Well Being</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Members were informed that 9 projects had been completed</li> <li>b) Copies of the revised “What’s On” booklet were distributed for circulation through out the Alliance’s 4 villages</li> <li>c) New Options to be approached regarding the positioning of the Defibrillator there. (Grimethorpe).</li> </ul>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Due to insufficient funds being available only £739 was agreed</p>	
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<p><b>6. Any Other Business.</b></p> <p><b>DPC</b> asked if any further training courses for caretakers could be arranged following the success of the H&amp;S and Catering sessions</p> <p><b>Cllr DH</b> asked officers to look at the insurance covering volunteers who work unsupervised by Council staff.</p> <p><b>LG</b> raised concerns on behalf of PM regarding the storage of "Shafton Event Groups" equipment at the Singing Man.</p> <p>- It was confirmed that the equipment was for community use only and that storage space was unavailable elsewhere.</p> <p>A card received from Shafton Methodist Church thanking the Alliance for it's support was circulated</p> <p><b>7. Date and Time of Future Meetings</b></p> <p>19th March 2020 at 10:30pm in Shafton Community Centre</p>	<p>Noted</p>	
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# NORTH EAST WARD ALLIANCE

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	North East Ward Alliance
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Virtual Meeting

On-line	Apologies
Cllr A Cherryholme (Chair) Cllr J Ennis, Cllr L D Higginbottom Ms. D P Coates Messer's M Fensome, D Gill, R Archer, L Holt, P Mackinson	

1.	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><b>1. Notes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct.</p> <p><b>2. Matters Arising –</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising</p> <p><b>3. Ward Alliance Finance</b></p> <p><b>D Gill had</b> circulated a copy of the latest accounts but informed members that the following funds were still available</p> <p>Great Houghton = £3,688</p> <p>Brierley = £3968</p> <p>Shafton = £3,602</p> <p>Grimethorpe = £2,947</p> <p>Total =£14,205</p> <p><b>4, Ward Alliance Funding Applications</b></p> <p>The following applications have been received for consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Gt Houghton Village Hall Committee – Community Defibrillator = £1,564</li><li>b) Gt Houghton Village Hall Committee Community Support = £400</li></ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>	

<p>c) Citizens Advice Barnsley (CAB) – Outreach sessions = £1,667</p> <p>d) North east Ward Alliance -Working Fund = £2000</p> <p><b>5. Ward Alliance Action Plan Update</b></p> <p>DG reported that as a result of the Covid 19 restrictions a lot of the actions had been cancelled and it therefore needed to be reviewed when circumstances allowed.</p> <p>Hanging baskets had been provided in some villages but on a limited basis.</p> <p><b>6. Any Other Business.</b></p> <p><b>DPC</b> informed members that the Gt Houghton Youth Group would be taking out Activity Packs to children in the village next week</p> <p><b>RA</b> asked why the GAZ bid for Activity Packs was put on hold and was informed that Caroline Donovan was working on a project of a similar nature that may involve GAZ delivering the packs.</p> <p>The Chair and members thanked David Gill for his commitment and work during his time overseeing the Alliance and wish him well in his retirement. It was very much appreciated.</p> <p><b>7. Date and Time of Future Meetings</b></p> <p>At the discretion of the Chair</p>	<p>The funding had been earmarked at the previous meeting and following discussion it was agreed, subject to,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 25% being allocated towards sessions in Great Houghton,</li> <li>b) feedback being obtained on the number of referrals to the DSS on wrong information being provided.</li> </ul> <p>RA informed members that Brierley and Shafton should also be considered for sessions as they had similar public transport problems. It was agreed that the situation would be reviewed in the future.</p> <p>The funding is available subject to the lifting of the Covid restrictions and meetings restarting.</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Cllr JE Volunteered to be the Project Leader as additional work is required on developing the plan to cover the Covid related issues.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	
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Noted

**Royston Ward Alliance**  
Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
6pm at the Grove, Royston

<b>Present</b>	Councillor Caroline Makinson (Chair)
	Councillor Pauline McCarthy
	Councillor Tim Cheetham
	John Clare
	John Craig
	Gemma Conway
	Graham Kyte
	Bill Newman
	John Openshaw
<b>In Attendance</b>	Caroline Donovan North East Area Manager.

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Kevin Copley	
	Christie McFarlane, Community Development Officer	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Declarations of a pecuniary and non pecuniary interest</b>	
2.1	None Declared	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Correspondence and Communications</b>	
3.1	None to report	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Notes of Previous Meeting</b>	
4.1	Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting held on Monday the 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019, were a true record.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the notes</b>	
5.1	<b>What's On Guide</b> , members were informed that the publication is now at the printers.	
5.2	<b>Annual Review</b> , members agreed to undertake the annual review at the next meeting being held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> March.	
5.3	<b>Defibrillators</b> one has already been installed with another two awaiting installation. There will be 11 fitted across the North East area and it is planned that training sessions will be held on the use of the equipment. It was agreed that plaques would be fitted to the installations in Royston stating that they have been supported by the Royston Ward Alliance. It was agreed that these would be financed from the working fund.	
5.4	<b>Aldi Crossing</b> members were informed that this is a planning issue being dealt with by ward councillors.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Volunteering Insurance</b>	
6.1	No update available.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>	
7.1	<b>Green Spaces</b> , the chair and secretary gave an update on the work completed at the January volunteer session, in the Pocket Park on Church Street, in the Orchard in Royston Park and at	

	<p>the Wells. Members raised issues with the east end of Royston and at Rabbit Ings, some of the issues have already been highlighted with the highways department and it was agreed that they would target Royston the week commencing Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> January. It was also asked if the NEET team could concentrate on Lund Hill Lane as a Hot Spot.</p> <p>Members also highlighted the Dyke running along the bottom the Doles, some work has been undertaken but some debris is still remaining, it was agreed that Neighbourhood Services would be contacted.</p>	
7.2	<p><b>In Bloom</b>, It was agreed that entries into the Yorkshire In Bloom 2020 would be made by the Canal and In Bloom.</p> <p>Questions were raised about the Wells being an individual entry; it was felt by judges in previous years that there is not enough interest in the Wells to justify and individual entry.</p>	
7.3	<p><b>Canal</b> members were informed that the rubbish on the side of the canal at Shaw Lane has now been removed. The tow path project is now progressing. Members of the Canal Club attended a recent funding workshop and it was suggested that their application to National Lotteries should be resubmitted.</p> <p>The Canal Club have also registered with Barnsley Live Well. Members were also informed that it is a criminal offence for anglers not to pay for a fishing licence on the canal, it is classed as Stealing Fish.</p>	
7.4	<p><b>Section 106</b> the chair gave an update on the section 106 meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p><b>Railway Station</b>, discussions on how to raise the profile of reinstatement of station project.</p> <p><b>Canal Improvements</b>, Church Hill north to Old Royston</p> <p><b>Rabbit Ings</b> sporting facilities, installation of steps to access football pitches from car park. Groundwork to cost project.</p> <p><b>Filey Avenue Car Park</b>, possible use of Principal Towns funding.</p> <p><b>Co operative Cherry Tree</b>, improve site around base of tree, contractors asked to cost proposals.</p> <p><b>Bandstand</b>, complete painting following repairs to roof, contractors asked to cost proposals.</p> <p><b>Park</b> installation of additional lighting columns.</p> <p>The next meeting is planned for 10am on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> February, it is hoped that we can invite our local MP to the meeting to help promote the Railway Station.</p>	
7.5	<p><b>Events Group</b>, The <b>Achievements Awards</b> are to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at Barnsley Town Hall. Everything is booked and the schools would be contacted after the February Half Term.</p>	
7.6	<p><b>Christmas Lights</b> a meeting has been arranged for 6pm on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> March at the Albert Shepherd Hall. Business and</p>	

