

MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Wednesday, 30 March 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 2nd February, 2022 (Cen.30.03.2022/2) *(Pages 3 - 6)*

Items for Discussion

- 3 Performance Management Report Q3 (Cen.30.03.2022/3) *(Pages 7 - 90)*
Including a presentation from Family Lives – Lesley Brewin and Caroline Fanshawe

Items for Decision

- 4 Procurement and Financial Update (Cen.30.03.2022/4) *(Pages 91 - 100)*

Ward Alliances

- 5 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.30.03.2022/5) *(Pages 101 - 126)*
Central – held on 26th January, 2022
Dodworth – held on 11th January, 2022
Kingstone – held on 27th January, 2022
Stairfoot – held on 14th February and 14th March, 2022
Worsbrough – held on 3rd February, 2022
- 6 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.30.03.2022/6) *(Pages 127 - 132)*

To: Chair and Members of Central Area Council:-

Councillors Williams (Chair), Bowler, Bowser, Bruff, Clarke, K. Dyson, M. Dyson, Fielding, Gillis, Lodge, Mitchell, Ramchandani, Risebury, Wray and Wright

Area Council Support Officers:

Jonathan Banwell, Central Area Council Senior Management Link Officer
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Tuesday, 22 March 2022



MEETING:	Central Area Council
DATE:	Wednesday, 2 February 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Williams (Chair), Bowler, Bowser, Bruff, Clarke, K. Dyson, M. Dyson, Fielding, Gillis, Lodge, Mitchell, Ramchandani and Wray

21 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 24 in relation to the position of his wife on the board of the YMCA.

22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Central Area Council held on 10th November, 2021 (Cen.02.02.2022/2)

Members received the minutes from the previous meeting of Central Area Council held on 10th November, 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Central Area Council held on 10th November, 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

23 Joshua McGill - Weight Management Programme (Cen.02.02.2022/3)

Joshua McGill was welcomed to the meeting and made members aware of the programme available for people aged 18+ with a BMI of 25-40. This was open to residents of Barnsley, or those registered with a Barnsley GP, and offered 12 weeks access to Barnsley Premier Leisure facilities. Additional support was also provided with one-to-one meetings throughout the 12 weeks to ascertain progress in areas such as reducing BMI value and improvement in mental health. Members noted that such as GPs could refer, but individuals could also self-refer through the website.

Members raised a number of questions, including whether the scheme worked with Health and Wellbeing Coaches in GPs. It was noted that they worked alongside the scheme and could make referrals. Those present discussed options for participants after the 12-week programme and it was noted that they could be referred to Fit Reds which offered a similar type of support.

In relation to the longevity of the programme, Members heard that it was funded up until September 2022. However, data collected showed that engagement levels were high, with corresponding impacts being made to the lives of individuals. This would then provide evidence to make the case for similar interventions in the future.

In relation to engaging with employers, it was noted that this had not been a primary focus, largely due to many employees working in the area living outside the borough and therefore not being eligible. Efforts were focused on promotion through

organisations such as charities where levels of eligibility was likely to be higher. Members noted the links being made with a number of organisations, including the NHS, with GPs now referring to the scheme.

RESOLVED that thanks be given for the presentation and that Members promote the programme through their networks.

24 Central Area Council Priorities, Procurement and Financial Update (Gen.02.02.2022/4)

The Area Council Manager introduced the item referring to the workshop that been held recently.

The workshop had considered a suite of information including the outcomes from the Community Listening Exercise and whether this information mirrored the priorities of the Area Council. Members were reminded that the Environmental Priority had been considered and agreed in November 2021, and the priority to reduce Social Isolation and Loneliness had been agreed in 2020 with associated funding allocated for three years.

Members concluded that the Area Council priorities remained valid and were broad enough to capture most future issues.

The attention of Members was drawn to the workshop discussions on devolving finance to the Ward Alliances in the area. The report provided a number of options, with the recommended option to devolve £5,000 to each Ward Alliance. Members discussed the various options, including a suggestion to pause consideration of the issue until the amount of Ward Alliance Funds remaining was considerably lower, and that perhaps finance could be better utilised at an Area Council geography. The majority of Members supported the recommendation within the report.

It was noted that youth work provision, delivered across the five wards of the Central Area by YMCA and The Youth Association, was due to conclude at the end of June. The recent workshop had discussed this and it was noted that the Community Listening exercise had highlighted this as a priority. It was therefore recommended to develop a Youth Work Grant Fund at a cost of £65,000 per year for two years, and that young people take part in co-production of the service.

With regards to the Supporting Vulnerable People priority, it was noted that the contract with Citizen's Advice Bureau to provide information and advice services was due to end on 30th June, 2022. Members were reminded that a review of advice services was underway, with the outcome of this expected near the end of the financial year. In order to ensure continuity for residents, it was recommended that the service provided by CAB be extended for three months. In addition, it was recommended that a grant fund for services to support vulnerable people be established with a budget of £20,000 per year for two years. As funding for this priority was lower than others, it was suggested that the Area Team would look to supplement this, where possible, with grant funding from external sources.

Members were reminded of the Youth Work Training Fund, approved by the Area Council in 2019 but paused due to the pandemic. It had been proposed that The Youth Association, in partnership with YMCA, would provide one-to-one support and

accredited youth work training. Initially £28,000 had been ringfenced for this purpose.

In order gauge appetite for the proposal in the current climate, a workshop had been held, which was an astounding success. An initial cohort of 12 had been identified, and it was suggested that a further cohort would take part in the programme in the autumn. This would be open to all over the age of 18, and it was proposed that the second cohort be recruited through community networks.

Once participants had undertaken training and completed the programme it was envisaged that they would work with Community Development Officers and the Ward Alliance to develop youth work activities.

Members noted the current financial position, including the reduction in finance carried forward each year. It was agreed that this was positive, with finance being utilised effectively against the priorities of the Area Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Central Area Council priorities for the years 2022-24 as detailed in 4.2 of the report be approved;
- (ii) that the overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements, and Well-being Fund projects, with associated timescales be noted;
- (iii) that approval be given to devolve £5,000 per ward (total £25,000) from the main budget into each respective Ward Alliance Budget to be distributed through existing mechanisms;
- (iv) that the budget for the Youth Work priority be approved at a cost of £65,000 per year for two years;
- (v) that the service provided by CAB be extended for three months from 1st April to 30th June, 2022 at a cost of £10,000;
- (vi) that the budget for a grant fund to support vulnerable people be approved at a cost of £20,000 per year for two years;
- (vii) that the ringfenced funding to progress the Youth Work Training partnership project between The Youth Association and YMCA be released at a total cost of £28,000 (£18,000 in the financial year 2021/22 and £10,000 in the financial year 2022/23);
- (viii) that the actual financial position to date for 2021/22 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023/24 as outline in appendices 1 and 2 of the report, be noted.

25 Notes of the Ward Alliances (Cen.02.02.2022/5)

The meeting received the following notes of the meetings of the Ward Alliances within the Central Area:-

Central – held on 24th November, 2021

Dodworth – held on 9th November, 2021

Kingstone – held on 3rd November, 2021, and 15th December, 2021

Stairfoot – held on 13th December, 2021 and 17th January, 2022

Worsbrough – held on 11th November, 2021

RESOLVED that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received.

26 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Cen.02.02.2022/6)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair

Cen.30.03.2022/3

18 March 2022

Central Area Council

Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot, Worsbrough

Performance Management Report

Quarter Three: October - December 2021

Central Area Council - Priorities, Principles and links to Corporate Outcomes 2021 - 2022



Reduction in loneliness and isolation in adults & older people



Improvement in the emotional resilience & wellbeing of children and young people



Creating a cleaner & greener environment in partnership with local people



Supporting Vulnerable People

Ensuring the following principles are promoted and embedded in all that we do:

Community cohesion and integration

Social value

Healthy and active lifestyles

Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

Barnsley - the place of possibilities

Healthy Barnsley

People are safe and feel safe

People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible

We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough

Learning Barnsley

People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships

Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment

People have access to early help and support

Growing Barnsley

Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities

People have a welcoming safe and enjoyable town centre and physical towns as destinations for work, shopping leisure and culture

People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes

Sustainable Barnsley

People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their community.

Our heritage and green spaces are promoted for all people to enjoy

Fossil fuels are being replaced by affordable and sustainable energy and people are able to enjoy more cycling and walking

Enabling Barnsley

We are a modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high-performing council

Table 1 below shows the Providers that are/have been delivering a series of services which address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives of Central Area Council.

Priority	Service/Fund	Provider		
Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund Advice Drop-In	DIAL Barnsley		
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund My Community, My Life Project	Age UK Barnsley		
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Thriving Communities Project	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind		
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Reds Connect Project	Reds in the Community		
Children & Young People	CAC Commission Building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people aged 8-14 years	Barnsley YMCA		
Children & Young People	Youth Fund Street Smart	The Youth Association (TYA)		
Children & Young People	Youth Fund Detached Youth work	YMCA		
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people	Twiggs Grounds Maintenance		
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Providing an environmental enforcement service SLA with BMBC's Safer Communities Service to support/ complement the contract above	District Enforcement & BMBC Service Level Agreement		
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Targeted Household Fly Tipping Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement (SLA)		
Clean & Green	CAC Commission Private Rented Housing Support Service	BMBC Service Level Agreement (SLA)		
Vulnerable People	CAC Commission New Mothers Support Service	Family Lives		
Vulnerable People	Central Well-being Fund Hope House Connects	Hope House Church		
Vulnerable People	Financial Resilience Funding Welfare Rights and Legal Advice Service	Citizens Advice Bureau Barnsley		

Part A: Snapshot of Quarter Performance

Reduction in Loneliness & Social Isolation

412

Residents supported through DIAL's alternative provision

131

People supported by Mind 1-1 sessions

£108,240

Generated in unclaimed benefit income with the help of DIAL

35

Exercise class attendees per session

47

Socially isolated older people working on personalised plans with Age UK

Clean and Green

28

Households directly supported with responsible waste disposal/recycling

113

FPNs issued

304

Bags of litter removed from Central Area

Vulnerable People

219

Clients assisted by CAB advisers

18

Referrals to Family Lives' Support Service

£48,221

Worth of benefits claimed by the support of CAB

£10,641

Worth of debt managed by the support of CAB

7

New families from the Central Area attending Hope House Connects Groups

Children & Young People

128

Youth work sessions delivered by YMCA & The Youth Association

1,344

Children & young people attendees at YMCA & The Youth Association Sessions

Part B: Performance Management Reports key points

CAC Commission Funding

Children & Young People

Barnsley YMCA – The Unity Project

Covers: Central, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough



YMCA UNITY PROJECT

Building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people aged 8-14 years

THE UNITY PROJECT QUARTER THREE

93

Term Time
Sessions Delivered

10

Holiday Provision
Sessions Delivered

1261

Total attendees

A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/management meeting took place in January 2022. There are no areas of concern to highlight. The infographic above shows highlights from the report.

Purpose:

Central Area Council commissioned YMCA Barnsley to deliver a programme of youth work for children and young people aged 8-14 years within the Central Area. The project focusses on building emotional resilience and developing the skills and tools to encourage, maintain positive emotional health, wellbeing, and support, and prepare them for life's transitions.

Youth work offers young people safe spaces to explore their identity, experience decision-making, increase their confidence, develop inter-personal skills and think through the consequences of their actions. This leads to better informed choices, changes in activity and improved outcomes for young people. (National Youth Agency).

The project continues to offer a flexible model of delivery that is constantly adapting in response to update to Government and National Youth Agency restrictions and guidelines.

Specific programme of activities delivered in this quarter

- Twilight and evening youth work sessions at YMCA Barnsley, Kendray and Worsbrough Family Centre and Dodworth St Johns Church
- Primary after school programmes in Queens Road, Ward Green, Keresforth, Forest & Joseph Lock Primary schools.
- Secondary School (Horizon Community College) ACE (Arts, Crafts & Enterprise) After School Club.
- Strategic Youth Delivery joint meetings with Chilypep, Youth Association, BMBC, TIAG, Spectrum, Compass, Ad Astra, Barnados and the Youth Justice Team.
- Project with The Association for Young People's Health (AYPH) to develop a Health Inequalities Resource Pack
- October half term holiday provision – planned and delivered in response to consultation with the children and young people to enable them to maintain contact with and support participants, and provide a wide range of experiences and opportunities

Please refer to Appendix 1, Page 4 for case studies

Twiggs Ground Maintenance Clean & Green Service

Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough



A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/management meeting took place in January 2022. The infographic shows highlights from the report.

Team Leader Apprentice Review: “Aaron has taken to the roll incredibly well, he is willing and able to undertake any task given to him with confidence and does not worry about the outcome. He especially exceeds when talking to volunteers in the community. He has a great understanding of the tools, including effectively using the shrub reduction power tools, and a has good knowledge of what is required to complete a task and is overall a fantastic worker.”



Twiggs have continued to support the community, schools and businesses. As part of the Centre for sustainable healthcare – NHS Forest project, working with Kendray NHS Social prescribing link worker, Twiggs assisted by supplying tools, instructing , supervising and assessing 3 teachers and 28 pupils plant 15 fruit trees, 9 shrubs and 2 ornamental trees. The project aims to:



- Improve the health and wellbeing of the patients, staff and communities by increasing access to green space on or near NHS land
- Encourage greater social cohesion between NHS sites an the local communities around them
- Spark projects that bring together professionals and volunteers to use new and existing woodland for art, food crops, reflectin and exercise, and to encourage biodiversity
- Highlight innovative ideas to encourage the use of gardens and other green space for therapeutic purposes

The children and teachers were all assessed for an AQA in Notch planting during the session. Fantastic work with great results.

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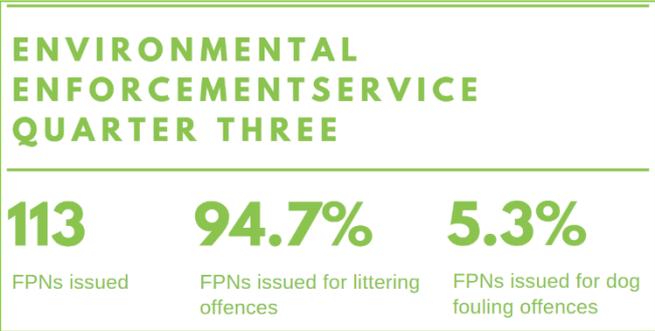
District Enforcement – Environmental Enforcement Service

Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough



A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/management meeting took place in January 2022. There are no areas of concern to highlight. The infographic shows some highlights from the report.

Operations are on-going and all areas continue to be patrolled. Many of the tasks that do come in from all areas throughout the Borough, is to report issues with people complaining of individuals allowing their dogs to foul and leave it. As part of their patrols the officers have continued to visit parks and open grass spaces within the borough in an attempt to catch these offenders. Cigarette litter accounting for 71% of the Offences, which is well below the national average and gives us an average of 71% over the year. Prosecutions have continued for Littering and Dog Fouling offences for those who do not pay the FPN issued to them. To date, this current contractual year across the boroughs, 70 offenders have had court files prepared for prosecution, which have been passed to BMBC to be submitted for court.



Please refer to Appendix 1, Page 38 for case studies

Targeted household fly tipping – SLA

Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough

A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/management meeting (for both Fly-tipping and Private rental support) took place in January 2022. The infograph shows some key figures from this quarter. The Community Safety Officer handles jobs including side waste, waste in alleyways and flytipping/duty of care jobs. The service also gives advice to landlords, letting agents and tenants/residents.



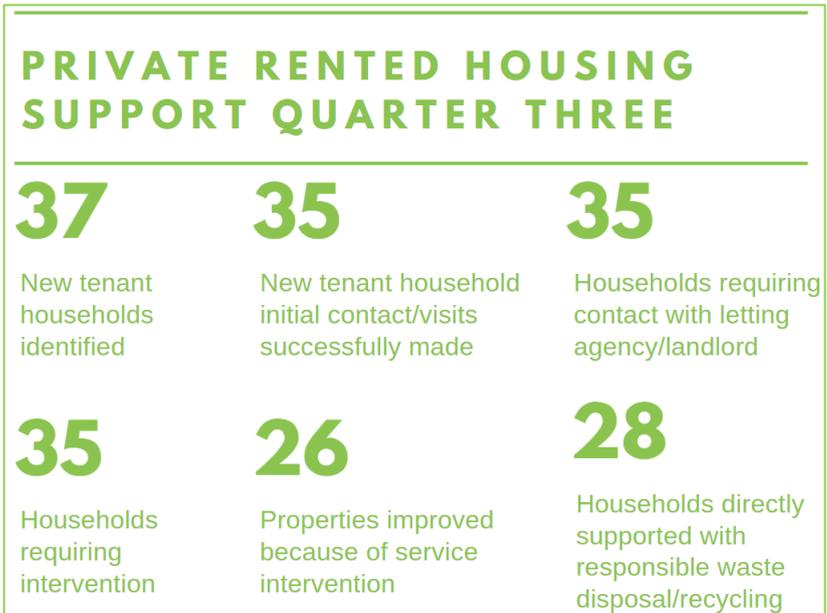
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Support for new tenants in private rented housing – SLA

Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough



The Housing and Cohesion Officer advises and supports tenants living in privately rented properties on a range of issues such as debt issues and waste management. The infographic shows some highlights for this quarter. 37 new properties were identified. This number low due to the contingency measures within Safer neighbourhoods that the service has been placed in. Normal working remits and ways of working have been revised and as a result there is a much higher number of reactive cases compared to previous months. 37 new tenant household initial visits/contacts have been made this quarter. The contract has still been delivering a fantastic service this quarter whilst supporting the most vulnerable members of the community.



Breaking down the 37 initial new tenants’ figures, 35 of these have required intervention both informal and formal, this is up from the previous quarter as there has been an increase of both housing inspections and environmental crime and blight (flytipping and waste in gardens). The majority of the work consists of a telephone conversation/visit, email, warning letter/advisory letter for required works following an inspection. 6 properties were inspected this quarter. However, 26 properties have been improved with 16 cases still open.

20 informal requests have been issued to landlords which includes both advisory letters, warning letters following visits and/or telephone conversations with landlords. 6 formal requests for involvement have been issued such as; improvement notice, a notice to provide all documentation at an address, and a building act notice. Some of these above cases have been explained in more detail in the case studies.

Please refer to Appendix 1, Page 44 for case studies

Family Lives – Support Service for New Parents

Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough

Vulnerable People



A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/ management meeting will take place in January 2022. The infographic below picks out highlights from the report.

SUPPORT SERVICE FOR NEW PARENTS QUARTER THREE

18

Referrals received

8

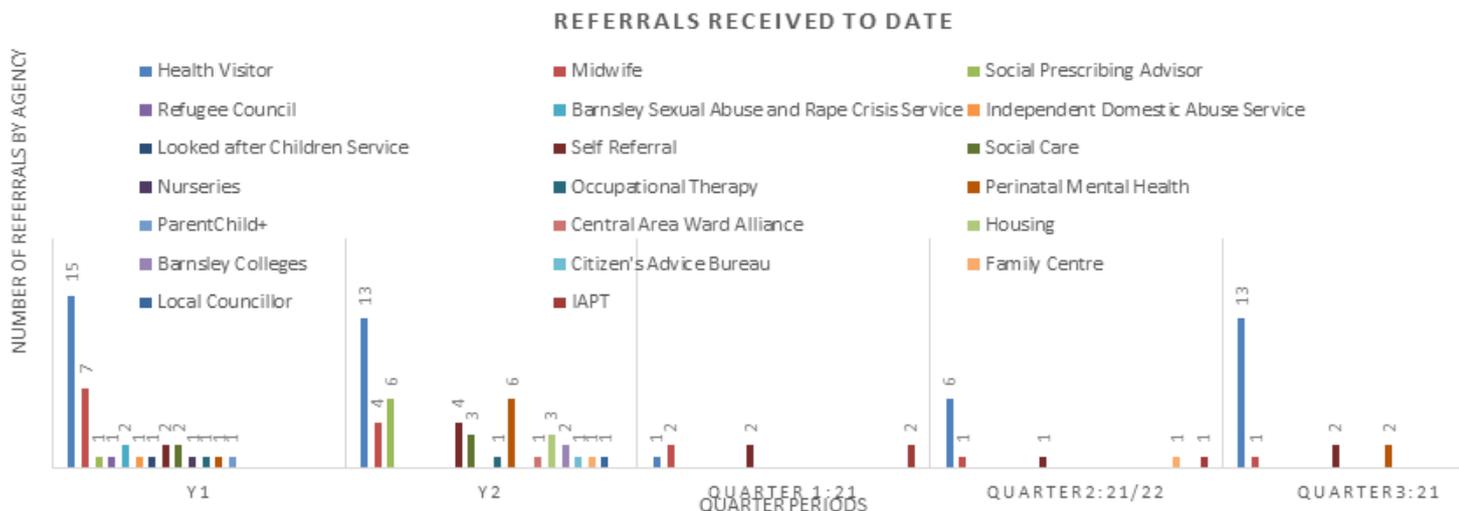
Parents successful signposted to other community support services

15

Active Volunteers

Overview and Eligibility of the Project

- Aim: to provide support to new parents and kinship carers who are adjusting to the role of becoming a parent either for the first time or as part of a growing family or through caring for a young relative.
- Parents may be experiencing isolation and low-level emotional wellbeing at any time during pregnancy up to their child's 3rd birthday.
- All parents must live within Central Barnsley.
- Support offered includes volunteer home, befriending visits, telephone and peer-to-peer support.
- The overall target was to have 25 active volunteers at any time to work with up to 60 mothers by the end of Year 3.



