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MEETING:	Dearne Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 18 January 2021
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Held Virtually

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 16th November, 2020
(Dac.18.01.2021/2) (Pages 3 - 8)

Items for Discussion

- 3 Bfriend social connectivity service - Mike Niles (Dac.18.01.2021/3)
- 4 COVID-19 Public Health update - Craig Aubrey and Cath Bedford/Lucy Butcher
(Dac.18.01.2021/4)

Performance

- 5 Finance Update Report (Dac.18.01.2021/5) (Pages 9 - 14)

Items for Decision

- 6 Procurement Report - Environmental, Education and Volunteering service
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Ward Alliances

- 7 Notes from the Ward Alliances (Dac.18.01.2021/7) (Pages 19 - 26)
Dearne South, held on 19th November, 2020
Dearne North, held on 3rd December, 2020
- 8 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.18.01.2021/8) (Pages 27 - 30)

Community Safety

- 9 Community Safety in the Dearne - Fiona Tennyson (Dac.18.01.2021/9) (Pages 31 - 58)

To: Chair and Members of Dearne Area Council:-

Councillors Noble (Chair), Danforth, Gardiner, Gollick, C. Johnson and Phillips

Area Council Support Officers:

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Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager

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Friday, 8 January 2021



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MINUTES

Present Councillors Noble (Chair), Danforth, Gardiner, C. Johnson and Phillips.

1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Dearne Area Council held on 14th September, 2020 (Dac.16.11.2020/2)

The meeting received the minutes from the previous meeting of Dearne Area Council.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Dearne Area Council meeting held on 14th September, 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

3 Goldthorpe Investment Plan - Paul Clifford (Dac.16.11.2020/3)

Paul Clifford, Head of Economic Development, was welcomed to the meeting.

A brief overview of the government programme was given. Interventions of up to £25m were to be supported, with 90% of funds for capital expenditure. It was envisaged that the investment would be for up to five years, and that this would help encourage further investment from either the private sector or other areas of government.

Members noted the intention of creating sustainable growth through urban regeneration, skills and enterprise infrastructure, and through connectivity.

Those present were made aware of the Town Board which oversees the investment plan. Noted was the wide representation on the board, including from the community, from local businesses, and from other stakeholders such as the MP, and agencies such as the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

Members noted the vision for Goldthorpe, for it to act as a growth catalyst for the Dearne Valley, and that around £500k had been made available for accelerated projects to be completed by 31st March, 2021. Proposals put forward as part of this included a strategic acquisition on Goldthorpe High Street, the creation of a green active travel route, enhancement on the Embankment site, the relocation of the Market site and the creation of a community orchard/growing space.

Members heard of the themes within current plans, which included creating a new heart for Goldthorpe, addressing housing challenges, improving connectivity and enhancing the community/cultural offer.

It was noted that the plan would be submitted 11th December, 2020, and that detailed business cases for projects would then be developed. Feedback from the first cohort submitting their plans was encouraging, with their plans uniquely developed to recognise the local situation.

Whilst Members were generally supportive of proposals, questions were raised around the proposed siting of a new playground. Members were concerned that this may lead to a rise in anti-social behaviour, and that there may be issues with regards to ongoing maintenance. Reassurances were made that Members concerns would be taken into account during more detailed planning work.

Suggestions were made as to whether there was an opportunity to duplicate support to that provided by DECV in Thurnscoe, and it was agreed that this could be considered.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation.

4 Performance Report Q2 (Dac.16.11.2020/4)

Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager spoke to the item.

With regards to the Employability Service provided by DECV, provision had moved to be provided virtually due to restrictions, but as these were lifted more face to face session had been conducted in a covid secure way. It was acknowledged that this would not now be the case.

Despite restrictions 20 learners had been recruited in quarter 2, with 20 receiving a qualification and 4 securing employment. 23 learners had also progressed on to further training. Members noted the case studies provided, and the changes to assessment to enable qualifications to be granted by OCR.

The impact of Covid-19 on the operation of the Housing and Migration Officer was acknowledged. However, despite this, 103 contacts had been made. Two vulnerable households had been identified and referred for additional support.

The officer had made 14 requests to landlords and 32 improvements to premises had been seen. The officer had been effective in dealing with waste on premises, with a number of Community Protection Notices issued. Members noted that the officer had detected 44 flytipping incidents and these had been reported.

The Environmental Education Service provided by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had been flexed due to Covid-19 and continued to work alongside Neighbourhood Services to report fly-tipping and clear areas.

As the team were restricted in working with schools and volunteers, they had increased their independent work, addressing issues in areas identified as hotspots.

Members heard how B:Friend had received a significant number of requests from people wishing to volunteer within quarter 2. 'Bundles of Joy' had been distributed and contact with those isolated had been maintained through phone or other virtual means. Quizzes had been conducted with groups on social media.

With regards to the Dearne Development Fund, it was noted that a number of funded projects had to cease due to Covid-19. Members were reassured that these would be monitored and recommenced when safe to do so.

Members heard how TADS continued to work with students at Astrea Academy Dearne, with 10 receiving assistance over six weeks, with a further cohort of 10 planned. The main issue young people highlighted was anxiety, with this heightened due to Covid-19.

DIAL had moved to providing support via the telephone and remained extremely busy. 144 enquired had been dealt with during the quarter. A similar situation was seen with the service provided by CAB, and Members noted the case studies provided.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

5 Dearne Area Council Commissioning and Financial Update (Dac.16.11.2020/5)

Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager spoke to the report previously circulated.

An overview of the financial position was provided. The Area Council had an opening budget of £204,720.67, which was supplemented by an additional £10,000 from the hardship fund. Members had approved the Education, Environment and Volunteer Service, Housing and Migration Officer, Employability Service and Social Connectivity Service, together with an allocation of £28,000 to the Dearne Development Fund. It was noted that £163.67 remained. However, £9,500 from NESTA to support the Social Connectivity Service had been received, leaving a total of £9,663.67 unallocated.

Following the allocation of £28,000 to the Dearne Development Fund, together with £10,000 from the hardship fund, and finance carried forward from 2019/20, £41,650.68 was available to distribute. Members noted that awards had been given to DIAL and CAB, and that £23,427.68 remained in the fund.

The attention of Members was drawn to the duration of the current contracts held by B:Friend, with this in the first of two years of the contract, and the service level agreement for the Housing and Migration Officer which was in its final year.

Members noted that the contract with DECV had been granted on a 1+1+1-year basis and was at the end of the first year. A recommendation was made to approve its continuation until 31st March, 2022.

Similarly, the contract with Twiggs Grounds Maintenance had been granted on at 2+1+1 year basis, and a recommendation was made to extend this into its third year until 31st March, 2022

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the current financial position and the impact on future budgets be noted;
- (ii) That the latest position with regards to commissioned services be noted;
- (iii) That approval be given for the Education, Environment and Employability Service to continue in to the third year of the contract from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022 at a cost of £85,000;
- (iv) That approval be given for the Employability contract to continue into the second year of the contract from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022 at a cost of £33,000.

6 Notes from the Dearne Ward Alliances (Dac.16.11.2020/6)

Members received the notes of Dearne South Ward Alliance held on 17th September, and 15th October, 2020. The Ward Alliance had discussed projects just as Healthy Holidays and the distribution of hundreds of fruit and vegetable boxes. Noted was the success of virtual events such as soup making and pumpkin carving.

Members heard of the planned distribution of Winter Warmth packs in conjunction with the Public Health team and Active Dearne.

It was noted that the provision of Christmas Trees on Goldthorpe High Street had also been discussed.