	community Representatives will be invited. Letters will be distributed to local businesses proposals are to seek a donation for each light of £500.00 with the Ward Alliance paying for the Installation, removal, electricity and insurance at £150.00 per light.	
7.7	<b>Principal Towns</b> <b>Shop Fronts</b> members were updated on the project and the number of shops taking part. <b>Monckton Enterprise Park</b> , no update available.	
7.8	<b>Health Fair</b> , being held at Carlton Community College on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 3pm to 6pm.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Area Council</b>	
8.1	<b>Updates</b> , the area managed agreed to attend ward alliance meetings on a regular basis to update on the work of the Area Council.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Funding Opportunities</b>	
9.1	<b>National Lotteries Awards For All</b> . The Canal Club and the secretary to revise the previous application and submit.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Ward Alliance</b>	
10.1	<b>Finances</b> members were updated on the Ward Alliances Finances.	
10.2	<b>Application Applications</b> No applications to consider. Members did consider the allocation of the current funds available. £500.00 towards the 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase of the Albert Shepherd Gate. £600.00 towards Communication material. £50.00 towards a blank presentation cheque. £500.00 towards Ad Astra and activities over the February Half Term. The Balance £5000.00 towards the purchase of Christmas Motifs They were all recommended for support.	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
11.1	Great British Spring Clean Friday the 20 <sup>th</sup> March to Monday the 13 <sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed that in Royston events would start a week earlier from Friday the 13 <sup>th</sup> March. Volunteers came forward and it was emphasised that the lead at each event would be expected to oversee the event, manage the volunteers and give safety briefings at the start of the event. John Clare- Canal Gemma - Carlton Primary School Caroline - to liaise with Healthy Heart Group Graham – Rabbit Ings Bill & John - Monckton Hill	

11.2	<b>Community Group</b> , a new community group have made a request for support from the area team, they are currently sign posting the group to organisations that can help.	
11.3	<b>Meeting Dates 2020 and 2021.</b> The secretary distributed a draft calendar of dates for 2020 and 2021 members approved the dates with the deletion of the August meeting.	
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Date of next meetings</b>	
12.1	Monday the 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020, 6pm at the Grove.	
	<b>The meeting closed at 7:55pm</b>	

Agenda Item 4

# NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL Project Performance Report

Children's Activity Packs ready to be delivered to the Children's Centre



July 2020

## Introduction

### The North East Area Council Priorities



**Community Cohesion and Integration**



## The North East Area Council

The table below shows the Providers that have now been appointed to deliver a series of services that address these priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the North East Area Council. It can be noted that a number of projects are still in the development phase.

	Service	Provider	Contract Value/length	Contract start
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	North East Environment Team - Cudworth and North East	Barnsley Community Build	£135,000 18 months (extension granted April - June 2016)	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2014 Contract complete
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	North East Environment Team - Monk Bretton and Royston	Barnsley Community Build	£135,000 18 months (extension granted April - June 2016)	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2014 Contract complete
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	Environmental Enforcement	Kingdom Security	£91,990 21 months	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2014 Contract complete
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	Environmental Enforcement	BMBC Enforcement and Community Safety	£18,883 21 months	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016 Contract complete
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	Environmental Enforcement	Kingdom Security	£55,796 Per annum (+1 + 1 year + 1 year)	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	Environmental Enforcement	BMBC Enforcement and Community Safety	£10,800 (+1 year + 1 year + 1 year)	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	Environmental Enforcement	District Enforcement	£60,000 Per annum (+1 + 1 year + 1 year)	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	Environmental Enforcement	BMBC Enforcement and Community Safety	£20,000 Per annum (+1 year + 1 year + 1 year)	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	Parks Equipment	BMBC Parks Services	£10,000 £7,000 £10,000 £5,000	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	Biodiversity Project - Hedgehogs	Various	£2,000	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2016

<b>Thriving and Vibrant Economy</b>	Rapid Response Team	Barnsley Community Build	£24,000	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2015 Contract complete
<b>Thriving and Vibrant Economy</b>	Apprentices and Employability	Barnsley Community Build	£245,00 (+1 year + 1 year + 1 year)	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016
<b>Thriving and Vibrant Economy</b>	Private Sector Housing Management Officer	BMBC Enforcement and Community Safety	£35,000 Service Level Agreement+ £800 Safety Equipment	June 2016
<b>Thriving and Vibrant Economy</b>	Undergraduate Placement	Leeds University	£18,500	September 2016 Completed

<b>Young People</b>	Summer Holiday Internship 2015	C&K Careers	£45,000 18 months	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 Contract completed
<b>Young People</b>	Summer Holiday Internship 2016	C&K Careers	£31,550 18 months	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2015 Contract Completed
<b>Young People</b>	Youth Development Grant	Local Community Groups and Organisations	£130,00 ongoing	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2014
<b>Young People</b>	Dance and Theatre Performance	QDOS	£9,000	November 2015 Contract completed

<b>Health Lifestyles</b>	Older People's Project	Royston and Carlton Community Partnership	£20,646 9 months	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2015 Contract completed
<b>Healthy Lifestyles</b>	Shopability	Barnsley Community Foundation	£7,824 6 months	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2015 Contract completed
<b>Healthy Lifestyles</b>	Fit Reds	Barnsley FC	£19,655 18 months	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2015 Contract completed
<b>Healthy Lifestyles</b>	Fit Me	PSS Health Trainers	£11,600 18 months	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 Contract completed

<b>Healthy Lifestyles</b>	Stop Smoking Community Outreach	South West Yorkshire Partnership	£30,000 12 months	April 2018
<b>Healthy Lifestyles</b>	Social isolation and Dementia initiative	Age UK Barnsley	£30,000 with £5,000 match 1+1	July 2019

<b>Changing the Relationship between the Council and the Community</b>	Community Magazine	Corporate Communications	Community Magazine	December 2015
	Community Magazine	Community Magazine	Community Magazine	September 2016
<b>and Community Cohesion and Integration</b>	Volunteer Celebration Event	North East Area Team	£3,000	£3,000 completed

## Part A Performance Monitoring

The following tables reflect the overview of performance of all the North East Area Council contracted services and projects. This includes performance data gathered for this Report as follows:

- Social Isolation and Dementia  
Quarter Four 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- District Enforcement  
Quarter One 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## **Part B Summary performance management report for each service**

**Social Isolation and Dementia project**

**Age UK Barnsley**

**Quarter Four**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

This service is funded by the North East Area Council. There are two staff members involved, Carol Foster and Sarah Hulme who together provide 1 FTE. However, through the period of this pandemic, the whole of our central support team has been working on supporting our front-line efforts. This is the 4th and final report of this contract year. When people were advised to self-isolate, Age UK Barnsley and the North East Area Team agreed that it was clear that the service needed to temporarily stop working with Groups, Businesses and Care Homes, that were closed to us, and meet the urgent needs of individual older people especially those with dementia. We responded immediately. As well as supporting our existing cohort of older people, we invited referrals both of, and from, older people in the North East area who do not have support networks in place and would need help to isolate and stay safe. This change has resulted in some of our service targets for the year being unmet due to closures while other areas have been substantially exceeded.