Summary of achievements and progress

- Received 18 eligible referrals across this quarter with a further referral received in early January 22. (There have been 89 eligible referrals to date since the project started)
- Successfully held a Christmas gathering engaging 21 parents and their children in connecting with others.
- Supported three new mums from diverse backgrounds to get to know one another.
- Facilitated peer support activity between 1 previously supported mum & 3 mums currently being supported.
- Referred or signposted nine parents to partner services.
- Distributed Christmas presents donated by Family Lives and the Central Area Council to 30 families in total.
- Trained three additional volunteers and received three new applications. Total recruited since the start is 47.
- Successfully engaged a volunteer, local to Barnsley and appointed her as an Outreach Worker.
- Observed more volunteers' taking on increased ownership with supporting the project in ways other than visiting families with more involvement in group project planning, preparation, and delivery activities.

Please refer to Appendix 1, Page 48 for case studies

Central Wellbeing Fund Projects

Dial Advice Drop-In Service

Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough

Social
Isolation



A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/management meeting took place in January 2022. The infographic picks out highlights from the report.

The project primarily targets residents with long term health conditions, out of work residents, carers and families who all have been affected by Covid – 19, welfare benefit changes to eligibility criteria and processes. Many have been directly affected and are experiencing financial hardship/exclusion which is influencing their wellbeing, others are nervous about what may happen to their benefits and anxious about the impact this will have on their lives.

Other data from this quarter:

- **78** residents have been supported by telephone to complete benefit claim forms
- **64** residents have received safe and well checks from our team
- **31** residents have received timely and accurate public health advice
- For every **£1** invested by the Central Area Council Wellbeing Fund **£7.00** has been generated for the local economy
- The table is a breakdown of residents supported by ward

DIAL ADVICE DROP IN QUARTER THREE

412

Residents supported through alternative provision

239

Residents received telephone advice

£108,240

Generated in unclaimed benefit income

73%

Residents reported a reduction in anxiety and improved wellbeing

84%

Residents reported feeling less isolated

70%

Residents reported feeling more confident and having an improved outlook

Equality Profile	
Ward	Residents supported
Central	102
Dodworth	57
Kingstone	53
Stairfoot	93
Worsbrough	107
Total	412

Please refer to Appendix 1, Page 51 for case studies

Hope Connects

Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough

A monitoring report was submitted and subsequent management meeting took place in January 2022



Cheeky Monkeys Toddler Group



The toddler group continued running with restrictions lifted and adults and children became more confident in mixing and making new friends in a safe environment. Hope House café made toast for snacks again and we put measures in place to ensure that this was done in a covid secure way. The link between

café and the group has been welcomed by all our session users, some using it before or after the group. We've had fun with Bonfire, Remembrance and Christmas themes in our craft area and parents have taken an active part in supervising their children as they create.

HOPE CONNECTS QUARTER THREE		
12.5	7	30
Volunteering Hours	New Families this Quarter	Families interacted with



Little Chimps Baby Group

The service continued working with mums from last quarter and met new mums this quarter. The atmosphere in the group is welcoming with existing mums chatting to and supporting new mums. In December a local pottery painting business was invited to a session to help create keepsake decorations.

Time for me: A group aimed for mums only. They met for the second time at the beginning of December for a Christmas themed event. The local pottery painting business joined the evening- with every mum being able to paint, a Christmas themed candle holder of their choice. There were 15 mums who attended, some who were relatively new to Hope Connects.



Please refer to Appendix 1, Page 52 for case studies

Financial Resilience Funding

Vulnerable
People

Citizens Advice Barnsley (CAB)- Welfare Rights and Legal Advice Service



Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough

A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/management meeting took place in January 2022. The infographic picks out highlights from this quarter.

Following Government guidelines, in light of the Coronavirus outbreak, on Tuesday 17th March 2020 all Citizens Advice Barnsley face to face contact with clients was suspended. From this date all Citizens Advice services were transferred to Adviceline telephone and Email services.

Clients can currently only access the service through the telephone Adviceline or by digital means. (Email, Webchat or Video Appointment).

From the start of this funding project, on 1st December 2020 advisers have assisted a total of 928 client contacts. Helped clients to claim £257,593 of benefits and manage £180,293 of debt. The top 3 enquiries this quarter (Oct to Dec 21) were, Benefits, Debt and Housing. However, there were still high levels of enquiries relating to Relationships, Legal issues and Employment.

WELFARE RIGHTS AND LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE. OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2021

219 **£48,221** **£10,641**

Client contacts Worth of benefits claimed Worth of debt managed

Equality Profile	
Ward	Client Contacts
Central	83
Dodworth	13
Kingstone	62
Stairfoot	39
Worsbrough	22
Total	219

Please refer to Appendix 1, Page 54 for case studies

Social Isolation Challenge Fund



Rotherham & Barnsley Mind – Thriving Communities Project

Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough



A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/management meeting took place in February 2022. The infographic above shows highlights from the report.

This project was launched in April 2021 with a specific focus and targets aiming to demonstrate impact in reducing social isolation and loneliness.

The core team is in place and induction has been completed for four volunteers with training in January 2022. It should be noted that (in the light of the pandemic):

- Mind continued to review government guidance and risk assessment, and may need to review face to face groups and move to online groups.
- Feedback from clients suggests that people continue to be anxious about physical social interactions, and in some cases have seen their levels of anxiety increase significantly.
- Not all participants feel comfortable or have the knowledge or means to join virtual platforms



In addition, as a project responsive to the needs of users, and shaped around the nature of referrals, with a flexible and collaborative approach, the project is re-shaping approaches based on the needs of our clients.

Please refer to Appendix 1, Page 56 for case study

AGE UK Barnsley – My Community, My Life Project

Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough



A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/management meeting took place in January 2022. The infographic above picks out highlights from the report.

There are two elements to this service. The first addresses individual social isolation through 1:1 work with the Social Inclusion Team and Information and Advice Service. The second is the development of new group activities and support for existing groups. Work includes:

- supporting vulnerable older people to get back to normal after a long lockdown, continued and ever-changing restrictions, while enabling them to keep safe and well.
- Tackling the confidence, mental health/wellbeing, social isolation and balance/mobility issues that older people are increasingly experiencing, with a view of improving these in a way that will help them gain confidence in stepping back into society and socialising.
- Supporting older people to build resilience as quickly as possible because winter itself brings further social isolation, an increase in falls and low mood.

In this quarter 47 older people have been supported in the Central area through 1:1 social intervention and providing a range of activities and support. This includes volunteers providing telephone/home befriending & regular calls/visits from the Social Inclusion Worker (SIW). Older people with low mood have received support with regular telephone calls, and have been signposted to GP or IAPT where necessary. Some service users are continuing to take part in knitting projects which are keeping them positively occupied, enabling them to keep active and focused and aid their overall well-being.

Information and advice – an officer deals with a substantial number of low level unmonitored enquiries, higher level of service figures are shown in the table below:

No of Service Users by Ward		No of Service Users by advice category	
Central Area	4	Benefits	15
Dodworth	5	Social Care	
Kingstone	0	Health	
Stairfoot	5	Travel	1
Worsborough	2	Other	
Total	16	Housing	

Group Activities

- Coffee & Conversation (NEW, Worsbrough ward) – the group engage weekly in bingo games, quizzes and conversations that support one another, friendships are forged and strengthened as each week goes by, a fantastic example of preventing social isolation. This group was an immediate hit and has grown fabulously in numbers week on week, starting with 13 and achieving 28 in the week of Christmas



- Highstone Farm Walking for Health Group – the walking group based within the Central area was invited to enjoy an educational walk around Highstone Farm situated close to Locke Park which included a guided tour around private owned gardens that encourage bio-diversity. Following the guided tour this, the group were privileged to have access to The Locke Park tower which was opened up by members of The Friends of Locke Park.



- Flower Arranging – an afternoon organised by the SIW and a local florist



- Chair Exercises (NEW, Higham) – beneficial for people and gave a boost to all both physically and mentally
- Community Allotment – Another team of National Citizen Service volunteers helped the ground ahead of it being cleared by Barnsley Council as a fly tipping concern. Having a fence and a gate installed heavily assisted by to create a real boundary line and security. This will now become a spring project ready for plants to be sown. The Men In Sheds team members are putting together raised beds and a shelter should anyone require a little rest.



Please refer to Appendix 1, Page 59 for case studies

Reds in The Community – Reds Connect

Covers: Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot & Worsbrough

Social Isolation

REDS CONNECT PROJECT QUARTER THREE

29

Football / Walking Football Attendees p/session

10

Walking Group Attendees p/session

35

Exercise Class Attendees p/session

15

Sporting Memories Attendees p/session



A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/management meeting took place in February 2022. The infographic shows the highlights from the report.

All programmes consist of regular consultation with participants to ensure their needs are being met, with opportunities for them to feedback and provide recommendations. Quarter three has been one filled with challenges and adaptations to delivery due to the time of the year and the quality of facilities available in the area however, there have been attendances across a number of activities increase with new faces arriving at some sessions. The largest increase of individuals in attendance has been the sporting memories session with 5 new participants attending.

Walking football – attendees enjoyed a friendly fixture against Doncaster on the 30th November 2021. Participants played a number of games across the day culminating in a well-earned cup of tea and snacks afterwards.

Walking group – sessions adapted due to the cold weather and anticipated poor weather, however, an increase in attendances was noted with an average of 7 participants attending each walk and a total of 73 over the quarter.

Exercise session – continued success observed across all sessions (i.e. circuits, boxing fitness and step)

Sporting memories – Session consist of games including bingo, card games, taboo and a music quiz. Attendees have included ex-football players and previous sponsors of the Football Club that has enabled first person stories and experiences to be shared.

Collaborative/Partership work

- Members of BOPPAA (a group set up by Age UK)
- Mind – helping ensure that individuals can access the Reds Connect programme whilst awaiting support from Mind or to compliment the individuals support
- Communication Awareness UK – completed Communication Access training to show the service's commitment to supporting people with speech, language and communication disabilities



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Youth Fund

The Youth Association -StreetSmart

Covers: Central, Kingstone, Stairfoot, Worsbrough



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StreetSmart is a scheme that improves skills, attitudes, and prospects by taking training and certification to street level. The project involves delivering street-based workshops, supplemented by sports, social action, and other initiatives. Sessions have included Stereotyping, hate crime, drugs awareness, CPR, positive masculinity, crime & Anti-Social Behaviour.



During this quarter the project has also engaged young people in funding applications, for equipment and social action ideas. Sport has continued to be a running theme with the Ward Green skate project being a definite highlight. Project reps have taken the opportunity to volunteer, work with partners and attend the launch of South Yorkshire Community Foundation vital signs report. Young people have been exposed to several positive role models both male and female.

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YMCA -Detached Youth Work

Covers: Dodworth and Gilroyd

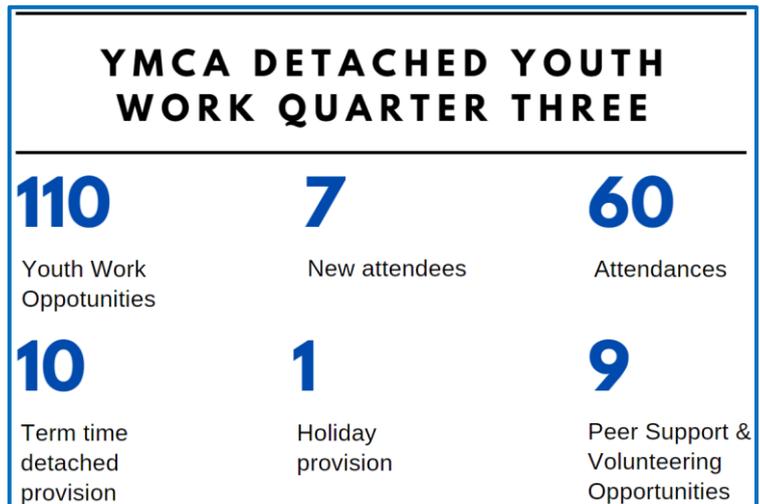
Children &
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YMCA BARNSELY

A comprehensive monitoring report was submitted and the subsequent grant monitoring/management meeting will take place in January 2022. The infographic shows highlights from the report.

The delivery of the programme has been significantly impacted on by the challenges and restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic and consequently YMCA Barnsley has adapted our delivery models to the needs of our participants using Covid safe youth work interventions in line with Government and Public Health Guidance and in line with National youth Agency (NYA) Covid Readiness levels.

The project is commissioned as an 'out of school hours' programme and delivery usually takes place twilight, evenings, weekends and school holidays. However, during the Covid-19 pandemic the delivery model has been flexible to maintain support for participants whilst working within guidance and restrictions.



This quarter, the team maintained a weekly presence in and around the communities of Gilroyd and Dodworth and continue to engage with our regular groups in the locality although this is less regular now that we are into the darker and cold months. Hot chocolate, biscuits and discussion based activities are main theme of our engagement at this time of year. When appropriate the team have discussed with the group some of their peer's behaviour and how it impacts on their wider community and reflects on their reputation as individuals.

Collaboration

The project continues its commitment to supporting local providers and venues and in this quarter YMCA have been working closely with project partners and community organisations and local youth work and community support networks. This includes the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Berneslai Homes, CVS, Covid Response Team, homelessness and housing, BMBC Area Council and parks teams, as well as our youth work specific networks.

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CENTRAL AREA TEAM QUARTER THREE

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Central Area Council Commissioned Funding

YMCA Unity Project

The project continues to work towards and meet its aims of contributing to building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people aged 8-14. This has continuously been achieved through; consistent positive relationships with trusted adults, offering a safe environment for children and young people, providing positive opportunities and experiences to raise aspirations and in turn build confidence and self-esteem. Also, through offering a range of support models and referral to additional services, both within the YMCA and with external agencies, when required.

The project has continued to adapt its delivery in response to changing needs within each of the localities with the majority of sessions being delivered out of hours. We have continued to ensure we offer the consistent positive relationships and support to the children, young people and their families that we work with. The project continues to work on supporting children and young people to build their emotional resilience and wellbeing using the specific approaches from the Resilience Framework.

Case Study 1 highlights the importance of the whole package of effective youth work in building positive wellbeing and emotional resilience. Creating safe spaces for children and young people, the opportunity to experience a range of activities to foster their interests and talents, the time and space to build positive relationships and of providing consistent support from trusted, skilled and experienced youth workers. Recognising that all of our participants have different experiences and different needs which need to be met before they can thrive.

Case Study 2 shares the journey of one of our participants throughout her time with us on the project so far. It is an example of how the project has supported a young person to develop her personal and social skills and increase her confidence which contributes to improving her emotional resilience and overall health and wellbeing.

Case Study 1

Background/Context

M is a 14-year-old young male from the Central ward who has been a participant at the YMCA for many years, along with his 2 younger siblings. M has attended the Unity project since he was 10 and in the last year has engaged with some of our wider YMCA consultation and representation activities.

M is a confident, polite and outspoken member of the group. On various occasions M speaks before thinking about what he is saying or considering the effect this may have on other people. He can be critical of others and this has affected his ability to form friendships and participate in some activities. He has at times been perceived as being challenging and having an inappropriate attitude to others that can sometimes be seen as bullying.

M and his siblings are in the same foster care placement and have been there for around 3 years. M has recently spoken about the fact that his birth parents are now back in their lives and this has had a negative effect on them. For M this has caused him worry and confusion as there is the possibility that they may be able to return to their family home. M has mixed feelings regarding this decision and has said that he does not want to have to make that decision.

Intervention/Process

M has been part of the consultation project with the University of Sheffield and really thrived through that project. He enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside some of our older young volunteers, sharing his views and the potential to influence change. Following this project, he expressed an interest in being involved in similar projects and was invited to participate in 2 projects:

A focused project around managing feelings and emotions and raising awareness around other topics, including how we all have our own differences and ways and that we should be less judgemental and more accepting. M engaged in the group discussion and contributed to the topics discussed and in particular developed his understanding about the impact of actions on others and realised that not all people understand the concept 'of a joke'.

A joint project with other youth work providers to map service delivery and raise awareness of the support services available for young people. As part of this M has been working with young people from other organisations to plan and deliver an event for other young people and representing young people from YMCA Barnsley.

Impact of work with the individual:

The impact of the interventions has been evidenced by his enthusiasm after he attended the meeting and explaining to his peers what the meeting had involved and the future plans. I spoke to M about the possibility of him becoming a member of the YMCA Youth Board which he is very keen to become a member of. M behaviour as also improved, and you can see that he knows pauses before he jumps in with a comment or remark. He is able to recognise that he is skilled, intelligent young man who has a lot of potential to succeed in life.

Feedback:

Foster Carer

XXXX took the opportunity to join the YMCA a few years ago. I've been pleased to see him often return with a smile and enthusing about activities he's been part of. More recently he has had his confidence boosted by being invited to speak up about youth concerns and issues during online debates and now with Jo at The Hub.

M – Young Person

I've enjoyed working with others to discuss issues that concern me and people around my age. I think it's brought me a mature attitude.

Next Steps

The YMCA youth work team will continue to support M 1:2:1 with his personal issues and to empower him through facilitating positive experiences and opportunities that enable him to work in smaller groups and as part of focussed projects. This will hopefully help him to further develop his key skills and self-confidence and to concentrate on the positive aspects of his life and the things he can influence rather than solely on his uncertain future with whichever family.

Case Study 2

Background/Context

Summer is 10 years old and a Year 6 pupil at Queens Road Academy, who attends the YMCA's 8-14's Unity project. Summer really enjoys the crafts and games at the after-school club. She has told us that she especially likes the craft part of the session as she doesn't have access to these at home to develop her creative skills. Summer can be quite a bossy member of the group towards the other members of the after-school club. As the group is a small, intimate group it highlights summers leadership skills but also how she finds it hard to work as a team and allow the other participants to express their views and ideas.

Intervention/Process

The group were formed in September 2021 therefore we felt that now the young people and staff were well acquainted it would give us the opportunity to build on their skills and support them on their journeys to get their voices heard and work as a team during sessions and the importance of communication, listening, fairness and teamwork. These skills will also help the Year 6's in their transition to Secondary School. We also ensured that crafts were available to Summer and the other members each weekly session as this would allow Summer to be creative which will encourage her emotional resilience and wellbeing.

Impact of work with the individual:

Summer has really enjoyed the group work and problem-solving activities and the staff have been managing the group to enable each young person to experience different roles within the group and using reflection processes to help the review the activities and skills identify the skills used. Summer has found this challenging at times, but she has been able to recognise her strengths and weaknesses and is becoming more patient and understanding the fact that she must let others speak and give them a turn to decide which activity we do next. Summer is a very friendly, helpful and kind young girl who is becoming more confident and thoughtful each week. Summer attends the afterschool session every week and has started to participate in some of the project wide holiday provisions which has given her the opportunity to meet other young people and try new experiences. Summer says she absolutely loves Wednesdays (when the after-school club is on).

Feedback:

“I really like doing the YMCA because I like the crafts and I don't have these things at home, so I like Wednesdays because I get to do crafts.” – Summer

What's next?

We will continue to work with Summer during her time in Queens Road Academy and encourage her to participate in wider projects and holiday provision. Enabling her to further develop her personal and social skills and access a range of opportunities to build confidence and broaden her horizons.

When Summer goes up to Secondary School, depending on which school she goes to, we will continue to work with her and support her through her transition. This will ensure she has access to familiar, trusted youth workers, feels supported, and will hopefully mean she feels more comfortable in her new environment.

TWIGGS

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Proactive Works Completed

1. 30/09/2021- Walk in Centre, Worsbrough Ward
Weeded along the public footpath. Cut down the self-sets and strimmed the grass on the grass verge.