The meeting received the notes from the Dearne North Ward Alliance held on 16th September, and 15th October, 2020. The meeting had also considered a number of joint Ward Alliance applications as well as those from Big Local and Station House. Similarly to the Dearne South Ward Alliance, plans were being made to erect Christmas trees, and for the distribution of Winter Warmth Packs.

Thanks were given to Marie Sinclair, Community Development Officer, for her continued hard work in this area.

RESOLVED that notes from the respective Ward Alliances be received.

7 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Dac.16.11.2020/7)

Claire Dawson, Dearne Area Council Manager, provided an update in relation to the Ward Alliance Funds for Dearne North and Dearne South wards.

Members noted that Dearne North had a balance of £12,247.12 at the start of the financial year, which included Covid support funds and finance carried forward from 2019/20. Eight projects had been funded leaving balance of £932.92.

Dearne South Ward Alliance had a balance for 2020/21 of £16,605.12, which included Covid support funds and any remaining finance from the previous year. Following the funding of seven projects £4,453.72 remained for allocation.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

8 Community Safety - Fiona Tennyson (Dac.16.11.2020/8)

Fiona Tennyson, Community Safety Team Leader, was welcomed to the meeting to discuss issues in the area.

Issues in Bolton on Dearne were discussed and it was noted that additional patrols had been requested. In addition, issues with parking around The Green were considered. Inconsiderate parking had led to issues with access for emergency services. It was noted that this may have subsided, but this may be due to lockdown closing the Prospect Road Centre. This would be followed up in due course once the centre reopened.

Members questioned whether there had been Covid related patrols in the area. It was noted that they had commenced, with a dedicated officer responding to intelligence.

A question was raised as to whether issues had changed due to Covid-19 and it was noted that crime patterns had changed, and officers were increasingly dealing with breaches of Covid-19 restriction. However, congregating young people often dispersed on seeing officers.

RESOLVED that the feedback be noted.

Chair

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 18th January 2021

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Finance

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members regarding the Dearne Area Councils financial position.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note the current financial position and the impact on future budgets.

3.0 Area Council Financial update

3.1 2020/2021

During the 2020/21 financial year the Area Council had a starting budget of £204,730.67. They have agreed to fund the education, environment and volunteer service, housing and migration officer, employability contract and social connectivity service. At the Dearne Area Council on the 27th of July members also agreed to earmark £28,000 to the Dearne Development Fund. This brings the total amount already allocated out of the Dearne Area Council budget for 2020/21 to £204,557, leaving £173.67 unallocated. In addition income from NESTA has been received, leaving a total of £9,663.67.

3.2 2020/21 Dearne Development Fund

During 2019/20 eleven projects were successful through the development fund process and the amount spent was £84,940.20 leaving £3,650.68 to carry forward to spend on Dearne area priorities in the 2020/21 financial year. At the Dearne Area Council on the 27th of July 2020 the Dearne Area Council agreed to earmark £28,000 to the dearne development fund, making the Area Council contribution £31,650.68.

- 3.3 In additional the Area Council/team have recently received £10,000 from the financial hardship fund which was allocated to address the needs of the local area and for those experiencing hardship brought about by the current pandemic. After discussions it was agreed that this would be added to the Dearne Development Fund in order to continue with services that addressed financial hardship and the needs of Dearne residents. Therefore the total earmarked for applicants to the dearne development fund is £41,650.68.

- 3.4 Four projects have been approved from this years Development Fund. CAB, Thurnscoe Community Plaza, DIAL and Highgate outdoor improvement. The total committed spend for these services is £30,223 leaving £11,427.68 earmarked to spend on Dearne priorities.

See Appendix 1 for financial breakdown

Appendices

- 4.0 Appendix 1: Financial update

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Appendix One: Financial Update

Area Council Spend	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Base allocation	£200,000	£200,000	
Carry forward	+£16,886.17	+£4,720.67	
Total allocation for year	£216,886.17	£214,720.67 (additional 10k from hardship fund)	
Community Newsletter	-£2,598.50		
Training for Employment	-£33,000	-£33,000	-33,000
Housing and Migration Officer	-£31,557	-£31,557	
Dearne Clean & Tidy	-£85,000	-£85,000	-£85,000
Dearne Development Fund	-£60,000	-£38,000	
Social connectivity		-£27,000	-£27,000
Total spend (actual)	£212,155.50	£214,557	£145,000
Total allocation from main budget remaining		£163.67	
Nesta income		£9,500	
Overall allocation remaining	+£4,720.67	+£9,663.67	

Dearne Development Fund

The projects below were paid for out of the 2019/20 allocation, however due to COVID some of the delivery will be extended into the 2020/21 financial year.

2019/20 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
Public Health Grant and Dearne Development Fund Allocation 2019/20			£88,590.88
TADS	May 2019-April 2020	£14,944.73	£73,646.15
Dearne Playhouse	June 2019	£7,126	£66,520.15
Mission Muay Thai	June 2019-September 2019	£2,500	£64,020.15
B:Friend	June 2019-May 2020	£7,384	£56,636.15
Dearne Family Centres	June 2019-Sept 2020	£2,980.69	£53,655.46
CAB	Oct 2019-Oct 2020	£8,069	£45,586.46
DIAL	Dec 2019-Dec 2020	£10,151	£35,435.46
GDG	Dec 2019- Dec 2020	£5,000	£30,435.46
Fit Reds	Jan 2020-Sept 2020	£5,489.33	£24,946.13
Station House	Jan 2020-Jan 2021	£13,340	£11,606.13
TADS	July2020-March2021	£7,955.45	£3,650.68

Carry over from the last financial year		£3,650.68	
Approved at the Area Council on the 27 th of July 2020		£28,000	£31,650.68
Additional financial hardship grant		£10,000	£41,650.68
2020/21 Organisation	Duration of funds	Amount	Total allocation remaining
DIAL	December 2020-2021	£10,151	£31,499.68
CAB	October 2020-2021	£8,072	£23,427.68
Thurnscoe Community Plaza	Jan-March 2021	£10,000	£13,427.68
Highgate outdoor improvement	Jan -Feb 2021	£2,000	£11,427.68

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DEARNE AREA COUNCIL 18th January 2021

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Environmental, Education and Volunteering service

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek delegated responsibility to make changes to the current activities/targets of the environmental, education and volunteer service current delivered by Twigg's Grounds Maintenance.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note the changes to the current service activities and targets
- 2.2 That members delegate responsibility to the Executive Director of Communities in order to implement agreed changes by way of a variation to contract

3.0 Background

- 3.1 At the end of March 2021 the environmental, education and volunteer service will have been operating for two years. The third-year extension was agreed at the Area Council on the 16th of November 2020, with an option to extend for a further year thereafter.
- 3.2 The current specification focus is around working with existing groups and volunteers, businesses, provider social action events, education in schools as well as reactive and proactive work around areas of blight.
- 3.3 COVID has brought about many challenges for services with many having to adapt their delivery. During the first couple of months of the pandemic Twigg's flexed their services in order to assist neighbourhood services by targeting areas of the Dearne. However working with volunteers, groups, businesses and schools has proved difficult due to restrictions and changes in priorities for organisations. Made even more difficult with the Prime minister's announcement on the 4th of January 2021.
- 3.4 On the 14th of December 2020 Elected Members, the Area Manager and procurement met in order to discuss the activities and targets that had been set for Twigg's at start of their contract. The purpose of this meeting was to review targets and the option of putting in place a contract variation.

4.0 **Outcome of meeting**

4.1 Due to the difficulties faced by the service in being able to promote their offer more widely, Elected Members felt that the following activities/targets should be put on hold for the next 12 months.