### **1:1 Working**

The service has supported **111** people in the North East Area since the lockdown. This includes **36** people who needed us to shop for them on a regular basis so they could stay safe at home, **93** socially isolated people needing telephone befriending and **3** people who needed their prescriptions picking up. We are still supporting **57** people at the end of June. *(NB Some people are using more than one support method)*

Staff have also been signposting and providing information regarding local shops that were delivering in the area, other local groups that could help and about vulnerable people's shopping slots. Our Information and Advice Service has been available throughout and has supported people to access repairs, aids and adaptations and incontinence products as well as providing support with benefits, health and social care issues. Our service has been a lifeline for some older vulnerable people. The telephone befriending has been the most appreciated and continues to be so. Our Covid Service was available from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of lockdown, when many people were panicking and did not know how they would be able to get necessities. We have referred to third party organisations such as Humankind, British Legion, Cancer Aftercare, Macmillan support, Fire Safety and psychological services. We have liaised with Community Nurses, Social Services, local community groups that were offering support and GP surgeries. In addition, staff and volunteers have taken every opportunity to do little things to make life better where possible, like delivering occasional meals from the fish and chip shop and providing Afternoon Teas. Feedback includes:

- *"We are thrilled with everyone we speak to at Age UK, such kind lovely people. A special thanks to Haley for doing our shopping"* Mr. and Mrs. J. Monk Bretton
- *"We are overwhelmed by how kind people have been, and we can't thank you enough"* Mr & Mrs S. North East
- *"Thank you for the Afternoon Tea, it was a lovely surprise."* EC Cudworth



Here's Agnes from Cudworth receiving one of our Well-being boxes, flowers and a birthday card from one of our volunteers Steve.

## Volunteers

25 new volunteers have stepped up to offer their help in this service during the pandemic. Volunteers that offered their help at this difficult time were issued with our safety pack such as wipes, hand sanitiser, mask and gloves and information on how to use PPE and keep safe. Volunteers are supported by the Inclusion Workers by their chosen method of communication. For many, the preferred method is via e mail as some have now returned to work and are still supporting older people in the North East Area. In this quarter volunteers have provided 283 hours in this service. Over the year, this gives a total of 647 hours. If we apply a common estimated hourly value of volunteering at £13.53, this means that volunteers in this service have provided a value of £8,754 to the North East Area. In addition, the fact that these volunteers along with Age UK Barnsley staff have been out in the community, throughout this period, potentially risking their own wellbeing, providing shopping and support to enable extremely vulnerable older people to stay safe and well is invaluable. Some 88% of deaths from this virus have been among people over the age of 65. The risk of the virus being fatal increases as people age beyond 65. Therefore, as a high proportion of the people we are supporting are aged over 80, this service has probably been lifesaving at this time.

## Groups and Activities

The virus has meant that groups are unable to meet. Considering this, we are encouraging isolated, older people from the North East Area to participate in Home Based activities to help with their wellbeing. 59 older people in the North East Area are currently joining in the activities. We found that only 35% of the people we have been supporting are online and although they are there are lots of activities on social media we decided we needed to do something different. We have a menu of 10 activity clubs which include Exercise, Wildlife, Art, Crafts, Creative Writing, Gardening, Foodie, The Pudding Club, Reading and Puzzlers. Each older person can join up to 3 clubs- (please see attached Activities Menu). Each Club has a set up pack that comes with it and an interactive element. For example, with the Foodie Club, the "weighed out" ingredients and a recipe are sent out to the person each fortnight. The person makes their own

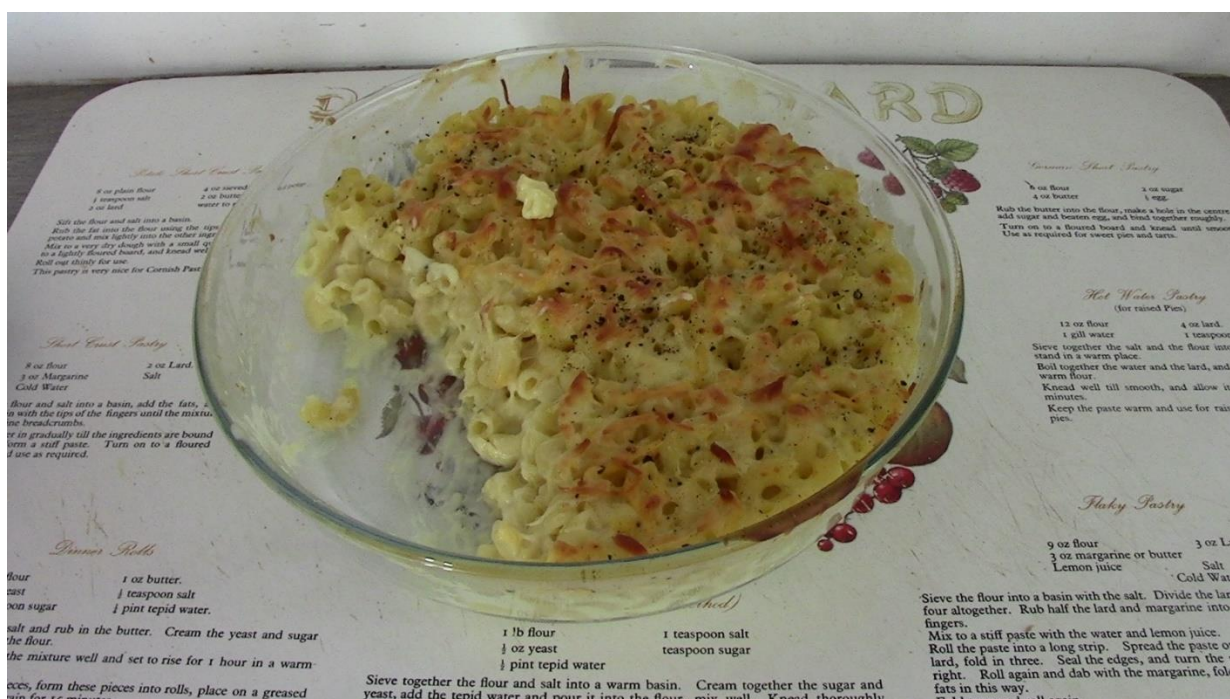


dish and then sends us a photo so we can display the dishes. Older people are also asked to send us their own favourite recipes which we can share around.

Feedback to the activities is very positive and includes:

- “Thanks for the activities, we have been really pleased with what we have received especially the puddings” MW- Cudworth
- “Thank you very much for the jigsaws” CW- North East
- “I am over the moon with the art pack, it has renewed my interest in art.” AB- Monk Bretton
- “A big thank you, it made my day” BJ- Royston

## Week 1 – Macaroni Cheese by DH



## Events- Wellbeing Boxes

All planned events had to be cancelled but we have added the delivery of Wellbeing Boxes as an event outcome. All the service users we have been supporting in the North East received a Wellbeing Box that contains groceries and activities and a letter to let them know they are not alone. This really lifted people's moods, ensured they had access to the essentials as well as some treats to cheer them up. We have received funding from the Barnsley MBC and Charitable Trusts and worked in partnership with many agencies and individuals like Morrisons and In-Kind Direct. This enabled us to pick up discounted and donated goods to make our funding go much further. Over 100 older people in the North East received Wellbeing Boxes with a value of around £45, and we have retained a small number of boxes for those people that are in desperate need of help as these requests are still coming in.