2. 30/09/2021 - Monk Spring, Bank End Road, Worsbrough Ward
Litter pick targeting the park and field.

Waste Collected: 3 sacks



3. 05/10/2021 - Silverwood Woods, Dodworth Ward
Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 2 sacks



4. 05/08/2021 - Barnsley Road, Dodworth Ward



Strimmed and cut the grass opposite the train station.

5. 05/10/2021 - Dodworth Library, Dodworth Ward
Strimmed nettles, shrubs and weeds to reveal the paving.



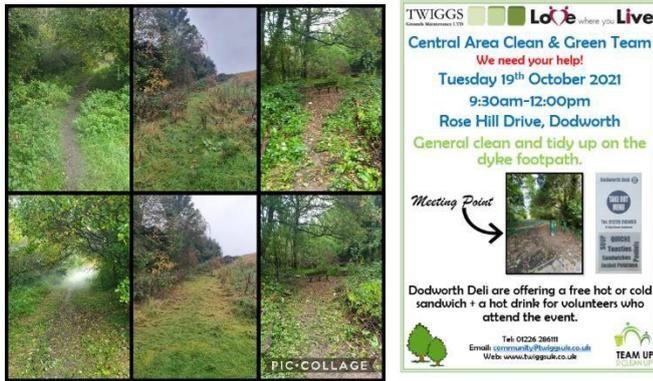
6. 05/10/2021 - Rose Hill Drive, Dodworth Ward
Cut back brambles that were encroaching onto the footpath.



7. 19/10/2021 - Rose Hill Drive, Dodworth Ward
This event was planned and advertised as a Twiggs Led event however due to the extreme weather conditions unfortunately no volunteers attended. We spoke with staff at Dodworth Deli & Café who were providing a free meal for volunteers at the event. They will now be supplying a free hot or cold sandwich and a drink for a future session instead. While there we strimmed grass and shrubs to

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widen the footpath and reinstate the edges and cut off any overhanging branches that were obstructing the footpath. Creating a habitat pile using the branches and green waste. Litter picked. **Waste Collected: 2 sacks**



- 8. 19/10/2021 - Keresforth Hill, Dodworth
WardStrimmed grass.



- 9. 29/10/2021 - Blackburn Lane, Worsbrough
WardTrimmed the hedges and strimmed



the grass.

- 10. 29/10/2021 - Yews Lanes, Stairfoot
WardLitter pick.

Waste Collected: 4 sacks



11. 29/10/2021 - Kendray Park, Stairfoot Ward

Responded to a request by a concerned resident in regards to broken glass around the children's playpark. Swept and cleared the broken glass.

Waste Collected: 1 sacks



12. 10/11/2021 - Keresforth Hill, Dodworth Ward

Strimmed the grass. Training our Twiggs member of staff on effectively using the strimmer.



13. 10/11/2021 - Princess Street and Park Grove, Kingstone
WardLitter pick.

Waste Collected: 6 sacks



14. 11/11/2021 - Day Street, Kingstone
WardLitter pick.

Waste Collected: 6 sacks



15. 12/11/2021 - Yews Lane, Worsbrough Ward

Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 1 sack



16. 15/11/2021 - Dearne Valley Skate Park, Central Ward Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 2 sacks



17. 17/11/2021 - Day Street, Kingstone Ward Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 4 sacks



18. 18/11/2021 - Yews Lane, Kendray, Stairfoot Ward
 Advertised as a Twiggs Led event but unfortunately no volunteers attended. Strimmed along the bottom of the metal fence. Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 2 sacks



19. 18/11/2021 - Park Road Field, Worsbrough Ward Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 2 sacks



20. 19/11/2021 - Thornton Road, Kendray, Stairfoot

WardLitter pick.

Waste Collected: 4 sacks



21. 23/11/2021 - Higham Common Lane, Dodworth Ward

Reinstated a section of the footpath. Follow up sessions will take place to continue the work.



22. 23/11/2021 - Dodworth Ward

Carried out a litter pick targeting multiple areas in the Dodworth Ward.

Waste Collected: 4 sacks



23. 24/11/2021 - Day Street, Kingstone

WardLitter pick.

Waste Collected: 4 sacks



24. 24/11/2021 - Princess Street, Kingstone

WardLitter pick.

Waste Collected: 6 sacks



25. 26/11/2021 - TPT, Stairfoot

WardLitter pick.

Waste Collected: 2 sacks



26. 30/11/2021 - Dodworth

WardLitter pick around
Dodworth. Waste

Collected: 8 sacks



27. 30/11/2021 - Kendray Park, Stairfoot

WardLitter pick of Kendray Park.

Waste Collected: 4 sacks



28. 01/12/2021 - Day Street, Kingstone

WardLitter pick.

Waste Collected: 3 sacks



29. 08/12/2021 - Day Street and Princess Street

WardLitter pick.

Waste Collected: 8 sacks

30. 13/12/2021 - Dearne Valley Skate Park, Central Ward
Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 2 sacks



C. Twiggs Led Projects promoted and delivered

1. 11/10/2021 - Churchfield Road, Central Ward

Working with 15 new young volunteers (Barnsley College, Wigfield Farm Students) 30 volunteer hours

This event was organised to allow college students to gain valuable hands on work experience and understand the outdoor working environment. This took place in the small park located behind Churchfield Peace Gardens. Weeded and scraped moss around the perimeter of the park. Raked up leaves and collected them along with twigs that were put into separate sacks. The sacks of leaves have been stored by Twiggs and left to breakdown into leaf mold. The leaf mold will be used in 12months' time for seed sowing. We explained to the students why these activities have been done and the benefits of them. Had a Q&A and quick litter pick to finish off the session.

Green Waste Collected: 15 sacks
Waste Collected: 2 sacks

2. 18/10/2021 - Old Tannery Road, Central Ward

Working with 1 sustained adult volunteer
2 volunteer hours

Trimmed back the shrubs and nettles that were encroaching onto the footpath. Proceeded to the car park and cut down self-sets. Reintroduced the green waste into the surrounding woodland. Arranged a follow up session to continue the work in the car park. Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 2 sacks



3. 22/10/2021 - TPT Heritage Entrance, Stairfoot Ward

Working with 2 sustained adult volunteers and 1 new adult

volunteer6 volunteer hours

Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 7 sacks



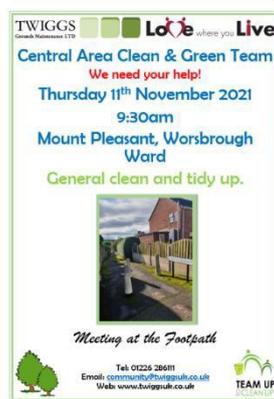
- 4. 30/10/2021 - Princess Street, Kingstone Ward Working with 1 sustained adult volunteer 2 volunteer hours Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 7 sacks



- 5. 05/11/2021 - Kendray, Stairfoot Ward Working with 1 new adult volunteer 2 volunteer hours Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 6 sacks



4 volunteer hours

Scraped weeds and moss from along the footpaths.

- 7. 2/11/2021 - Dodworth War Memorial, Dodworth Ward - Armistice Day Preparations. Working with 4 sustained adult volunteers and 1 new adult volunteer

5 volunteer hours

Held this session to prepare the War Memorial for Sunday Armistice service. Weeded the paving around the memorial and trimmed the hedges. Litter pick. Dodworth Deli supported the event by donating drinks and sandwiches.



- 8. 18/11/2021 - Bank End Road, Worsbrough Ward

Working with 2 sustained adult volunteers and 1 new adult volunteer (Inc. Cllr Lodge) 6 volunteer hours

Worked on the footpath located next to the St Thomas Church. Cleared leaves that were causing a slip hazard and cut back brambles that were an obstruction.



- 9. 24/11/2021 - Tower Street, Kingstone Ward

Working with 3 new adult volunteer (Inc. Liam, Sharon and Kath) 6 volunteer hours





Scraped weeds that were growing along footpaths. Maintained the planters on the street. Litter pick. **Waste Collected: 36 sacks**

10. 01/12/2021 - Blenheim Avenue, Kingstone
Ward Working with 2 sustained adult
volunteers
4 volunteer hours

Cleared leaves from the footpath to remove the slip hazard. Litter picked and removed fly
tip. **Waste Collected: 15 sacks**



Section 2 - A. Groups Supported

1. Barnsley Main **Heritage Group (Established Group)**

1. 04/10/2021- Barnsley Main, Stairfoot Ward - Remembrance Sunday
Preparations Working with 8 sustained adult volunteers
16 volunteer hours

Strimmed nettles that were growing in the flower beds. Strimmed weeds along the footpath
and around the semi-circle to prepare it for remembrance Sunday.





2. 11/10/2021 - Strimmed and cut the grass.
3. 18/10/2021 - Strimmed the remaining long grass and cleared the wildflower area in preparation for next year.
4. 25/10/2021 - Removed tree stumps to open up the new wildlife area.



5. 09/11/2021 - Removed further tree stumps to prepare the area for the planting of whips. Continued to open up the new wildlife area to create room for a pond.
6. 15/11/2021

Working with 10 sustained adult volunteers (Inc. BMBC and Bettalives) 20 volunteer hours

Weeded and reintroduced the green waste into the woodland. The area is now a suitable location for the pond to be built. Planted some bulbs.



Attended Barnsley Main to represent our service. The volunteers received certificates for



the fantastic work done during lockdown, keeping the streets around the area free of litter and for keeping the TPT free of litter. The certificates were handed out by Sustrans representatives.

8. 07/12/2021

Removed tree stumps to continue opening up the new wildlife area.

9. 08/12/2021

Dug out an area for the ponds to go in the recently created wildlife area.



10. 09/12/2021

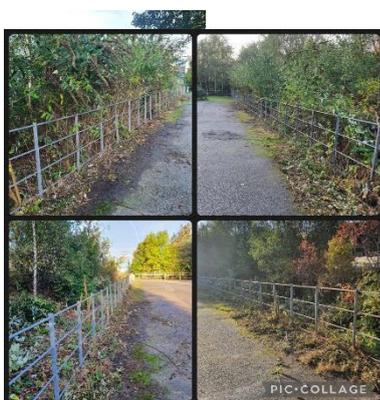
Dropped off a donation of plants to the group. These were donated by Tesco, Stairfoot.



Dearne Valley County Park Group (Established Group)

6. 04/10/2021 - Dearne Valley Country Park, Central Ward Independent litter pick supporting volunteers.

Waste Collected: 3 sacks



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 Central Area Clean & Green Team
 We need your help!
 Monday 25th October 2021
 8:15am
 Old Tannery Road, Central
 Litter pick and shrub maintenance.

Meeting Point
 Tel: 00265
 Email: community@5
 Web: www.bulfgm.com

7. 11/10/2021 - Met with volunteer Sarah and organised some dates and areas to target with the group. Old Tannery Road and Rotherham Road will be the first priorities for a litter pick.

8. 25/10/2021 - Old Tannery Road car park, Central Ward
 Working with 1 sustained adult volunteer (Sarah)
 2 volunteer hours
 Cut the buddleia and self-sets down to the base to prevent them from growing through the fence. This has opened up the area to allow better access for volunteers litter picking. Litter picked.
 Waste Collected: 6 sacks

9. 17/11/2021 - Delivered 500 purple sacks for independent group volunteer work.
10. 22/11/2021 - Dearne Valley Country Park, Central Ward
 Independent litter pick.
 Waste Collected: 2 sacks

11. 25/11/2021 - (Barnsley Employability Group event)

12. 30/11/2021 - Dearne Valley Country Park, Central Ward
 Trimmed the hedges and strimmed down the nettles on the footpath leading to Lock Keepers College.

13. 07/12/2021 - Dearne Valley Country Park, Central Ward
 Litter pick.



2. Worsbrough Environmental Group (**Established Group**)

1. 21/10/2021 - West Street, Worsbrough Ward
 Working with 6 sustained adult volunteers and 1 new adult volunteer
 14 volunteer hours





Pruned self-sets and scraped footpaths free of weeds and moss. Trimmed back trees that were overhanging the footpath and strimmed nettles located on the verge.

2. 02/12/2021 - Dale Park, Worsbrough Ward

Targeting two entrances to Dale Park we trimmed back shrubs that were overhanging the wall. Removed self-sets and cleared fallen leaves that were blocking the drainage system. Reintroduced the green waste back into the environment.

3. 06/12/2021 - Worsbrough Mill, Worsbrough Ward

Collected a gazebo from the Central Area Team office and transported it to Worsbrough Mill. This was in preparation for an upcoming event. Met with Amber who gave us a tour and some children's shovels in preparation for an upcoming event.



Kendray Community Group - in partnership with volunteering and employability services BMBC (Established Group)

1. 08/10/2021 – Swanee Steps, Kendray, Stairfoot

Ward Working with 2 sustained adult volunteers
4 volunteer hours

Started our new project with the aim of allowing wildlife to thrive. Cut down self-sets and removed dead branches. Piled all the branches and green waste together in preparation for our habitat building event.



2. 15/10/2021

Working with 2 sustained adult volunteers 4 volunteer hours

Weeded and strimmed back grass that was encroaching onto the footpath. Proceeded into the woodland and opened up a patch of land by strimming down shrubs. Created a wildlife habitat by utilising large branches to create a square shape keeping the structure sturdy. Weaved smaller branches through the large branches to create a secure box shape. Used the green waste from our previous event including twigs, leaves and dirt to complete the habitat



pile.

3. 22/10/2021

Working with 2 sustained adult volunteers and 1 new adult volunteer 6 volunteer hours

Built up another habitat pile using green waste and dead branches.



4. 29/10/2021

Working with 1 sustained adult volunteer and 1 new adult volunteer 4 volunteer hours



Collected green waste and dead branches. Constructed a new habitat pile around the bottom of trees in the shape of a horse shoe for a solid structure and foundation.

5. 05/11/2021

Working with 2 sustained adult volunteers 4 volunteer hours

Pruned trees to open up the area. Continued to build up the habitat pile using green waste and branches collected from pruning the trees. Litter pick.

Waste Collected: 4 sacks



6. 12/11/2021

Working with 2 sustained adult volunteers 4 volunteer hours

Created a footpath leading through the woodland area passing by the constructed habitat piles. Pruned the trees to allow more light through.



7. 19/11/2021

Working with 2 sustained adult volunteers 4 volunteer hours



Continued creating the footpath leading through the woodland area.

8. 26/11/2021

Working with 3 sustained adult volunteers and 2 new adult volunteers 10 volunteer hours

Continued creating the footpath and started creating a new habitat pile.



9. 03/12/2021

Working with 3 sustained adult volunteers and 1 new adult volunteer 6 volunteer hours

Created a new entrance to the woodland walk. Continued to expand the footpath using materials sourced from a fallen tree.



10. 10/12/2021

Working with 5 sustained adult volunteers 10 volunteer hours

Continued working on the woodland walk trail by building up the sides of the footpath using different techniques. Created a new habitat pile.



Mencap (Established Group)

2. 06/10/2021 – Compass House, Central Ward
Working with 4 sustained adult volunteers

8 volunteer hours

Litter pick targeting surrounding streets. Waste Collected: 14 sacks



2. 27/10/2021

Working with 2 new adult volunteers
4 volunteer hours

Piled up and collected together fallen leaves that were causing a slip hazard. Weeded the flower bed to prepare them for planting. The group thanked us and gave us a donation of PPE for use by the community.

Green Waste Collected: 15 sacks



3. 17/11/2021

Working with 3 sustained adult volunteers
6 volunteer hours

Collected leaves and scraped moss from the car park removing a slip hazard.

4. 01/12/2021

Working with 1 sustained adult
volunteer 2 volunteer hours

Litter pick in the area surrounding the Mencap Centre.

Waste Collected: 10 sacks



4. Barnsley Canal Group (New Emerging Group)

1. 04/10/2021 - Barnsley Canal, Dearne Valley Park, Central

Ward Working with 2 sustained adult volunteers
4 volunteer hours

Worked next to the Old Boat House removing self-sets. Proceeded to the canal and continued building up the bunds. Cut down the small trees in the waterway and bramble



bashed shrubs.

2. 18/10/2021

Working with 1 sustained adult
volunteer 2 volunteer hours

Removed tree stumps.



3. 25/10/2021

Working with 2 sustained adult
volunteers 4 volunteer hours

Continued to remove tree stumps. This has been carried out in preparation for the dam re-wetting to allow the water to hold more effectively.



4. 08/11/2021

Working with 2 sustained adult
volunteers 4 volunteer hours

Continued to remove tree stumps.



5. 16/11/2021

Working with 3 sustained adult
volunteers 6 volunteer hours

Continued to remove tree stumps.



6. 22/11/2021



Working with 4 sustained adult
volunteers 8 volunteer hours
Completed stump.

7. 25/11/2021 – (Barnsley Employability Group event)

8. 07/12/2021

Working with 2 sustained adult
volunteers 4 volunteer hours

Cut down self-sets and stacked them to create a barrier. Left a gap in the barrier to allow wildlife to pass through. Created a staircase in the side of the banking for better access.



9. 07/12/2021

Started clearing brambles located on the banking to allow room to continue building the natural barrier.



10. 13/12/2021

Working with 2 sustained adult
volunteers 4 volunteer hours

Continued building the natural barrier using the large branches from fallen trees.



5. Worsbrough Dale Bowling green volunteers (**Established Group**)

1. 14/10/2021 – Trimmed the shrubs and hedges back to the fence line on the footpath located behind the bowling green. Thinned the trees overhanging the footpath. As the footpath is now safe for the elderly volunteers to work on, a future event will be set up to continue maintenance work.



- 29/10/2021 – Continued from last session, removed overhanging branches and trimmed back the hedges from the fence line.



6. Barnsley Employability Group- in partnership with volunteering and employability services BMBC

New Group

- 25/11/2021 - Dearne Valley Country Park & Barnsley Canal, Central Ward
Working with 2 sustained adult volunteers and 4 new adult volunteers (Inc. Laura and Sarah) 18 volunteer hours

Cleared footpaths of leaves and mud to remove any slip hazards. Proceeded to the canal where we continued the re-wetting project by creating bunds.



7. Friends of Kendray (**Established Group**)

- Collected a donation from volunteer Kat who kindly gave us a £40 donation for volunteers to and a

pack of water. The money was used in the Poundland Store where we bought a variety of supplies for volunteers at upcoming events.



Businesses Supported

1. Tesco

- 09/12/2021 - See full narrative in Barnsley Main Heritage Group

2. CVS Barnsley / Bettalives

- 11/10/2021 – Accepted the invitation to join ‘Bettalives’ for lunch. We discussed setting up a regular monthly activity. To begin we will be working at the Dearne Valley Park to maintain the incredible edible beds.



- 25/10/2021 – Met with Bettalives to arrange a time and date to work in Dearne Valley Park with the group. This will take place on 08/11/2021.
- 10/11/2021 – Met with Bettalives to rearrange the Dearne Valley Park session that they cancelled due to COVID cases. While having the discussion about the upcoming project Bettalives supplied us with hot drinks.
- 15/11/2021 – (Barnsley Main event)
- 22/11/2021 – Dearne Valley Park, Central Ward **Working with 5 new adult volunteers**
10 volunteer hours



Cleared the incredible edible beds of weeds and shrubs to prepare them for planting. The group decided that onions along with other vegetables would be a good idea for planting



next session.

6. 13/12/2021

Carried out an educational event where we taught the volunteers how to create bird balls to provide food for birds to the Dearne Valley Park. Everyone had a great time and learnt something new.

Bettalives provided us with a Christmas dinner as a thank you.

3. McDonalds

1. 09/11/2021

Working with 1 sustained adult volunteer and 10 new adult volunteers 22 volunteer hours

Litter pick in the area surrounding the McDonalds store. Waste Collected: 38 sacks



2. 07/12/2021 - Details found under BMBC.

4. Co-Op (New Business)

1. 12/10/2021 – Met with the manager and discussed donations for upcoming events. Left our contact details to allow the manager to get back in touch with us following our discussion.

5. Dodworth Deli & Café (New Business)



1. 12/10/2021 – Met with Emily the daughter of the owner and discussed our upcoming event. TheCafé is going to support our event by supplying a free hot drink and lunch for volunteers.



6. Dodworth Discounts (**New Business**)

1. 13/10/2021 – Approached the store and informed them about an upcoming Twiggs Led event in the area. They kindly took one of our posters and put it on display for promotion.



7. Tulip (Dodworth) (**New Business**)

1. 13/10/2021 – Approached the store and informed them about an upcoming Twiggs Led event in the area. They kindly took one of our posters and put it on display for promotion.

