

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 16 May 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 4, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests
- 2 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 14th March, 2022 (*Pages 3 - 8*)

Item for Information

- 3 Youth Resilience Fund Project Delivery Update - Andrea Battye (YMCA) and Michelle Cooper (Ad Astra)

Item for Discussion

- 4 Stronger Communities Grant 2022/23 (*Pages 9 - 14*)

Performance

- 5 Performance Report Quarter 4 2021/22 (*Pages 15 - 78*)

Items for Decision

- 6 Commissioning and Project Development and Finance (*Pages 79 - 86*)

Ward Alliances

- 7 Report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds (*Pages 87 - 94*)
- 8 Notes from the following Ward Alliances (*Pages 95 - 108*)

Darton East – held on the 8th March, 2022

Darton West – held on the 15th March and 26th April, 2022

Old Town – held on the 8th February and 8th March, 2022

St Helen's – held on the 24th February and 7th April, 2022

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Crisp, Denton, Howard, Hunt, Lofts, Newing, Pickering, Platts and Tattersall

Area Council Support Officers:

Tom Smith, North Area Council Senior Management Link Officer

Rosie Adams, North Area Council Manager

Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities

Elizabeth Barnard, Council Governance Officer

Cath Bedford, Public Health Principal - Communities

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Friday, 6 May 2022

MEETING:	North Area Council
DATE:	Monday, 14 March 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 11, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present Councillors Leech (Chair), T. Cave, Crisp, Howard, Hunt, Newing and Pickering

48 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Howard declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3 – Anti-Poverty Outreach – Information Advice and Guidance Service as an employee of the Department for Work and Pensions.

49 Notes of the Informal Meeting of the North Area Councillors held on 17th January 2022

The Area Council received the notes of the informal meeting of the North Area Councillors meeting held on 17th January, 2022.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the notes of the informal meeting of the North Area Councillors held on 17th January, 2022 be received and that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November be approved;
- (ii) that the Housing and Cohesion update be received and noted;
- (iii) that in relation to the Housing and Cohesion Update Bradley and Carolyn be thanked for their attendance and contribution at the meeting and for the hard work they and the workers are doing in the community;
- (iv) that in relation to the Housing and Cohesion Update, thanks be passed on to the wardens and all those involved for their hard work in the Community;
- (v) that the update on the Stronger Communities Grant 2022/23 be noted;
- (vi) that the update on the Commissioning, Project, Development and Finance report be noted and a workshop be set up to work through options discussed;
- (vii) that the update on the Ward Alliance Fund be noted; and
- (viii) that the notes from the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

50 Anti-Poverty Outreach - Information Advice and Guidance Service - David Andy

David Andy was welcomed to the meeting and updated members with regards to the joint work undertaken on the Anti Poverty Outreach Information Advice and Guidance Service jointly delivered by the DIAL and CAB Service since the project began in the North Area from 2015.

Prior to the pandemic services were delivered across the area in 4 outreach centres but since the start of the pandemic had been delivered remotely via telephone or video with a proposal to restart outreach centres from 28th March, 2022.

In total 10,481 clients had been assisted and of those helped £11.82 million had been claimed in additional benefits and £1.74 million worth of debt managed resulting in a return investment of £20 per £1.

An average of 32 clients per week had been assisted with a total of 23,900 issues equating to around 2.5 issues per client when broken down.

1800 clients had been assisted with benefits claims averaging at around £6,500 in benefit gain per client, but it was noted that some clients had gained more than this and some less. In regards to debt management, 300 had been assisted with an average of around £5,900 per client. In exceptional circumstances two clients were assisted with debts over £34,000.

Members questioned as to whether one person returning with a separate problem would be counted as one client or two, they were informed that they would be dealt with as two, when supported by Citizen's Advice Barnsley as they would be separate cases and issues.

Members raised concerns around the rising cost of fuel and energy and whether problems had arisen in relation to this. They were informed that it was predicted that these issues would possibly take a few months to show and that numbers would be high when they did.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that members note the update; and
- (ii) that David Andy be thanked for his attendance and all the hard work that himself and the Team carry out.

51 Stronger Communities Grant 2022/23

The Area Council Manager referenced the report and informed members that the Grant Panel had met following the receipt of 4 application forms totalling £23,716.34.

It was reported that the application forms received were of lower quality than had been received previously and the fund was undersubscribed for the first time, reasons behind this could have included two larger pots of grant money previously allocated by the Area Council. Two applications had been recommended to progress but that further information had been requested from both.

In particular a request for lower priced kit and medals had been requested from the Mother Runners – Stronger Mums project and the ask for the scheme to cover the St Helens ward also had been made.

With regards to the Mapplewell and Staincross Greenspace and Recreation Group – Mapplewell Park – Children’s Cycle Path, it was agreed that the application form was not at a point to indicate overall project delivery, assurance was required that if the money was awarded there would be measurable outcomes for the Community. Members were encouraging of the project and hopeful of a joint venture with the Bikeability project and getting schools interested to use the space as opposed to the roads.

It was reported that once all requested information had been received a meeting of the Grants Panel would be called.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant update be noted;
- (ii) that the projects that have been recommended for funding, pending further information, be noted;
- (iii) that it be noted that the Panel will reconvene to confirm that the requests of the Panel have been met; and
- (iv) that the performance and monitoring arrangements outlined in Section 7 of the report be agreed

52 Discussion following workshop held on the 10th March 2022

The workshop had received a presentation providing local data for the North Area, however it was felt that in order to make decisions on local need, it would be appropriate to wait for the outcome of the Welfare Review. It was also noted that the first release of most up to date census information would be available later this year.

An overview was provided on a number of issues discussed at the workshop held on 10th March, 2022 including:

- Support for fuel, food and the cost of living crisis
- Anti-Social behaviour and the increase in nuisance caused
- Parking enforcement
- Careers advice/raising aspirations of 14 and 16 year olds including information on a variety of jobs and opportunities that would not come out of regular careers advice in school

Members received a brief update on the Welfare Review that was being carried out within the Council and what that could mean for the North Area Council going forward in terms of delivering the Information Advice and Guidance Service. It was envisaged that a core provision may be provided with the option of a satellite service for Area Councils to fund in order to maintain a bespoke service fit for requirements in the area. Members were informed that once the review had been completed and a

core model was known they would meet to make a decision on an additional provision.

Members raised concerns around the decision to have a core offer which would not meet the specific individual needs of the North Area and questioned the estimated implementation date as the contract for CAB and DIAL was due to end in September 2022. They were informed that the review was not expected to be reported into Cabinet until May 2022 with the possibility of the Core offer not commencing until January 2023. It was noted that there may be the need to agree a 3/3.5 month (15 week) extension to the contract in order to ensure continued support. Members were in favour of this suggestion and the Area Manager agreed to make arrangements for a waiver.

RESOLVED that the update on the Workshop held on 10th March, 2022 be noted.

53 Performance Report Q3 2021/22

The Area Council Manager introduced the item providing members with a comprehensive performance report for the period October to December, 2021 (Quarter 3).

Members noted that there was a good overview of what was happening with each of the contracted services and how they linked into 4 Projects and the 2030 priorities and narrative for each one.

Particular attention as drawn to the Youth Resilience Fund which had seen positive results and members looked forward to meeting with the YMCA and Ad Astra at a future meeting of the Area Council.

RESOLVED that the contents of the Performance Management Report be noted.

54 Commissioning, Project Development and Finance

The Area Council Manager introduced the item and updated Members with the financial position going forward and outlined the projects which had been commissioned.

Members attention was drawn to the Anti Poverty Community Outreach Project and the option to extend the contract for 3 months with a view to reviewing the future plans once the Welfare Review had taken place and a core model was known.

Twiggs were in their second year of delivery with plans to hold larger engagement groups and work in collaboration with the Ward Alliances to ensure a programme of works including plans for the Queens Jubilee, summer holidays and October half term.

The Housing and Cohesion Officer project was doing well and it was felt good value for money in terms of service delivery in the area.

The Connecting Communities Grant funded projects were deemed successful with Age UK active in the area, DIAL had a new member of staff commencing live

connection hubs and Reds in the Community planned also to be live from the end of April, 2022.

The Stronger Communities Grant continued to have a number of successful projects.

The Health and Wellbeing – focus on Young People project had grant agreements in place until October 2022

The Health and Wellbeing – focus on Young People project grants were originally funded until October, 2022. A recommendation was put forward to extend to October, 2024 which would include the third year originally agreed plus a further year's funding at a cost of £90,000 per annum. Members were minded to make the extension in order to maintain the support provided to students in their educational transitions who were adversely affected by Covid-19.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the existing budget position and existing funding commitments be noted;
- (ii) that the funding for and extension of the Anti-Poverty Outreach IAG provision in relation to the Welfare Advice Review, be agreed until the end of calendar year 2022 at a value of approximately £27,500;
- (iii) that the progress with the 2022/23 Stronger Communities Grant opportunities be noted;
- (iv) that the North Area Councillors commitment to extend the Youth Resilience Grant funding for the original 3 years be agreed;
- (v) that an additional 4th years funding be committed to the Youth Resilience Grant funding be agreed at a value of £90,000; and
- (vi) that the updated projected spend be noted.

55 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund

The Area Council Manager update the North Area Council on the financial position of the Ward Alliance budgets for each ward for the 2021/22 period. It was highlighted that match funding which had been suspended during the pandemic was to be reinstated in the new financial year.

Members raised a query as to whether the funds could be increased in the new financial year as there was an anticipated increase in projects surrounding anti-poverty. This was welcomed by other members with a view to waiting until the Welfare Review had been completed when this would be reviewed again.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that Ward Alliances pay particular attention to the Ward Alliance Covid-19 Recovery Plan document when developing projects during the remainder of 2021/22;

(ii) that, in line with the guidance on spend, each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2021/22; and

(iii) that the possible increase in Ward Alliance funds be reviewed following the conclusion of the Welfare Review.

56 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 14th December, 2021, 11th January, 2022 and 8th February, 2022; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 18th January, 2022 and 15th February, 2022; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 14th December, 2021 and 11th January, 2022; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 13th January, 2022.

Councillor Hunt commented that the Winter Warmer Health Event had been a success and well attended in the Mapplewell and Staincross Village Hall with a view to holding similar events on a regular 6 monthly.

Councillor Howard reported that the Darton Stars Event had successfully taken place recognising community volunteers and unsung heroes. New connections had been made with a Kexborough Club in order to work with and plan future events.

Councillor T Cave provided members with an update on a number of improvements around Darton station that were due to be completed by the end of March 2022 with additional works to be carried out in the area to enable active travel and encourage people into the area.