Feedback about the boxes includes:

- “A big surprise, I can't get over how kind it was. All very useful items.” GY- Cudworth

- *Thanks for the parcel... mum was not able to identify what was in it because she has Alzheimer's, but she was eating something nice when I phoned her.*  
Daughter of DW- North East
- *"He was thrilled with the parcel. T... has dementia but knew it came from Age UK Barnsley and said it was wonderful.* TA- Monk Bretton
- *"Such a lot of thought has gone into the items in the parcel. It is wonderful and brought a tear to my eye."* BG- Royston

### **Care Home Events**

All Care home activities were cancelled in this quarter and we were unable to go in. However, the Inclusion workers have stayed in contact. Some Visors and Masks were donated to us and distributed to the Care Homes that required them.

### **Dementia Friendly**

96% of shops in the North East Area have now been approached to become Dementia Friendly. The remaining businesses are mainly in Royston and we have not been able to pick this up due to shop closures. However, most of these businesses have been given the information about Dementia Friendly and need following up once things get back to normal.

Dementia Friendly Groups should have been the primary focus for this quarter but has now been postponed considering groups closing. 25 groups have been visited so far and 3 were left with the information to return and give a presentation and speech at a later date.

### **Next Steps**

Although many people are starting to get out and about again, there is still a real risk for older people who may face much more serious consequences if they catch the virus. Some of our service users are already back shopping for themselves, some are tentatively going out e.g. for early morning walks while it's quiet, others are still shielding. Community Groups are not open again yet and there is the threat of a second spike at the end of this year. Referrals are still coming in as other pandemic services start to close and volunteers go back to work. The challenge for this North East Service is to enable those vulnerable, older people who need, or wish to continue to shield to do so while supporting those people who want to get back out as well. The home- based group activities are about halfway through their 8-week cycle and we are continuing to provide telephone befriending and shopping deliveries.

Going forward:

- Our Social Inclusion Workers will continue to work with older people who are experiencing problems at this difficult time including financial problems and the need for access to social care.
- We will provide Wellbeing Boxes to those older people that are experiencing difficulties.
- We will be working with older people to look for other options wherever possible to get their shopping although this may be limited by not being online.
- We will support those people who want to do their own shopping but have lost their confidence.
- We will provide information and support for those older people who have reduced mobility following self-isolation.
- We are already giving extra support to those people who have mental health problems or low mood as a result of this period of isolation and will continue to do so.

- We will be starting to do more face to face befriending alongside telephone befriending, in agreement with the older person and within the Government Guidelines.
- We will share information about what is available for older people as services reopen.
- We will work in partnership with any organisation that can bring extra value to our offer for older people.
- We will try to encourage volunteers to continue working with us as they start returning to their normal daily routines.
- We will continue to offer a range of activities that older people can be involved with from home. We are particularly looking at activities by phone like Group Bingo.
- We will start to open our own groups like the Walking Group in Cudworth that can be delivered within Government Guidelines.
- We are currently working within the Age UK Network to develop ways of running group activities again when this can be done safely, and we will share this expertise.

Should we hit a second spike of the virus and further lockdown, we will once again focus all our efforts to keep older people safe at home.

We are very grateful that the North East Area Council has a contract with Age UK Barnsley that has enabled us to support this extremely vulnerable group of people safe at this very difficult time.

## 1. Home Based Activities Menu

### Arty Party

1. We will send you an art pack with a sketch pad, adult colouring book, watercolour pencils, eraser and pencil sharpener. You can use this to have a relaxing time drawing whatever takes your fancy or
2. We will send a list of suggestions of challenges for you to draw from your home in your pack. There will be one for each fortnight for the next 8 weeks. You can use any materials you like
3. Take a photograph of your picture or get your Age UK Barnsley staff member or volunteer to do it for you when they bring your shopping using social distances. Email the photos through to [enquiries@ageukbarnsley.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageukbarnsley.org.uk) We will award a prize to the best picture in each category. Don't worry about being the world's best artist, we will be looking for other things like originality and creativity.

### Crafty Crafters

1. We will send you a kit each fortnight that will have all you need for a reasonably straightforward craft project. You can just make this for your own pleasure or
2. Take a photo of yourself with your completed craft project and send it to us at [enquiries@ageukbarnsley.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageukbarnsley.org.uk)



3. We will make your photographs into a mural that will go on the wall in our Age UK Barnsley Resource Centre and anyone that completes all four craft projects will receive a further craft kit as a prize.

### **The Pudding Club**

1. Once a week, for 8 weeks, we will deliver a dessert from a local supermarket to you at home. We want you to score each dessert out of 10 and record any comments about it.
2. After all the desserts have been eaten, you will be contacted by an Age UK Barnsley Staff Member who will collect in all your scores.
3. The retailer of the dessert that scores the most points will receive a certificate explaining that they are officially Barnsley's Age Friendly Best Pudding. We will share this on our Facebook site.

### **Puzzlers and Quizzers**

1. We will send you a pack of puzzles including crosswords and word searches to help keep your mind active. We will also send a set of playing cards with descriptions of card games that can be played alone or in small groups. Use these at your own leisure and:
2. We will send out a jigsaw puzzle of either 500 or 1000 pieces. You can complete this at your leisure over the 8 weeks and keep the jigsaw or you can contact your Age UK Staff Member who will arrange to swap your jigsaw for a different one.
3. We will send out a fortnightly quiz for 8 weeks by email or post. Send back your answers and we will choose a lucky prize winner.

### **Foodies**

1. Every fortnight for 8 weeks, we will send out a recipe along with all the ingredients you need to make a tasty dish for up to two people.
2. Please send us photographs of yourself and what you've made along with your favourite tried and tested recipes.
3. We will put your recipes and pictures into a book and share them with everyone who has taken part.

### **Gardening Club**

1. Each person taking part will get a kit to either grow a colourful trough of bedding plants or a grow bag with tomato plants. Everything you need, except the water, will be delivered to you. Please let us know which option you prefer.
2. We will share instructions from a local expert in how to care for your plants.
3. Please take photos of what you have grown and send them to us. We will put the photos up in our Resource Centre bringing some colour to our lives as well as yours.

### Exercise Club

1. A member of Age UK Barnsley staff will contact you to discuss the sorts of exercise that will suit you and what you would like to achieve.
2. We will send you a sheet or direct you to online resources with some simple exercises that will help you e.g. designed to help you keep your balance and prevent falls. We will send you a pedometer to measure the number of steps you would like to walk each day to help you keep fit if this is appropriate and we will also send you a book with simple nourishing healthy recipes.
3. The Age UK Staff member will keep in weekly contact with you to encourage you to meet your targets and help if needed

### Wildlife in your Garden

1. We will send you a pack of seasonally appropriate bird food, a feeder and a list of animals, insects and birds to look out for.
2. See how many of these wild animals you can spot over the next eight weeks. If you can, take photos and tick them off on your list.
3. Send your photos to [enquiries@ageukbarnsley.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageukbarnsley.org.uk) and we will display the best ones on Facebook and in our Resource Centre. The most unusual photo will win a prize.