8. Cohens Chemist (Dodworth) (**New Business**)

1. 13/10/2021 – Approached the store and informed them about an upcoming Twiggs Led event in the area. They kindly took one of our posters and put it on display for promotion.



9. Premier Shop (Kingstone)

1. 20/10/2021 – Discussed the possibility of donations with the store owner and informed him of



the volunteer events that take place in the area. He kindly donated a large pack of waters for volunteers. General clean up outside the shop where the deliveries arrive in support of the business. Removed overgrowth and weeded. The owner thanked us for the help and assured us he will do what he can to keep the shop front clean and tidy.

10. Poundland Express (Kendray, Stairfoot) (New Business)

- 18/11/2021 – Discussed the possibility of donations for volunteer events. The store agreed to donate some supplies for volunteers and we are also looking at setting up an event in the future.

11. Recovery Steps (New Business)

- 09/12/2021 - Burleigh Court, Central Ward Working with 5 new adult volunteers
10 volunteer hours
Trimmed hedges and cleared leaves.



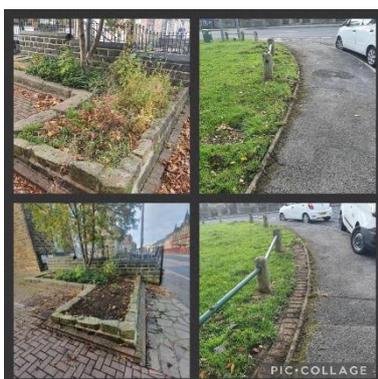
12. Bridge-It Housing (New Business)

- 09/12/2021 – Details found under Recovery Steps.

13. Social Prescribing (Kendray NHS)

- 07/12/2021 – Oaks Park Primary Care Centre, Kendray, Stairfoot Ward
Working with 3 new adult volunteers and 28 new young volunteers (Forest Academy pupils & staff)

62 volunteer hours



Today's event was a result of the meetings with Pete (Social Prescribing Link Worker) that took place to prepare for the Sustainable Healthcare - NHS Forest Project. Planted 15 fruit trees and 9 shrubs. Two commemorative trees were planted in memory of two people from the NHS who sadly passed away from COVID-19 related illnesses. The children and teachers were all assessed for an AQA in Notch planting during the session. Fantastic work with great results!



A massive thank you to yourself and Twigg's for assisting Barnsley Healthcare Federation and Oaks Park Primary Care Centre with the tree planting project this morning. The tree planting was part of the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare - NHS Forest Project. The aims of which are –

- 1) improve the health and wellbeing of patients, staff
 - 2) and communities by increasing access to green space on or near to NHS land
 - 3) encourage greater social cohesion between NHS sites and the local communities around them
 - 4) spark projects that bring together professionals and volunteers to use new and existing woodland for art, food crops, reflection and exercise, and to encourage biodiversity
- highlight innovative ideas to encourage the use of gardens and other green space for therapeutic purposes.

Yourself and Twigg's assistance was much appreciated today with supplying tools, instructing, supervising and assessing 3 teachers and 28 pupils plant, 15 dwarf fruit trees, 9 shrubs and 2 ornamental trees in order to encourage wildlife and bio-diversity and gain an AQA award. This was delayed due to bad weather but planned to link in with National Tree Week. The feedback from the children was great and was the first school trip for a long time due to covid.

On the way out the teachers asked if they would also be eligible for an AQA? If they are would it be possible to invoice us for the extra two AQA awards. I will get a list of names from the school of all involved and forward this to you asap for the award process. I will forward some photos on asap my mobile phone is not e mailing them at present.

Thanks again

Pete [REDACTED]

Schools Supported

2. Barnsley College
 1. 11/10/2021 - Wigfield Farm students attended a Twigg's Led event set up to gain the students workexperience.
2. Forest Academy
 1. 07/12/2021 – Details found under Social Prescribing (Kendray NHS).

Partnership Working

3. BMBC Services
 1. 23/10/2021 - Brinckman Street and surrounding areas, Kingstone Ward Supported the BMBC Central Area Team event. South Yorkshire Police supported the event and discussed the anti-social behavior that occurs in the area. Scraped weeds along footpaths located on Wilby Lane. Weeded and maintained the flower bed. Litter pick. (Our team disposed of the litter at this Supported Event)



Waste Collected: 14 sacks

2. 15/11/2021 - (Barnsley Main Event)
3. 18/11/2021 - Bank End Road, Worsbrough Ward (Twiggs Led Event)
4. 07/12/2021 - Beachcroft Way, Stairfoot Ward

Working with 3 sustained adult volunteers and 2 new adult volunteers (BMBC and McDonalds) 15 volunteer hours

Supporting BMBC and McDonalds we collected together fly tipping to be removed by BMBC services. Cut back brambles that were growing into the footpath. Litter picked.

Waste Collected: 40 sacks

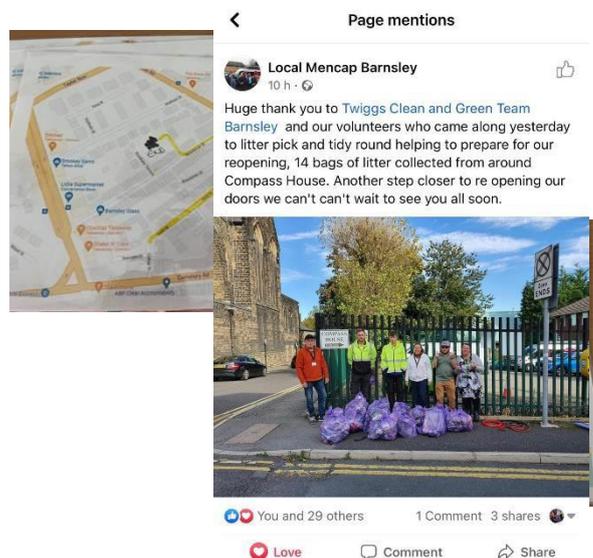


4. South Yorkshire Police

1. 23/10/2021 - (Supported BMBC Central Area Team Event)

5. Central Area Team

1. 24/11/2021 – Visted the area team office to share some of the upcoming Twiggs Led events. When leaving we were given community advent calendars to hand out to volunteers.



Part C - Section 1 - A. Feedback Received



 I volunteer with some of the Twiggs lads working on the Canal Lock. They are fabulous people to work with. It is really nice to hear all the praise and positive comments from passers by when we are working. Well done Twiggs!

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Local Mencap Barnsley
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It's been an amazing day at the club today, we started out with the fantastic team from Twiggs Clean and Green Team Barnsley helping us again to keep our car park and area clean and tidy, then a wonderful lunch followed by the amazing ladies from Angel Voices Performing Arts Academy pulling together the songs to do the final rehearsal ready to put the Christmas celebration show on next week. We've had an hectic but enjoyable day with you all thank you.
We can't wait to see you tomorrow for our luncheon club.

Morning Adam,

Just to say a huge Thank You to Allan and Aaron for coming to tidy up at Blenheim Ave, they were excellent, obliging and just generally lovely guys.....much much appreciated.....



B. Summary of the Quarter Findings – Waste Quantities

- Households / Families Supported (tool bank) – 8
- Total Adult Volunteers – 150
- Total Young Volunteers Supported – 43
- Cumulative Number of bags of litter removed from the local environment – 304
- Purple Bags Distributed for Independent volunteer use – 585
- Fly tipping Reported – 2
- Sharps Removed – 2



– 0 Businesses

Supported – 13

Partnership Working / Partners supported – 4

C. Fly tipping removed/reported in

1. 05/11/2021 - Swanne Steps, Kendray, Stairfoot Ward
Black bin bags, cardboard boxes, bits of plastic etc. Reported in for collection.



2. 01/12/2021 - Blenheim Avenue, Kingstone
Ward Rubble and barbed wire removed.
Part D - Section 1 - A. Supporting BMBC “Take a seat campaign”

1. 05/10/2021 – Rose Hill Drive, Dodworth Ward
Cut back brambles that were surrounding the bench.



Environmental Enforcement Service

Case Study Central: Oct - Dec 2021.

Wombwell Lane, Stairfoot

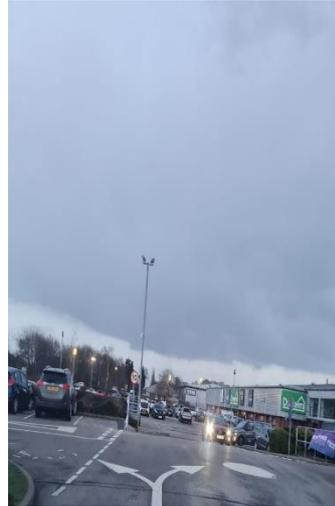
This particular area is part of the Stairfoot Ward and can be very busy at various times of the day with pedestrians walking to and fro along this part of the ward to visit the Retail park containing many of the large shopping outlets.

Wombwell lane also contains two small sized industrial estates as well as a very popular Mcdonalds at one end of it. This area was therefore brought to our attention by complaint's received from the local council neighbourhood services, the local councillor, as well as being noted by our officers for the amount of litter on the street during their routine patrols, particularly litter from the food outlet previously mentioned.

Over the quarter our officers have patrolled the area on numerous occasions and at various times of the day and were able to identify some of the offenders and issue 19 x FPN's to those who dropped their litter on this road and surrounding areas.



Our officers have renewed/placed stickers and signage in the area, particularly around the retail park area, and the feedback has been good and, our officers will continue their patrols in this area.



Case Study Central: Oct - Dec 2021.

Dodworth

Dodworth and its surrounding areas host a number of industrial units which are condensed around the Manchester Road/Whinby Road areas. It also has a train station on Manchester Road, which sometimes, can create a footfall from commuters at various times of the day. Around this particular part of Dodworth, there are also lots of grass verges and public footpaths which are popular with many dog walkers in the area. The area around Dodworth was highlighted on a couple of hotspot tasks, which were received through the safer neighbourhood services during this quarter, as well as the local council members from the area, who have long campaigned for more patrols of the area.



Over the quarter our District officers have patrolled the area on a regular basis and at different times of the day. The officers were able to identify some of the offenders and issue 12 x FPN's to those who committed the offence of littering in a public place.

Our officers have also renewed/placed stickers and signage in the area, the feedback has been good and, our officers will continue their patrols in this area.



Targeted Household Fly-tipping

Good news stories

82 contaminated bin's reported and removed this quarter this is some of the result's post removal.



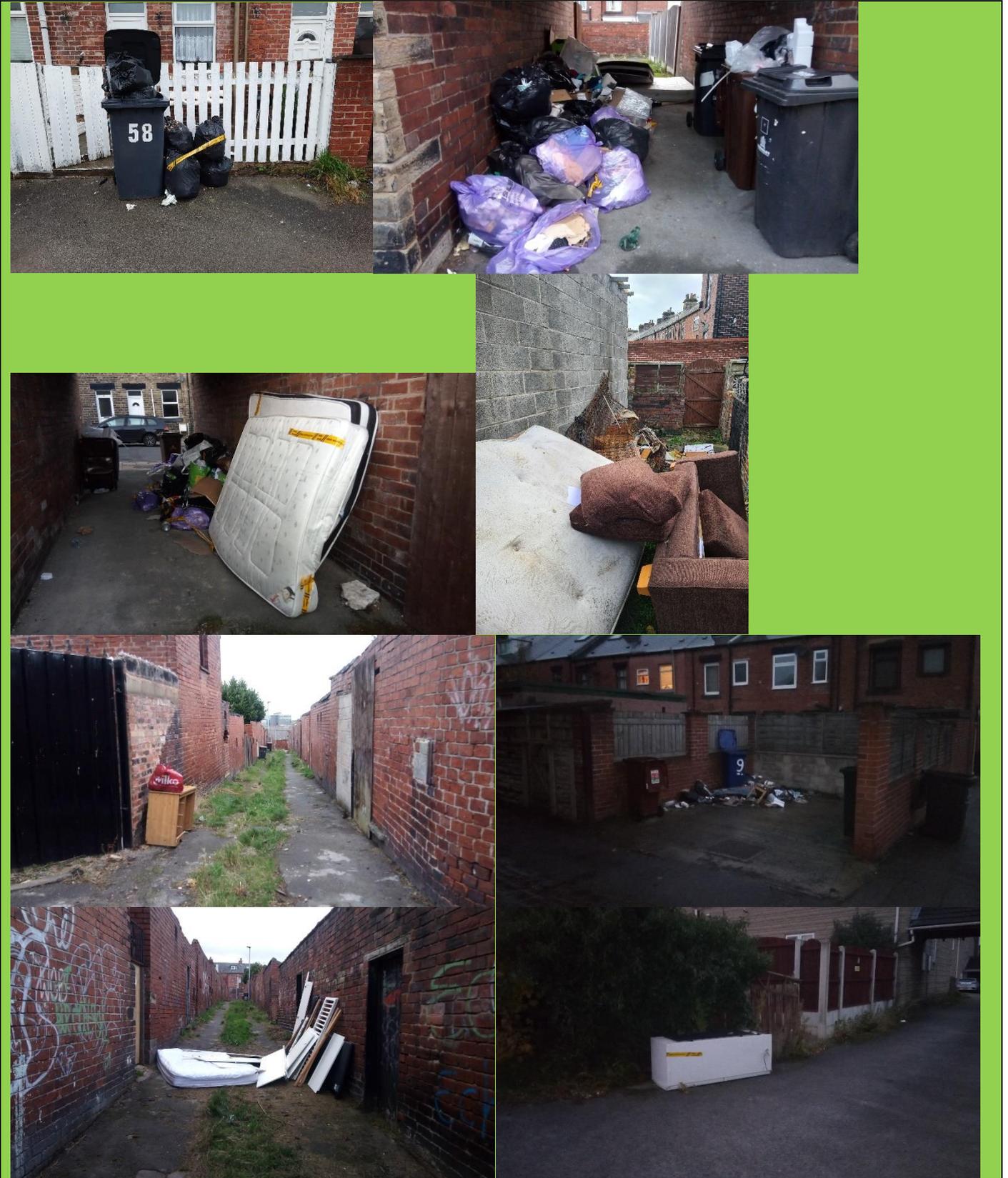
These were some of the before and after photos I have not been able to take photos of all the clear up locations but will provide if needed.





Private and council land clear up's before and after fly tipping, side waste and waste in garden's, all these before photo locations have now been cleared and appropriate action have been taken against properties and individual.





Support for new tenants in private rented housing

Case Studies

Stairfoot

Waste management issues before and after – Warning letter was sent to residents and had a brief discussion about waste management, contacted both letting agents and landlords to stress the importance of their responsibility to clear. All bins need to be shut etc with no waste exposed to prevent encouragement of pests.



Central

Waste in garden / skip – Before & After



After receiving complaints regarding a skip and a lot of building waste, I contacted the management company and issued them with a warning letter. They stated that there had been a substantial leak in one of their properties and as a result all this was building waste from the property. It would be cleared asap, and it was gone in a matter of weeks as soon as the work was finished.



Central – Flytipping before and after (PHOTOS CROPPED FOR GDPR)



This was some commercial fly tipping and there was ongoing issues between businesses, there was previous ASB allegations which I advised to be forwarded onto the police.

After speaking with the owner of the unit I issued a warning letter and stressed it was their responsibility to get it cleared, a skip was ordered the same day and all waste was cleared in two weeks.

The complainant was extremely grateful for our involvement on this case by both AB and JP as we joint worked this case.

Central – Waste in gardens & overgrown



These two jobs were discovered during a proactive patrol in the area, warning letters were immediately issued and the waste was cleared within a matter of weeks. Both properties were vacant at the time, after my discussions with the landlord. Before and after below.





Family Lives

Evaluation and Feedback

Below are photographs and quotes from some of the parents who attended the Christmas gathering, which reflect the aims of the work we have been undertaking across this quarter and the purpose of the event.

I enjoyed very much. I'm waiting for another one soon.

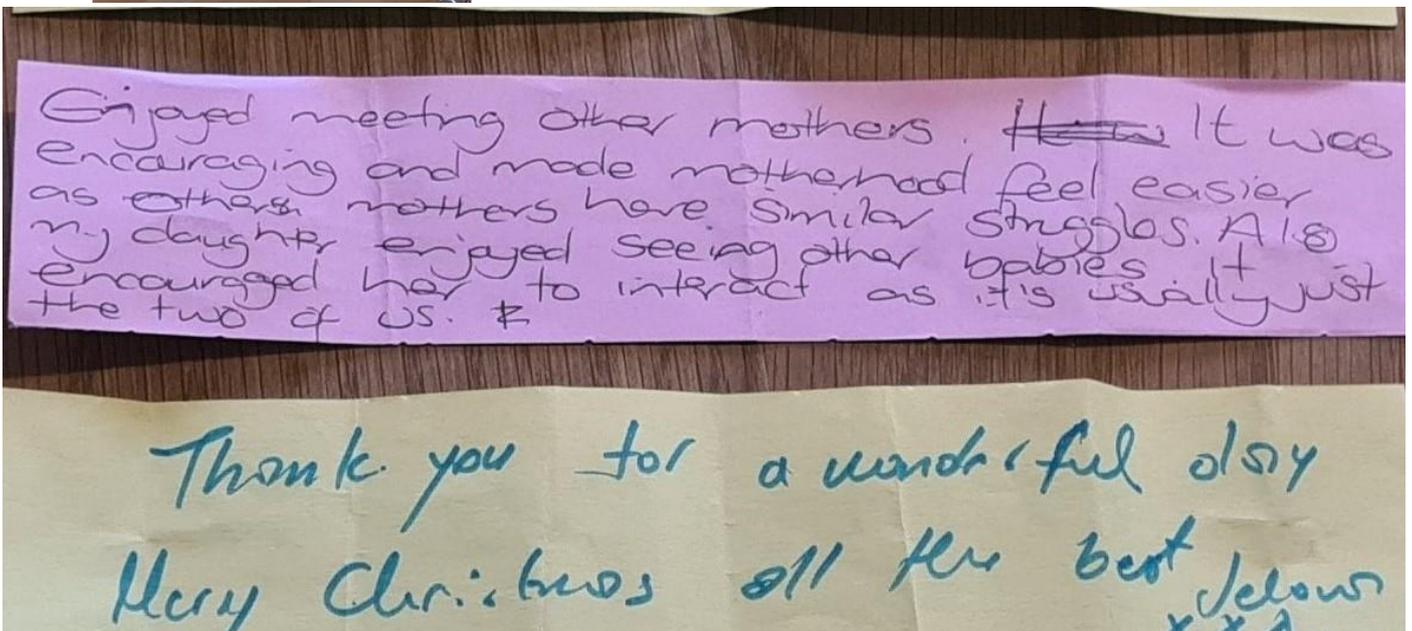
Thank you for everything. Was a wonderful day. You are so friendly.

Loved it! Met some lovely mums and little ones.

Thank you so much for today, it's been amazing. I don't normally mix with other mums but it's been lovely.

Fantastic time, kids kept busy and new friends met.





Below are three case studies, which we hope provides an insight into the impact of the support provided. One of the case studies was shared previously in Y1Q3. It has been included here demonstrate ongoing progress.

Case Studies

1: Mum was pregnant and living with the baby's father when referred. There were concerns about domestic abuse, mum's history, and mental health, which resulted in social care involvement for a period of eighteen months. Mum has other children who live with their father and one child was previously removed. Mum was experiencing stress due to difficulties in her relationship, physical health and financial issues and uncertainty around the future of her unborn baby, who was removed at birth and is now 9 months old Mum made some positive changes including leaving her

partner, accessing therapy, and accepting support from a friend. She has received support from our service with accessing listening opportunities, accessing therapy, managing her experience of contact with her baby, managing debt, and meeting other parents. Mum reports that this support has helped maintain her mental health and emotional well-being.

In mum's words - *"I have been supported by Family Lives since I was pregnant, and the support has been great. Family Lives have helped me with my mental health when I have been in a dark place and felt very upset. They have listened to my worries and give me understanding as well as helping me get some therapy. They have given me hope."*

2: Mum is a first-time mum, experiencing new mum and social anxieties. She has had several struggles since becoming pregnant and being a parent during the pandemic, which started a month after mum gave birth. These struggles include making the adjustment to being a full-time mum, feeling unfairly treated at work during her pregnancy, having a difficult labour and experiencing unexpected conflict with the baby's father. Mum has found this overwhelming and requested support with accessing community facilities and playgroups and meeting other mums to develop her support network. Since October 21 mum has accessed home visiting support, attended the Christmas event, met with another mum with whom she has planned activities with outside of the project such as a trip to a learning activity centre. Mum has also met with a volunteer. Mum appears to be happier in herself and is beginning to feel less isolated. Mum reports that talking with other mums has reassured her about some of the new mum anxieties she has been experiencing.