Councillor Pickering reported that hanging basket take up had been phenomenal in the Old Town Ward and events were starting to be funded and taking place with the loan of gazebos from the Willow Bank Community Partnership.

Councillor Leech commented that the hanging basket take up had not been as successful as expected and that the Jubilee Event planning was taking shape. The Gala was being planned and spring bulbs had been planted around the area.

RESOLVED that the notes of the respective Ward Alliances be noted.

Chair

Item 4

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

16th May 2022

Agenda Item: 4

Report of North Area Council
Manager

North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members about the North Area Council Stronger Communities Grant application and allocation process.
- 1.2 To update members on the outcome of the grant panel meeting and the projects recommended for funding.
- 1.3 The report also outlines the performance management and monitoring arrangements for successful projects.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the NAC Stronger Communities Grant update.
- 2.2 Members note the projects that have been recommended for funding, pending further information.
- 2.3 Members note that the Panel reconvened to review additional information and agreed final funding values.
- 2.4 Members agree the performance and monitoring arrangements outlined in Section 7.

3. Background

Having noted the success of the Stronger Communities Grant funded projects which have been delivered throughout 2015/16 to 2021/22 it was agreed at the Area Council Meeting on the 29th November 2021 that the North Area would run the Stronger Communities Grant funding opportunity for the project delivery in 2022/23.

The NAC Stronger Communities Grant was established as a grants programme totalling £40,000 (2022/23) to address the identified North Area Council priorities. It is aimed at developing the capacity of community groups and organisations,

social enterprises and not for profit organisations, with a view to enabling them to bid for future procurements.

The North Area Council recognises that 2020 and 2021 have been exceptionally difficult due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The impact on lives across all sectors of society has been severe. For the year 2022/23 North Area Council welcomed applications that will help to alleviate the pressures of the pandemic. Particularly those that have been affected by financial hardship. During our recent Community Listening activity conducted during July and August 2021, residents identified the current needs and wants:

- Activities in the community for children, young people, individuals and families
- Opportunities to learn new skills
- Creative and craft-based activities
- Activities in nature and greenspaces.

The grant opportunity was advertised at the beginning of December 2021 and the final date for submission of applications was the 28th January 2022. A total of 4 applications were received before the deadline, totalling **£23,716.34**. (Plus one ineligible application from a private business.)

The Grants Panel Member received their panel packs electronically w/c 7th February. This included an information sheet, copies of all the applications and 'Scoring Matrix' top sheet for each application which needed to be completed prior to the panel meeting.

The Wards were represented by the following Councillors.

Darton East	Cllr Steve Hunt
Darton West	Cllr Sharon Howard
Old Town	Cllr Phil Lofts
St Helen's	Cllr Sarah Jane Tattersall

4. Recommended Projects

The Members had an opportunity to independently score each application before meeting for the Evaluation Panel on Thursday 17th February. The scoring matrix provided a robust qualitative and quantitative basis upon which to identify suitable applications. All applications required a majority recommendation from the panel in order to be successful. The panel was chaired by Cllr Howard and supported by the Area Team. The approval process can be found as Appendix 1.

COVID-19 – the panel particularly welcomed applications that supported the community with recovery from the far-reaching impacts of Covid-19.

The panel also considered the Five Ways to Wellbeing as part of the scoring and moderation process.

2 applications were recommended for funding, following receipt of further information from the applicants. **The total funding committed is £18,711.00**

The recommended projects are as follows (they are in no particular order):

Mother Runners – Stronger Mums – £9,950.00

Mother Runners is a free to access community group established in January 2020 to address the physical and mental well-being needs of ladies in Barnsley. Historically it has been proven that mums struggle to motivate themselves to keep fit and healthy owing to the increasing pressures of family life. The group was created by a mum who followed a Couch to 5K plan herself and realised the mental and physical benefits of running. Being able to use the familiar streets around Barnsley meant that the activity was free of charge, which was one of the most important issues to the group to enable inclusion of as many as possible.

When we launch our “Stronger Mums” project, we will be seeking to empower other women in this way. By setting up satellite groups around the North Area with a dedicated leader and tail walker, as the group progresses through the 9 week Couch to 5K programme we would then identify participants to train up to continue the group. Our vision is to set up 4 new satellites with 25 mums in each group, who once they finish their training would be able to roll out the training to grow their own groups.

With almost 100 members and a long waiting list we know that the approach has proven to be a success, notably with support from the Yorkshire sports foundation and National Lottery funds previously. As our team grew, we now have a full committee and constitution and would seek to embark upon a new project entitled “Stronger Mums” starting in Easter of this year.

Mapplewell and Staincross Greenspace and Recreation Group – Mapplewell Park – Children’s Cycle Path – £8,761.00

The aim of the project is to encourage children to learn to ride a bike safely and competently, following the installation of a cycle track (on the site of the old tennis court, Mapplewell Park). The benefits intended are improved motor skills, balance, strength, and co-ordination. Improved mental health and wellbeing of participants, including noted increases in confidence, self-esteem, and sense of achievement.

Training children to cycle safely -Bike ability training to encourage cycling and improve road safety.

Encouraging active travel to combat childhood obesity and improve our children’s future.

5. Lessons Learned

- 5.1.** The inclusion of the Five Ways to Wellbeing in the scoring criteria has helped the Panel understand how the North Area Funding contributes to the wider determinants of health and wellbeing.
- 5.2.** The fund was undersubscribed for the first time.
- 5.3.** There is the opportunity to support fledgling community groups with the remaining funds asking the voluntary and community sector to design projects that will help support Area Council priorities. A form of seed fund between £2,000 and £10,000.

6. Grant Awards and Performance Monitoring/Management

Both organisations have been notified and asked to sign Grant Agreement which, together with a detailed application form, will form the basis of the contractual agreement between the Council and the organisation for the grant awarded.

Those projects significantly under £10,000 will receive a one-off grant payment for the full amount and will be asked to submit their monitoring information at the end of the project.

All applicants have submitted a monitoring/performance framework and quarterly payment schedule as part of their application. Where a quarterly payment is agreed the payments will only be released once the North Area Council Manager is satisfied that monitoring/performance targets for the previous quarter have been met, or if not met, a satisfactory reason is given as to why this is the case and revised targets for the following quarters agreed.

Progress on projects will be reported back to North Area Council on a regular basis and a full evaluation report about the NAC Stronger Communities Fund process and projects will be presented to North Area Council on completion of all projects, anticipated early 2022/23.

7. Next steps

- 7.1.** The Area Manager will keep the Area Council apprised of further developments.

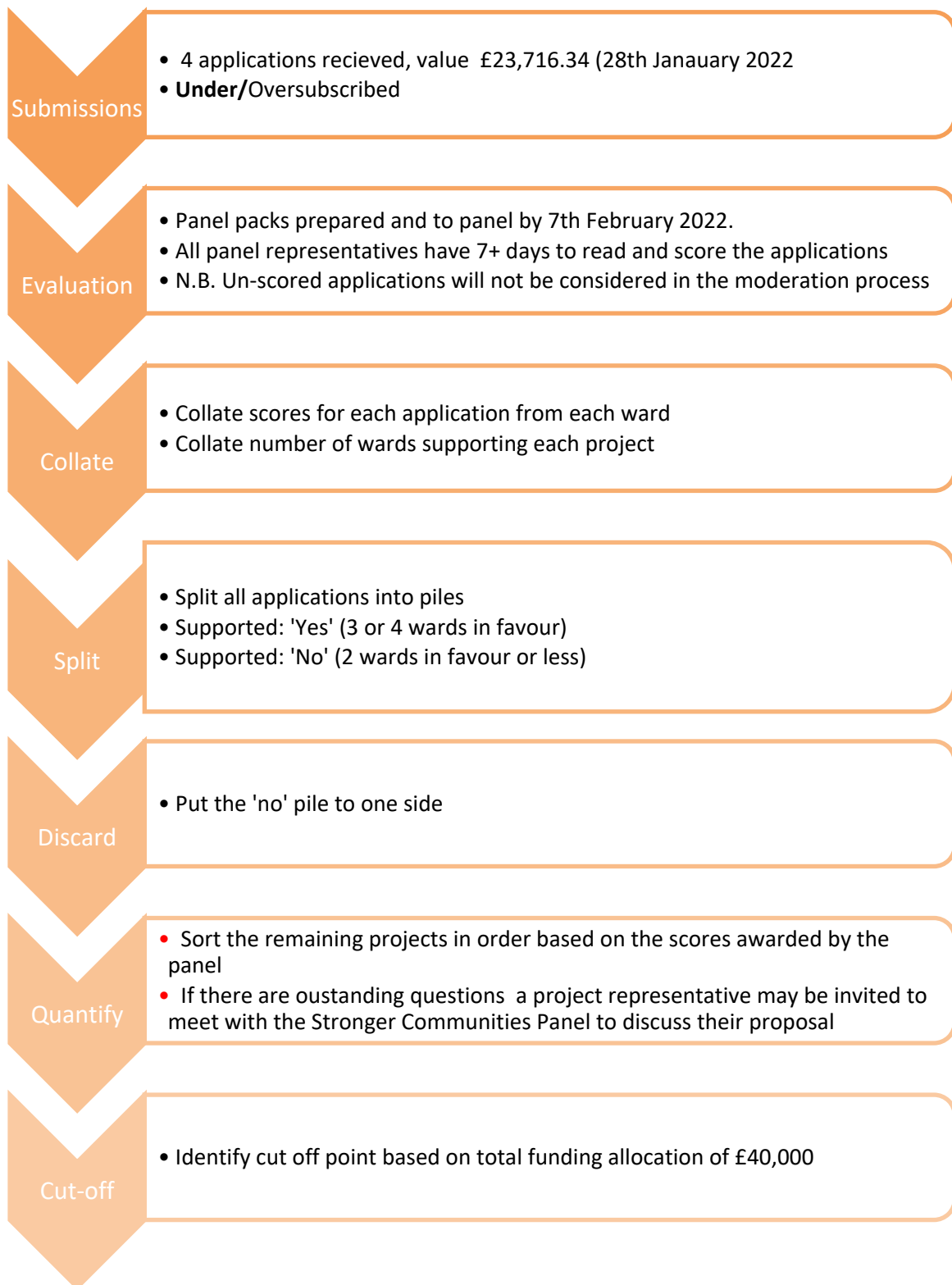
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Appendix 1: North Area Council

Stronger Communities Grant 2017/18 onwards - Approval Process



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Item 5

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

16th May 2022

Agenda item: 5

Report of
North Area Council Manager

North Area Council – 2021/22 Quarter 4 (January – March 2022) Performance Management Cover Report for Commissioned Projects and Stronger Communities Projects

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. **Members note the contents of the Performance Management Report Attached, Appendix 1.**

Background

A comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report for the period October to December (2021/22 Quarter 4) has been produced and is attached, Appendix 1.

Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)

Part A of the North Council Performance report provides North Council members with an aggregate picture of how all the North Council contracted services contribute to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives.

The information provided in Part A reflects information gathered from each contract for the period January – March 2022.

Contracted Service Providers:

- CAB & DIAL – Community Outreach Project
- Twiggs Grounds Maintenance – Creating a cleaner, greener environment in partnership with local people

Extended Grant – Youth Resilience Grant

- YMCA
- Ad Astra

Extended Grant – Connecting Communities Grant

Area Council Funded Posts

- Housing and Cohesion Officer

Part B provides North Council members with a summary performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2022 Quarter 4 (January – March 2022). The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from all North Area Council Providers, following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings.

The report provides a link between the commissioned services and the Public Health Outcomes: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/public-health-outcomes-framework>

Part C provides a summary of performance information from the 12 month grants - Stronger Communities Grants Projects.

In addition to the information provided in the summary reports, more detailed information is available on request, including case studies with photographs for each contracted service, and some performance data on a ward basis.

Performance Report –Issues

Two of the North Area Council contracts continue to perform well. The CAB and DIAL contract is consistently running over capacity.

Appendices

Appendix 1: North Council Performance Management Report - Quarter 4 2021/22 (January – March 2022).

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Date:
27th April 2022



North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

Project Performance Report

Q4 - 2021/22 (January - March 2022)
Covid-19 Innovation & Adaptation



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Report

April 2021 -
March 2022



North Area Council Priorities



Anti Poverty



Improving the local environment



Health & Wellbeing



Economic Regeneration



Opportunities for young people



Changing the relationship

Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

Barnsley - the place of possibilities
































Healthy Barnsley	Learning Barnsley	Growing Barnsley	Sustainable Barnsley
People are safe and feel safe	People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships	Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities	People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their community.
People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible	Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment	People have a welcoming safe and enjoyable town centre and physical towns as destinations for work, shopping leisure and culture	Our heritage and green spaces are promoted for all people to enjoy
We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough	People have access to early help and support	People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes	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

Contractual Overview

Table 1 below shows the Providers that have now been appointed to deliver a series of services that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the North Area Council.

Service	Priorities	Provider	Contract Value (per year)	Start Date	Updates
Anti Poverty Outreach Page 12	 Economic Regeneration  Health & Wellbeing  Anti Poverty	 	£190,000 2 years (+1 year)	14th September 2017	Contract Live Due to end 13/09/2022
Connecting Communities Page 17	 Changing the Relationship  Health & Wellbeing		£79,600.20 1 year	1st December 2021	Contract Live Due to end 31/11/22
Environmental Education Page 20	 Improving the environment  Health & Wellbeing  Young People		£169,932 2 years (+1 year)	1st April 2021	Contract Live - Year 2 milestones updated
Economic Regeneration	 Improving the local economy				Current gap in provision
Housing & Cohesion Officer Page 31	 Improving the environment  Changing the Relationship  Economic Regeneration  Anti Poverty  Health & Wellbeing		£35,500 12 month contract	19th October 2020	6 months notice period required
Social Inclusion & Cold Homes	 Anti Poverty  Improving the economy  Health & Wellbeing		£150,000 2 years (+1 year)	1st September 2018	Contract Concluded
The Fleets Page 36	 Improving the environment  Health & Wellbeing		£30,000 (Total) 2 years	April 2020	March 2022
Youth Resilience Page 38	 Improving the environment  Health & Wellbeing  Young People	 	£90,000 2 years (+1yr)	1st November 2020	Funding confirmed until 31/10/2024

**Our Council Plan
2021 -2024**

COMMISSIONS

Anti-Poverty
Outreach

Environmental
Education

Connecting
Communities

Housing &
Cohesion
Officer

Social
Inclusion &
Cold Homes

The Fleets

Youth
Resilience

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Our Council Plan
2021 -2024
GRANTS

Training
Facilities

Healthy
Lifestyles

Connections
Project

Covid
Recovery
North

Afternoon
Tea Dance

5 Star
Wellbeing

Transitions
with the
Reds

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Anti-Poverty

Performance Indicator



&



Public Spaces

Number of financial debt settlements negotiated

Target

N/A

Achieved to date

0

Cases of homelessness prevented

N/A

0

Overall benefit gain (in £)

N/A

£1,277,317

Debt Managed (in £)

N/A

£96,836



Home environment (regardless of tenure)
Social Isolation & Cold Homes

Achieved to date

Savings derived as a result of energy switching (in £)

Y4

£7,258





Environment: Education & Support

Performance Indicator



Public Spaces

Number of local businesses supported at planned events

Target

75

Achieved to date

114

Number of new groups formed with support of Twiggs

4

2

Number of hours of volunteering generated

N/A

3,015

Number of volunteers trained in horticultural skills

73

133



Private Rented Homes Housing Cohesion Officer

Achieved to date

Number of vulnerable households identified

Total

89

Number of properties improved because of service intervention

Total

53

Number of requests to landlords (both formal and informal)

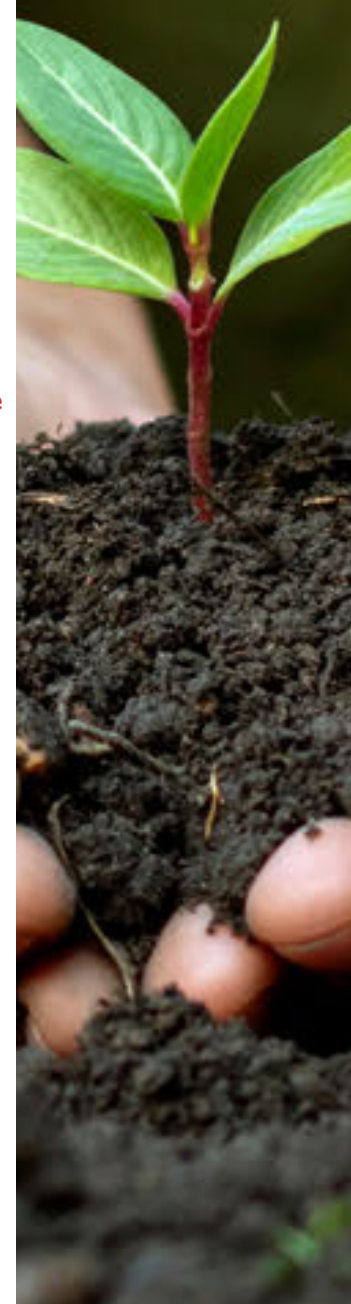
Total

51

Number of community protection written warnings issued

Total

9





Health & Wellbeing

Performance Indicator



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Anti-Poverty

Local residents experienced improved health and wellbeing

Target

%

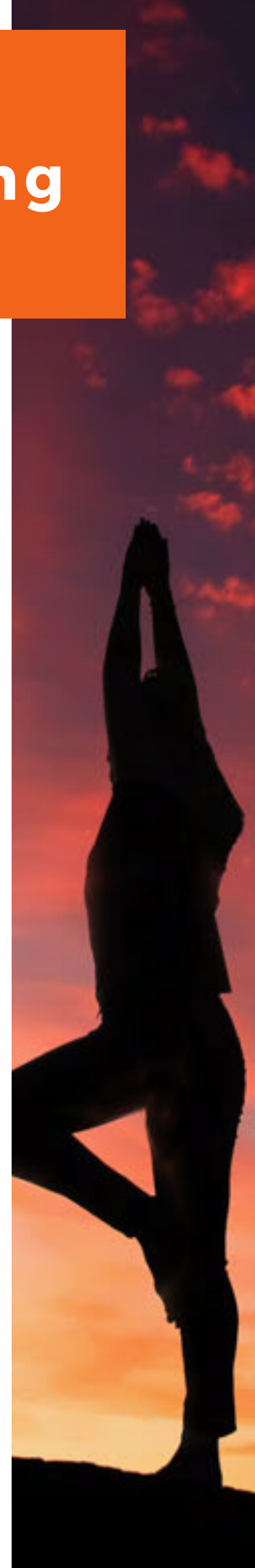
N/A

79%

Local people feel more able to manage their own affairs

N/A

86%





Young People

Performance Indicator

QUARTER 4



Number of unique individuals engaged	N/A	39
Number of peer support sessions delivered	N/A	3
Number of young people attending Buddy Training / Peer Sport	N/A	N/A
Number of school holiday sessions delivered	N/A	3
Number of young people reporting greater confidence in their transition once in Year 7	N/A	N/A
No. young people reporting an improvement in their emotional wellbeing	N/A	N/A
No. Family members engaged in the project	N/A	2
No. young volunteers	N/A	3



PART A: OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

3 contracts have formally completed their contract monitoring/contract management reporting for Q3 2020/21. The following tables, therefore, reflect the overview of the performance of **3 live contracts** only.

These contracts are:

- Twiggs – Year 3, Q2
- CAB & DIAL - Contract 2, Year 4, Q2

DIAL (Social Isolation) – Final Report

Two providers are currently delivering the Youth Resilience Grant

- YMCA
- Ad Astra

The North Area also funds contracted posts:

- Housing Cohesion Officer (post holder commenced employment on 19th October 2020)





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- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
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Service Outline

Delivered by Citizens Advice Barnsley and DIAL Barnsley, the NAC Outreach service advises local people on all the issues they face. Their services are free, confidential, impartial & available to everyone.

Both providers deliver AQS quality marked advice that is independently and externally audited. They advise on all categories of law including debt and money worries, in-work, out-of-work and disability benefits; housing and homelessness; employment; relationship and consumer issues. This breadth of knowledge means they are uniquely qualified to provide wrap-around services to support people with multiple interlinked issues. They help clients sort out problems before they reach crisis point and through income maximisation & debt management, they help stabilise people's finances to prevent and reduce the impact of poverty. The client feedback they gather shows this advice work helps to improve health and wellbeing and reduces stress.



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£203,594

Overall benefit gain (in £)

£16,238

Amount of debt managed

Extract from performance report

In the period 1st January to 31st March 2022, advisers from both organisations have provided information and advice to 651 client contacts, supported clients to claim £203,594 of welfare benefits and manage £16,238 of debt.

Since March 17th 2020 this service has now been delivered by telephone and Email due to face to face services being suspended until further notice due to the Corona Virus. DIAL stats appear high due to them contacting all clients whom they have assisted during the previous 12 months to enquire if they need any further help and support during the current COVID pandemic. Included within the CAB stats are also the North Area debt project data and statistics.

As in previous reports, the majority of clients for both organisations accessed the service for help with benefit related issues. The generalist adviser from CAB has also supported clients with a range of other issues including employment, debt, immigration & asylum, housing, legal, consumer, relationship and family issues, health and community care, financial services and capabilities, utilities & communication, and other issues .