### Readers Club

1. We will deliver two books to your home address. When you have read each book, please record a score out of 10 and leave a bit of feedback about what you thought of the book. Leave the card in the book.
2. You will be allocated a named staff member or volunteer. When you have finished your books, contact your named person and they will arrange to swap your books for new ones.
3. Keep adding your reviews and as the books go around, different people will be able to read other people's thoughts about the book they are reading.

### Write for Fun

1. We will send you a writing pad, pen and stamped addressed envelope. However, if you prefer to use a computer to write your story, that is fine too.
2. Within two weeks, write a short story or poem about some aspect of self-isolating. It could be about how it has affected you, what you plan to do when you can get out again or even an imaginary story.
3. Send your story to us in the envelope provided, remembering to put your name and address somewhere on the page. If you need someone to post it for you then please contact your named worker or you can email it to [enquiries@ageukbarnsley.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageukbarnsley.org.uk).

4. Once we receive your entry, we will send out another subject and stamped addressed envelope. The best story/ poem on that subject will receive a prize and will be displayed in our Resource Centre.
5. Also, talk to your local staff member who will be able to tell you about Intergenerational Pen Pal projects in your area.

## 2. Age UK Barnsley Case Study 1

<b>Title</b> <b>Individual Case Study – Mr. X</b>	
<b>Date:</b> <b>2/7/2020</b>	
<b>Ward Area</b>	<b>North East</b>
<b>Summary</b>  This case study describes the impact our telephone befriending has had on an individual who was new to the area and extremely lonely and anxious. How the local knowledge of the Inclusion worker has helped Mr. X to become more familiar with the community in which he resides.  Knowledge of the area, local groups such as Psychological Services and Social Groups.  Since our intervention Mr. X is much happier and has ventured out.	
<b>Key Learning Points</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Knowledge is key</li> <li>• Understanding the impact Covid 19 has on older people's mental health</li> <li>• Practicing good listening skills</li> <li>• Having someone or something, such as pets to care for how this can have an impact</li> </ul>	
<b>Background</b> Mr. X was referred to the Service with low mood, very anxious about Covid 19 and did not know where to get help. He had just relocated to the area and after only 2 weeks lockdown occurred. On the first contact he was really emotional and explained he had suffered a bereavement which prompted his decision to relocate to be near his partners' family who unfortunately had to shield so were not able to help, they did however organise his shopping. After many long conversations giving information about the area, the walks and how maps of walks were available, local history and surrounding villages Mr. X said he felt more connected and could not believe how friendly people in Barnsley were. A neighbour has offered to get his shopping and gave him lists of local contractors, also when he got up late the neighbour also came around to check he was ok. In a conversation Mr. X mentioned that	

The inclusion worker searched the internet for any farms that he could purchase chickens from unfortunately none in Barnsley, but she managed to find one in Huddersfield. The worker offered to collect them for him, however he was going to venture out himself and Mr. X now has to collect them this weekend. He has been busy getting his garden ready and building a chicken coup he is so excited at being able to have fresh eggs too as well as something to care for.

**Who was Involved:**

Social inclusion worker and Age UK Barnsley Volunteer

**Any unplanned outcomes (Good or Bad)**

Mr. X now has a hobby to occupy him he has also joined in the Activities that we offer from Age UK Barnsley and is kept busy observing the wildlife in his garden. Mr. X says he feels he now has friends and wants to come along to any activities that we may have in the future.

**Outcomes of Project**

Mr. X needed a little more support initially as he was so depressed, he now has a weekly call from the Volunteer and the Inclusion worker still calls him intermittently. He looks forward to the calls and his mood has lifted considerably he also made the decision himself to venture out to collect the chickens.

**What could have been done better**

N/A

### 3. Age UK Barnsley Case Study 2

**Title**

Individual Case Study – Mrs. X

**Date**

2/7/2020

**Ward Area Royston**

**Summary**

This case study describes the impact the Age UK Barnsley telephone befriending and Activity Club has had on an individual who is normally a volunteer with Age UK Barnsley. She had to shield at the start of COVID19 owing to her age and vulnerability, and although she is a resourceful lady and has a number of interests, as well as friends and family, with whom she keeps in touch by telephone, she found the situation initially unsettling. By providing telephone befriending and home-based activities, Age UK Barnsley has been able to relieve her anxiety and support her through lockdown.

**Key Learning Points**

- Telephone befriending can provide both a listening ear and emotional support to someone living on their own, even when there is contact with family and friends.
- People do get to rely on a regular call as part of their weekly routine.
- Conversations can help people through problems and find solutions.

- Having meaningful activities provided can give pleasure and occupation to help reduce anxiety and give the individual an opportunity to try out an activity they might not have done before. Also, knowing that other people are involved in the Activity Club, can give a sense of community.

### **Background**

Mrs. X referred herself at the start of COVID19 as she was in the vulnerable age group and had to shield herself.

She does not have any family nearby as her daughter lives abroad, and although she has friends, they have all been struggling with the situation both mentally and emotionally.

Mrs. X usually volunteers for Age UK and is obviously missing this. When she is at home, she enjoys reading and crosswords and walking her dog. She is not usually lonely or isolated, but the current situation has made her anxious about going out and she has only been venturing out to walk her dog and to pick up bits of shopping from the local shop when it is quiet.

### **Who was Involved:**

Social inclusion worker

### **Any unplanned outcomes (Good or Bad)**

Mrs. X has been overwhelmed by the help and support she has received as she is used to being the one who usually gives support in her capacity as a volunteer, friend and neighbour.

### **Outcomes of Project**

Mrs. X has made herself keep to a daily routine and says that the various activities that have been sent by Age UK, including jigsaw puzzles, quizzes, books and puddings, as well as the wellbeing box and cream tea, have helped. She has really appreciated the emotional support she has received from Age UK, especially the weekly chats from the social inclusion worker which have helped her. She is now planning to visit the local library when it reopens so she can choose her own books and gradually get back to some sort of normality.

### **What could have been done better**

N/A

## District Enforcement

### Quarter One

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Due to this contract being flexed to meet the needs of the communities of the North East Area Council during the pandemic the Area Manager asked for two case studies to reflect the work undertaken to be provided to cover the Quarter One monitoring of this commission.

#### 1. Fly-tipping Case Study

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic and the enforced Central Government Lockdown which followed, meant that District Enforcement officers were given several alternative tasks to perform whilst patrolling the North East Area. One of these, was to help BMBC identify and report areas where fly-tipping was taking place.

Once a sight was identified, photographs were taken, and the officers would go through the rubbish to try and find any information which could help identify the offenders. The photos were then attached to a detailed report, which was then submitted to BMBC and the Area Council' Manager at the end of the day. The location of the fly-tipping was also added to the BMBC fly-tipping reporting site, which is found on the Council's website. In total 9 detailed reports were submitted identifying all the incidents which were identified by our officers.

It was pleasing to see, that in most cases, the information provided by our Officers was well received and usually action was taken to remove the items within a couple of days of it being reported. Even more pleasing was the good feedback we received from the Area Manager and various Officers of the wider Council Enforcement team for the work and reports we were submitting.

Below are just some of the worst areas that we had found incidents of fly tipping taking place:

#### Storrs Mill Lane, Cudworth.





**High Street, Grimethorpe.**



**West Green Way, Monk Bretton.**



**Lundhill Lane, Royston.**



## 2. Parks and High Streets Case Study

### Parks



Whilst the Barnsley Area has been in lockdown during the coronavirus pandemic Officers from District Enforcement have carried on working and performing various tasks to help BMBC throughout.