- No. of local businesses supported - members felt that businesses have and will continue to have bigger priorities in the current lockdown and COVID recovery phase.
- No. of new volunteers at Twiggs events – members felt this target was unrealistic because of the limitations in promoting their own events. If new volunteers came forward to assist this can still be reported within the narrative report rather than any target set.
- No. of groups/individuals taking ownership and maintaining areas - members felt this target was unrealistic because of the limitations in promoting events. If groups or individuals came forward to take ownership of areas, then the service should still assist by way of loaning out equipment, giving advice and this could still be reported within the narrative report rather than any target set.
- No. of impact sessions delivered in Dearne Schools – it is very doubtful that the service will be able to go into schools in the upcoming period. Especially in light of the Prime Minister’s announcement regarding the shutting of all schools. However the general thoughts were that links should still be maintained.
- No. of impact sessions delivered to groups – the groups that the service is currently working with have already received these sessions. Therefore the development of new groups to deliver impact sessions to would be unlikely in these current circumstances.

4.2 During the discussion Elected Members felt that the following activities should stay a focus albeit with amended targets and following the new lockdown guidelines.

- No. of established groups supported at planned events – Elected Members felt that this should remain a focus as some of the groups in the area were still operating and needed assistance with the work they were doing in their particular area, but the target for the year would be reduced. It was also noted that the narrative around this activity should change to ensure the service, where possible were supporting different groups as well as the groups that they provided regular assistance to. Obviously, advice would have to be sourced regarding the limitations now in place due to the prime Ministers announcement.
- No. of Twiggs social action events, “targeting local hotspots” - This was also noted as an important activity; however, the service is now not able to promote widely due to COVID guidance. Elected Members would like to see the hotspots proactivity identified by the service itself or by requests

from residents and activity undertaken even when volunteers were not on hand to help. It was noted that this needs to be across both wards and reported within the narrative report.

4.3 Elected Members discussed the reactive work undertaken by the service which is a focus in the current specification. That said over the last couple of years of the contract the Area Council have adopted a “working with” ethos therefore the emphasis has been on working with groups, schools, services and individuals to assist in this process. As stated above this will be a challenge with the Prime Ministers announcement and in the recovery period. Therefore Elected Members stated the need to have much more emphasis on the reactive and proactive elements of this contract, whilst still working with volunteers and groups that were able. Therefore a schedule will be developed for the service to work towards over the next 12 months.

4.4 The next steps in this process will be to:

- Work through these activities and targets with the provider.
- Work with procurement on a variation to the contract.
- Elected Members the Area Team and partners will start to build up a schedule of activity around reactive work. All of which will be reported within the narrative report. The first draft of this will be complete early February in time for the new financial year starting.
- The service to proactivity target areas that are not already within the schedule.
- The Area manager will have a discussion with neighbourhood services to ensure that there is no duplication of work and any work/areas that are currently on neighbourhood’s services schedule will be avoided.

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BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dearne Area Council Meeting

**Report of Dearne Area
Council Manager**

Dearne Area Ward Alliance Notes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the Dearne Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance action plans and meeting the ward priorities.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Dearne Ward Alliance for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab.21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab.13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance

- 4.1 The final Dearne South meeting of the year was held on the 19th November, with one application submitted for £1000.00 and agreed to update the resilience container with more emergency equipment to ensure that any residents in Dearne South could access Grit or flood materials in any emergencies this winter. Alan George is the key holder and has access to the items 24 hours, he is also the key flood warden for BOD. Alan George gave an update regarding a full treasurer's report, the DEFIB in Goldthorpe has now been installed. Winter Warm packs have now gone out to the District Nurse team and will be given out to the most vulnerable elderly in our neighbourhood assisting with Public Health on failproof highlighting members.
- 4.2 The final Dearne North meeting of the year was held on 3rd December, this was an informal meeting as previous dates were cancelled due to other commitments. No decisions on finances needed to be made and no previous matters arising.
New members of staff were introduced and Amy Calvert from Barnsley Food Network gave a update on her role and how she can help communities to deliver projects around food shortage & help Fareshare in future projects in 2021.

4.3 The reporting into the Dearne Area Council for information, of the Ward Alliance, is in line with the approved Council protocols. Notes are for information only.

Appendix One: Dearne South ward Alliance meeting notes
Appendix two: Dearne North ward Alliance meeting notes

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18th January 2021

Dearne Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne South Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	19 th November 2020, 11:00 AM

Attendees	Apologies
Amy Calvert (Barnsley Food Network), Marie Sinclair (BMBC - CDO), Craig Aubrey (BMBC - NEO) Mick Moore, Cllr Neil Danforth, Cllr May Noble, Carole Hoyland, Alan George, Pat Hubery, Vicky Cumming, and Donna Gregory	Cllr Charlotte Buck

1. **Welcomes & introductions.**

The Ward alliance welcomed Amy Calvert from Barnsley Food Network and Craig Aubrey from Barnsley Council.

Amy Calvert – AC attending the meeting to share some of the progress with regards the Good Food Partnership. She spoke about all the great work which is currently being undertaken in the Barnsley area in order to ensure that young family's do not go hungry throughout the holidays. She also spoke about the food mapping exercise, which is currently in development, AC will share this with the ward alliance in order to see if there are any addition to the document. AC also acknowledged the great work of Area Councils and Ward Alliances across the Borough in targeting those most at need.

Craig Aubrey gave a brief introduction into his role as the new Neighbourhood engagement officer for the Dearne. His work will primarily be around COVID working with residents, groups, schools and local businesses. If anyone from this meeting would like any assistance or have queries from the wider community, Craig will happily assist in those. CraigAubrey@barnsley.gov.uk

2. **Matters arising from pervious notes** - Alan George treasurer from Dearne South asked the WA group if anyone would come forward to be a signature on the bank account as the previous person is no longer on the Alliance. Pat & Carole both agreed so it went to a vote – Pat was unanimous voted on in which she will meet with Alan to visit bank to set herself up for future reference. Alan also has requested a debit card to make transactions easier to pay and release monies – all agreed this was necessary moving in the 2021.

Marie advised the group the DEFIB was been installed this week and will notify everyone at next WA due to current restrictions it isn't advisable to do a full WA photo shoot, but once restrictions are lifted and its safe to do so we can arrange something.

Feedback from October half term veggie pumpkin boxes – 124 boxes given out with excellent feedback on produce and products/activities inside the packs, video tutorials didn't really hit the targets this will be discussed within area team to look at future online activities if needed.

3. **Finance update & Funding application**

Alan gave full update on finances for 2020

£5300.00 in account (£3800 for healthy holidays/kids activities & £1500.00 for Goldthorpe Library for after school activities

WA funding applications balance - £3453.72 (after agreement of £1000.00 for resilience application)

4. 2020 remaining projects

Winter warmth packs funding all received from Berneslai Homes, Public Health, Big Local Thurnscoe, Big Local GBH and our swap from the School uniform of £1400.00, all packs delivered direct to the district nursing teams at Thurnscoe lift medical centre and will be going out this week. 250 packs will be given to local vulnerable residents to help them keep safe and warm over winter. The district nurses will be delivering them to the neediest. They contain a variety of goodies along with a card from the ward alliances giving that personal touch.

A homemade card with individual names was created by Marie in which Cllr Noble said it was a lovely personal touch. She thanked Marie for this project and all the work she does as she goes above and beyond. The whole ward agreed with Mays sentiment as we all think Marie is a good egg.