Of the 651 client contacts this quarter 96 have required help with form filling – a total of 15% of the clients, majority of which are related to the benefits system.

During Quarter 2, CAB dealt with 14 clients (27 client contacts) whose main issue related to debt. In total we helped 5 clients manage £16,238 of debt an average of £3,248 per client. 2 clients were sent for fast track specialist debt support with the CAB debt workers.

Face to face outreach services recommenced on the 28th March with CAB returning to the drop in sessions and DIAL working on a temporary appointments only system. So far on resuming face to face, 13 clients have been seen at the North Area venues.



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Case Study



Few issues are probably so emotive and challenging as the custody and welfare of children when a relationship has ended. When her marriage ended, Sam* had been granted custody of their three young children by the family court and a Child Arrangement Order had been put in place. Sam had felt that this was for the best, so that she and her ex-husband had absolute clarity about where the children were to reside and when they would see their father, even stipulating sharing out special events like Christmas, Easter and birthdays.

For several months, it had worked quite well - but recently, each time the children or visits were discussed, Sam found herself talking not to her ex-husband, but to his new partner - and she seemed determined to ignore the stipulations made. She was now insisting that the children spend Christmas day with them, in breach of the terms in the Arrangement Order. Sam felt that it was almost impossible to have a discussion with her ex-husband, now, he was leaving all of the communication to his new partner. Sam was really unhappy about anything - or anyone - undermining their carefully made arrangements. The order was designed to avoid such disputes, and she wanted them to stick to it!

Sam wasn't sure just how enforceable these details were, legally, so before thinking about applying to the court to enforce the Arrangement Order, she decided to contact Citizens Advice Barnsley.

An adviser was able to explain to Sam that once a Child Arrangement Order was established, they are not monitored by the courts, so that the only way that the court would be made aware of any breach would be if a formal application for enforcement were to be made. What would happen would then depend on whether the court was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that someone had not complied with the Arrangement Order, and that they had no reasonable excuse not to comply. If so, then the court could impose an Enforcement Order, and apply sanctions to the offender if they chose to.

The adviser then gave Sam both online and telephone contact details for the Child Law Advice service, explaining that they have a useful helpline and are a reliable source of information and affordably-priced legal guidance. Another organisation specialising in child and family law, Coram, was also mentioned.

Only Sam could make the decision as to whether to seek an Enforcement Order. Through Citizens Advice Barnsley, she secured the information that she needed and knew where to acquire expert advice going forward.

*** All client Storytellers have been given different names and certain details have been omitted or changed to preserve their anonymity.**



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Case Study



“We could not have done this without the help of DIAL as we were so deflated at being turned down and didn’t know what to do next, thank-you so much for your help”

Mr S



Acknowledged outcome

- More money to live on
- More optimistic about the future

Before DIAL

Mr S is a 40 year old male with severe mental health problems. He has been under the care of the local mental health services for a number of years and also the care of his GP for anxiety and depression. He is very reliant on his partner not only for help with his daily living activities but also to try to coax him out of the house and to get him to medical appointments. He does not drive so is reliant on his partner to take him as he cannot use public transport due to the extreme anxiety that this causes him.

Advice provided by DIAL

Mr S and his partner made an application for Personal Independence Payment. They completed the PIP 2 form themselves after which Mr S had an assessment. The outcome was unsuccessful, Mr S scored no points on either daily living or mobility at which point they contacted DIAL for assistance in helping to complete a mandatory reconsideration appeal. At this point they had very little in the way of supporting medical evidence but they went ahead with the appeal. DIAL provided instructions on how to obtain the relevant information from the GP and from the mental health services for his mental health records which he was entitled to obtain. The mandatory reconsideration was unsuccessful so the case was taken to the first tier tribunal. An appeal submission was completed by DIAL and shortly after a date for the tribunal was received.

After DIAL

A week before the tribunal Mr S was contacted by the DWP, they made him an offer of Enhanced rate daily living at £89.60 a week and Enhanced rate mobility at £62.55 before the case went to tribunal which Mr S accepted. The case was backdated to January 2021 so Mr S was owed £6,700 in back pay. DIAL has also helped Mr S to access local area welfare assistance in the way of food vouchers to help with the rising cost of living and other energy awareness advice.



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How does the commission meets the Council Plan?

Our Council Plan 2021 -2024

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 access to early help and support

Sustainable Barnsley

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

Growing Barnsley

- People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes

*CAB & DIAL contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

1.09 | Sickness absence rate

1.15 | Statutory homelessness

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

2.23 | Self-reporting wellbeing

Health public health and preventing premature mortality

Objective 4: reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities

4.13 | Health related quality of life for older people

4.15 | Excess winter deaths



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Health & Wellbeing

Connecting Communities



Darton Wellbeing Group



**Winter Warmth Pop up event
Mapplewell Co-op**

£28,080.40

The benefit gains from the I&A work in the North Area between 1st December and 31st March

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
- Project milestones achieved
- Project outcome indicator targets met
- Overall project progress & achievements

Project Aims

Age UK Barnsley are a local charity that works only for the benefit of the people of Barnsley Borough and our Resource Centre/Head Office is based within the Town Centre. We have been providing successful, innovative, area-wide services addressing social isolation in Barnsley for more than 5 years. Age UK Barnsley work with older people with a wide range of needs and health conditions including dementia, mental health problems, physical health conditions and limited mobility.

Project Summary

Our overall aim is to reduce the current level of social isolation and loneliness in people aged over 50 in the North Area. We will do this by:

- Developing and supporting personalised plans and support to enable individuals to tackle their social isolation.
- Developing community responses to provide innovative solutions to barriers to inclusion and involving local volunteers.
- Working with a wide range of partner agencies to increase the number of sustainable community activity opportunities available within the North Area
- Apply Age Friendly principles to increase involvement of older people in community development and ensuring their full social value is appreciated.



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Connecting Communities

Addressing Gaps in Communities

- 1:1 Person Centred Planning and support from a Social Inclusion Worker
- A range of interventions that will support socially isolated older people to overcome the barriers to involvement e.g., transport, money, confidence, health problems etc.
- Mapping, promotion and support for Community Groups and Activities
- Developing new sustainable Community Activities through consultation and partnership working post-Covid. Especially those activities where gaps have been identified such as groups for men and Digital Inclusion projects as well as those activities that promote mental and physical wellbeing e.g. Tai Chi.
- Enable older people to come together and have a voice in community developments.
- Bring Community Groups together for mutual support, clear pathways and sharing resources.

Achievements this quarter - December 2021 to March 2022

The North area has benefitted from full time Social Inclusion Officer hours covered by Kaye, Dawn, Lorraine and Natalie. With a caseload of 43 older people, the Social Inclusion Officers has been working collaboratively with these older people to develop their own personal support plans to ensure their support is individual and suited to them. Alongside our Social Inclusion Officers, we have a team of volunteers who have been providing face to face and telephone befriending on a regular basis as well as providing support at the community groups.

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"I have been feeling unwell this morning and felt like I had 'brain fog' but I'm pleased to have come out on the walk because the dark cloud has lifted, and I feel so much better after spending time socialising and getting fresh air"



How does the commission meets the council plan?

Our Council Plan 2021 -2024

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Learning Barnsley

- People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships.
- People have access to early help and support

Achievements this quarter - December 2021 to March 2022

- 3 newly referred socially isolated people have been allocated volunteer befrienders and 3 volunteers continue to provide befriending. There have been 105 volunteer hours this quarter.
- We have been able to signpost and support older people to register for dial a ride and access activities such as Butterflies Dementia Group and Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall Friday pop in club.
- New referrals have come to us via Social Prescribing, by concerned family and friends and also social services.
- Work closely with BOPPA in Falls Prevention and encourage people to attend the group at Emmanuel Church to combat this.
- Support has been provided to older people who require specialised support from services such as IAPT and Barnsley Bereavement Services.
- In this quarter we attended the Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall Wellbeing Event where we found a lot of attendees required advice regarding rising fuel costs, so these were signposted to our information and advice service but alongside this we were able to offer information and leaflets around staying well in winter and advise about the activities we currently offer in the local community.
- Provided Volunteer Recruitment Drive in 3 locations around Barnsley to encourage more local people to get involved in volunteering for Age UK Barnsley.
- Our Information & Advice service were able to support 20 older people within the North area this quarter with advice about benefits, social care, energy and travel.



"Thank you so much for what you have done for my dad. He's been to your group twice now and he seems much brighter"





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**Opportunities
for young
people**

Environmental Education



How the commission meets the Council Plan?

**Our Council Plan
2021 -2024**

Learning Barnsley

- Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment.
- People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships.

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.

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
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Purpose and Function Overview

The North Area Clean and Tidy Team's focus is on building independence and increasing resilience within communities. Working with residents, schools and local businesses. The Clean and Tidy Team's performance is measured on the work that they do with volunteers and attracting new people to help keep the North Area clean, green and tidy for many years to come.

There is a strong emphasis on proactive work and transfer of horticultural skills to volunteers. This is an educational based contract. N.B. Twiggs do not have a maintenance contract for North Area. BMBC Neighbourhood Services retain this function and every effort must be made to prevent duplication.



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Environmental Education

Performance Indicator	Yr 1 Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Cumulative
Number of community clean-ups	10	69	65	59	59	253
Twiggs social action events	10	8	-	-	-	18
New community groups supported	4	2	2	0	0	4
No. of sustained volunteers (recruited and retained)	80	63	134	144	129	470
Number of new volunteers at Twiggs events	120	6	8	151	24	189
Areas of blight targeted	10	42	48	21	95	206
Local business engagement	50	8	16	30	22	76
Number of volunteers trained (6 week active volunteer course)	40	30	27	6	10	73
Local spend	90%	90%	/	95%	95%	95%

*TWIGGS contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

1.04 First time entrants to the youth justice system

1.16 Utilising outdoor space for exercises and health reasons

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

2.13 Proportion of physically active and inactive adults

2.13 Self-reported wellbeing

Mapplewell Park

Darton East



Background

The main focus of this project was to facilitate groups in their efforts to rejuvenate the area as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee project.

Date: 21/01/2022

Volunteers - No volunteers attended (preparation)
The Twiggs North Area Team attended the park in order to prepare the ground for the community event (22/01/2022) where a number of trees will be planted. Whilst there, the team collected a total of 3 bags of litter to make best use of their time.

Date: 22/01/2022

Volunteers - 24 Volunteers; 8 Sustained Adult Volunteers, 16 New Volunteers including 4 children
Total Volunteer Hours - 72 (24 x 3 Hours)

At this event we worked together by sharing skills and knowledge with the volunteers involved to then plant 9 trees within the park to support the Queen's Jubilee project. The team then focussed on clearing 20 bags of litter from the surrounding streets.