The tasks we received have been part of our normal routine. Even during the lockdown, residents of the area have still been sending in their complaints and concerns about dog fouling, littering and parking issues. In total, we received 39

reports from concerned residents throughout the areas we are contracted to cover. Our Officers attended each task, patrolled and stickered up the area if required and also contacted the person submitting the complaint by telephone (if contact details were left) to reassure them that despite the lockdown BMBC was still taking their complaints seriously and that they were not being ignored. In all, we dealt with 10 tasks for the North East, 8 for Dog Fouling, 1 for Littering and 1 for parking.



In order to achieve part of the lockdown, all parks and playgrounds were closed to the public, with signs put up and equipment tied off, or removed by the Council's Parks team.



As part of our patrols of the area, we were tasked to visit all the parks in the area to check that they were not being used and that all signage was still in place at each location. Anyone we saw using the equipment was asked politely to leave and reminded that the area was not to be used under any circumstances.

We also checked that all signage was still in place and had not been removed. In cases where the signs had been removed, we replaced them, as well as submitting a report to BMBC Parks Services about any equipment which had been used and needed to be removed or re-tied.



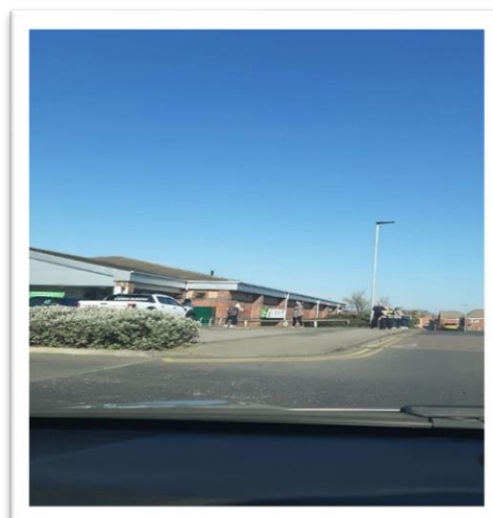
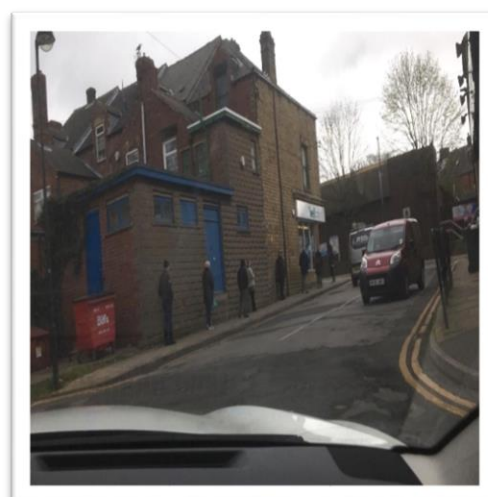
Photographic examples of parks in North East area Council (Royston, Brierley, Carlton and Cudworth) have been included in this case study.

## Local Towns - High Street areas

Initially whilst conducting our daily patrols we were also asked to monitor social distancing in all parts of the Borough and report incidents of poor social distancing we encountered during our patrols. In general, social distancing was good, but on a couple of occasions our Officers saw groups of people gathered and advised them of the regulations and requirements during the lockdown period and dispersed them. On each occasion the group, which tended to be youths were compliant and listened to the officers.

Later, in the lockdown, when the non-essential shops on the High Streets re-opened, we were again tasked with monitoring this, due to the increase predicted in footfall on the High Streets. Again however, despite a higher footfall in the areas, no major concerns were witnessed with the social distancing.

## High Street Social Distancing across the North East Area Council



**Caroline Donovan**  
**North East Area Council Manage**  
**July 2020**

**North East Area Council**  
 Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East, Royston

# Item 5

NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - 2014/15 TO 2019/20										
Contract Name	Delivery Body	Start Date	Length of Contract	Total Cost of Contract	Commissioning 2018/19		Commissioning Budget 2019/20		Commissioning Budget 2020/21	
					Profile	Spend	Profile	Spend	Profile	Spend
<b>Base Expenditure</b>					<b>£400,000.00</b>		<b>£400,000.00</b>		<b>£400,000.00</b>	
<b>Base Expenditure plus underspend from previous year</b>					<b>£634,440.66</b>		<b>£641,264.66</b>		<b>£512,269.09</b>	
Parks Maintenance	BMBC	1st April 2014	1 Year	£35,000.00		£1,225.00				
Environmental Enforcement Project	Kingdom	4th August 2014	21 months	£91,990.00						
	BMBC - Enforcement & Community Safety		21 months	£18,883.00						
NE Environment Team Cudworth & NE	BCB	1st September 2014	18 months	£135,000.00						
NE Environment Team Cudworth & NE Appre	BCB	1st August 2015	8 months	£12,000.00						
NE Environment Team Monk Bretton & Royst	BCB	1st September 2014	18 months	£135,000.00						
NE Environment Team Monk Bretton & Royst	BCB	1st August 2015	8 months	£12,000.00						
NEET 3 month extension	BCB	1st March 2016	3 months	£51,000.00						
Youth Development Grant	Various	03-Oct-14	Ongoing	£280,000.00	£70,000.00	£38,775.00	£71,000.00	£108,405.00	£70,000.00	£2,501.00
Older People's Project	Royston & Carlton CP	01-Dec-14	9 months	£20,646.00						
Summer Internship Programme 2015/16 in Partnership with North- full contract £90,000	TBC		20 Months	£45,000.00						
Fit Reds & Fit Me Programme	BFC & PSS			£31,255.00						
Shobability	Barnsley Community Foundation			£7,824.00						
Dance & Performance - Primary Schools	QDOS			£9,000.00						
Celebration Event 2016	Various			£3,000.00						
Community Magazine	Various			£6,000.00						
Additional editions of Community magazine				£6,000.00						
Additional editions of Community magazine				£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£2,474.00				
Community magazine 2019				£5,000.00			£5,000.00			
Environmental Enforcement Project	Kingdom	1st April 2016	12 months +1+1	£167,388.00	£55,796.00	£53,564.00				
	BMBC - Enforcement & Community Safety			£33,000.00	£11,000.00	£14,275.00				
Fixed Penalty Notice Income				-£67,501.00	-£19,160.00	-£19,160.00		-£22,655.00		
Parking Charge Notice Income					-£14,328.00	-£14,328.00		-£2,155.00		
Summer Internship Programme 2015/16 in Partnership with North	C&K Careers			£31,550.00						
Private Enforcement	BMBC - Enforcement & Community Safety			£73,000.00	£37,000.00	£35,202.00	£37,750.00	£34,949.57	£37,750.00	£9,971.04
NEET Team Phase 2	BCB	1st June 2016	10 months +1+1	£441,920.00	£212,598.00	£212,598.00	£212,598.00	£212,598.00	£212,598.00	£70,866.00
Devolved Grant to Ward Alliances				£160,000.00	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	
Under graduate apprentice placement				£19,700.00						
Bio-diversity project	Various			£5,000.00						
Smoking Cessation Project	SWVFT	Feb-18		£30,000.00	£30,000.00	£28,551.00				
Extension to smoking cessation project		May-19		£30,000.00			£30,000.00	£28,215.00	£30,000.00	
	promotional materials						£1,785.00			
Environmental Enforcement Project	District Enforcement	Apr-19		£120,000.00			£59,827.00	£59,827.00	£59,827.00	
	BMBC - Enforcement & Community Safety	Apr-19		£13,681.00			£13,681.00	£13,681.00	£14,840.00	
Responsible Dog Owner Project				£1,000.00			£1,000.00			
CLC online training package				£300.00			£300.00	£300.00		
Health Steering Grant	TBD			£73,830.00			£55,830.00	£55,830.00	£25,000.00	
<b>Total for that year</b>					<b>£432,906.00</b>	<b>£393,176.00</b>	<b>£528,771.00</b>	<b>£528,995.57</b>	<b>£490,015.00</b>	<b>£83,338.04</b>
<b>in year balance</b>					<b>-£32,906.00</b>		<b>-£128,771.00</b>		<b>-£90,015.00</b>	
<b>Underspend for that year</b>					<b>£2,042,466.00</b>		<b>£241,264.66</b>		<b>£112,269.09</b>	<b>£428,931.05</b>