5. Group updates:

Salvation Army - The Pentecostals and the Salvation Army have sent out 150 goody bags during the half term holiday. The families prearranged a time slot to pick up their parcels this project went down really well with the local families who have access to both venues. Alison & Jackie are both on with Christmas projects & a toy appeal to ensure anyone that needs food or gifts have access to what's available at the SA. Alison also stated that the SA has a great bunch of volunteers and is working so well she is going to carry on with this method and way of working into 2021 and beyond. She is also truly grateful to everyone who has helped and all the organisations that have helped with PPE and the funding help from the Area Team who have assisted in making it happen.

The theatre is doing a play on a disc so can be accessed digitally this year costing £750 for 4 performances which will be played at the local schools via zoom, she will update at the meeting in January with feedback.

BODVAG – Carole gave a brief update starting with the raising of £500 for the royal British legion selling homemade buns in one of the sheltered accommodations - 3 large sleeping bags have or are being donated to the homeless shelter in Barnsley

The trees for St. Andrews square have been ordered and paid for installation will be this weekend she thanked the WA for their funding.

Goldthorpe development group

Cllr Noble gave an update stating – As they used to have a social club get together once a month to combat loneliness. But obviously due to covid this has had to stop. The group is in the process of acquiring the names and addresses of those who attended so they can send them a Christmas gift.

Big Local (Goldthorpe, Highgate & Bolton on Dearne) – Alan George gave an update saying the group are looking for new members for a fresh start to Big Local South, anyone who knows someone in the community please come forward, Vicky, Mick, Cllr Noble, Cllr Danforth all expressed an interest in joining the newly formed group to add some sparkle and experience from a WA point of view, this will also be good to keep the links between both parties so working together and not duplicating projects.

Sad news of some antisocial behavior where the scaffolding had been stolen from the Snaptin but it hasn't impacted the work too much.

They are also looking to REBRAND from Big Local GBH to 'Snaptin community hub'

6. AOB

Alan gave a brief outline of the resilience container and the grit/items we have now purchased for anyone needing the items see him direct.

7. Date and time of the next meeting –

Thursday 10th December (annual Xmas get together with QUIZ)

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Dearne Ward Alliance

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dearne North Ward Alliance
Date & Time:	3 rd of December 2020

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Alan Gardiner, Cllr Pauline Phillips, Charlotte Williams, Peter Shields, Derek Bramham, Cllr Annette Gollick, Wendy Cain, Craig Aubrey, Jenny Yates and Claire Dawson	Marie Sinclair, Jackie Kenning, Alison Sykes

1. **Welcomes & introductions.**

2. ***This was a pre Christmas catch up meeting, no minutes or finances were discussed***

3. **New staff**

Jennifer Yates and Craig Aubrey were introduced to the meeting. Craig is the new Neighbourhood engagement officer for the Dearne. His work will primarily be around COVID working with residents, groups, schools and local businesses. If anyone from this meeting would like any assistance or have queries from the wider community, Craig will happily assist in those. CraigAubrey@barnsley.gov.uk

Jenny will be in post from the 14th of December on a part time basis. Jenny will be the community development officer for the Dearne and will work along side Marie. Her workplan is yet to be completed but when it is finalised she will attend the Ward Alliances again to discuss her future projects. JenniferYates@barnsley.gov.uk

4. **Amy Calvert – Fareshare Barnsley**

AC attending the meeting to share some of the progress with regards the Good Food Partnership. She spoke about all the great work which is currently being undertaken in the Barnsley area in order to ensure that young family's do not go hungry throughout the holidays. She also spoke about the food mapping exercise, which is currently in development, AC will share this with the ward alliance in order to see if there are any addition to the document. AC also acknowledged the great work of Area Councils and Ward Alliances across the Borough in targeting those most at need.

5. **Quiz**

All members of the Ward Alliance took part in a quiz which Craig had put together for the group. Peter Shields was the WINNER

6. Group Update

Derek Bramham- gave an update regarding Big Local and the work they are doing over the festive period. They have a Santa fly pass arranged which had to be cancelled due to poor visibility last week so hopefully this will commence on the 6th of December. The tree is now in place and Thurnscoe looks very festive with all of the lights in place

Peter Shields- updated the group with regards the Memorial Day event. Although not the same as in previous years it was still a fantastic event.

Charlotte Williams- There is a noticeable difference in the children wellbeing since reopening. They are more likely to be edgy, a bit more tearful and generally not as confident. The youngest children in Playgroup have had a noticeable decline in their skills, both children and their parents need lots of additional support.

One issue that working parents are facing is that if the child is sent home from school for 2 weeks to self-isolate they are not automatically entitles to any money. They can't claim sick pay and most employers do not pay for carers time off. This has a huge impact on family income. We are directing them to discretionary grants (BMBC) but the feedback is that is as not been quick or positive. Christmas parties are a much quieter affair than in previous years: even Santa is doing a video message for the children

7. AOB

Cllr Gardiner discussed the care leavers Christmas project which they had contributed to in previous year. Although they could not come together as they have previously Cllr Gardiner expressed how he would still like to contribute towards their festivities. After the meeting CD contacted the Head of Service and Cllr Caroline Saunders as been leading on this initiative, they have been successful in gaining some COVID resilience funding to assist with their plans for this year.

8. Date and time of the next meeting

TBC

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEARNE AREA COUNCIL**

**Report of the
Dearne Area Council Manager**

Update on Ward Alliance Fund Spend

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks to inform Members about spend to date from Ward Alliance Funds within the Dearne Area.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the Dearne Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes any spend to date for the Wards of Dearne North and Dearne South.

3.0 Introduction

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

3.2 In considering projects for the use of the Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4.0 Spend to date

4.1 The Dearne North Ward Alliance starting balance for the 2020/21 financial year is £12,247.12 this includes the underspend of £247.12 from the 2019/20 budget £10,000 Ward Alliance monies 2020/21 + £2000 COVID support funds. To date they have provided funds to 9 projects at a cost of £12,064.20 leaving a balance of £182.92

4.2 The Dearne South Ward Alliance starting balance for the 2020/21 financial year is £16,605.12 this includes the underspend of £4,605.12 from the 2019/20 budget + £10,000 Ward Alliance monies 2020/21 + £2000 COVID support funds. To date they have provided funds to 9 projects at a cost of £13,901.40 leaving a balance of £2703.72

5.0 Appendix

Appendix One: Breakdown of Ward Alliance Spend

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2020/21 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2020/21 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

The carry-forward and overspend of the 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund were combined and added to the 2020/21 Allocation and to be managed as a single budget.

Dearne North Ward Alliance budget

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

£10,000 base allocation + CF £247.12 from 2019/20 + £2000.00 covid funds

£12,247.12 total available funding

<u>App no.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
001	WA Healthy Holidays 6 weeks matched with Big Locals/Public Health	September 2020	£2000.00	£10247.12
002	Station House Community Association – COVID19 specific	March 2021	£270.00	£9977.12
003	Defib at Goldthorpe Library	Dec 2020	£750.00*	£9227.12
004	Big Local Thurnscoe – plaza community garden set up	March 2021	£5000.00	£4227.12
005	Station House Community Association – banners	March 2021	£244.20	£3982.92
006	Dearne North Christmas Tree – high street regeneration in Goldthorpe	Jan 2021	£700.00	£3282.92
007	Highgate Primary School – outdoor activity area	April 2021	£750.00	£2532.92
008	Bulky Rubbish scheme	Sept 2021	£1000.00	£1532.92
003	Extension of monies for DEFIB installation	Dec 2020	£600.00*awaiting actual amount from FM	£932.92
014	Winter warmth project	Dec 2020	£750.00	£182.92