Groups - Greenspace

Local Business - The Wentworth Arms

Date: 25/01/2022

Volunteers- Independent Team working

The team revisited the park to complete the planting (and securing) of the trees which were planted by the team and volunteers at the weekend. Whilst here we were able to assess our apprentice on the use of power tools, further contributing to the progress of his apprenticeship. (1.5 hours)

Groups Supported - The Royal British Legion, Greenspace

Date: 28/01/2022

Volunteers - Independent Team working

The team successfully planted the 10th tree at the park in support of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Groups supported- Greenpeace

At a glance



24

Number of volunteers



72

Number of volunteering hours



£986.40

Cashable value of volunteering hours

Mapplewell Park

Darton East



How did this activity come about?

Greenspace applied for a donation of trees to counteract the ones initially damaged. Project put forward for Queen's Jubilee

Who was Involved? Partners/ Groups/ Businesses/ Schools?



Mapplewell & Staincross
Greenspace &
Recreation Group

Training Delivered:

Volunteers were educated about the preparation involved in planting saplings, how they must be maintained and supported.

What went well?

We were able to help the project for the Queen's Jubilee and planted all trees. The sheer amount of volunteer engagement in this activity was astounding.

At a glance



24

Bags of litter collected



10

Number of volunteering hours



17

Twiggs Staffing time

Darton Park

Darton West



Background

Since the start of 2021 we have been working to support 5 adults, who were referred to us through BMBCs Employment and Volunteering service. Our aim has been to guide and support the individuals on a weekly basis, delivering various horticultural tasks to maintain a large area of Darton Park.

Some members of the group have low level learning difficulties, our staff are able to pass on knowledge and train the individuals until they are competent in carrying out an activity independently.

Date: 10/01/2022

Volunteers - 2 Sustained Volunteers
Total Volunteer Hours 8 (2 x 4 hours)

To begin the day's activities, a litter pick across the park was conducted and a total of 4 bags were collected. The footpaths were reinstated at the far end of the park to create a wider and safer footpath. Our apprentice strimmed down overgrown grass which had grown around some newly planted trees

Date: 17/01/2022

Volunteers - 4 Sustained Volunteers
Total Volunteer Hours 8 (4 x 2 hours)

The team strimmed down the grass along the fence line whilst the volunteers completed a litter pick and filled 4 bags from the area before continuing to reinstate the pathway edges.

Date: 24/01/2022

Volunteers - 2 Sustained Volunteers
Total Volunteer Hours: 6 hours (2 x 3 hours)

Following on from our previous weeks' activities, we cleared 3 bags of litter and continued to reinstate the footpath edges. Together we have made such a huge difference in the area so far, and the footpaths are looking much better. We then discussed what our next project within the park will be.

At a glance



35

Number of volunteers



98

Number of volunteering hours



£1,342.60

Cashable value of volunteering hours

Darton Park

Darton West



Date: 31/01/2022

Volunteers: 3 Sustained Adult Volunteers
Total Volunteer Hours - 6 hours (3 x 2 hours)

The team, along with volunteers commenced their next project within the woodland. All dead branches and self-sets were removed. The waste generated from this was then reused to create small habitat piles - in order to attract more wildlife to the woodland. The larger branches were used to make a pathway border. Additionally, 4 bags of litter were collected.

Date: 21/02/2022

Volunteers - 1 Sustained Adult
Total Volunteer Hours - 2

Only one volunteer could attend the event today which was unfortunate but meant we could work with them on a 1-2-1 basis. The volunteer was shown the correct techniques required to successfully prepare the area for tree planting. The ground was prepared and holes were dug for the placement of new trees - planting taking place on Monday 28th February 2022. 3 bags of litter were also collected.

Date: 28/02/2022

Volunteers - 3 (2 New, 1 Sustained)
Total Volunteer Hours 7.5 (3 x 2.5 Hours)

Volunteers from BMBC Employment and Volunteering Group accompanied the team on this event. To begin with, the team cleared 3 bags of litter from the park, shortly before preparing the ground and planting 4 trees next to the car park.

Date: 07/03/22

Volunteers - 6 - 5 Sustained, 1 New
Total Volunteer Hours - 18 (6 Volunteers x 3 Hours)

We continued supporting the Queen's Jubilee project by planting six more fruit trees. Everyone worked so well as a team and our team were able to teach the volunteers some new skills.

At a glance



61

Number of staffing hours



51

Bags of litter collected



1

Number of new community groups



Darton Park

Darton West

Date: 14/03/2022

Volunteers – 5 Sustained Adult Volunteers

Total Volunteer Hours – 15 (5 Volunteers x 3 Hours)

We completed a litter pick initially and collected 6 bags of litter. We then continued the woodland project by developing the woodland path and further adding to the wildlife habitats.

Date: 21/03/2022

Volunteers – 5 Sustained Adult Volunteers

Total Volunteer Hours – 12.5 (5 x 2.5 Hours)

We conducted a litter pick and cleared 8 bags of litter. We then removed the green waste and self-sets from the woodland area and utilised this for habitat piles along the woodland footpath.

Date: 28/03/2022

Volunteers – 6 Sustained Adult Volunteers

Total Volunteer Hours – 15 (6 x 2.5 Hours)

Contributing to the GBSC initiative, the team worked with the Darton Park Group and collected 18 bags of litter from the park and Long Fields.

How did this activity come about?

Referral via BMBCs Employability, the Darton Park Group is an existing group that we have worked with for some time.

Training Delivered:

Volunteers were shown how to prepare for the planting of trees and how to maintain them. We also educated volunteers about how to use natural materials to regenerate the area.

Who was Involved? Partners/ Groups/ Businesses/ Schools?

BMBC Employment and Volunteering service, Darton Park Group

What went well?

Following the first month of working together we realised the group started looking forward to their Monday mornings with our team. They have commented on many occasions that working with us made them happy and they felt like they had something to look forward to. We suggested they could create a name for their small group, "Twiggs Darton Park Group" was decided a great name by the group..

The Recovery College

Old Town



Background

To work with staff and service users from The Recovery College to carrying out regular gardening tasks within their premises. We also will be targeting the surrounding streets to further develop and progress the volunteers.

Date: 06/01/2022

Volunteers – 2 Sustained Adult Volunteers

Total Volunteer Hours 6 (2 x 3 hours)

Working with the volunteers the team helped to clear the garden of leaves which had collected during autumn. These were reintroduced elsewhere in the garden to replenish the habitats and volunteers advised why this is best practice.

17 bags of litter collected

Date: 27/01/2022

Volunteers – 2 Sustained Adult Volunteers

Total Volunteer Hours 6.5 Hours (2 x 3.25 Hours)

The main focus of this session was to clear surrounding streets of litter. 7 bags of litter was collected by the team and the volunteers. Following this, the group regrouped in the college gardens where they continued their previous work of collecting leaves, weeding and cutting down dead plants in preparation for the new season.

Date: 23/02/2022

Volunteers – 1 Adult Sustained Volunteer

Total Volunteer Hours – 3.5 Hours

The team worked with Julie (centre manager) to help put up bird feeders to encourage wildlife into the garden. The garden was also cleared of weeds and bare areas were covered with pebbles to enhance the garden's aesthetics.

Date: 16/03/2022

Volunteers – 1 Sustained Adult Volunteer

Total Volunteer Hours – 3 Hours

As part of the project with the Recovery College volunteers, the team and Julie delivered a session in the Pogmoor Recreational Ground. The team shared skills with Julie about maintaining the flower beds and the processes used. Weed killer was applied to the flower bed before a new lining was laid and covered in fresh mulch. The area greatly benefitted from this as walkers thanked the team for their efforts. Julie is aiming to get some more volunteers on-board for the next upcoming events.

At a glance



6

Number of volunteers



19

Number of volunteering hours

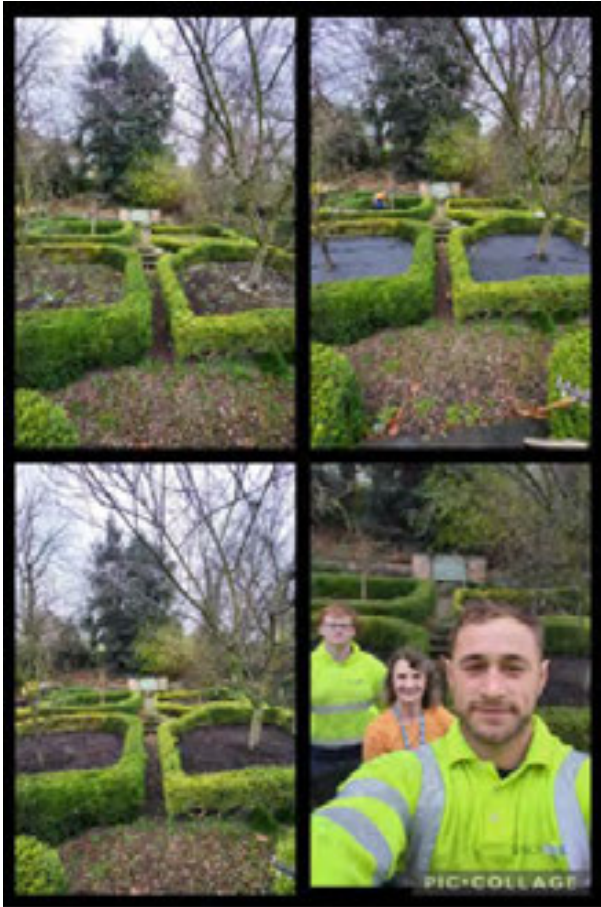


£260.30

Cashable value of volunteering hours

The Recovery College

Old Town



How did this activity come about?

We have worked with the college for a number of years for their private maintenance needs. They then contacted us to ask for our support with volunteers following on from our online promotional posts.

Who was Involved? Partners/ Groups/ Businesses/ Schools?

Twiggs team, college staff and service users

What went well?

We built a very good relationship with The Recovery College and through our shared goals, we were able to create a welcoming garden for both service users and local wildlife.

What still needs further development?

In order to continue our work, we need to work with the college to encourage more volunteers to participate. We will also be aiming to develop service user involvement in order to aid their recovery.

Outcomes of Project

The team grew to understand more about the crucial work that the college does and were able to factor in these concepts into the events planned. The volunteers which did participate were given new skills and opened to the benefits of participating in community projects.

Next Steps

To facilitate volunteer involvement by advertising upcoming events which can be attended by non-service users. Working with Julie with particular service users in mind to create events which may aid their recovery or open new avenues of interest.