3: Mum's case study was previously shared in Y1Q3. Mum had two young children, lived in the UK for three years and wanted support with meeting other mums, accessing playgroups and other community facilities. She was lonely and was feeling increasingly depressed. Over time she disclosed that she had experienced significant abuse and was internalising the pain and shutting out her partner, causing disharmony in their relationship. We supported mum accessing counselling, taking exercise, and meeting other parents. Last year support ended for mum, mum's relationship with her partner has improved, she has moved house, engages in arts and craft activities, and has supported our project by befriending a non-English speaking mum, whose language she could speak, facilitating her attendance at groups, a trip to the coast and with meeting other parents. Mum has also engaged with the project as a parent volunteer and engaged in planning and preparation activities for our project and events.

Across Q3 we have experienced disruption with completing review Outcome Stars due to many families dealing with ongoing isolation issues or being busy with the run up to Christmas alongside our focus on completing initial stars, for the influx of families referred across this quarter. A more comprehensive account of impact measured via the Outcomes Star will be provided in March 22.

Central Wellbeing Fund

Dial Advice Drop-in service

Central Case Study

Before DIAL

Mr S is a 19-year-old man who has had two previous liver transplants in childhood, having been born with a liver defect. He had made a very good recovery and his liver was functioning very well. As a result of his illness, he had a very challenging time as a child. By the time he was a teenager he had started having some serious issues with his mental health. Throughout his teenage years he received a lot of help from mental health services, but his condition didn't improve very much. He still had severe depression and ongoing issues with panic attacks. He required a lot of emotional support and reassurance from his mum. He was getting a child DLA, but he had just reached 16 years of age and had to make a new claim for Personal Independence Payment. His mum had made the application for PIP, but the claim was refused, and he was awarded only 2 points for needing prompting to interact with people face to face. His mum did not think this was fair and asked the DWP for a mandatory reconsideration of this decision. This was also refused. Mrs W contacted DIAL to see if she could take the case further.

Advice provided

DIAL advised that Mr S could take the case to tribunal where the panel will look at the facts of the case and may overturn the decision. DIAL undertook a case review and went through all the information she had supplied and the response from the DWP. It was clear that information supplied by mum was not referenced in the decision and this information contained relevant evidence to contradict the Departments decision. DIAL advised her to get further evidence from Mr S's mental health worker to support their claim and helped them to apply for an appeal at the first-tier tribunal. DIAL also provided guidance in preparation for the appeal.

After DIAL

The decision was overturned at appeal and Mr S now receives standard rate daily living of £60.00 a week and standard rate mobility of £23.70 a week.

Outcome

Mr S's anxiety reduced and has now started to take an interest in outside activities including volunteering opportunities.

Mrs S said: "I would like to thank you for your help. I didn't think the decision was fair and didn't think that the DWP were listening to us, which was very disappointing for us, and my son was very upset. With DIAL's help the tribunal judge agreed with us and we are delighted with the outcome."

Acknowledged outcome

Reduced anxiety [Text Wrapping Break] More Confidence[Text Wrapping Break]Improved Health and Well Being

Hope Connects

Time for me!

At the beginning of December, we ran our second group aimed for just mums. We had a Christmas theme, and the same pottery painting business joined the evening- with every mum being able to paint, a Christmas themed candle holder of their choice. There were 15 mums who attended, some who were relatively new to Hope Connects. Again, there was a lovely atmosphere where everyone was included and those who felt nervous being around people they didn't know were quickly made to feel welcome.

Loved tonight. It's been lovely to have some time out decorating those lovely little tea light holders. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Rachel and Sarah these evenings are a god send ❤️



Food and Fuel Fund

We were thrilled to be awarded the fund, this quarter we spent the first part of the allocated money on creating Christmas hampers for the families who attended our Christmas party at Cheeky Monkeys. Everyone was overwhelmed by the gift and very appreciative of it.



Just unpacked my shopping and would like to say a massive thank you for our hamper bags, it was so generous. The girls say everything is their favourite 😊

Thankyou so much for today. The treats were very unexpected but very appreciated.



Case Study – Hannah

I first started coming to little chimps/ cheeky monkeys two years ago when my children were 6 months old and just turned 2 years old. I felt at home immediately as Rachel and Sarah were so warm and welcoming and were always there with a brew and were very easy to chat too about parenting struggles/ life struggles in general as they have both been there. They didn't mind opening up and sharing their own stories to make me feel less alone. They are absolutely brilliant with the kids and my kids love them and can't wait to go to group each week!

Last year we were having some struggles with my little girl and Rachel and Sarah pointed me in the direction of other parents experiencing similar issues with their children, this is why cheeky monkeys is such an invaluable support network to me. Having moved over to Barnsley from out of the area, this was the first play group we attended, and I've made all my new circle of mummy friends through this wonderful group.

If I've been having a bad week or just seem not myself, Rachel and Sarah can tell without me saying a word and one of them will come and sit down and ask if I'm okay, do I want to talk etc and just hold space for whatever I want to say, or even just a hug.

Rachel has been aware and kept up-to date for a while now that we've been trying and failing at every turn to get some help for my little boy who we suspect is autistic. She has supported me endlessly and selflessly throughout, coming to events with me about getting SEND support, and has seen what a struggle it has been. In November 2021 Rachel could see we were struggling to get any help or anyone to listen and she did some research and spoke to someone about how she could put things in place for me. Together they laid out a plan of action and Rachel filled in the application for Early Help. Within the week we were assigned a family support worker who will now help us the rest of the way to hopefully getting my little boy an autism assessment, the help he needs in preschool when he starts in April and most of all support for us as parents trying to navigate ours and our children's needs.

Recently I have attended 'time for me' events which were lovely. Chance to chat without having to run off after a toddler every 10 seconds, party food, pot painting, lovely little self-care bags. The detail and thought gone into these events just show the love Rachel and Sarah truly have for the parents that they support. I really truly don't know where I'd be without this group and the sense of belonging, I feel. It's like family to me now.



Financial Resilience Fund

Citizens Advice Barnsley

CASE STUDY 1

When Anne and Aiden first moved into their rented house, all was well. They liked the house and the area and kept renewing their lease. However, some years down the line, issues were seriously disturbing their peace of mind - especially Anne, who was receiving medication and support from her GP for her health issues. And with two children to consider, one still a baby, her worries were becoming overwhelming.

Their landlord didn't seem to take the state of repair and maintenance of the house seriously: electrical wires were visible in the bathroom, and some kitchen appliances couldn't be used as they caused the electricity to cut out each time. When the kitchen hob was cut off for reasons of safety, the landlord replaced it - but only with a camping stove!

Anne decided to raise these concerns with her landlord and made a complaint but didn't receive any constructive response. Losing faith in the landlord, she contacted the council to see if they could offer alternative accommodation but was dismayed by the fact that it would take weeks to process their application.

Then, the boiler broke down. With no heating or hot water, Anne was at the end of her tether. She called Citizens Advice Barnsley to find out exactly what she could do about the problems facing them.

The adviser talked to Anne; understanding the complexity of the situation and the importance of finding the best solutions, they supplied some immediate advice and information regarding complaining about the situation and about other agencies that could help. The adviser then prepared a detailed, step-by-step response to email to Anne, in order to guide her through the processes, with links to further information, so that Anne could tackle the problems fully informed of her rights - and the landlord's obligations!

The adviser made sure that Anne and Aiden understood the landlord's obligations regarding the upkeep of the property: health hazards like faulty electrical items need to be reported to the landlord in the first instance, but can then be reported to Environmental Health if there is no prompt response, thus involving the council. If the problems were deemed to be so severe that they rendered the house unfit for human habitation, then they could render Anne, Aiden and the children effectively homeless.

The adviser also informed Anne about her eligibility for social housing through the council, how to check where they were placed in terms of the five priority bands and how to appeal that, if necessary. All in all, Anne was sent detailed information about how to tackle their housing issues both via their landlord and via the council. All relevant information, links to websites, phone numbers and even template letters were provided to give Anne and Aiden a clear road map to follow, to confront and resolve their housing problems. They were also informed about organisations like Shelter, that could give further information and support them through the processes.

There was a great deal to be done: this was only the start. But with the clear guidance from Citizens Advice Barnsley and the assurance that they could ask for further help at any time, Anne and Aiden were able to take control of the situation and start to resolve their problems.

CASE STUDY 2

After a few weeks out of work, Sonia got a new job. Things were looking up - until she received a letter from her old employer...

The letter was polite, but alarming. They said that they had overpaid her during the time in which she had been working for them - hundreds of pounds - and that she would need to pay it all back!

Sonia didn't know where to turn she was managing her monthly bills but didn't have enough savings to simply pay it all back. Borrowing from friends wasn't a realistic choice - and nor was a pay-day loan!

A friend suggested to Sonia that she should ask Citizens Advice Barnsley for guidance, so she contacted them. Soon after, she was pleased to receive clear and detailed information by email.

The adviser informed Sonia that yes, in most cases, if she had been overpaid, she would have to pay that money back. Her first course of action should be to contact her ex-employer for all of the relevant information to check that she did, in fact, owe this sum of money and that their figures were correct.

The adviser explained that there were rare exceptions to this - where it would have been impossible to know that there had been an overpayment and where the money had been committed elsewhere - but that these cases were judged on an individual basis and would need specific legal consideration.

In all likelihood, if there were money owing, it would need to be repaid. The adviser suggested to Sonia that negotiating a sustainable, fair rate to pay back the money would then be the best plan. This was something that Citizens Advice Barnsley could support her with, by handling it as a debt.

The adviser followed up with information about the services provided by ACAS, if Sonia felt that she needed further employment advice.

Citizens Advice Barnsley offered Sonia help to manage this, any other debt issues that might threaten, and a benefits check to ensure that she was receiving any income to which she was entitled, so that repayment would be easier. It didn't magically make the debt disappear - but at least she now had a clear action plan and support to structure her repayments if she needed it.

Please note - To ensure the anonymity of the clients in our case studies, details may have been changed so individual people or circumstances cannot be identified directly.

Social Isolation Challenge Fund

Rotherham and Barnsley Mind – Thriving Communities



Thriving Communities Case Study

Summary (note: no real names or identities are used)

Mavis has been with our service over 5 months now, she first referred in as she lost her husband nearly 2 years ago just before the pandemic, she said they had been together 27 years and did not do anything without each other, it was both their second marriage but Mavis does not have her own children but her husband did to his first wife. Client said his daughters live far away and she does see them occasionally. Client said she is looking for friends now that she can go to have a coffee with or go out to lunch. Mavis does see her sister once a week who helps her with her bills and sorting things out, but she works full time, so Mavis finds herself lonely at home, she does have a little dog that she loves and is her companion. Mavis likes walking and really enjoys gardening but as she lives in a flat unfortunately when her husband died her neighbour slated all their shared garden now Mavis can not do this at home, she would like to get involved with some gardening volunteering.

Mavis is very anxious about mixing due to the Pandemic but said she would try to come out to our coffee mornings. Mavis also said she lacks confidence in herself, and her abilities, she said she would like some help with this.

Aims/Objectives

Group sessions, gardening groups, walking groups, confidence courses and friendships.

What did you do?

Mavis had some 1-1 sessions over the telephone, then she started coming to our coffee group, her confidence grew in that group and she is also attending our taught sessions so she can build her resilience, along with a referral to Walking for health and is attending a walking group some Fridays, mavis is also attending coffee, cake and confidence run in the community.

Mavis said she is feeling better from all the interventions and that she is getting out and meeting more people. Mavis found that one of the ladies in our coffee group lives near her and they have walked to

the session together for the past few weeks. This was lovely to see how much she had grown in confidence over the past few months.

What was the context / background?

Learning difficulty.... reduced life chances... wants to get out... at risk of increased isolation... mental health

How was it organised and who was involved?

Internal / external partnerships

What resources did you need?

Financial and human

Has it been evaluated? How successful has it been?

I believe that we can see the success of Mavis as she now attends our coffee morning and taught session, along with using other agencies as well as ourselves, I think the biggest measure for Mavis is she walks to group with a friend who also attends.

Future Plans

When the spring weather gets better Mavis would like to start some sort of gardening club.

Key Learning Points

That for some clients the journey will be quicker than others, its taken Mavis longer to get to group than some others but when she did she flourished and is enjoying company and friendship that she did not have before.

Categories (tick any that apply to your case study)

Method		Topic		Demographic	
Befriending	Yes	Mental health	yes	Key ward	yes
Researching	yes	Chronic condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Target group	Yes
Partnering	yes	Food / Healthy Eating	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not known	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy / Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comorbidities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whole System Approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Activity / Active Transport	yes		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bereavement	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Diagnosed conditions	yes		
		Accessing services	Yes		
		Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

AGE UK Barnsley – My Community, My Life

Case Study 1

Title: Service User Case Study
Date: 11.10.21
Ward Area: Dodworth
<p>Summary</p> <p>A service user known to Age UK Barnsley but becoming increasingly isolated and refusing to engage with anyone outside. Recently lost his sister after a short illness. SIW worked closely with him to build up trust.</p>
<p>Key Learning Points</p> <p>Engagement through short visits mean so much and are imperative to the ongoing well-being of older people. The pandemic has had a huge mental health impact on so many who are inactive within the community, turning this around is an ongoing effort by the SIW.</p>
<p>Background</p> <p>The SIW called to see Mr H and take him outside for the first time in 4 years. Mr H has become fearful of going outside and as a result of this has lost a lot of confidence and strength to walk unaided. The reason behind Mr H agreeing to go out was because he had recently lost his sister but had not been given the chance to attend her funeral due to lack of family communication, he was really saddened and distressed so agreed to be taken to the crematorium to pay his last respects. The SIW took a wheelchair, so Mr H didn't have to walk himself. Mr H only had coat but no hat or blanket to keep warm in the chilly autumn day, so the SIW arranged them for him. As soon as Mr H sat in the car, the SIW asked him who his favourite singer was, his answer was Johnny Ray, so they listened to that music for the entire morning. When in the car, we drove down Racecommon Road and Mr H's eyes were darting everywhere taking in as much as he possibly could & as we pulled up to the roundabout he said, "what is that?" The SIW followed his gaze and saw he was looking at The Premier Inn, he'd never seen it before. He was then taken for a short ride through Barnsley town centre so he could see the huge changes that have taken place in the town over recent years, he couldn't believe how "clean" the Town Hall was. We then headed to the crematorium where a short journey around the gardens was made, and Mr H had chance to pay his last respects to his sister. After here we visited the cemetery where he paid his respects to other family members. From here we lifted the spirits and stopped off for a cuppa & cake at Locke Park café. This area was significant to Mr H as he used to play bowls on site, stories of yesteryear really brought a smile to his face. He enjoyed being in the café and around other people, he delighted in it. Upon arriving home Mr H said to the SIW "this has been a good day for hasn't it". He also stood upright unaided and said, "look at me", it was like a whole new lease of life for that morning.</p>
<p>Who was Involved?</p> <p>Staff:</p>

The Social Inclusion Worker for Barnsley Central conducted visits to Mr H's home to build a trusting relationship where he felt comfortable in going out. Age UK Barnsley helped in loaning equipment to take.

- **Outcomes of Project**

- Age UK Barnsley's SIW identified that the well-being of this service user would benefit from having the opportunity to pay his last respects to his recently deceased sister.
- Feedback was given to Mr H's housing officer with an agreement to work in partnership together and ensure his well-being is a priority
- Continue to work on a 1:1 basis with Mr H and offer the best quality of life and conversation as is absolutely possible.
- It is clear that what many take for granted is massively missed by socially isolated older people

Case Study 2

Title: Service User Case Study

Date: 11.10.21

Ward Area

Stairfoot

Summary

A lady who has lost her confidence to go outside and becoming increasingly dependent on mental health services.

Key Learning Points

Working on a 1:1 basis with someone plays a vital role in building back lost confidence.

Background

Mrs B was advised by her mental health team to contact Age UK Barnsley for group activity. It was very clear upon the first contact with the SIW that Mrs B had lost all confidence in going out since losing her husband during the pandemic. She had spent so many months focusing on his well-being that she had neglected herself and her confidence to go outside. Having previously been a very active individual who attended a gym in the Dearne, she had stopped going when her anxiety had taken a strong hold and magnified by the ongoing monthly cost of the gym membership for which she wasn't benefitting from. The SIW made regular contact with Mrs B and built up trust with her and encouraged her confidence regarding going back out. The SIW spoke on numerous occasions to the gym to try and come to an agreement regarding cancelling the monthly contract Mrs B had set up. Initially they were very

reluctant to do anything but did eventually agree to “put an indefinite hold” on the membership cost, this was in effect a cancellation but couldn’t be classed as one according to the member of staff. Mrs B was very happy about this. The SIW was very aware of previous activities so agreed for a personal visit & tour around a local gym only a few minutes from Mrs B’s home. The visit went very well, and she felt much more at ease and agreed to join, she also agreed to attend the Yoga classes held at the same gym which were initially started as part of a project with Age UK Barnsley.

Who was Involved?

Staff: Age UK Barnsley Social Inclusion Worker for Barnsley Central Area, local gym Retro Fitness

Outcomes of Project

- A more confident service user who regained her confidence to go out and keep mentally fit resulting in better well-being
- Through regular contact Mrs B doesn’t feel isolated and is happy to take part in community group situations
- Better relationship with her sister as she lives close to the new gym Mrs B will be attending

Reds in the Community – Reds Connect

Participant Feedback

We continually ask participants to feedback about all aspects of our Reds Connect Programme to ensure we are meeting the needs of the participants and to shape our delivery. Below are a number of examples quotes from the feedback we receive.

“My partner and I have been going to Sporting Memories for a while now he has dementia and I thought it would be good for both for his memory and for his social skills, it turns out that we have both benefitted from the weekly visits! We love the session each week I'm grateful for the stimulation Keith gets and the support with him it gives me”

“We have a weekly quiz which causes lots of competitive discussion and laughter and the tea coffee and biscuits are always welcome.”

“Our group feels friendly, and everyone contributes. Nice to make new friends and feel part of the group. So important.”

“What I get out of it, is time for myself.”

“Making new friends and a total enjoyment which brings back so many memories”

“I think the sessions are brilliant. So relaxed and friendly I love most sports and reminiscing is great and also can get you reminiscing about life in general and the topics just flow between everyone.”

Youth Fund

The Youth Association – StreetSmart

Area update

Kingstone

The Kingstone ward project has become more qualitative in its delivery during this quarter. Previously young people and youth worker were able to negotiate a tailored program of StreetSmart delivery. Weekly sessions have taken part in Worsborough common community session and young people have participated in StreetSmart, - C.V building, life goals, future planning and drugs awareness-harm reduction. Some of these young people are project reps and have recently volunteered as part of social action initiative, they planned and delivered a community Halloween day at Locke Park. They have also taken the opportunity to work in partnership with young people from YMCA, Compass and Chilypep to plan and deliver an event Jan 2022. One other project rep from this area has also signed up for the Barnsley youth council school elections.

Stairfoot

Sept- Nov youth workers continued delivery in the Aldham park area of Stairfoot, engaging young people in mental health StreetSmart sessions, outdoor cooking and sporting activities inc football, rounders and boxercise. Recently Kendray has required additional youth work provision, detached youth work teams have begun to engage young people in the Farm Road park area of Stairfoot. Young people have engaged in outdoor cooking and conversations regards the recent spate of ASB and the impact on the local community.

Central

The central ward project continues to engage young people in sports, young people enjoy practicing football skills and playing matches. Youth workers have also engaged young people in StreetSmart discussions around positive masculinity. Young people in this ward have particularly enjoyed outdoor cooking session, learning new skills e.g. cooking chicken safely.

Due to the lack of lighting on the park area, attendance of young people has dropped in this ward since the darker nights. Young people are looking forward to using their new football equipment funded by the ward alliance.

Worsborough

Young people on the ward green project were able to apply for ward alliance funding in oct for a Halloween themed session, young people volunteered to run activities on the skate park. Young people reported that the project gave them a safe space to come out and spend time with friends.

Language and behaviors observed by youth workers in the [previous quarter caused youth workers purposefully engaged young people in StreetSmart session regards stereotyping, hate crime awareness, drugs awareness, positive masculinity and stop and search rights. A visit from Jayne Wynne- SYP hate and crimes commissioner engaged young people in discussions around hate crime and the potential for negative impact on other young people and the local community.

Continued work with young people has resulted in a trampoline park trip and youth workers reflected on the project as a whole, identifying highlights. Young people and youth workers have created a plan for their project in the new year

YMCA – Detached Youth Work

Central Area Detached (Dodworth & Gilroyd) Case Study

Anonymised.