Total spend = £12,064.20

Match funded = £5700.00

Dearne South Ward Alliance budget

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

£10,000 base allocation + CF £4,605.12 from 2019/20 + £2000 Covid funds

£16,605.12 total available funding

<u>App no.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project end date</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Allocation remaining</u>
001	WA Healthy Holidays 6 weeks matched with Big Locals/Public Health	September 2020	£2000.00	£14605.12
012	Dearne Community Active Group	May 2020	£1520.40	£13084.72
009	BODY Carnegie Self Defence Classes (2019-2020 previous years payment missed)	March 2021	£1049.00	£12035.72
003	Defib at Goldthorpe Library	Dec 2020	£750.00*	£11285.72
010	Urban Impact self-defence Group	March 2021	£1600.00	£9685.72
011	Dearne South Christmas Tree – high street regeneration in Goldthorpe/Bolton on Dearne	Jan 2021	£1132.00	£8553.72
007	Highgate Primary School – outdoor activity area	April 2021	£2500.00	£6053.72
008	Bulky Rubbish scheme	Sept 2021	£1000.00	£5053.72
003	Extension of monies for DEFIB installation	Dec 2020	£600.00*awaiting actual amount from FM	£4453.72
013	Resilience upgrade in container	Dec 2020	£1000.00	£3453.72
014	Winter Warmth Project	Dec 2020	£750.00	£2703.72

Total spend= £13,901.40

Match funded = £3781.00

The Dearne: Quarter 3 Area Council Report: October 1st – December 31st 2020

Fiona Tennyson
Community Safety Team Leader





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Photo Gallery

PC Mount met with 3 pupils at Horizon Community College to present them with certificates to thank them for handing in a purse to a PCSO in Barnsley town centre. The purse was reunited with its owner who was extremely grateful for their actions.



Nov 26th Whilst performing their high visibility patrols, South East Officers have located and recovered this stolen vehicle in Goldthorpe. It was stolen from the Adwick Le Street area of Doncaster. This vehicle has now been returned to its rightful owner

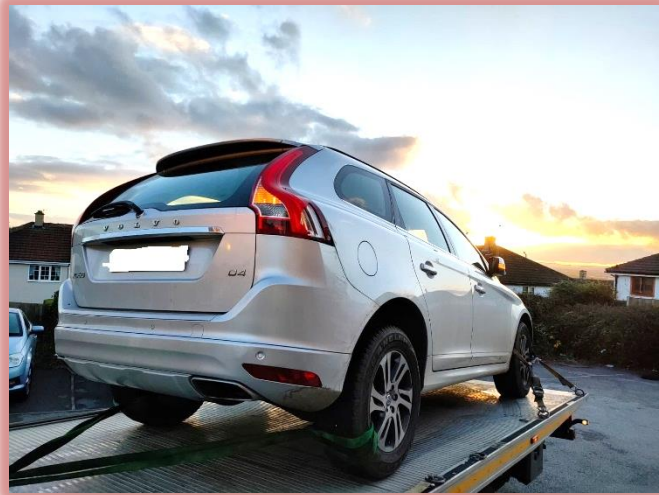


Recovered in Bolton upon Dearne, believed to have been used to commit criminal activities.



14th Nov: Speed-watch operation at;
 Banburgh Lane Goldthorpe
 Mexborough Rd Bolton
 Houghton Rd Thurnscoe
 137 vehicles were checked, 5 of which were found to be travelling over the speed limit.
 Speed advisory notices to be issued to the drivers concerned.

27th Oct – 3rd November saw a very productive period for the South East Team for locating and recovering stolen vehicles! Please see the below plethora of stolen vehicles, which have been located and recovered by the S.E team at various locations throughout the district







23rd Oct the South Team carried out an off-road bike operation, joined by the off-road bike team. Active patrols were carried out within the hot spot areas which we have received complaints about. One scooter was seized, 3 people were stop searched resulting in a quantity of cannabis and Ketamine being seized.



Oct 17; Barnsley South East officers performed a speed-watch operation at;
Barnsley Rd Goldthorpe
Carr Head Lane Bolton
Lidgett Lane Thurnscoe
155 vehicles were checked, 4 of which were found to be travelling over the speed limit. Speed advisory notices to be issued to the drivers concerned.



Uninsured vehicle seized in Goldthorpe



Oct 14 Barnsley South East Officers located and recovered this stolen vehicle whilst performing high visibility patrols in Thurnscoe, assisted by vehicle tracking company Cantrack. This vehicle was stolen from the Doncaster area. Another great example of partnership working resulting in the recovery of this high-performance Vehicle!

3rd October: Speed-watch operation on roads around the District which have been reported by the community as 'hotspot' areas for speeding motorists, including Barnburgh Lane, Goldthorpe; Mexborough Rd, Bolton, and Houghton Rd, Thurnscoe. The speed of in excess of 230 vehicles was checked during this Operation – no drivers were observed to be driving over the speed limits.



Community Safety Team Leader: Fiona Tennyson

Throughout Quarter 3 my team has continued to work tirelessly within their own disciplines to improve the lives of both individuals and the aesthetics of the area we cover. The team continued to work closely together supporting each other on visits, offering each other advice and the benefits of their experience. They have delivered food parcels, assisted in moving some of the most vulnerable tenants and continued to offer support to victims of ASB.

Whilst steps were taken during July to reintroduce the team back to working within the police station, the further national lock-down and the tier 3 status of the borough inevitably meant that this was short-lived, and we are once again – in the main – working from home.

Throughout the COVID crisis we have of course continued to liaise regularly with complainants, vulnerable people, our partners and other agencies to ensure that people are supported, and that appropriate information is shared, and we continue to hold MAAG meetings (virtually) and attend other meetings on-line.

One of the most problematic areas for both my team and the police has been issues surrounding vulnerability and ASB in an area of Thurnscoe, where a number of youths have been intimidating residents. The police, Community Safety and Berneslai Homes have worked closely together to identify these youths and take action (including ASB letters, AB Contracts, tenancy warnings and so on). Multi agency meetings have also taken place to identify a way forward to take preventative action to ensure that residents feel more secure.

Private Sector Housing and Cohesion Officer: Steve Powell

The main objective of my role is to contribute towards creating and sustaining safe and pleasant communities within the private sector housing in the Dearne Area Council area. I do this by proactively case managing issues that have a detrimental effect on others in the locality and by identifying and protecting our most vulnerable tenants and residents.

I work with families and individuals, getting to know the community and getting access to homes that previously have not had the benefit of any kind of support. I identify problems and issues and using effective risk assessment to decide on the most appropriate responses.

I aim to encourage communities to work towards raising and setting own standards. This includes acceptable behaviour standards, environmental standards and housing and property standards.

This report contains a breakdown of reason for vulnerability identified. This includes mental and physical ill health, isolation or exclusion, Age (young and old), victim and/or witness of ASB or criminal activity, affected by domestic abuse, poverty and issues relating to minority groups.

As a Private Sector Housing & Environment Officer my work is very high profile. I deal with all manner of issues which include Anti-Social Behaviour, Environmental, Private Sector Housing, Fly tipping and Littering. I attend The Salvation Army Church where issues/problems are raised in the local community, if I am unable to deal with a situation this is sign posted to the relevant agencies that are best suited to deal with the issues.

I am also involved with local community events, litter picking and clean up days. I work closely with other outside agencies, (Police/PCSO's Fire Service, Social Services, Landlords/Letting Agents).

I am forming good working relationships with landlords, letting agents and local residents. We work with tenants within the Private Rented Sector with regard to any issues which have been brought to our attention and work with the Landlords to rectify the problems.