At a glance



22

Number of staffing hours



24

Bags of litter collected

Athersley Community Shop/ Coalfields Regeneration Project

St Helens



How did this activity come about?

We are currently working in partnership at Athersley Community Shop with a vulnerable young adult. Our aim is to enhance his skills, and widen the variety of tasks he is able to carry out confidently. We hope this will eventually help to gain him employment through experience and new skills learnt.

We first met *Angus (not his real name) at Athersley Community Shop. *Angus was previously employed and worked for a food company.

*Angus suffers with mental health issues and often isolates himself from others. We feel that working together with us we can encourage him out of his comfort zone and show him the values and benefits working as a team has to offer. We also hope to maintain and encourage positive mental health for *Angus.

Who was Involved? Partners/ Groups/ Businesses/ Schools?

The team attended the Community Shop in Athersley to introduce ourselves and ask them to advertise a poster about us and our work. Whilst there, we discussed a project idea with *Angus in mind. The shop thought this was a great idea and would love to support this.

Date: 17/01/2022

We built a very good relationship with The Recovery College and through our shared goals, we were able to create a welcoming garden for both service users and local wildlife.

Date: 19/01/2022

Adam Roberts one of our CDEOs attended the Athersley Community Hub today to collect a donation of wildflower seeds and meet with Alejandro the manager. Relationships continue to blossom between ourselves and the hub.

Date: 24/01/2022

Volunteers – 3 Sustained Adults, 1 New Volunteer

Total Volunteer Hours – 12 hours

A Fantastic turn out for our event in the Athersley area. We were joined by local Cllrs and *Angus. 22 bags were collected from our the areas of Laxton Rd and Beeston Square.

Athersley Community Shop/ Coalfields Regeneration Project

St Helens

At a glance



6

Number of volunteers



15

Number of volunteering
hours



£205.50

Cashable value of
volunteering hours



15

Number of staffing hours



22

Bags of litter collected

Date: 24/01/2022

In the afternoon, we worked with *Angus to support the Community Shop in Athersley by weeding the planters in preparation for sowing seeds in the upcoming weeks. *Angus worked fantastically and seemed to really enjoy himself.

Date: 02/02/2022

CDEO officer; Adam Price promoted up and coming work (21st February) with the Community Shop on local radio in a bid to secure more volunteers and raise more awareness about the work we do in the area.

How did this activity come about?

*Angus's next of kin contacted our Twiggs Team to help *Angus integrate into volunteering following advice from Age UK. Athersley Community Shop - Adam Roberts contacted the manager to get *Angus involved in the shop.

Training Delivered:

Each activity we have carried out with *Angus is training delivered by our team. He will learn many different skills working with us week on week.

What went well?

We built strong relationships with the hub

What still needs further development?

More thorough holistic assessment of vulnerable groups and their needs prior to activities

Outcomes of Project

We still have a strong relationship with the hub, but it has highlighted areas where further development is needed

Next Steps

We will continue to work with the hub and vulnerable adults. We shall make sure future events are planned with the management team to ensure we are achieving shared goals.



Improving the environment



Changing the Relationship



Improving the economy



Anti Poverty



Health & Wellbeing

Housing Cohesion Officer



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Purpose of Post

To ensure compliance with the legislation and statutory obligations of the Council dealing with poor housing and environmental conditions in the Private Rented Sector, ensuring effective regulation with a balanced proactive and reactive approach through the discharging of informal, formal and legal actions. Contribute to improved standards in the local private rented sector and stability for both tenants and landlords.

- Provide advice, guidance and support in accordance with approved Council policies, procedures and statutory responsibilities pertaining to private sector housing and the environment.
- To pro-actively engage and liaise with internal and external stakeholders including tenants, landlords, members of the public and partners, developing strong and cohesive working relationships.
- Respond to requests for service, investigate complaints and provide advice on sub-standard housing conditions in the private rented sector.
- Contribute to the development and delivery of a highly visible proactive approach to raising standards of poor-quality private sector housing across the Borough.



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250

Initial contacts with households (leaflet drops, action days & talking to residents and inspections)

17

Number of vulnerable households identified

10

People signposted to other agencies for additional help & support

Extract from the Performance Report

During this quarter, I have worked hard to make positive changes and improvements to both people and their properties within the North Area. I have continued the pro-active work including pro-active walks and leafletting across the North Area which I believe contributes towards building safer and stronger communities. I have also continued to pick up re-active cases as well, while we are still working as a service to a continuity plan. I have worked closely with partner agencies and made key referrals to SYFR, DIAL and Adult Social Care, this is to ensure that vulnerable adults get the best opportunity to make positive changes.

Through-out this quarter, I have focused on building good working relationships with both private landlords and letting agents, in a hope that this will sustain tenancies across the North Area. I have contacted 20 new letting agents who I haven't worked with previously, either via email or speaking directly with them over the phone. I have then added all the details and information I have gathered to a spreadsheet which will help me work more efficiently moving forward. I have also added 11 new private landlords to this list who I have had dealings with this quarter and hope to build working relationships with them in the future as well. I have explained to both private landlords and letting agents that I am always available to call for any further advice regarding the management of there tenants and issues they may face. I will also be starting to attend a landlords liaison meeting alongside Amy Forster from the empty homes team, all to hopefully gain wider contacts and ideally create longer and more sustainable tenancies in the North Area.

During this quarter I have also decided to create a spreadsheet including all information and details with any vulnerable adult or property that I have not yet managed to engage with. The spreadsheet includes the number of visits I have attempted to engage with the occupier and any referrals I have made as well. I will visit all the properties on the list at least once every month to hopefully break down any social barriers the occupiers have and hopefully start making positive changes to their life.



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Case Study

This case study will include all information regarding my help and support and eventual positive outcome, to a vulnerable adult who I have been working closely with since March 2021.

Before



After



Timeline

- I first became aware of this case when out on a pro-active inspection in the Athersley South Area. I noticed a large amount of waste present at the side of a property. After follow-up work I identified the property as private rented and it looked quite dilapidated from the outside. I sent a waste in gardens general letter, requesting the waste to be removed both legally and responsibly. I also posted a leaflet which introduced myself as a pro-active Housing Officer and explained ways in which I can support tenants living in the private sector.
- A few days later I received a phone call from the tenant, Mr X. He explained that he had spoken to his landlord who had arranged a skip to remove the waste. He then explained that he felt he would benefit from a housing inspection to take place at the property due to a few issues internally. I arranged a HHSRS inspection to take place at the property.
- After I visited the property the following week with a colleague Adam Bailey and completing the HHSRS inspection, we identified that there were many serious issues through out the whole property that needed resolving as soon as possible. Hazards identified on the HHSRS inspection included –
 - **Excess Cold** – No heating provision through out the property, all windows had significant damage and tenant was unable to open or close any in fear of the panel falling out.
 - **Fire** – No smoke detection, insufficient lighting, Unsafe electrics throughout, evidence of scorching and live wires showing, damage to all plug sockets.
 - **Falls On Stairs** - No handrail on stairs.



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Before



After



Case Study - Housing Disrepair & Neighbour Tension

- Due to the internal issues and hazards I had noticed on the inspection I straight away served a section 239 and notice of inspection to both the tenant and the landlord, to start the process of making improvements. I also made a referral to Adult Social Care for an assessment of need to take place at the property for the tenant, as I was concerned about the lifestyle choices the tenant was making and sensed he may need some extra support. I also made a referral to SYFR to complete a home safety check at the property. Notices served to Landlord During this case – Improvement Notice, South Yorkshire Act Notice, Section 235 notice to procure documents.
- Throughout this case at times it proved difficult as the Mr X, the tenant, could be very unpredictable and chose not to engage for large periods of time. This made things extremely hard as the landlord had now began arranging appointments for contractors to visit the flat and complete the necessary work. I made a second referral to Adult Social Care when Mr X called me one evening and explained that he did not have any money for food and didn't have any shopping in. I also arranged for two food parcels to be put together from Salvation Army and myself and a colleague Andy Robins dropped them at his property the following day.
- I discussed with the tenant his thoughts on moving in to a Berneslai Homes property during this case. He agreed that this would be more suitable, and I explained that I could help him through out the process. I then filled out with the tenant the application form and sent it off to the Homeseeker email address. Once it was scanned, I sent a further referral requesting that due to certain circumstances, if it would be possible to get priority 1 banding to help speed the process. Thankfully the priority 1 banding was successful and due to the tenant not having access to the internet id arranged for the team at Berneslai Homes to bid for properties on his behalf.



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How the Housing Officer post meets the council plan?

Our Council Plan 2021 -2024

Healthy Barnsley

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Learning Barnsley

- People have access to early help and support

Sustainable Barnsley

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

Growing Barnsley

- People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes

Case Study - Housing Disrepair & Neighbour Tension

- Summary – I was very happy to eventually close this case last week after a lot of hard work and persistence throughout. I was contacted by Mr X last week and he explained that he was picking up the keys to his BMBC bungalow and he was grateful for my help, advice, and support over the past year. All the necessary work requested in the legal notices was completed by the landlord in the property. The work included a full electrical re-wire, a new boiler, all new double-glazed windows fitted throughout the property and a handrail on the stairs. I have also arranged an appointment for social worker Paul Fieldsend to visit Mr X at his new property on Friday and complete an assessment of care for the tenant.

*Housing Cohesion Officer's contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

- 1.01i Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20)
- 1.06ii Adults in contact with secondary mental health services who live in stable appropriate accommodation
- 1.15 Statutory homelessness
- 1.17 Fuel Poverty
- 1.18i Social isolation: Percentage of adult social care users who have as much social contact as they would like

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

- 2.23 Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20)

Health public health and preventing premature mortality

Objective 4: reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities

- 4.13 Health related quality of life for older people
- 4.15 Excess w



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Service Outline

- Maintenance of fruit trees
- YWT held two engagement events with YMCA
- Wildflower sowing preparation begins

How does the commission meets the Council Plan?

Our Council Plan 2021 -2024

Sustainable Barnsley

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

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
- Milestones achieved
- Outcome indicator targets met
- Social value targets met
- Satisfactory spend and financial information
- Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract

Quarter 3 - 2021 - 22 October to December Outstanding

Quarter 4 - January - March - Outstanding

Orchard Update (Report extract):

The grassland around the new orchard was cut and removed to prevent the grass from choking and outcompeting the young fruit trees. The lower concrete footpath from ASDA has also been cut back, as nettles had begun to grow onto the footpath. This also allowed us to begin planning designs and groundworks for the proposed fernery between the lower footpath and canal footpath.

Local residents also engaged with us during the workdays and gave positive responses about the area being cleared and looked forward to any future works. The area also seems promising for any potential fernery planting, as ferns were already seen growing in the area.