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# Item 6

## 2020/21 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2020/21 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 for the Ward Alliance Fund and an £10,000 has been devolved from the Area Council Budget.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2020/21 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

## CUDWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£3,862.15	carried forward from 2019/20
£10,000	devolved from Area Council
<b>£23,862.15</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			<b>£11,931</b>	<b>£23,862.15</b>
Cudworth Hanging Baskets	£1650	£0	£10,281	£22,212.15
CAB Outreach	£1667	£1661	£10,281	£20,545.15

## MONK BRETTON WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation  
£1,052.55 carried forward from 2019/20  
£10,000 devolved from Area Council  
**£21,052.55 total available funding**

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining <b>£10,526.27</b>	Allocation Remaining <b>£21,052.55</b>
Covid 19 Crisis Fund	£3,000	£1,000	£10,526.27	£18,052.55
Working Fund	£2,000	£7,133	£10,526.27	£16,052.55

## NORTH EAST WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation  
£6185.99 carried forward from 2019/20  
£10,000 devolved from Area Council  
**£26,185.99 total available funding**

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining <b>£13,092.99</b>	Allocation Remaining <b>£26,185.99</b>
Hanging Baskets	£825	£0	£12,267.99	£25,360.99
Brierley residents Group Summer fete	£900	£0	£11,367.99	£24,460.99
Shafton hanging Baskets	£385	£0	£10,982.99	£24,075.99

Brierley Residents group Hanging Baskets	£660	£0	£10,322.99	£23,415.99
Grimethorpe Residents Group hanging baskets	£800	£0	£9,522.99	£22,615.99

### ROYSTON WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation  
£4,737.45 carried forward from 2019/20  
£10,000 devolved from Area Council  
**£24,737.45 total available funding**

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining <b>£12,368.72</b>	Allocation Remaining <b>£24,737.45</b>
Dial Outreach	£4,680	£3,566	£12,368.72	£20,057.45
Hanging Baskets	£1790	£81	£12,287.72	£18,267.45
Covid 19 Crisis Fund	£3,000	£0	£9,287.72	£15,267.45
Working Fund 20/21	£2,000	£0	£7,287.72	£13,267.45

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## **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**North East Area Council**

**Report of the Area Manager**

**Agenda Item 7**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**

### **The North East Area Council Local Responses to the Recovery Period**

- 1. The Commissions and Grants of the North East Area Council continue to be flexed to meet the needs of the local communities.**

**The North East Environment Team** are supporting Neighbourhood Services through keeping all areas litter free, emptying litter bins and cutting small grassed areas of public open space. Support to volunteers and community groups has been maintained. Neighbourhood Services have asked for their thanks to be passed on for their help.

**District Enforcement Officers** are undertaking patrols with a view to being more the “eyes and ears” on the ground and a visible presence on the streets. Regularly reporting in any areas of fly tipping and community and neighbourhood intelligence. They are also linking with Parks Services ensuring that play equipment is not being used and reporting any damage. Enforcement Services have asked for their thanks to be passed on for their help.

**Private Sector Housing Management Officer** – Chris Platts is now helping Enforcement Services with their reactive work in the North East communities, and is helping to progress cases, taking telephone calls, dealing with landlords etc. Enforcement Services have asked for their thanks to be passed on for his help with their caseloads.

**Stop Smoking Service** – Sarah is still providing support and help to residents who are trying to stop smoking, or would like to give up smoking, but from her home.

**Ad Astra** - has taken the decision to furlough their staff but are still working with us on a voluntary basis and every day they have Facebook Groups for our young people from Outwood Academies Shafton and Carlton and are also running dance sessions on Zoom. They are also still making sure that there is enough sanitary ware available in Schools for young ladies.

**Age UK Barnsley** continues to offer support to all current service users and new ones that have contacted them during the recent events. New volunteers who have joined them over the past few weeks who are shopping and telephone befriending. They are also be continuing to support older people through a telephone Information, Advice and Guidance service.

**DIAL and CAB** are continuing to offer an online and phone welfare benefits and financial advice.

## 2. The Community Responders

The Community Responders are Volunteers who are working with people who are either shielding, or have been assessed to be vulnerable, through helping with shopping or telephone befriending.

The Area Team has received 100 requests for support:

- 48 shopping requests
- 52 befriending support

Some Community Responders have been assigned to more than one case, some cases require ongoing support, and some cases are too complex for the Community Responders to deal, and have either been referred to Age UK Barnsley, or Social Services.

A total of 82 Volunteer hours has been spent on this initiative

### Feedback about the Volunteers experience as a Community Responder

1. *“Overall it’s been great. Selfishly I’ve got a lot out of it: a bit of structure into my week and feeling able to contribute in a small way to the challenges facing everyone during these strange times. It’s certainly not been a difficult task in any way. Hopefully it has been equally helpful to the people I’ve been linked up with. The arrangements have run very smoothly, largely thanks to Christie’s coordination and support. I expressed a preference to help with shopping and ideally to deal in cash as I wanted to avoid online banking or messing about with shop vouchers; I appreciated this being agreed with the two people I was matched with. The PPE, other equipment and guidance on how to work together and keep both me and them safe whilst dealing with the shopping was very helpful. I was put in touch with two extremely nice folk in my community and it’s been a pleasure working with them. Neither has made any unreasonable demands and both have been kind throughout our dealings, which has been great.*

*If the need arose in the future, I would have no hesitation in volunteering for a similar role again. There have also been brief discussions about exploring other volunteering opportunities in the community when we’re eventually back to more normal times, which I look forward to following up. Whilst writing may I repeat my thanks to Christie personally. Her support, which she has gone out of her way to provide, and her extremely effective and personable approach have made a huge contribution to the smooth running and enjoyment of this experience. Thank you for including me in this scheme.”*

2. *Supporting the community has and will always be important. Community is when we all come together and rally our efforts. When the time came that the community needed me to step up and take on the role of a COVID-19 Emergency Community Responder, I was only too happy to do so. My role is to deliver shopping supplies, it doesn't feel like much but being able to support the most vulnerable easily, is a great experience. COVID-19 has brought uncertainty to the most vulnerable and isolated members of our community*

*and making sure that they feel supported, even by a basic gesture, keeps them going and offers reassurance.”*

3. *“The Community Responders scheme has been well thought out and the support from David Gill and Barnsley CVS has been outstanding. Considering the small amount of time, we all had to prepare, the Council responded remarkably. Volunteering as a Community Responder has taught me new skills, such as Safeguarding in Adults, that I was never had the opportunity to do. I look forward to continuing to support the community.”*
  