During the months October December 2020 120 complaints, queries, and requests for service, advice and referrals were received. These include advice etc. given to other agencies including South Yorkshire Police. Some of these were dealt on an informal basis, either speaking to the tenant/occupier or just sending a general advice letter; others went to more formal action. All cases closed within Quarter 3 are recorded as having a successful outcome.

Waste on Premises

I have worked with tenants Landlords/Letting agent on 42 waste on premises in the Quarter 3 period. 28 first contact letters 2 CPN Warning Letters and 1 CPN Notice was sent. The community protection notice is for a garden in Goldthorpe. This has now been passed to housing enforcement for further action to be taken because the tenants have failed to keep the garden clear of waste.

Before



After



Before



After



Before



After



Before



After



Before**After**

Fly-Tipping

In total 43 cases of fly-tipping were detected during routine proactive visits within the quarter 3 periods. All the fly-tipping cases have been referred to neighbourhood services using the pin mapping system for removal.

Before**After**

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Contaminated Bins Reported To Waste Management

I have referred 30 contaminated wheelie bins to waste management over the quarter3 period for removal.

Before



After



Housing Disrepair

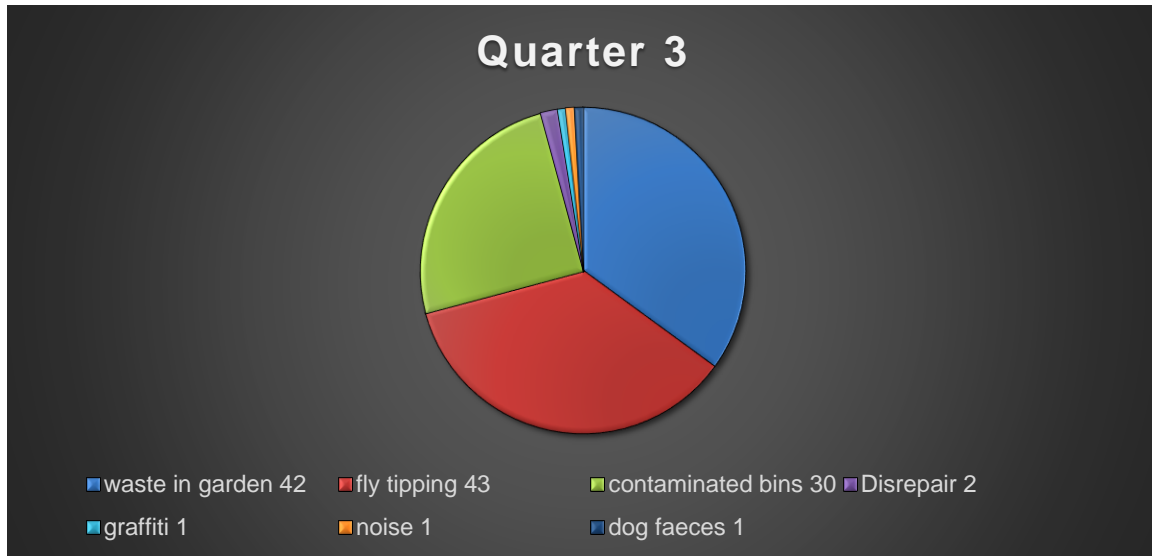
I dealt with 2 housing disrepair issues within quarter 3, I am working with landlords and letting agents to make repairs and improve the properties on an informal basis.

ASB Noise Nuisance

1 noise nuisance complaint referred to Regulatory service for investigation.

ASB Damage to void properties

2 void properties have been targeted and the side door of one has been pulled off. Contacted the letting agent and repairs have been carried out. The kitchen window at the rear of the other property has been smashed. Contacted the owner and the property has been boarded up.



General update Quarter 3

Over the quarter 3 periods I have been busy again with waste on premises and fly-tipping of items such as fridge freezers, settees, mattresses and other household items. All fly-tipping has been reported to Neighbourhood services via the pin mapping system and most has been removed.

Housing and Enforcement Officer: Jayne McHugh

During the months October to December 2020 I dealt with **179** complaints, queries and requests for service, advice and referrals i.e. to Social Housing, Berneslai Homes, Planning Enforcement, Social Services, Regulatory Services. I dealt with all incoming complaints/queries from my home. Complainants contacted to discuss the issue reported. Visits carried out adhering to social distancing, wearing face coverings and following the risk assessment guidelines which carrying out my duties.

Community Engagement.

Myself and my colleague Lucy Raynor, along with other volunteers including Elected Members, assisted in delivering Christmas Dinners on behalf of the Wombwell Ward Alliance to members of a luncheon club who were unable to get together due to Tier

3 Covid restrictions. The Ward Alliance members/volunteers purchased food and cooked 52 meals at the Salvation Army in Wombwell. The meals consisted of a traditional turkey dinner followed by Christmas pudding. A lot of time and effort was put in by the volunteers, giving up their free time with preparation beginning at 7.45 a.m. that morning.

Lucy and I enjoy giving our time to community projects and felt great satisfaction in helping to deliver these meals to many of the elderly members of the luncheon club and on receiving these, the pleasure and heartfelt thanks by these recipients was plain to see.

We also delivered 6 food parcels to families who have been receiving our help and support during the last few months. Food parcels as always were donated by the Salvation Army, Goldthorpe. Three of the families supported have young children. Christmas presents which had been generously donated by the Community were also gifted to these families with present both for the children and adults. Toys for the children and gift sets for the adults. These were an additional surprise gratefully received.



*Christmas lunch
volunteers*

	Rockingham	Milton	Thurnscoe	Goldthorpe	BOD	WW	Darfield
Gen Disrepair		1		3	1	4	2
Heating					1	1	1
Damp							
Defects			1	2		2	1
Waste	5	5	4	7	4	5	3
Dog fouling			1				
Insecure Properties			3	1		1	
Empty Properties	2		1	3	1	1	
Odours				2			
Misc.	4		1	3	4	4	

WASTE ON PREMISES

I received and dealt with **33** waste on premises in Quarter 3. Some of these have come in during the last couple of weeks. These have/are dealt with on an informal basis without the need to serve a Written Warning CPN or escalate to a Community Protection Notice.



The attached photo shows 7 fridges at a property I am dealing with in relation to housing disrepair issues. The tenant had again allowed these bulky items to accumulate and again a bulky rubbish collection was booked in by the landlord as the tenant could not afford the full amount, the tenant is paying the landlord back on a weekly basis. The majority of the works have been completed in the property with a couple still outstanding. The tenant has been spoken to about allowing waste to accumulate and support is being given to her in relation to this.

Dog Fouling

I dealt with 1 dog fouling on premises in Quarter 3.

Minimum Efficiency Standards (MEES) Regulations 2020.

From 1st April 2020 renting out a private residential property with an EPC rating of F or G is illegal. Landlords have to undertake a new EPC rating test in order for them to comply. If they do not, they are liable to a fine of between £2,000 and £5,000. 80 properties were identified in the Dearne and Dearne South area and the landlords have been written to in this last Quarter. Responses are being received with the majority of these having new EPC ratings of E or above. Those who have not responded have been served a Regulation 38 giving them a set time in which to complete these or a fixed penalty will be issued depending on the breach.

ASB.

14 reports received through Barnsley Council sources on issues relating to ASB in these cases the complainants are contacted and informed that these have been passed on to the Local Police Team they are also advised that they need to report these issues to South Yorkshire Police themselves so that these complaints are recorded on their systems.