Unfortunately, the new orchard suffered some anti-social behaviour, as two fruit trees had the stems snapped and the grassland on the opposite side of the footpath was also set alight. One tree was partially severed and the other fully severed, so we attempted to graft the trees back to the root system.



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We followed a technique used by tree nurseries that is used to graft root stocks from different tree species to the fruit trees, which is usually done to determine the fruit tree's size at maturity. There was some success, as the partially severed tree appeared to still be growing and had healthy leaves in the following weeks.

Andrea from YMCA Barnsley also joined us to map out the orchards at The Fleets and Dearne Valley Country Park. This was to update the previous plans following changes in the planting scheme from when it was first drafted and to include additional trees that had been planted at later dates. This will aid us in creating more accurate interpretation and labelling for the public to enjoy.

Events:

YWT South Projects Assistant, Bryony Carling ran another two events with YMCA Barnsley to coincide with the summer holidays. Bryony has extensive experience running engagement events from her previous Inspiring People Voluntary Trainee role and has also attained a Level 3 qualification in Forest School. The den building event was attended by 13 people, and the mini beasting session attended by 8 people. Both events had very positive responses, with YMCA being especially keen to plan more events with Bryony.





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Youth Resilience Fund



YMCA
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(Supporting Laithes Primary, Athersley South and Outwood Academy Carlton.)

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Purpose of the Youth Resilience Grant

The North Area Council Youth Resilience Fund has been established by North Area Council for the academic year 2020/2021, to support the delivery of a range of positive after school and holiday provisions (interventions/projects/activities/sessions) that will contribute to building the emotional resilience and wellbeing of children and young people (aged 8-13). This resilience-building will prepare children in years 5 and 6, who are displaying additional emotional support needs, with extra skills that will prepare them to successfully transition to senior school.

The grant opportunity is currently delivered by two different providers: YMCA and Ad Astra. Below is an extract from the performance reports:





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Ad Astra

We started the first half term after Christmas finalising all the Year 5 Buddy Training in Athersley South and Athersley North (Laithes was completed before Christmas)

So now all Year 5 pupils in the three schools have completed their Buddy training

We tweaked the format of the Transition Workshops this term and they have worked really well – unfortunately we still haven't been able to get the Transition staff in from the secondary schools but this hasn't had any detrimental impact on the workshops (New format attached)

We have now completed one full class in Laithes and two half classes in Athersley North and South.

The communication with Athersley South and Athersley has been very good all the way through unfortunately we are having issues with Laithes in the data collection – we have numbers but no additional details.

Certificates will be given out this term for all the young people who have completed their training with us.

As part of the programme we planted snow drops and gave the young people snowdrops to take home with them as a lasting reminder of their time with their primary schools.

The Year 7 work in Carlton is running smoothly – the communication within school is now at a stage where at the end of each term they are prepping the young people for the following term

Photos of young people's creative contributions





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Ad Astra

The issues / topics discussed this term have included:



(Supporting Laithes Primary, Athersley South and Outwood Academy Carlton.)

- School environment/ noise levels/ their perceptions of school
- Is it any easier on their 2nd term
- Young Peoples Mental Health Week - Feelings / emotions - Bravery
- Coping strategies
- Body Image – perceptions
- Self-Advocacy
- Positive Qualities
- Bullying
- Family issues including financial
- Gender and sexuality -parents issues around these topics
- Confidentiality
- Ambitions
- Peer concerns – friendship groups – disagreements
- Many debates about -Acceptance of different opinions
- Positive behaviour – rules actions and consequences

Our youth groups run to full capacity – we have now split them into three different sessions as some young people were over 13 they now have their own group and we have a Juniors and a Youth club running on a Tuesday evening

Many of the young people who attend in school and our youth club will be involved with our Easter provision.

Photos of young people's creative contributions





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YMCA Youth work offers young people safe spaces to explore their identity, increase their confidence and think through the consequences of their actions. We use the specific approaches from the wellbeing index and resilience framework to enable young people to explore and develop their knowledge, understanding and skills in the areas of belonging, learning, coping and core self.

Darton Academy Peer Support Training Programme

The youth work team are continuing to support the school and support the wider group of Darton peer supporters (Y7 & 8) as part of a wider school enrichment and transition programme for the new Y7 cohort. They are opportunities for them to share their experiences of transition, build relationships with children from the new cohort through supporting the school open evenings and transition days and plans for wider engagement within their feeder primary schools.

Some of the Darton Academy participants are engaging with the wider North Area project and YMCA youth work programmes during holiday provision and term time sessions as both peer supporters and participants. This is providing opportunities for the young people to further develop their skills and experiences through practice and develop their social and communication skills. Contributing to building their resilience through access to a wider range of positive and skills development opportunities, increased social networks locally, in their schools and communities, as well as increased confidence and self-esteem. This is underpinned by the consistent positive relationships with trusted youth workers who are able to support young people through various next steps transitions in their lives and over longer periods of time.

Kexborough Primary

From January we have been delivering a mixed group model including some of the identified boys as there was to continue supporting the girls. This model has proved effective and has had a noticeable impact on those involved, enabling the development of core skills, increasing self-esteem and confidence and being able to provide 1:2:1 support as needed.



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Kexborough Primary (continued)

The group is now quite confident and contributing to influencing the programme of activities which is based on a group work model (team work, sports, problem solving, and arts games) along with focussed arts and crafts on a seasonal theme to make things they are proud of and to be displayed at school and at home. Relationships with this group have been built through finding shared areas of interests i.e. arts and sports and the youth workers widening horizons with a range of mediums, styles and encouraging them to be proud of their achievements.

The next steps for this project is to begin work with the boys from January to half term/Easter dependant on need. Then during the summer term potentially working with a mixed group to build relationships and support transition with a wider group before they start transition.

Holiday provision:

During February half term this included an Imagination Gaming session (educational & thought provoking board games) and themed arts and crafts at Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall and street based team games and problem solving.

At the Village Hall the youth work team engaged with participants from the schools and some of our street based participants and the detached team met with the regular group at Kexborough Rec and Priestly Avenue.

One of the aims of the holiday provision is to provide a safe place for the young people where they have the opportunity to access positive activities and have fun but also to be able to build and develop friendships with other young people who may be transitioning to the same secondary school. It is important to the YMCA Barnsley team that the relationships with youth workers that have developed during the school sessions can be maintained during the holiday provision to provide that consistent person in the young person's journey.



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Wellgate Primary

The youth work team have continued delivery of the targeted model supporting children within the year 6 group who have been identified as those who would most benefit from the project.

Working with a new group of identified participants who have been identified as needing additional support this includes SEN and Social and Emotional needs. The programme continues to be based around group work and themed activities focussed on exploring the feelings and emotions associated with transition and building emotional resilience, confidence and transition support. This group of young people have really enjoyed the sessions and planning their programmes and inventing their own version of team games which they lead with the wider group. There has been notable improvements in personal development, confidence, self-esteem and behaviour, and feedback from the school and parents is again really positive.

The project delivery in both Wellgate and Kexborough Primary schools has enabled the children to form positive relationships with the YMCA Barnsley staff team and as participants from both schools access holiday provision and the detached youth work sessions during the summer they have also built positive relationships with other young people. This will provide the year 6 children from both schools who are transitioning to Darton Academy and Horizon Community College with a familiar face and support from a trusted and consistent youth worker they already know and access to already established relationships with other peers.

We have been approached about supporting a young person who lives in the North Area and is struggling with transition at the new Trinity Academy St Edwards. As part of the support model we will reach out to the school so we can fully understand the issues and needs for this individual. This may create an opportunity to further support other young people who also attend this school.



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RISK: At this time there is one school that has been offered intervention but has not engaged with the providers. The Area Manager intends to contact the school again now that the providers are working with five of the six primary/junior schools and renew the offer of support

Detached Project:

As previously reported, we have commenced our indoor programme with huge thanks to Berneslai Homes for allowing us to access their community centre on Priestly Av in Kexborough. The group of young people always attend and are enthusiastic with their ideas and creative thinking. 2 mums have been a huge part of this process and readily role their sleeves up and assist.

Activities have centred around arts and crafts and whilst the group have created some wonderful pieces of art, the emphasis has been very much about the shared space and time with peers, and the mindfulness and positive mental health that is promoted through engaging with creative practices. Our team always bring the roundup chat and review of the session around to talking about enjoying the moment, and forgetting (all be it for a brief while) the things that might be cluttering our heads on a daily basis.

Discussions with the group around community and what makes for good neighbours etc led to planning a cross generational craft session facilitated by Ann and her volunteer craft clubbers. Ages from 8 to 60's shared space together. The ladies set up a group working table together with a 1 to 1 demonstration station and the young people and mums fully embraced the session. Listening to the conversations about 'old Kexborough' and 'when I was at school...' was a wonderful experience. Friendships were forged, and a better, more rounded understanding of the needs and aspirations of people across all ages was hopefully achieved.

On a recent litter pick around Priestly Av and the parks, the parents attending asked questions about the things a youth worker would have to consider prior to embarking on a litter pick within their community. Our team talked them through toolbox talks, how to remain safe, PPE, and risk assessments. On commencing our next litter pick, the mums have agreed to facilitate the pick with our support, and take those attending through the various elements they need to consider.



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How does the commission meets the council plan?

Our Council Plan 2021 -2024

Healthy Barnsley

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Learning Barnsley

- Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment.
- People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships.
- People have access to early help and support

Growing Barnsley

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

Sustainable Barnsley

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

Detached Project (continued)

Our team have met with a small group of girls in recent weeks. They present very differently to the existing group with different needs. Our team set a time and date to meet with the girls, unfortunately, they didn't turn up. That said, as we transition into springtime we are confident we will see them again once outdoors and hopefully encourage them to meet and discuss their needs and ideas at a future date.

A busy and worthwhile quarter, and one that couldn't have possibly been as successful without Berneslai Homes allowing us to keep warm and dry.

*YMCA & Ad Astra's contribution to public health outcomes

Improving the wider determinants of health

Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health & wellbeing and health inequalities

- 1.01ii Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20)
- 1.03 Pupil Absence
- 1.04 First time entrants to the youth justice system
- 1.16 Utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons

Health improvement

Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities

- 2.07 Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (0 - 14 years)
- 2.08ii Percentage of children where there is cause for concern
- 1.04 Self-reporting well-being

Community Grants Summary Performance Management Report

April 2021 – March 2022

Service	Priorities	Provider	Contract Value (per year)	Start Date	End Date	Reports
Barugh Green Weekly Social Club Page 47	 Health & Wellbeing		£2,721.94	October 2021	March 2022	Due April 2022
Covid Recovery North Page 49	 Health & Wellbeing		£10,000	April 2021	March 2022	Quarter 3 Received
Five Star Wellbeing Page 53	 Young People		£8,640	April 2021	March 2022	Quarter 3 Received
Re Connect Page 56	 Health & Wellbeing		£19,000	April 2021	March 2022	Due April 2022
Transition with the Reds Page 58	 Young People		£8,638	April 2021	March 2022	Due April 2022 Interim update included



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Barugh Green Weekly Social Club



Butterflies Dementia & Activity Group

Providing weekly social groups for the remaining 26 weeks of 2021/22. We are conscious that for most of the year we will only be able to offer this to restricted numbers, but as the vaccination roll-out continues we hope that we can grow these weekly numbers so that this event can be self sustainable from April 2022.