One of the differences between detached and setting based youth work are the parameters set by the environment and how the different 'rules' shape relationships between worker and young person. Essentially detached youth work means that as workers, we are entering into a young persons or group of young people's space and are totally reliant on their acceptance of our presence.

Dan has been known by our team for a number of years. He and his peers have engaged with a number of activities and projects since our first arrival in his community. As a younger man Dan's behaviour could often be quite challenging, in and around his community he was known and his reputation in some circles was far from favourable. None the less, as youth workers we neither condone nor condemn and despite some of his behaviour being targeted towards our team, we continued to engage with Dan and his peers. In a detached setting, if behaviour becomes unacceptable then we can withdraw which our team did on a number of occasions.

As we entered lockdown, Dan was one young man that hung around the streets of his community with a couple of friends. Our team would engage and remind the small group of their social responsibilities and the law as it stood with regard to Covid restrictions. We had distanced conversations about updates to restrictions and whilst the constant changes were confusing for them, the group showed little concern. Dan was quoted as saying 'I don't care!'. In contrast, other members of Dan's broader peer group were remaining indoors and happy to engage with our team from doorsteps and open windows.

As certain Covid restrictions were lifted, our team gradually re-established normal practice and once again planned events and activities that brought groups together. Dan and his peers turned up for scheduled meetings on the streets despite the cold weather and dark nights. After consulting with the group plans were tentatively made and Dan's input was invaluable. Our team initiated conversations about behaviour and our collective reputation on the streets. Dan reminded our team of the behaviour contracts that were negotiated for a particular project a couple of years previously. All felt, at this moment in time, we don't need to revisit the behaviour contract, a verbal agreement was all that was required.

Our team were encouraged and hopeful that perhaps, a corner had been turned and Dan had matured somewhat, his behaviour and demeanour towards our team was pleasant.

Our next meeting with the group took a very different course. After discussing plans and scheduling activities, the group, and Dan in particular were approached by an adult who was clearly upset and angry. It transpired prior to our meeting an incident had occurred and allegations of bullying were being suggested. Our team introduced themselves to the adult and observed the exchange. Dan and the adult debated and offered quite different perspectives as to what had happened earlier, eventually the adult, rather frustrated and upset at Dan's language and demeanour left. Dan continued to debate as the adult walked away. Staff suggested to Dan that he might want to think about what he was saying and how he was saying it, certain language he was using could easily offend and this was pointed out to him. Dan was clearly unconcerned about his language or his reputation as other members of the community observed the exchange. Our team withdrew at this point as Dan was becoming increasingly vocal about the situation, despite our teams best efforts to calm and unpick his frustrations.

This brief case study hopefully illustrates that ‘one step forward and two back’ is often the nature of youth work when working with young people displaying challenging behaviour. ‘Hard to reach’ is a term used from time to time and some might argue certain young people are entirely unreachable, none the less we must continue to be there and reach out, because one day...

One of the fundamental principles that we maintain in our work with children and young people is that we are always a safe space, have an open door and a listening ear. We are consistently there for young people as professional, non-judgemental and trusted adults.

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**Central Area Council Meeting:
30th March 2022**

**Report of Central Area Council Managers:
Lisa Phelan & Sarah Blunkett**

Central Area Council Procurement and Financial Update Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an up-to-date overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and provides an overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Grant Funded projects, with associated timescales. This report gives recommendations for the agreement of priorities for the year 2022-23.
- 1.2 The report outlines the financial position to date for 2021-22 and the projected financial position to 2023-24. Please note financial projections assume that the base income budget remains the same and that existing services are maintained.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the overview of Central Area Council's current priorities, and overview of all current contracts, contract extensions, Service Level Agreements and Well-being Fund projects, with associated timescales.
- 2.2 Members note the income from FPN's for 21-22 is £35,425. This is an increase of £15,425 of what was originally budgeted for the year as it includes outstanding FPN's for the previous financial year.
- 2.3 Members note that the procurement of the centralised Environmental Enforcement contract has been successful. That the contract start date is 1st April therefore the financial commitment of £15,000 from the CAC commissioning budget for the 3 month period April to June 2022 that was previously approved as a contingency is no longer required.
- 2.4 Member note that the Clean and Green contracts lot 1 and 2 for 2022 – 2025 have progressed through the procurement process. A full report on the outcomes of will be provided at the next Area Council meeting. This will include options regarding lot 2 which will not be commissioned at this time.
- 2.5 Members agree to increase the funding available for 'Supporting Vulnerable People' priority to £35,450 for 2022-2023.
- 2.6 Members agree an extension of the DIAL grant for 6m from 01st July 2022 to 31st December 2022 at a cost of £15,450.

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2.7 Members agree an extension of the CAB grant for 6m from 01st July 2022 to 31st December 2022 at a cost of £20,000.

2.8 Members note the actual financial position to date for 2021-22 and the projected expenditure, including future proposals, to 2023-24 as outlined in Appendices 1 & 2 of this report.

3. Overview of Contracts and timescales

3.1 The table below outlines all the Central Area Council contracts, Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and grants **currently** being delivered, together with values, timescales and recent actions **agreed**:

Priority	Service/Fund	Provider	Value	From	To	Type
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund My Community, My Life Project	Age UK Barnsley	Two years funding: £79,187	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Thriving Communities Project	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	Two years funding: £ 79,165.17	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
Social Isolation	Social Isolation Challenge Fund Reds Connect Project	Reds in the Community –	Two years funding: £30,252.96	01/04/21	31/03/23	Grant Agreement
NOTE	<i>Procurement decisions against this priority agreed to 31st March 2023.</i>					
Children & Young People	CAC Commission Building emotional resilience and wellbeing in children and young people aged 8-14 years	Barnsley YMCA	Year 1 £135,000 Year 2 £136,468 Year 3 £140,330 <i>Commenced 2020 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i>	01/04/20 01/04/21 01/04/22	31/03/21 31/03/22 31/03/23	Contract
Children & Young People	Youth Fund Street Smart	The Youth Association (TYA)	Year 1 £48,000 Year 2 £48,000 1m FOC Year 3 £49,440	01/06/19 01/06/20 01/06/21 01/07/21	31/05/20 31/05/21 30/06/21 30/06/22	Grant Agreement
Children & Young People	Youth Fund Detached Youth work	YMCA	Year 1 £12,000 <i>(amended dates)</i> Year 2 £13,303 <i>(amended and subject to approval)</i>	01/09/20 01/07/21	31/06/21 30/06/22	Grant Agreement

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NOTE	Grant funding in development for 1 st July 2022 start as agreed at CAC February 2022					
Clean & Green	<p>CAC Commission Creating a cleaner and greener environment in partnership with local people</p>	<p>Twiggs Grounds Maintenance</p>	<p>Year 1 Year 2 Year 3</p> <p>£95,000 per annum</p> <p><i>Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i></p>	<p>01/04/19 01/04/20 01/04/21</p>	<p>31/03/20 31/03/21 31/03/22</p>	<p>Contract</p>
Clean & Green	<p>CAC Commission Providing an environmental enforcement service SLA with BMBC's Safer Communities Service to support/ complement the contract above</p>	<p>District Enforcement & BMBC Service Level Agreement</p>	<p>Year 1 Year 2 Year 3</p> <p>£45,000 p/y plus £13,000 to BMBC SLA</p> <p><i>Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i></p>	<p>01/04/19 01/04/20 01/04/21</p>	<p>31/03/20 31/03/21 31/03/22</p>	<p>Contract & SLA</p>
Clean & Green	<p>CAC Commission Targeted Household Fly Tipping Service</p>	<p>BMBC Service Level Agreement</p>	<p>Year 1 Year 2</p> <p>Cost: £32,000/annum.</p> <p><i>Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i></p>	<p>01/11/19 01/11/20</p>	<p>31/10/20 31/10/21</p>	<p>SLA</p>
Clean & Green	<p>CAC Commission Private Rented Housing Support Service</p>	<p>BMBC Service Level Agreement</p>	<p>Year 1 Year 2</p> <p>Cost: £32,500/annum</p> <p><i>Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i></p>	<p>01/11/19 01/11/20</p> <p>SLA Extension agreed to November 2021</p>	<p>31/10/20 31/10/21</p>	<p>SLA</p>
NOTE	Procurement of this priority from 1 st April 2022 currently taking place.					

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Vulnerable People	CAC Commission New Mothers Support Service	Family Lives	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 £50k per annum <i>Commenced 2019 with option to extend for a further 1 year plus 1 year, subject to annual review</i>	01/04/19 01/04/20 01/04/21	31/03/20 31/03/21 31/03/22	Contract
Vulnerable People	Central Well-being Fund Hope House Connects	Hope House Church	Year 1 £13,913 Year 2 £14,000 Year 3 £14,420	01/07/19 01/07/20 01/07/21	30/06/20 30/06/21 30/06/22	Grant Agreement
Vulnerable People	Financial Resilience Funding Welfare Rights and Legal Advice Service	Citizens Advice Bureau Barnsley	Initial 6m pilot funding 6m £20,000 (£10k funded via Ward Alliances) 9m funding to extend to end of financial year £30,000	01/01/21 01/07/21	30/06/21 31/03/22	Grant Agreement
Vulnerable People	Uplift project	Creative Recovery	Year 1 £15,000 Year 2 £15,000	01/04/22 Dates TBC	31/03/24	Grant Agreement
Vulnerable People & Social Isolation	Central Well-being Fund Advice Drop-In	DIAL Barnsley	Year 1 £30,000 Year 2 £30,000 Year 3 £30,900	01/07/19 01/07/20 01/07/21	30/06/20 30/06/21 01/07/22	Grant Agreement
NOTE	Considerations for the future funding commitment of this priority at CAC February 2022					

3.2 The Clean and Green contracts lot 1 and 2 for 2022 – 2025 have progressed through the procurement process. At the time of this report they in a cooling off period. Lot 1 will be offered to the successful applicant. Lot 2 will not be offered at this time. A full report on the outcomes of will be provided at the next Area Council meeting. This will include options regarding lot 2.

4 Contract & Grant Financial Decisions

4.1 Supporting Vulnerable People Funding:

A review is underway regarding the future of Welfare and Advice services which are currently funded by the CAC under this priority. Approval is

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being sought for a new core and spoke service with an indicative timeline for contracts to commence on 1st January 2023.

At our priority setting working on 12th January 2022, Area Council members discussed the need to consider contingencies to ensure ongoing support for our communities.

At the Area council meeting on 2nd February 2022, members agreed to extend the CAB grant for the 3 months from April 2022 to June 2022 at a cost of £10k. Please note that in February we did not have the procurement timeline.

Members also agreed to Ringfence a grant pot of £20k per year for 2-years to invite applications for projects to deliver against our Supporting Vulnerable People priority (with the understanding that CAB & DIAL are currently funded against this priority).

We have recently found out that the procurement of the borough wide enforcement contact has been successful and that contract begins on 1st April 2022 therefore the financial commitment of £15,000 for the 3 month period that was approved as a contingency for April – June 2022 is no longer required.

DIAL and CAB are funded to 30th June 2022 and the new services contract will not start until 1st January 2023 leaving a 6 month gap.

Recommended Option 1

- a. Increase the commitment of funding to Supporting Vulnerable Adults priority to £35,450 for 2022-23
- b. Extend DIAL funding for 6 months from 1st July to 31st December 2022 at a cost of £15,450
- c. Extend CAB funding for 6 months from 1st July to 31st December 2022 at a cost of £20k

Option 2

- a. Do not increase the total funding available to the Supporting Vulnerable Adults priority for 2022-23
- b. Do not extend DIAL leaving a gap in services for 6m from July – December 2022
- c. Do not extend CAB leaving a gap in services for 6m from July – December 2022

5 Financial Position

- 5.1 Based on updated information relating to existing CAC contracts, SLA's and Grant Agreements, Appendix 1 provides a revised position statement on CAC funding. It shows actual income and expenditure for 2021-22.

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The 2021-22 and 2022-23 figures provided remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

- 5.2 A finance overview with future projected expenditure for the period 2021 up to 2024, is also attached for information as Appendix 2. This has been updated as at year-end and reconciled with Appendix 1 for accuracy.

This includes all costs associated with the formally approved contracts and procurement updates contained within this report, which are shown in black.

Interventions being considered at today's meeting and other "informally agreed" services are shown in **amber**, with future potential proposals shown in **red**. Items for consideration at this meeting are highlighted in **yellow** for ease of reference.

The 2021 to 2024 budget projections remain indicative projections and may be subject to changes agreed as part of the ongoing procurement and contract management processes.

The assumption is that the baseline budget remains the same year-on-year and this may be subject to change

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Finance Report – Actual income and expenditure

Appendix 2: Budget Projections to 2024

**CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING
BUDGET FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - 2017/18 TO
2022/23**

Contract Name	Delivery Body	Start Date	Length of Contract	Total Cost of Contract	2021/2022		2022/2023	
					Profile	Actual	Profile	Actual
Base Expenditure	Baseline Budget	n/a	n/a	n/a	500,000.00		500,000.00	
C/F From Previous Year	C/F from the previous year	n/a	n/a	n/a	216,769.27		276,503.94	
Additional Income from Grants	Internal & External Funding	n/a	n/a	n/a	118,957.00			
Additional Income from FPN's etc.	Fixed Penalties etc.	n/a			35,425.00			
TOTAL INCOME					871,151.27	0.00	776,503.94	0
Emotional Resilience - C&YP	YMCA (The Unity Project)	Apr-20	3 years	411,763.00	136,468.00	136468.00	140,330.00	
Clean & Green service	Twiggs	Apr-19	1+1+1	285,000.00	95,000.00	79166.70	110,000.00	
Clean & Green Education Element New for 2022							50,000.00	
Environmental Enforcement Service	District Enforcement	Apr-19	1+1+1	135,000.00	45,000.00	45000.00		
	BMBC Enforcement SLA support	Apr-19	1+1+1	39,000.00	13,000.00	13000.00		
Private Rented New tenancy support	BMBC - Community Safety (SLA)	Nov-19	1+1	65,000.00	32,500.00	32500.00	35,000.00	
Proactive flytipping SLA (Targeted Householed Fly Tipping)	BMBC SLA	Nov-19	1+1	64,000.00	32,000.00	32000.00	35,000.00	
PeriNatal Volunteer Home visiting service	Family Lives	Apr-19	1+1+1	150,000.00	49,738.00	33158.68		
Central Wellbeing Fund	Hope House Church (Grant)	Jul-20	originally 2-yrs, extended to 2022 new	42,333.00	10,815.00	10815.00	3,605.00	
Central Wellbeing Fund	DIAL (Grant)	Jul-19	originally 2-yrs, extended to 2022 New	90,900.00	23,175.00	15450.00	7,725.00	
Central Wellbeing Fund	Creative Recovery (Grant)	Jul-19	(Extended delivery to	15,000.00			15,000.00	
Voluntary Youth Work Support and Training	waiver to be done - sept time (YMCA and Youth Association)	Apr-20		28,000.00	18,000.00		10,000.00	
Youth Work Fund for 13+ (GRANT)	Youth Association	Jul-19	originally 2-yrs, extended to 2022 new	145,440.00	37,080.00	37080.00	12,360.00	
Youth Work Fund for 13+ (GRANT)	YMCA	Jun-19	originally 2-yrs, extended to 2022 new	21,977.25	9,977.25	9977.25	3,325.75	
Youth Work Fund New 2022	TBC						49,314.00	
Healthy Holidays Fund	Funding offset via Financial Hardship Income							
One of Financial Resilience Funding - Covid Response Support Service	Age UK Barnsley	01.07.20-31.12.20						
Financial Resilience Funding	Citizens Advice Bureau WA Projects	01.01.21 - 31.12.21			30,000.00	30000.00	10,000.00	
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Age UK Barnsley	Apr-21	2 years	79,186.68	39,249.92	39249.92	39,936.76	
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Reds in the Community	Apr-21	2 years	30,252.96	15,651.48	11313.61	14,601.48	
Social Isolation Challenge Fund (GRANT)	Rotherham and Barnsley Mind	Apr-21	2 years	78,865.17	39,432.57	39432.57	39,432.60	
One off Age UK Covid Resilience					5,035.60	5035.60		
Devolved to Ward Alliances					25,000.00	25000.00		
Year-End reconciliation								
Expenditure Incurred in Year					657,122.82	594647.33	575,630.59	0.00
Balance at year end to carry forward					276,503.94		776,503.94	

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Central Area Council - Budget proposals

code: Black = Committed spend; Amber = under consideration; Red = Future proposal /projected spend

Income	2021/2022		2022/2023		2023/2024	
Central Area Council Allocation	£	500,000.00	£	500,000.00	£	500,000.00
Income from FPNs	£	35,425.00				
Other Funding	£	118,957.00				
Carried forward from previous year	£	216,769.27	£	214,028.45	£	102,947.61
Other Funding Applications TBC						
Total anticipated available spend:	£	871,151.27	£	714,028.45	£	602,947.61

Expenditure - Service / provider	2021/2022			2022/2023			2023/2024		
	Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal	Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal	Committed	Under consideration	Future Proposal
Clean & Green	£ 95,000.00			£ 160,000.00			£ 160,000.00		
Environmental Enforcement Contract	£ 45,000.00								
Environmental Enforcement - SLA	£ 13,000.00								
Emotional Resilience Contract - YMCA	£ 136,468.00			£ 140,330.00					
Youth work fund - YMCA & Youth Ass.	£ 47,057.25			£ 15,685.75					
Voluntary Youth Support (for consideration CAC Feb 22)	£ 18,000.00			£ 10,000.00					
Private Rented Tenancy Support	£ 32,500.00			£ 35,000.00			£ 35,000.00		
Social Isolation Challenge Fund	£ 94,333.97			£ 93,970.84			£ 100,000.00		
Perinatal and Family Emotional Wellbeing	£ 49,738.00			-	-	-	-	-	-
Controlled Fly tipping and Waste Collection Education	£ 32,000.00			£ 35,000.00			£ 35,000.00		
Central Well Being Fund									
Central Well Being Fund - Dial	£ 23,175.00			£ 7,725.00	£ 15,450.00				
Central Well Being Fund - Hope House	£ 10,815.00			£ 3,605.00	-				
Age UK Covid-19 Recovery Grant	£ 5,035.60			-	-	-	-	-	-
Devolved to WA (agreed CAC Feb 22)	£ 25,000.00								
CAB Service	£ 30,000.00			£ 10,000.00	£ 20,000.00				
Healthy Holidays									
Creative Recovery				£ 15,000.00			£ 15,000.00		
Youth Work Fund (agreed CAC Feb 22)					£ 49,314.25			£ 65,000.00	
Supporting Vulnerable People Fund (agreed at CAC Feb 22)					£ -			£ 20,000.00	
year-end reconcillation									
Totals:	£ 657,122.82	£ -	£ -	£ 526,316.59	£ 84,764.25	£ -	£ 345,000.00	£ 85,000.00	£ -

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CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Central Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Wednesday 26th January @ 5:30pm
Location:	Virtual – Microsoft Teams

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Margaret Bruff (Chair) Councillor Summer Risebury Craig Aubrey (Community Development Officer) Paul Bedford Linda Wheelhouse Doreen Cureton Jennifer Hulme Sarah Davey – Invitee	Councillor Martin Dyson

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
All welcomed to the meeting. Sarah Davey and Craig Aubrey introduced		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
As detailed above.		
3. Minutes From Previous Meeting	Action/Decision	Action lead
24 th November - Carried over to current agenda		
4. Declarations of Precuniary and Non Precuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
5. Sarah Davey	Action/Decision	Action lead
Sarah spoke about her role and the projects she has running at the moment. She is happy to come out and see groups individually if she can help.	Pass on SD's leaflets and info	CA

	DC spoke about her group and would like to link up with SD	Connect SD/DC Clarification meeting on SD's role to report back	CA CA/SD/MB
6. Stronger Communities – Community Listening Exercise		Action/Decision	Action lead
	SR presented the draft for the community listening for the central area and confirmed she has requested a deeper dive to look specifically at Central Ward.	Central Ward report needed	SR
7. Ward Alliance Promotion			
	All out. Further posters to be distributed across the ward with businesses and notice boards	Progress out	CA
8. Project Updates		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>8.1 Healthy Holidays: February won't be receiving core funding. The group believe it will only get more difficult for families in the future and will look to allocate £1,800 for future projects</p> <p>Scavenger Hunt to be created at DVP with support of the volunteers there</p> <p>Easter Holidays work in partnership with Kingstone/Stairfoot, and providers to support activities and easter eggs</p> <p>8.2 Small Sparks: Possible Jubilee projects</p> <p>8.3 Queens Jubilee: PB talked about how they would be doing a 'kind-of' street party and would look at progressing that, but it is in the initial stage. The group would look at what they will be doing with their groups and we would look at opportunities to work with schools and push small sparks</p>	<p>Ideas on future HH projects</p> <p>Work with DVP group to create</p> <p>Connect with other WAs and source easter eggs</p> <p>Encourage further applications</p> <p>Ideas on activities</p> <p>Provide options at next WA</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>CA</p>
9. Budget		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>WAF Budget = £12,841.55</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagement Pot = £337.64 - Small Sparks Fund = £706.00 - Healthy Holidays Working Budget = £382.58 - Sheltered Housing Resident Support Working Budget = £197.07 - King St Outdoor Seating Area Working Budget = £2,500 + (£500) 		