	Rockingham	Milton	Thurnscoe	Goldthorpe	BOD	WW	Darfield
ASB People	1	1		2	3	3	3
Motorbikes /Vehicles					1		

I dealt with other 12 ASB jobs in Quarter 3 these related to making initial contact with the complainant, gathering the relevant information and then passing these on to the Case Management Officer (CMO) in the Housing Enforcement team. A couple of these have come through in the last couple of weeks so are still in my name. These will be forwarded to the CMO once further information is collated.

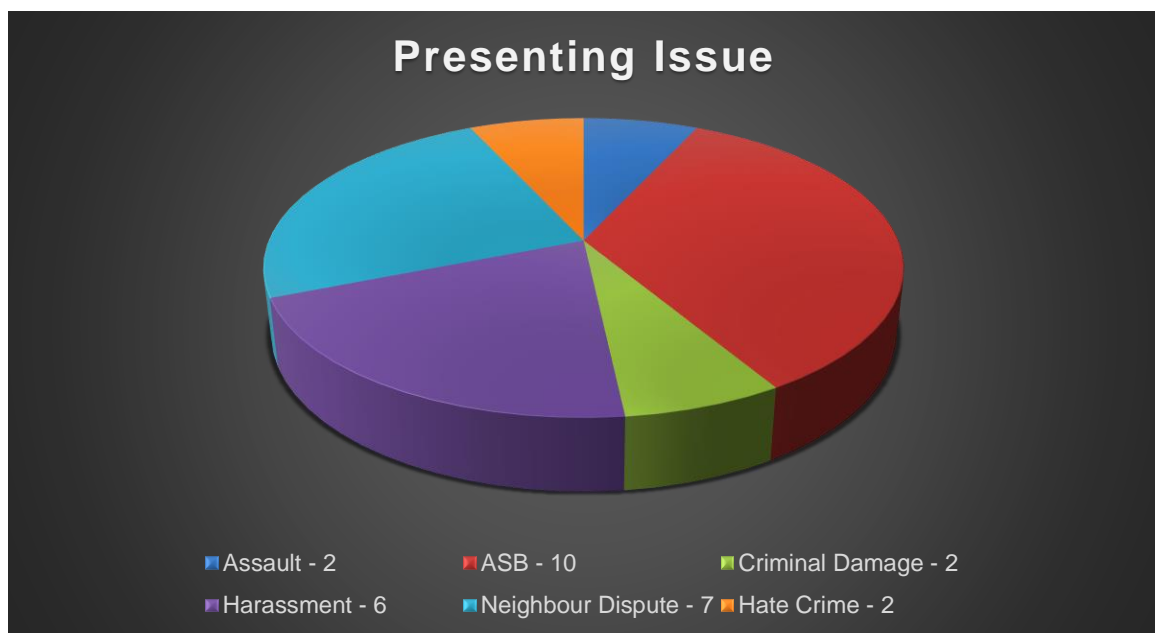
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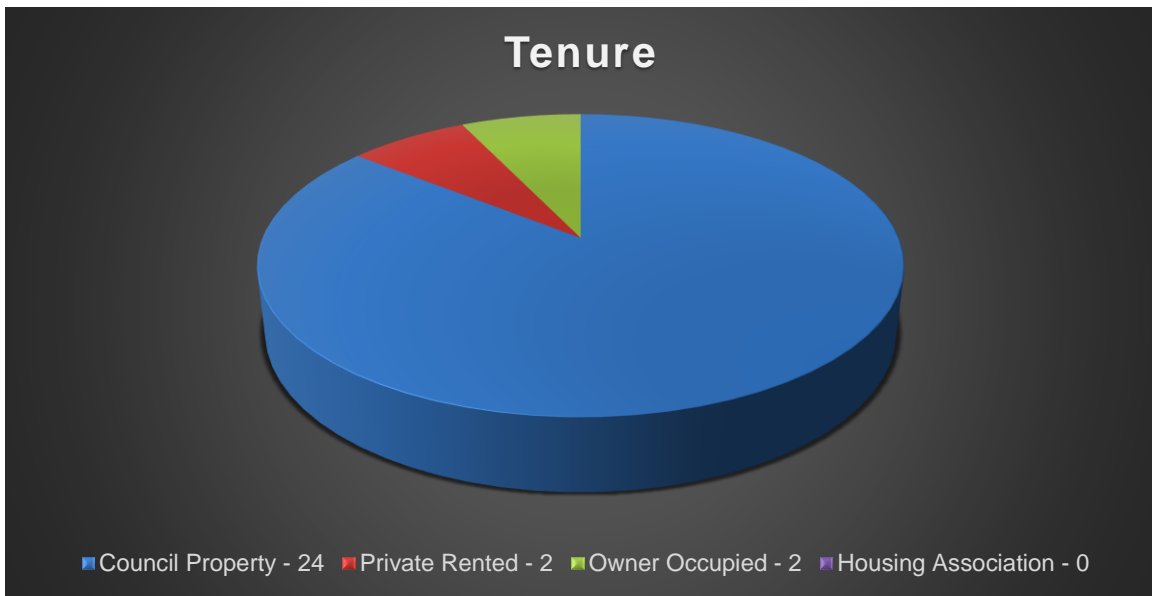
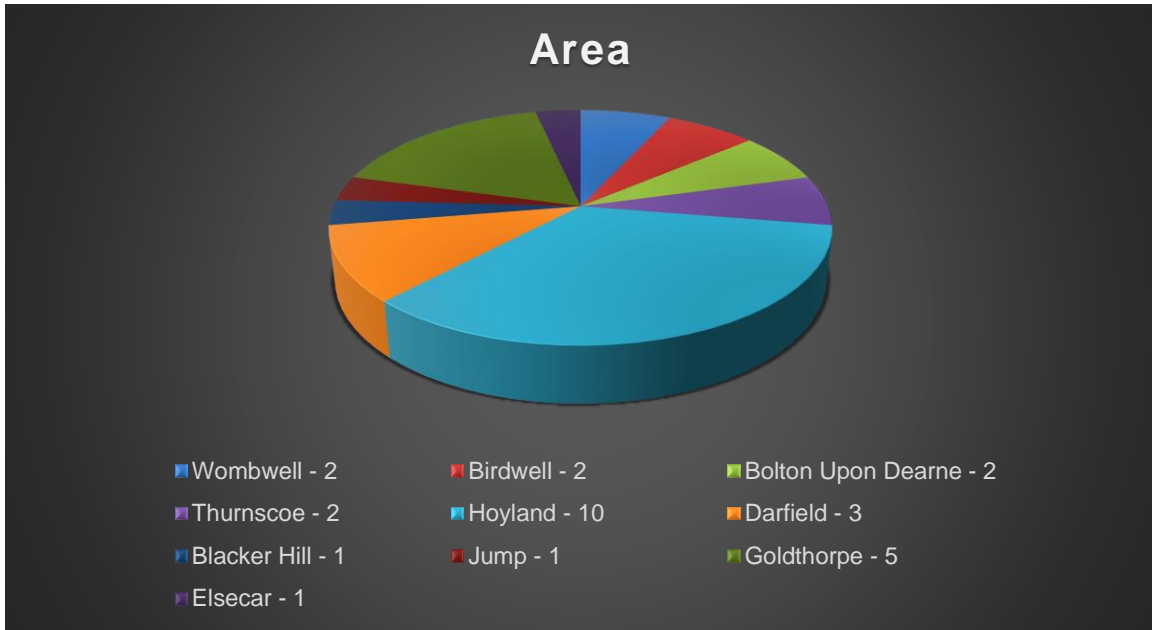
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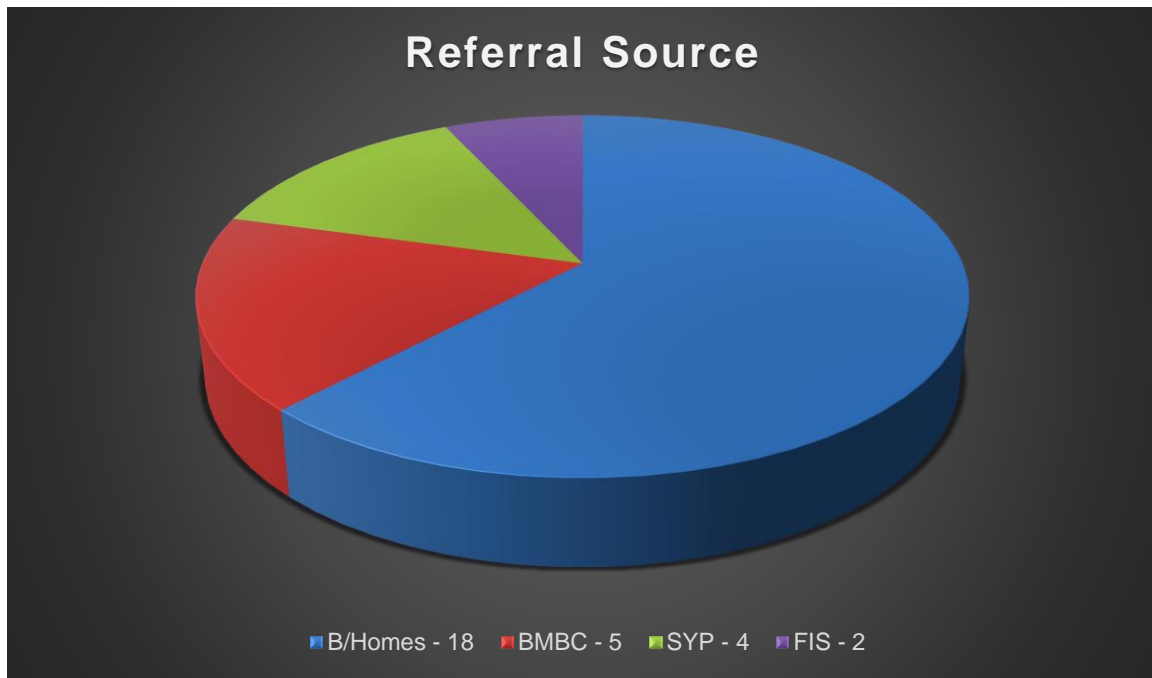
The Victim and Witness Support Officer covers The Dearne and South Of Barnsley. The role is predominantly to support individuals identified within the community experiencing anti-social behaviour, hate crime, neighbour disputes and other issues which may put an individual at risk of harm.