4. *“I wanted to do something to help the community while we were in lockdown, for reasons a) I wanted to do something practical but with arthritic knees it was not going to be delivering food parcels or distanced visiting so it was going to be organisational and or befriending  
b) I needed to do something to help keep my own mental and emotional balance healthy.  
When I was approached, I was more than ready as we had been in lockdown for over a month. The training was to the point and clarified some of my concerns about the kind of relationship befrienders should have with their link people. I have to say I haven't followed this exactly. The three people I have been linked to have known their own reasons for being befriended and I have worked with that. The calls have, on the whole, been positive, upbeat and humorous. We've found we have things and places in common. I've been a listening ear and a sounding board for some worries and some plans for when lockdown finishes. I've helped sign post on to other services when asked but most of all we've talked about everyday life in a pandemic and had a good laugh at past times and current goings on.”*
  
5. *“Just a quick note from myself regarding the recent befriending I have undertaken during the COVID lockdown. I feel that the volunteer scheme itself was fantastic idea and has probably helped the volunteers as much as the clients themselves. I have personally enjoyed befriending and regularly chatting with the lady I was paired with, she has had up days and down days and I could clearly hear a change in her voice when she received a call from me, which was great for me to know I had made a difference to someone rather than just wasting time during lockdown.”*
  
6. *“I retired from NHS this year and when the coronavirus hit us, I felt I had to help in some way. The NHS volunteer responder and the Barnsley community responders program seemed ideal for me to help - so I signed but for both and was accepted. The training was quite straight forward - all online and good documentation to follow and use as reference. At first I was nervous talking to the callers but after the first few calls I grew in confidence - I find I can phone up without any concerns and look forward to listening and can offer advice - I find the normal questions are around loneliness and not sure of what can or can't do - so I always have the guidelines open and ready to do a quick search - making sure I have their first name and take direction from what they are asking me. Listening to the history of the callers and their family in the Barnsley area is great for me - as I have just moved into the area in the*

*last 2 years. I now look forward to the calls and feel I am doing something that is helping and letting our key workers get on with normal working."*

### 3. Activity Packs

Over 430 Activity Packs have been delivered to vulnerable families across the North East Area Council for Tots, Juniors and Teens. The cost of the Activity Packs to the North East Area Council was minimal thanks to the partnership working of several Services within the Council, all working together to help families during this difficult time.

The Activity Packs were made up and then distributed to the local Children's Centre, Churches, Youth Groups and a Community Interest Company whose focus is supporting young people, who in turn took the Activity Packs out to the young people's homes. They were distributed to the young people across the four Wards of Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston through 6 different community organisations.

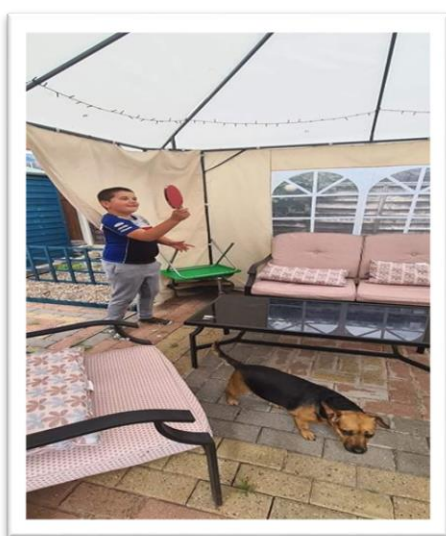
Included in the Activity Pack was an age specific activity book which was innovatively designed by Parks Services, some crayons, an age specific reading book which was kindly donated from the Library Service, a drink and a snack, and some road safety information from Highways. The Tots bags included toothbrushes and toothpaste, kindly donated from Public Health, and the Juniors and Seniors Activity packs included a table tennis set kindly donated from the Sport and Active Recreation Team and Table Tennis England.



To highlight an example of the benefits of partnership working in the local communities, the table tennis sets have had a very positive impact on the young people who have received them. Feedback reflects how much families have enjoyed playing with these sets in their own homes. It has enabled families to enjoy a sporting activity safely together during this difficult time. Additionally, it has taught young people additional skills such as being a member of a team, maths skills from scoring and has improved hand eye co-ordination. To date over 300 table tennis sets have been distributed., and several young families have asked for their thanks to be passed on for these lovely sets.



Through distributing these table tennis sets to vulnerable families through local community networks, it ensures that young people are given opportunities to take part in sporting activity which they may otherwise have missed out on.



There is significant scope to conduct more of this sort of work in the future, as the North East Area Team, Library Services, Park Services, Highways and the Sport and Active Recreation Team have a proven track record of working together on grass root initiatives and delivering positive outputs and outcomes for people who live, and work, in the communities of the North East Area Council.

### **Recommendation**

That the Members note this report

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 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

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## **BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**North East Area Council**

**Report of the Area Manager**

**Agenda Item 8**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**

### **Healthy Holidays Report**

#### **1. Introduction**

The North East Area Team have worked with the local providers in the area to look at community projects that will deliver locally based activities to vulnerable families across the deprived communities of the North East Area Council, whilst still adhering to the Government's guidelines.

The North East Area Council has been successful in obtaining £14,000, which is partially funded from Fare Share and the remainder from the Public Health grant in Healthier Communities. This will help to support vulnerable children to have access to food, fun activities and learning and support for families, over the summer. Funding towards sanitiser and anti-bacterial wipes will be provided at all the activities.

#### **2. Healthy Holidays**

The following activities will be provided:

##### **The Family Centre**

The Family Centre the money will deliver 10 sessions for 10 people outside and will include a packed lunch in each of the four Wards – 40 meals per session. The sessions would include things that can be facilitated through social distancing such as a Nature Walk, Treasure Hunt and Movies Outdoors. Additionally, the Healthy Food programme at the Family Centre is proving very successful and a further 10 vulnerable families will benefit from the use of a slow cooker and healthy ingredients on a weekly basis ((making the total number of families supported 40).

##### **North East Team - Breakfast Bags**

The North East Team will provide Breakfast Bags for vulnerable families who are referred through their existing networks of community groups, youth groups, food banks and Churches, and partner organisations. The Breakfast Bag will contain cereals, crumpets, jam, margarine, tea, items of fruit. They will also contain an activity pack containing an activity booklet and crayons.

##### **Ad Astra**

Ad Astra in Royston would deliver four weekly sessions which will include various social distancing activities such as a litter pick, a community picnic, and making bird feeders. This will include bags with food boxes and different craft activities for 30

young people and their parents and carers (in total) and a fun competition each week.

### **Exodus**

Exodus will deliver some social distancing day camps for 10 young people per camp from Cudworth and Brierley at their base at South Hiendley. The four-weekly sessions will include a healthy eating packed lunch, arts and crafts, pond dipping and games and sport competitions.

### **Grimethorpe Activity Zone**

GAZ will have small groups by invitation for 5 weekly sessions of 8 young people to include arts and crafts, competitions, table tennis, healthy packed lunch and computer and music games.

### **Great Houghton Youth Group**

Great Houghton Youth Group will have small group sessions of 8 young people who will continue to take part in intergenerational activities at 4 weekly sessions over the summer holidays. This will include letter writing to elderly people who are self-isolating, drawing them pictures, baking, arts and crafts activities, and the provision of healthy lunch packs for the young people.

## **3. Recommendations**

That the Members note this report.

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**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**