	- Community notice boards x 6 = £7,740		
10. WAF's in Pipeline		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Mapping of Defibs has been undertaken and shared with the group. Looking to work with local business to support mapping of areas not covered, Oakwell, Twiggs, Metrodome. Work with Stairfoot for the border. Look at funding to support and support from the local businesses	Connect with other groups to fund Defibs Look at funding for 'ours'	CA CA
11. Upcoming dates/events		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swanee Pond – feedback reports that Japanese Knotweed and Curly Waterweed are big issues and will be costly, not something we can feasibly fund. Currently Twiggs are working in and around the area, need to look at possibility of reducing the littering etc - Britannia House Clean-up event – 26th Feb 10am -12pm – SR reported back about the interactions she had had 	Long term – to progress Print materials Get info out and drive volunteers	CA CA SR
12. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Benches for King St will be started on Feb 7th – SR to attend</p> <p>Beech St complaints. A lot of fly-tipping and rubbish on private property. Education and long term solutions are key.</p>	Contact Twiggs and work with John Partridge for long term solution	CA

Next meeting date: 23rd Feb 2022 @ 5:30pm—Via Microsoft Teams

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DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Dodworth Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	Tuesday 11th January 2022 @ 6pm
Location:	Held Via Teams Meeting

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Peter Fielding (Chair) Councillor Neil Wright Councillor Chris Wray Michelle Toone – Community Development Officer (MT) Lisa Kenny – Dodworth Village Community Group and Dodworth Resident (LK) – (Notes) Malcolm Howarth – Chair of Crime and Safety Partnership and Higham Resident (MH) Rachel Collier – Dodworth Resident (RC) Tereesa Williams – Principal Towns Fiona O’Brien – Principal Towns Mark Knight – Groundworks Sarah Leeson – Groundworks	Michelle Robertson – Dodworth Resident (MR) Natalie Parkes – Dodworth Business Owner (NP) Ben Scrivens – Dodworth Methodist Church (BS)

1. Welcome and Introductions	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Councillor Fielding welcomed everyone to the meeting including Tereesa Williams and Fiona O'Brien who would be giving an update in respect of the Principal Towns Initiative.</p> <p>Mark Knight and Sarah Leeson were also welcomed to the meeting who would be giving a brief presentation on project at the Co-op.</p>		
2. Apologies for Absence	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>As detailed on page 1.</p>		
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>MH clarified that <i>Item 15</i> was Denby Dale Community Transport and not Huddersfield as minuted.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising, and the minutes of the last meeting held 9th November 2021 were agreed as a true record.</p>		
4. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.</p>		
5. Principal Towns Update	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p>Teresa and Fiona gave an update on the works outside the library frontage. Teresa confirmed the works had been completed and that the contractors had now moved off site. Costs were being finalised so that any underspend can be determined.</p> <p>MH asked whether the electrical supply was all working ok. Tereesa will check this matter to ensure everything is working as it should.</p> <p>Discussions about completing any landscaping and planting works will now be carried out with the relevant parties. Councillor Wright stated that the</p>	<p>TW</p>	

	<p>area directly in front of the Stars building should be a priority and needed to be addressed as it now lets the newly improved area down.</p> <p>Fiona and Teresa also gave an update on the Stronger Towns Funding Initiative (Principal Towns Phase 2) and asked if the Ward Alliance had identified any potential projects yet.</p> <p>As mentioned previously, Fiona reiterated that the scheme can now cover areas which are much wider than local high streets which was the previous criteria for the local centres phase 1. Phase 2 now includes investment projects in buildings or land. Teresa stated that funds would have to be bid for if a potential scheme was identified.</p> <p>MH suggested a plot of land at Higham which needed improvement. Fiona stated it could be looked at in terms of a seating and planted area or other features to improve the area. Councillor Fielding stated that ownership of the land would have to be identified firstly.</p> <p>Councillor Wray asked if any improvements could be looked with the shops at Gilroyd. Teresa confirmed that a further shop frontage scheme was being looked at and that any interested shops could be included in the scheme.</p> <p>Councillor Fielding asked what the current status was with the shop frontage for Dodworth Domestics. Teresa will chase up on this matter and find out where they are with progress on this.</p>	<p>TW</p>	
<p>6. Co-op Community Garden – Update from Sarah Leeson</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>Sarah Leeson gave a brief presentation about a new community garden project at the Co-op in Dodworth.</p> <p>The scheme is funded through Co-op using the 5p bag levy. This is the pilot scheme for the other sustainable places sites that have been identified across England.</p> <p>Following some community engagement, a design was drawn up and a bid for the scheme submitted.</p> <p>Following a successful bid Groundworks subsequently won and accepted a tender to implement the scheme</p>		

	<p>on behalf of the Co-op. Works start this week and should hopefully be completed by mid February, but this is dependent on weather and supply of materials issues so things may slip.</p> <p>Sarah gave a brief outline of the planned community garden which included seating and picnic area, raised planters, metal artwork on the railings/wall, a ramp facility, as well as improvements to existing steps and handrail. Sarah stated it was hoped that members of community could be involved in some of the planting in one of the proposed raised planters.</p>		
7.	Discuss Issues with Christmas Trees, Light and Motifs	Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>A discussion was held concerning the Christmas tree lights. The lights should have been switched on the 1st December, but despite Twigg's' best efforts to help sort the issue, they remained unlit/off for around 2 weeks before the problems were rectified.</p> <p>Councillor Wright stated that transformers were missing and highlighted the importance of the Ward Alliance getting the storage container asap so that equipment such as this could be stored in it and therefore under our control.</p> <p>MH stated that once the lights were eventually switched on, they looked very poor with lots of bulbs unlit. MH suggested that 4 new sets should be purchased for next Christmas.</p> <p>The costs which BMBC Streetlighting charge for connecting the lights was also raised, particularly with the problems which were experienced this time.</p> <p>MT will speak with Street Lighting about future costs and the problems experienced this time.</p> <p>The Ward Alliance agreed to the proposal of purchasing 4 new sets of lights. MT will liaise with Twiggs to see if they can advise on the best lights to purchase.</p>		
8.	Healthy Holidays Update for 2022 Healthier Communities Core Offer	<u>Action/Decision</u>	<u>Action lead</u>
	<p>MT reported no definite details had been sent through yet but confirmed there would be some form of</p>		

	<p>projects rolled out in the school holidays again. The projects will be rolled out and managed by Healthier Communities again.</p> <p>MT enquired whether the Ward Alliance wished to roll out/add anything in addition on a ward basis. Ward Alliance Members didn't wish to have anything in addition at this current time.</p>		
<p>9. Storage Container Castle View</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>As stated previously the Berneslai Homes vacant site was still available at Castle View and is the preferred option. The storage container company are now required to visit the site to ascertain what would be required in terms of a base. It is hoped they say that wooden sleepers can be used.</p> <p>Councillor Fielding also stated that a potential other site had been identified at Horsefield Close (off Woodland Drive). The container company will be asked to visit the site also so that an informed decision can then be hopefully made about the two sites and progress made.</p> <p>The container company will be asked if any container sited could be fitted out with shelving/racking. MT will clarify this matter with them.</p> <p>MT also suggested that whichever site is chosen, that appropriate community engagement is carried out with any residents who live in the immediate area of the container.</p>		
<p>10. Incredible Edible Gilroyd – Plans for Spring 2022</p>			
	<p>Councillor Fielding reported following work completed in the Autumn in readiness for Spring, further works were planned including signage/information for the notice board to identify what is planted in the beds, but also to inform residents that the herbs are for picking and for use by the community.</p> <p>Other works will include replacing any withered plants over the winter months.</p>		

	<p>Councillor Fielding stated they would look to engage with local schools with any planned planting sessions.</p> <p>MT suggested a pop-up event could be held to promote the project.</p>		
11. Small Sparks Fund Update – Encourage further Applicants			
	<p>MT reported no new applications had been received. MT suggested some promotion of the scheme through the local schools in form of leaflets.</p> <p>MT will look at what methods of promoting the initiative have been successful in the Worsbrough Ward.</p>	MT	
12. Ward Alliance Funding Applications Received			
	<p>Councillor Fielding detailed the latest Dodworth Ward Alliance budget situation as outlined on the agenda. The current balance amount is in addition to the approved additional workings budgets listed below.</p> <p>MT suggested in the future to merge the pots, apart from the storage funding pot, and naming it community engagement pot. This was agreed.</p> <p>WAF Budget Current Balance: £7,066.52</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement Pot = £364.46 • Environmental Pot = £0.00 • Incredible Edible = £0.00 • Small Sparks Fund = £570.00 • Ward Alliance Storage = £2,400 		
13. Ward Alliance Applications Received			
	No new applications have been received.		
14. Ward Applications in the Pipeline			
	<p><u>Human Library</u></p> <p>Councillor Wright stated that he and Charlotte had been previously progressing this project. Councillor Wright will now check where things currently are with the project and try and progress matters.</p>	Cllr Wright	
15. Upcoming Events			

	<p>There were no upcoming events to report.</p> <p>MT will check on any community ones being held across the board which may be applicable/appropriate.</p>		
<p>16. Any Other Business</p>			
	<p><u>Horizon Funding Packages</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding reported that the project had been very successful with 50 support packages distributed. Only 6 were within Dodworth.</p> <p>Councillor Fielding stated that more money/donations had been received than anticipated, therefore it was intended to repeat the project again supporting more families who haven't qualified for other schemes previously implemented.</p> <p><u>Cannon Hall Project</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding stated he was exploring the feasibility of the project including costs for such a service provided by a coach operator, identifying number of pick-up points required and how many weeks the service could operate. Initial thoughts were to run the scheme over 9 weeks through the school summer holiday period.</p> <p><u>Platinum Jubilee</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding raised the matter of the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee and whether the Ward Alliance should be looking at promoting projects to celebrate it.</p> <p>MT stated it would be a good small sparks project.</p> <p><u>Governance Document</u></p> <p>Councillor Fielding reported that a new updated Governance Document was to be issued soon. This will include the procedures for when an elected member loses their seat and subsequently wishes to re-join the Ward Alliance. Once the document is available it will be circulated accordingly.</p>		

	<p>The Meeting closed.</p> <p>Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 6.00 p.m. via Teams Meeting.</p>		
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KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Kingstone Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	27 th January 2022
Location:	Teams

1. Attendees	2. Apologies
Cllr Williams (Chair), Craig Aubrey (CDO), Steve Bullcock, Peter Roberts, Peter Robertshaw, Fiona O'Brien (Guest), Teresa Williams (Guest), Sarah Davey (Guest)	Cllr Ramchandani, Cllr Mitchell, Kelly Quinney, Vera Mawby, Florentine Boothaking

3. Declarations of pecuniary & nonpecuniary interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
4. Notes and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
5. Principal Towns	Action/Decision	Action lead
FoB talked about principal towns and its funding, been involved in the Agnes Road shop fronts plan, but this has been completed now. They're looking at a new investment plan for capital funding projects; Community buildings, green space, art/culture projects. Possible funding of communication boxes project	Pull together Communication box project for possible funding	CA
6. Sarah Davey CDO	Action/Decision	Action lead
Sarah spoke about her role and the projects she has running at the moment. She is happy to come out and see groups individually if she can help.	Pass on SD's flyers	CA
7. Budget	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Alliance Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget available: £7,195.23 • Environmental budget: £894.10 • Events budget: £157.11 • Small Sparks: £550 		
8. Ward Alliance Fund Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		

9. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging Baskets: the subgroup met, marketing agreed & printed. This information is now ready to go out with a deadline of 28th February for return. • Communication Boxes (Kingstone Artwork): Creative Recovery have reported back costings higher than expected, this can be changed through using different partners and it is likely we will be working towards this model. Look to send to Principal Towns to access funding. • A greener Kingstone: Look at Rewilding project and get more information. Support projects to start in March once warmer weather comes. Dates to be booked in for litter picks and work with other groups through the ward to develop. • Queen's Jubilee: Look at a marker stone for Kingstone, look centrally to mark centre rather than edges. Support activities throughout ward, promote small sparks funds and work with groups. Ideas to be brought forward at next meeting. • Easter: Work to provide activities for easter holidays, working in partnership with Central at princess street, but support others throughout ward. Talk to community champions to provide free eggs. PRs has a bunny outfit the WA could use. • Take a Seat: a number of benches have been requested for Kingstone ward and as the project progresses, we will identify when they appear. 	<p>Promote offer</p> <p>As Above Principal Towns</p> <p>Get rewilding information</p> <p>Dates for litter picks</p> <p>Progress with costings of marker stone</p> <p>Promote Small Sparks</p> <p>Ideas for next WA</p> <p>Source eggs from community champions</p> <p>Select areas for events</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CA</p> <p>ALL</p>
10. Any Future Agenda Items / issues for discussion	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk mapping: walks and green corridors • Community newsletter: sub-group to be created and progressed 		
11. Any Other Business:	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KW updated the group about Community Boost project • KW updated about support to Farrah Street/Day Street area to deal with increased rubbish and this will be ongoing for 3 months to see how it works 		
12. Date and time of next and future meetings:	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th March 5.30pm 2022 at Worsbrough Common Community Centre 		

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Stairfoot Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	14th February 2022
Location:	Teams

1. Attendees	2. Apologies
Cllr Dyson, Cllr Gillis (Chair), Cllr Bowler Sian Pearson, Kat Thewlis, Gavin Frost, Craig Aubrey (CDO), Lisa Hammond, Robert Stendall, Dave Winnard, Cynthia Cunningham, Cath Winder (Introduction given for CW)	Brian Swaine, Roy Marsden, Rev Fiona Rouble

3. Declarations of pecuniary & nonpecuniary interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
GF has put in a Small Sparks, but wasn't present at the time of discussion		
4. Notes and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
5. Budget		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main budget: £11,609.75 - £1,200 came out for Smiths from Summer food project • Environmental budget: £2,000 • Small Sparks Fund £700 		
6. Ward Alliance Fund Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnsley Main: Volunteers have created a pop-up museum at the site and have continued to develop. They are looking to develop educational site further. They intend to in put educational information boards around the tub track. The Cost is £2,400 that they have requested. • Litter and Laughter have requested small sparks (£150) to support their walk with purchasing their on pickers and hoops, will be raising own money too • Community Café with Age UK; plans to take place at Ebeenzen church to invite older populations in for activities, hot drinks, snacks, social interaction and information. Requested support with funding from Ward Alliance. The ward alliance was happy to support for 8 weeks at £60 each week (£480) • Stairfoot Foodbank family day; Stairfoot foodbank are planning on having a family day once a month at Ebeenzen church. This will take place on a Saturday and will involve a free meal, activities and support from the team at the foodbank. The project would like support for a year of days. The cost would be £600. 	<p>Agreed to fund with the caveat that Central Ward support too.</p> <p>Agreed to support.</p> <p>Agreed to support. CDO to write up and make official</p> <p>Agreed to support. CDO to write up and make official</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>
7. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan	Action/Decision	Action lead

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hanging Baskets: A sub-group meeting took place and leaflets/costs were agreed from this. £95 each and £60 if you have your plaque. Denise had had a lot of interest from previous community members, still waiting on businesses. WA has spread the word and will do more. Additional interest was created by the group to look at individual streets in future years, and plans would be created for this. SWA baskets to be discussed at next meeting. 2. The group have identified Rae House, Hudson Haven, Stairfoot and border of Stairfoot/Central to put New Defibs and work with communities to get information out about them. The cost for each Defib and unit would be £1,200 - £1,500 depending on funding. The WA will allocate £5,250 to this project, but not yet agreed. 3. Youth work project to start in March with 3 volunteers from Stairfoot ward undertake the qualification in the first cohort with 6 volunteers from Worsbrough. There is one space left, which can be filled by a volunteer from Stairfoot ward. Note this final spot has now been filled by a volunteer from Stairfoot ward 4. Healthy Holidays; there will be no core offer during 'half-terms' this year. Role out will be Easter, Summer, and Xmas. Stairfoot WA agreed to supporting activities to compliment core offer. They will work with providers to offer additional activities and look at food poverty solutions. 5. Oakhill School safety: Speed Awareness Group Ardsley, Oakhill School and Oakhill parents have been looking at improving the safety during the beginning and ending of School Day. Signs are due to be put up to support this. The WA have been approached to fund body cams to support the crossing patrol. The cost would be around £300 and the CDO would work with the groups to put a secure policy in place and look for signs. 6. Environment days: Happy with previous day and the work in Kendray Central Park. Looking to future we need to identify a number of places, a lot of great volunteers support the area's park and green spaces. So more roads to be identified. Sandygate Lane, Bleach croft Way, Swanee, Aldham Playing Fields, Stanley Road. Scar Land needs cutting back. 	<p>Continue to get the word out and increase interest</p> <p>CDO to make contact with partners to host and create bid.</p> <p>Contact groups to support and find out costings</p> <p>Contact groups and support policy, create bid.</p> <p>Confirm calendar events</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>
<p>8. Any Future Agenda Items / issues for discussion</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jubilee funding for groups 		
<p>9. Any Other Business:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance to be checked and procedure to be followed • Artwork for Stairfoot – look at the progress/timeframe • CW discussed what she and the community do in Kendray. Looking at the event for the Jubilee and 19th Feb a tabletop sale to raise funds for community projects. • SWA to increase Pickers and hoops, and purchase glass brush/shovel 	<p>Chase up</p> <p>Organise and order</p>	<p>CA</p> <p>CA</p>
<p>10. Date and time of next and future meetings:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th March 4.30pm - Teams 		

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Title:	Stairfoot Ward Alliance Meeting
Date & Time:	14th March 2022
Location:	Teams

1. Attendees	2. Apologies
Cllr Dyson, Cllr Gillis (Chair), Gavin Frost, Craig Aubrey (CDO), Robert Stendall, Dave Winnard, Cath Winder, Roy Marsden, Sarah Davey (CDO), Denise Stendall (Updated on hanging baskets)	Brian Swaine, Cllr Bowler, Kat Thewlis, Lisa Hammond, Cynthia Cunningham, Sian Pearson

3. Declarations of pecuniary & nonpecuniary interest	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
4. Notes and Matters Arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
None		
5. Sarah Davey - CDO		
SD explained her role and where it may align with the members of the Ward Alliance. GF is to link up with SD on her activities in Stairfoot Ward.	Link GF to SD	
6. Budget		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main budget: £11,609.75 • Environmental budget: £2,000 • Small Sparks Fund £550 agreed to top up to £1,500 	Top up Small sparks	
7. Ward Alliance Fund Applications	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnsley Main Heritage (£2400) agreed, waiting for central ward alliance to confirm their support. • Age UK community Cafes agreed to fund £480 to support this taking place at Ebenezer. • Stairfoot Foodbank Family Day agreed £600 to support this to take place • Oakhill Safety (£475.20) agreed this is needed, waiting for communication with head to see if they support project as it is now. RS asked about the speed restriction signs and when they will be completed. 	Wait on Central Ward Alliance Agreed – Progress Agreed – Progress Waiting on info from School	
8. Ward Alliance Priorities and Action Plan	Action/Decision	Action lead