Data and Statistics

Between October and December 2020 29 individuals have been supported across the area including receiving 12 new referrals within this time.







Outcomes

Within this quarter of the 4 individuals have been referred to the service all 4 individuals have accessed support and a comprehensive risk assessment has been completed and support plan commenced.

Consequently, 100% of all cases which engaged with the service have had a risk assessment completed with them and support plan commenced.

Within the last quarter 16 cases have been closed:

- 8 cases successfully closed - feedback form completed
- 3 cases closed advice given but no structured work – no feedback form required
- 3 cases disengaged therefore unable to complete feedback forms
- 2 cases were inappropriate referrals and closed following initial investigations.

The number of new referrals received has continued to be low based upon previous quarters. As predicted in the last quarterly report there has been a continued downturn in referrals. However, although there has been a reduction in referrals due to cases staying on my caseload longer and cases requiring more support due to the current situation the workload has in fact increased. The management of cases has been more complex often requiring multi-agency virtual conferences to address situations we have never had to deal with prior to lockdown.

Although my workload has increased over the last 3 months and I have dealt with some extremely challenging cases and vulnerable individuals, I think it has highlighted the strength within both my immediate team and partners including SYP

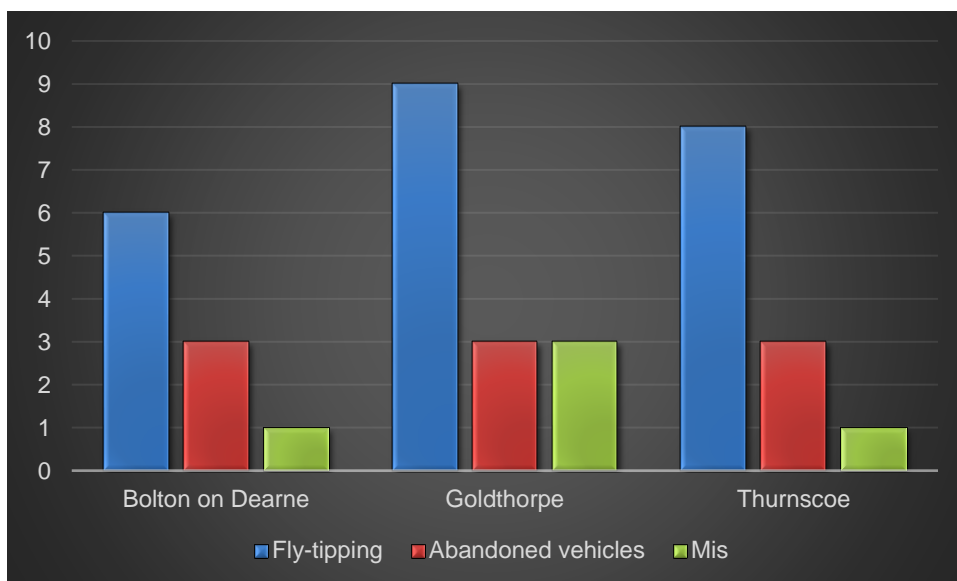
and Berneslai Homes. All services have embraced collaborative working and thinking outside of the box to ensure all victims continue to receive a bespoke package of care even in the most challenging of circumstances.

Latest feedback form from a victim following the support I offered included:

'A massive thank you. If it wasn't for you, I don't know if I would have been here. Some days I didn't want to get out of bed, and you got me through. This service is so needed, I don't know what I have done without you. You are very appreciated and valued. I will never forget what you have done for me.'

Community Safety Officer: Andrew Birkett

Issue	Bolton on Dearne	Goldthorpe	Thurnscoe
Fly tipping	6	9	8
Abandoned Vehicles	3	3	3
Misc	1	3	1
CPN / Warning Letters	1	4	0





Case Management Officer: Amy Dixon

Environmental

- New waste in gardens jobs in Goldthorpe and Thurnscoe – tenants spoken to and warning letters issued. Revisit this week.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- ASB – youth nuisance in Thurnscoe,. Primarily involving two youths who are the main perpetrators causing ASB in the area, thefts from local Asda, threats to other residents. Also, complaints of damage to properties on low grange road and supported living complex opposite Asda. Warning letters and ASB warnings issued by SYP and Berneslai Homes. Youths failing to engage so. Collating evidence to apply for civil injunctions for both youths.
- Abuse to staff – tenant threatened a Berneslai homes member of staff whilst carrying out duties in communal area. Warning before action letter (pre injunction) served.

Closing activity/Case Resolution

- ASB – Thurnscoe tenant reported for storing flammable fuel at property, highways had to come a clean street to due to spillage and risk of fire. Witnessed by another CMO male leaving property with container full of fuel confirmed by tenant that it was diesel. issued CPN warning and NOSP. No further complaints since NOSP served.

- Abandoned property – 2x Notice to quit and NOSP served on tenants and property. 1 tenant Goldthorpe and 1 Thurnscoe, that have left their properties and moved out of area. Tracked down tenants and they have completed termination forms to end their tenancies.

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