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging Baskets: DS updated the ward alliance, we have 77 requests this year for hanging baskets. WA agreed to fund the same 5 baskets this year, plus an extra one near the cemetery. Deadline is 31st March, no more will be available after that date. GF said a big Thank you to Denise for her hard work. • Defib: This project will cost around £6000. In talks with partners about hosting the defibs and looking at Wardens for each defib. This will then be presented to the WA as a WAF to be agreed. • Healthy Holidays will be taking place in Easter, but this hasn't been announced as to who will be delivering what and where yet. • Jubilee: WA will look to putting on activities across Kendray, Ardsley and Aldham. This will look at bunting workshops. CW (4th June) discussed the project that they will be looking at and what support they would need (Permission, Insurance, volunteers etc). GF to support with CfK, and agreed to offer funding to £100 for Bouncy castles. The WA agreed on a working budget for funding for the Jubilee of £1500. • Rewilding was discussed and the WA can email CA to inform him of any areas that may be suitable for the scheme, these will then be discussed and presented to the rewilding team • Great British Spring Clean: The team have agreed to do an event and support local events. Market through social media and update people on purple bags, how to get them collected and where to get them from. Promote litter and laughter as GBSC and WA members are invited. • New equipment, the group agreed to spend £1120 out of the Environment budget to update our store of litter picking and specialist equipment. • Priorities were discussed and the WA will think about these and undertake an activity at the next WA. 	<p>Deadline set and agreeing placement of baskets</p> <p>Look at funding of excess</p> <p>Agree with partners</p> <p>CA to meet CW to look at funding bid</p> <p>Meeting between organisers event</p> <p>WA members to email CA ideas</p> <p>CA to organise event</p> <p>Share Litter and laughter</p> <p>Order equipment</p> <p>All think about ideas for next WA</p>	
<p>9. Any Future Agenda Items / issues for discussion</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<p>10. Any Other Business:</p>	<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WA have been invited to Barnsley Main Open day on 9th April • Scar Lane needs looking at by Twiggs, as it's inaccessible at the moment. • Ardsley Park trees on the road need cutting back and the willow trees need cutting too in the park • Great Stubbings tidy up on 18th March • 22nd March 12.30pm – 7.30pm A635 consultation at Scout hut Ardsley • Swanee ramp way to get down bank easier for access for those in wheelchair • Request invite to John Taylor for a future meeting • Scar lane unadopted road and residents looking to pay for a gate to stop fly tipping • Update on Artwork for Stairfoot • Update on Artwork for Metal Heart 	<p>Follow up and arrange</p> <p>Follow up and arrange</p> <p>Discussion on feasibility and cost</p> <p>Invite to next meeting</p> <p>Follow up</p> <p>Follow up</p>	

11. Date and time of next and future meetings:	Action/Decision	Action lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 4th April 10am at St Andrew's		

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Ward Alliance Meeting



Date & Time:	Thursday 3rd February @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees		
Chairperson:	Cllr John Clarke	
CDO:	Michelle Toone	
Secretary:	Andrea Greaves	
Committee Members:	Cllr Roy Bowser, Cllr Jake Lodge, Alan Littlewood, James Pickering	
Guest:	Sarah Davey - CDO	
2. Apologies for absence		
Allison Johnson, Alison Sidebottom, Tracy Hamby, Rev Alan Bateman		
3. Guest Speaker	Action/ Decision	Action Lead
<p>Cllr Clarke introduced Sarah Davey, CDO for the Central Area Council. Ward Alliance members introduced themselves and what they are currently doing in the communities within the Worsbrough Ward. Sarah gave an overview of her job role as CDO for Marginalised & Vulnerable Communities, working across all five wards within Central Area Council, addressing underlying issues and removing barriers to participation.</p> <p>She is currently running Stepping Stones a micro volunteering project running over a six week period. Working together with Barnsley Museums and other local community groups, the project activities will include organised litter pick sessions, gardening, card writing, making decorations for Easter, Christmas etc, creating and maintaining edible allotment etc. Sarah promotes events and information of what's happening in the area on Facebook and in the Job Centre Window.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge asked and whether there is something equivalent in the other Area Councils? Sarah confirmed that this is unique to Central Area Council.</p>	<p>W.A offered Sarah the use of the local notice boards to advertise Stepping Stones information. Sarah to send MT information.</p> <p>Sarah offered the use of the job centre window to advertise groups, events and projects happening in Worsbrough. MT to send Sarah information</p> <p>MT to share contact details for library staff.</p>	SD /MT
4. Notes of Last Meeting	Action/Decision	Action lead
Agreed as a true and accurate record.	All	MT
5. Matters arising	Action/Decision	Action lead

	<p>Anti Social Behaviour Signage Draft signage with BMBC communications team waiting for the design to be signed off before being sent for printing.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge informed the group that Targeted Youth Services are running detached youth work sessions in Bankend on Tuesdays and Wednesdays together with SYP and neighbourhood wardens to address current anti social behaviour in issues in the area. Cllr Clarke met with Safer Neighbourhoods team, SYP and Bernslei Homes, following the meeting letters were sent to residents to inform them about the actions taken and planned future activities. Properties on Monkspring that back on to the park have had bins stolen and set on fire. Sophia Colton, Victim & witness support officer for BMBC and Kat Mcfardene, PCSO, have suggested that pad locks for the wheelie bins might alleviate this issue. This is something that potentially could be funded by Ward Alliance as our contribution towards tackling Crime and anti-social behaviour in this area. Further meetings arranged with all partner organisations have been arranged to look at other solutions to address the current issues. The Elected Members have been invited to the meeting.</p> <p>The lights in Bankend Park still haven't been turned on. Jo Birch in Parks confirmed the lights should still be on the timers.</p> <p>Park Road Toilets Toilets have not been cleaned in the past five years. Michelle has raised a closure request with relevant department. Works to be carried out in 2022. Further reminder sent and still awaiting feedback.</p> <p>Potential Funding Application for the purchase of a Defibrillator Cllr Clarke proposed the Ward Alliance could provide funding for a new defibrillator to be sited at the Mill. The area has seen an increase in footfall since the beginning of the pandemic. Some users of the area are older people. As parts of the country park are quite remote a defib in this area could be life saving. The Mill is a listed building and therefore requires listed building consent. This will be submitted by Lynn Dunning, Group Leader for Arts & Heritage once the location has been agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge proposed to install a Defibrillator in the Ward Green area; either at the Lew Whitehead Centre, Ward Green Lodge or pharmacy?</p> <p>The funding previously agreed for the purchase of a defibrillator cabinet at Worsbrough Sports and Development</p>	<p>MT to follow up</p> <p>Elected Members to keep MT and Ward Alliance informed of outcomes and bring forward any requests for actions/ funding.</p> <p>MT to follow up</p> <p>MT to ring fence funding for the defib and continue to liaise with Lynn Dunning to arrange installation</p> <p>Cllr Lodge to investigate proposed locations for suitability</p> <p>MT to liaise with football club to make</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>Elected Members</p> <p>MT</p> <p>MT / LD</p> <p>Cllr Lodge</p> <p>MT</p>
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	<p>Association is no longer required by WBAFC as funds have been raised in memory of Les Pinder a long-time football supporter to purchase the cabinet. Les sadly died of a heart attack and the family wanted to do something to honour his memory and legacy. MT proposed the funds could be instead used to pay for the installation.</p> <p>Academy Mill for Primary Enterprise Challenge Cllr Clarke provided feedback. The project had a great response and participation by the children in years 2 & 5. Paul Robson, primary enterprise challenge, has teamed up with Kidz Stuff, Crazy Soap this year. Working in random teams of 4 the children had to budget, design and market a bubble bath or bath soap. Three teams from Mill Academy will attend awards ceremony on 22 June at Metrodome. The overall of winner of the Finals Day will get their design manufactured!</p> <p>MT and Paul have contacted Bankend School to extend the offer of funding from the WA if they would like to participate. Details have been sent but no response from the school.</p> <p>Christmas Event Activities – General Update</p> <p><u>Brass Band Mini Carol Concerts</u> The brass band mini carol concerts were well attended by the public and provided a good opportunity to promote the Ward Alliance and engage with the community. It was agreed that the concerts would be replicated again this year, allowing more time to plan and promote. Cllr Clarke encouraged WA reps to play an active role in attending and facilitating the events to relief pressure off MT</p> <p><u>Advent Calendar</u> MT supported four groups in Worsbrough to ‘adopt a window’ and access funding to delivery an event or activity. Men in Sheds, She Sheds, Worsbrough Tidy Group, and Ward Green Baptist Church all took part. The wreath making event particularly was a great success and is something that volunteer Esther is considering doing again this year. Many thanks to the groups and volunteers from the area that took part</p>	<p>arrangements to submit a change of use form.</p> <p>Cllr Clarke to continue to provide feedback.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge to follow up</p> <p>MT to liaise with Barnsley Brass and venues to identify potential dates. MT to set up a working group to plan.</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Cllr Clarke</p> <p>Cllr Lodge</p> <p>MT</p>
6. Declarations of pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action lead
	None declared.		N/A
7. Ward Alliance Budget 2021/2022		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	Total allocation for 2021/2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Fund = £7,149.43 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement Fund = £-197.17 <p>Cllr Clarke suggested a £2,000 top up of the Engagement Fund. To support the delivery of further engagement activities in the Ward including small sparks applications, Platinum Jubilee events. ASB signage etc.</p> <p>Potential Small sparks funding application from Ward Green Baptist Church for community craft sessions.</p> <p>Potential application from Cllr Lodge for the purchase of plants and materials to restore the planters at Maltas Court. Permission has already been granted from BH.</p>	<p>Agreed in principle. MT to send WAF Application to members for formal approval.</p> <p>MT to circulate via email for approval when they come in.</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>MT</p>
8. Principle Towns		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>A project proposal was submitted by Fiona Obrien and Teresa Williams to secure capital funds to make improvements to Worsbrough Dale Park Pavilion. The funds have been approved and await signing off by a senior officer within Place Directorate.</p> <p>Cllrs have also asked if funds could be made available to support the refurbishment of the old caretakes buildings at Worsbrough Bankend Primary and The Mill Academy.</p> <p>The caretaker bungalow at Mill Academy: Asbestos survey to be done w/c 7 February, and then to start building works. This will become a community hub for children in all years to teach them general household chores, budgeting etc. A slow cooker will be purchased as well.</p> <p>MT has briefly discussed with the headteacher to link activities with existing groups to support some aspects they are trying to offer</p>		<p>MT</p>
8. Area Council Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Cllr Clarke gave an update. Central Area Council Members agree to devolve £5k per ward (total budget of £25k) from the main commission budget into each respective Ward Alliance budget. There is also the option to devolve a further £5k.</p> <p>The contract with CAB is due to expire. Area Council Members agreed an extension for three months from 1st April until 30th June at a cost of £10k.</p> <p>The budget for the Youth Work priority was agreed at £65k per year for two years.</p> <p>The budget for a grant fund to support vulnerable people at a cost of £20k per year for 2-years.</p> <p>Members agree to release the ringfenced funding to progress the Youth Work Training partnership project between the Youth Association and YMCA at a total cost of £28k (£18k in the financial year 21-22 and £10k in the financial year 22-23).</p>		<p>Cllr Clarke</p>

	<p>Cllr Bowser said that there was some concern and opposition by Elected Members to devolve further fund to the Ward Alliances due to the amount of funding carried over each financial year by WA's .</p> <p>MT said that the last couple years are not reflective of the spending due to limited activities as the result of covid.</p> <p>To ensure increase spending, we need to engage with local groups more and encourage for them to come forward with funding applications.</p> <p>Twiggs Ground Maintenance contract is due to expire. Contracts out to tender; closing date end of February. A panel will look at the tenders and then agree new provider.</p>	<p>WAF to be discussed at the next meeting to explore potential WAFs and better promotion</p> <p>Cllr Bowser to provide update</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Cllr Bowser</p>
8. Current/Ongoing Ward Actions		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><u>Worsbrough Community Pantry – General Update</u></p> <p>2 new volunteers have been recruited and are volunteering on a regular basis.</p> <p>Tracey plans to invite different supporting agencies and groups to attend each week and provide support and signposting to pantry users</p>		MT / WCP
b.	<p><u>Environmental Working Group</u></p> <p>Kath Evans, WTG leader, is now the chair of the environmental meeting. Kath will attend the WA periodically to provide an update on the environmental action plan.</p> <p>Cllr's raised the issue with litter on the banking leading down to Mill Academy.</p>	<p>MT to liaise with Twiggs to establish if they can work on this area as part of their existing contract or if WA will need to pay for additional services.</p>	MT
c.	<p><u>Worsbrough History Day</u></p> <p>Worsbrough industrial Social History Society are continuing to work on the installation of the new memorial. Costings for groundworks to be provided by Barnsley Community Build. Fiona and Theresa have approved the funding. The WA group might have to fund costs towards insurance.</p> <p>The mark the unveiling MT is pulling together a working group to organise an event which will be held at Miners Welfare on Friday 20th & Saturday 21st May. The event will be promoted as Worsbrough Local History Day. Schools, care homes and local residents will be invited to attend. Groups will be invited to have stalls and share their information on the history of the area.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge offered support for the human library.</p>	<p>Agreed in principle any shortfall for WA to fund.</p> <p>MT to create working group.</p>	MT
9. Upcoming Activities/ Areas of Focus			
a.	<p><u>Queens Jubilee</u></p> <p>MT proposed to replicate the engagement plan for the TDY and host bunting design workshops again in communities. The sessions would provide a good opportunity to engage with the public and encourage applications to small sparks funding for small street parties etc. MT will liaise with coffee and craft group to sew all the designs together.</p>	<p>Michelle to check liability for street parties. MT to share dates of workshops when they have been agreed.</p>	MT

	<p>MT has been working with Bankend Friends who are planning a gala event on Friday, 3 June. MT and Alan will also encourage WSDA to put a WAF application in for funding towards events.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge said it will fit with the volunteer week happening at the same time.</p> <p>We will encourage existing groups to organise events in the Pavilion and to make funding available towards it.</p> <p>It was suggested that WSDA could replicate miners gala, however this will depend on accessibility to pitch with football and cricket.</p>		
9. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><u>Community Renewal Fund</u> Michelle to give feedback at the next WA meeting in March.</p>		MT
b.	<p><u>Game Changer Funding</u> Funding drawn from football foundation about encouraging people not participating in sports aimed at young people 16 – 25, women & girls, older people and those with long term mental and physical ill health. Delivery area is all Worsbrough Ward and Kendray. The project will be managed by Reds in Community. Reds are recruiting for Community Activators to support the delivery of the project. MT has met with Game Changer manager, Gareth Cooke and will facilitate meetings groups and individuals in the area including WSDA, Bankend Friends and Frank Parnham . There will support for existing organisations and support to develop new groups / activities. MT to continue to share more information when finalised.</p>	Michelle to send document to group.	MT
9. Dates and times of future meetings		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The Ward Alliance agreed to continue to the six weekly schedule and to conduct the meetings in person. There will be additional meetings in between with various working groups. The next meeting of the Ward Alliance is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.03. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC • 28.04. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC • 09.06. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC • 21.07. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC • 01.09. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC • 13.10. @ 5.30 pm, venue TBC 		AG

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting

DATE: 30 March 2022

Report of Central Area Council Manager

Officer Contact: Lisa Phelan & Sarah Blunkett

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Date: 18 March 2022

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform Members about agreed spend to date from the Ward Alliance Funds within the Central area for 2021-22. This forms the report for the financial year and remaining allocations will be carried forward into the financial period 2022-23.

2. Recommendation

That the Central Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes spend to date for the Wards of Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsborough.

3. Introduction

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

Following the Council's decision to withdraw Devolved Ward Budget funding from 1st April 2016, the use of Ward Alliance Funding and the associated allocation of monies to Ward Alliances across the borough has also been reviewed and amended.

3.2 In considering projects for the use of 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. Commitments to Date

4.1 A breakdown of the approved CAC spend for the 2021/22 financial year, is attached at Appendix 1.

4.2 Ward Alliances are currently reviewing priorities and updating action plans to ensure the timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance funds.

Appendix 1

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

2020-21 Ward Funding Allocations

For 2021-22 each Ward had an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

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, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2020/21 Ward Alliance Fund has been combined and added to the 2021/22 allocation, managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding were approved through the Ward Alliance.

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 138.15	Returned from Park Road Sheffield Road Crime and Safety Group
£3,500.00	Returned from Central Conservation RA
£3,638.15	Total income
£5,254.33	Carried forward from 2020/21
£10,000.00	Base allocation 2021-22
£18,892.48	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Balance
2021/22 Ward Alliance Allocation		£18,892.48
CAC Approved Devolved Budget to Ward Alliances (Feb '22)		£5,000.00
Return from Engagement Budget		£337.64
Return from Sheltered Housing Budget		£197.07
Return from Healthy Holidays Budget		£382.58
Off Road Biker Deterrent Signs	£160.00	
Full house Estate Community Group New Planter	£1,000.00	
Oakwell Rise Primary School Junior Wardens	£925.00	
WAF Application - King St Outdoor Seating Area Working Budget	£2,500.00	
WAF Application - Youth Association	£419.97	
WAF Application - Forever Young	£295.96	
Horizon CC Hamper Packs	£200.00	
Harborough Hills Christmas Lights	£550.00	
Community Notice Boards	£7,740.00	
Total remaining		£11,018.84

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000 Base allocation
 £6, 281.54 Carried forward from 2020/21
£16, 281.54 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Balance
2021/22 Ward Alliance Allocation		£16,281.54
CAC Approved Devolved Budget to Ward Alliances (Feb '22)		£5,000.00
Q4 Secretary Payment	£125.00	
WAF Application - Bench replacement at St Johns Close	£1,522.80	
WAF Application - Barnsley Junior Warden Scheme, St John's Primary Academy	£1,800.00	
Q1 Secretary Payment	£125.00	
Purchase of Signage from Totty Signs	£298.74	
Top up for Incredible Edible Working Budget	£103.48	
Q2 Secretary Payment	£125.00	
WAF Application - Dodworth Bowling Club	£1,200.00	
WAF Application - Dodworth High Street Xmas	£1,000.00	
DWA	£3,615.00	
Horizon CC	£200.00	
Q3 Secretary payment	£125.00	
Total remaining		£11,041.52

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	Base allocation
£ 6, 975.69	Carried forward from 2020/21
£16,975.69	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Balance
2021/22 Ward Alliance Allocation		£16,975.69
CAC Approved Devolved Budget to Ward Alliances (Feb '22)		£5,000.00
Classroom IT Equipment -Barnsley Sea Cadets	£1,790.00	
Drinking Water Supplier - ELSH	£1,198.46	
Junior Wardens - Worsbrough Common Primary	£1,800.00	
Amendment to previous WAF to reflect rising cost in shed and kitchen refurbishment – Highstone Bowling Club	£390.00	
Highstone Lane Allotments Clean Up & Skip Hire	£1,032.00	
HOPE In the Community, Healthy Holidays Toddler Group	£425.00	
Worsbrough United Football Team, Purchase of Goods for New Team	£710.00	
Small Sparks Fund Created	£,1000.00	
Hanging Baskets	£1,235.00	
Worsbrough United Football Team (Dec 2021 WAF application)	£150.00	
Knotty Knitters	£150.00	
Total remaining		£12,095.23

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	Base allocation
£14 ,763.34	Carried forward from 2020/21
£24,763.34	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Balance
2021/22 Ward Alliance Allocation		£24,763.34
CAC Approved Devolved Budget to Ward Alliances (Feb '22)		£5,000.00
Moved to Environment Working Budget	£2,000.00	
Purchase of two benches, Friends of Ardsley Welfare	£1,575.12	
Small Sparks Fund Created	£1,000.00	
Forest Academy Primary School, Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Purchase of plaque for memorial bench	£25.00	
Purchase of fruit and vegetable boxes from Smiths Fruit Stores	£1,200	
Supplies for Halloween Project	£79.10	
Transferred to Environmental Working Budget	£291.55	
Barnsley Central Crown Green Bowling Club	£1,050.00	
ASB in Aldham	£550.00	
Environmental Projects	£2,000.00	
Winter Wonderland	£82.82	
A-Fact	£300.00	
Total remaining		£17,809.75

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£35.05	Return from underspend on Cool as Ice
£10,000	Base allocation
£7,186.02	Carried forward from 2020/21
£17,221.07	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Balance
2021/22 Ward Alliance Allocation		£17,221.07
CAC Approved Devolved Budget to Ward Alliances (Feb '22)		£5,000.00
Q4 Secretary Payment - Andrea Greaves	£125.00	
WAF Worsbrough Community Pantry – Cool as Ice	£555.50	
WAF - Worsbrough Bridge AFC, Defibrillator External Case	£528.00	
Return of Worsbrough Bridge AFC, Defib External Case	-£528.00	
WAF - Ward Green Primary Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
WAF - Summer Cycle	£1,084.00	
WAF - Bank End Friends, Healthy Holidays	£900.00	
Q1 Secretary Payment	£125.00	
WAF - St Thomas Toddler Group	£900.00	
WAF - Worsbrough Tidy Group	£1,454.14	
Q2 Secretary Payment	£125.00	
The Mill Academy	£995.00	
Worsbrough Bridge Cricket Club	£1,480.00	
Q3 Secretary Payment	£125.00	
WAF - Engagement fund (top up)	£2,000.00	
WAF Defibs Worsbrough Mill	£1,312.00	
Total remaining		£9,240.43

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