How the grant meets the Council Plan?

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Project Aims

- Connect socially isolated and vulnerable people with other people, other services and other activities.
- Be active, through dance, through chair-based exercises and by travelling to and from their homes. We know that this improves mental and physical health.
- Helping others through volunteering. One of our main sources of volunteer recruitment is from people attending these events, They valued the events and they want to put something back to help others to become more confident, more independent and to improve people's self-esteem.
- Make people more aware of what is going on in their locality, by making information and guidance available and supporting people to access the support they want and need.

“ It's given me a new lease of life, I have made new friends it's hard to make new friends as you get older, well I think it is anyway” ”



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Barugh Green Weekly Social Club



Performance Summary

(extract from providers report):

BDSAG volunteers', staff and the staff of Barugh Green Club created a safe, warm and welcoming environment, where attendees enjoyed quality live entertainment and refreshments. Attendees made new friends, sang along, danced and generally enjoyed a good chit chat with friends new and old. BDSAG supported attendees in dealing with their personal issues. Attendees had access to other local information and activities. Many are now enjoying the new normal by taking part in other local activities and getting access to appropriate support from other organisations across the Barnsley area.

BDSAG believe we have hit a winning formula, with a good venue, entertainment and support that people want. Initially our numbers were restricted to 15, however as restrictions have lifted, numbers have increase to up to 66 people attending per week. We feel there is capacity for this to increase further. Attendees feel more able to reconnect with society, their mental and physical health and wellbeing has improved. Attendees have made new friendships, which have not been restricted to this tea dance. They have felt confident to join in new activities. Many have joined BDSAG on short holidays, of which more are planned. Barugh Green Club have been very welcoming, not just the staff but the club community as well.

We feel that we are helping attendees to live their best life. Feedback has been extremely positive. Many attendees have made donations which will help BDSAG sustain this event. By showcasing BDSAG success and learning, we have managed to secure funding from 'The Postcode Lottery' to fund our Project Manager post, as well as receiving National Lottery funding, which covers administration costs and vital support sessional workers to continue our work throughout Barnsley. The rental income has helped Barugh Green Club recover from the financial effects of the pandemic, helping to secure their jobs. The entertainment artists have been able to sustain their livelihood. BDSAG have also enrolled three new Trustees as a result of this project, cementing BDSAG sustainability.

On behalf of the Project Manager and founder Julie Brown and the Trustees, I would like to thank you for supporting our project, which has helped establish BDSAG throughout Barnsley.



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Covid Recovery North



Project Aims

- The aim of the project is to support older people to get back into their communities and pick up their independent lives after Covid.

How the grant meets the Council Plan?

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Project Outcomes

- Age UK specialises in providing support to over 55s, although a large proportion of their clients are 80years+.
- Support is focused on people who do not have local support networks.
- Support with low mood and wellbeing
- Stimulating activities will be provided to help residents stay engaged and keep their minds active.

Performance Summary

(extract from providers report):

Walking for Health Athersley

We identified that Athersley lacked outdoor activities that also promoted people's health and wellbeing. With this in mind we started a walking group in Athersley and the route went round Athersley field, down to Carlton Pond and back again. This was well attended and conversations were broad and many subjects were discussed. The older people found this enjoyable and therapeutic. They enjoyed being out in the fresh air and creating new friendships.



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Project Aims

- Age UK have the capacity to form individual plans to help each person get mobile, providing them with encouragement, and exercises to strengthen and prevent falls.
- The service will aim to ensure that older people will feel valued, 'better' in themselves, more resilient and better able to deal with the restrictions and anxieties they currently face.
- Age UK's service delivery provides additionality to the existing service provision in the North Area (both commissioned and grant-funded).

Programme Summary

Wellness Group Darton

Due to the lack of physical activities in the Darton area, contact was made with the owner of the Darby & Joan Centre in Darton. A chair exercise and wellbeing group was created for older people to motivate them into light exercise but also provide a space for positive social interaction. We distributed posters and leaflets around the area and the Social Inclusion Worker attended the local summer fayre and spoke to local residents about the new group that was being provided.

The first session was very well attended and has steadily increased over the weeks.

The feedback from the clients has been positive and they all enjoy coming.





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Programme Summary

Wellness Group Darton

Due to the success of the Athersley walk, the Social Inclusion Worker approached the existing Wellbeing and chair exercise group and asked for their thoughts on a walking group to be started in the Darton area. This was well received and a group started on a Thursday afternoon meeting at the Darby & Joan Centre. There are currently 2 routes, one along Longfields Park and the second around Darton Park. The 2 routes cater for different abilities but also for differing weather conditions and make it accessible for everyone.

Extensive promotion also welcomed new clients and this group has also grown steadily in size.

Tai Chi

Social Inclusion Worker had a meeting with Lorraine Headon at Athersley Cares and it was agreed that a Tai Chi exercise group would be welcomed. A Tai Chi instructor agreed to deliver a 6-week free course which was very well attended. Once the course ended some of the attendees accessed other groups.

Monthly Coffee Morning - New Lodge

The community centre in New Lodge had groups already using the facilities but nothing for older people. A meeting with the community centre manager took place and monthly coffee morning was organised. This was well attended and the interest in other activities was identified. Due to this, a Christmas/Winter Warm Event has been organised for December.

Walking Football Honeywell

A walking football program was created in partnership with Pogmoor AFC. It was and still is attended by 6 service users from the North area. Walking football is a great opportunity for older people to get regular exercise and meet like-minded people within a safe environment.



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Programme Summary

Allsorts Group

Pre COVID an Allsorts Group was held at the Queen's Road offices. Post COVID it was decided to move this project out into the community.

Two venues were found. One in St Edwin's Croft, Athersley and the second in Wilthorpe & Redbrook Community Centre. The group at Wilthorpe & Redbrook Community Centre saw a positive start and we had games, quizzes, bingo and discussed future projects and outings.

Healthy Bones

Age UK Barnsley have been working in partnership with a Healthy Bones instructor who has started a session at the Emmanuel Church on Huddersfield Road. Initial interest has been positive however, the program is in its infancy and we fully expect a big attendance.

The program is designed to measure progress and prevent falls in older people.

Love Later Life Event

The Love Later Life Event was held at the Darton Darby & Joan Club. The Event attended by 30 older people. This was a well-attended event and a demonstration of the Tai Chi was well received. There were many interested in the programme however; this changed to the Healthy Bones programme and is held at Emmanuel Church, Gawber.

The afternoon was a success and was attended by local councillors and the Chair of Age UK Barnsley. Jam and cream scones were served with tea and coffee, and a singer provided an hour of entertainment for everyone. A large basket of fruit and vegetables was given to every older person who attended. The basket was extremely well received by all.



Five Star Wellbeing



- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted
- Project milestones achieved
- Project indicators / targets met
- Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract

Service Outline

The aim of this project is in line with all the work we deliver in our local communities addressing raising aspirations and positive well being. This project is planned to run throughout the lunchtime period one day per week in Darton Delta Academy.

The plan is to run one session for young people to address Period Poverty and issues that affect young people around their menstrual cycle and a second session which will be a specifically gender-based programme for young men only and this will be addressing positive mental health and look at ways of managing emotions that young men struggle with on a daily basis.

We will offer advice, support and sanitary products to young people struggling (or just caught short) with their menstrual cycle. The young men's group will run either as a listening support session or as a more physical session within the grounds of Darton Delta Academy.

Performance Summary

We started the project in April. Again, this has been different to what we envisaged although it has been much more settled than last term.

With the distribution of sanitary products, we found it worked much better if we walked around the dining /breakout areas and distributed them to the young people who needed them. This term we have given over 500 small sanitary packs out this term and over a dozen larger well-being packs to young people.

We managed to deliver 12 sessions this term in school and had over 230 visits from young people during that time.



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Issues we have dealt with this quarter

- Personal Hygiene for young women – Well Being Packs
- Self-Harming – this has come to the forefront of many conversations with young women – we have had to speak to staff about the wounds becoming infected.
- Family estrangements – siblings – grandparents -parents
- Gender /Sexuality / transgender was discussed at length with several young people
- Exam pressures and Y11 stresses – going onto further education
- Anxiety – panic attacks – friendship groups – changing schools.
- Mental Health and it's impact on a family unit

We now have a really great contact in school and we feedback on a weekly basis with them and they have informed us of young people who need personal well-being packs and those needing some additional support.

Case Study

Initially his young person first came to see us for sanitary products. Each week they would pop in for a catch up and chat and quickly the staff team built up a great relationship with them.

It soon became clear that their mental health was suffering.

The young person told us about how the family was struggling financially and to try and help out they had got a small job to help contribute.

They told us one week that they had not had milk or butter at home for over 2 weeks and had very little else to eat -they explained the family situation and they were extremely embarrassed – they had no expectation from us to help as they thought that if we could supply period products and hygiene products at least they could be clean.

We collected all information and with their permission we passed all of the information on to school.

We also supplied sanitary and hygiene products to the young person. We also put the family in touch with a local food bank and took additional toiletries and sanitary products for the whole family.

We still catch up on a weekly basis with this young person and ensure that they have enough products to last over any holiday period.



After my sister died from suicide being able to come and see you and now being able to come to the MAD session with a friend I am managing to have some happy times each week and my mum is happy that I have somewhere to go and talk if I want to





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Case Study

“

The school thinks I'm naughty and they won't give me a chance to change – you've helped me be stronger and help me understand that my actions are the main problem so I'm going to try and start getting better and now school have given me a student support that's helping

”

Reflection and Next Steps

As you can see from our numbers and some of the case studies mentioned over this past twelve months this project has been highly successful in supporting the young people in Darton Academy – there is a continuing need for support for so many young people within our education system. With the ever-growing waiting lists to get onto services from many organisations our stepping stone approach of mental health support has helped so many young people within this school setting.

Although the funding for this project has now come to an end we will continue in Darton until the end of the summer term as the support is desperately needed and the relationships we have built with the young people and the school are very positive.

As mentioned we have managed to get some young people into our core programme of delivery which is working well.

We are looking for funding to continue this much needed support in Delta Academy Darton.



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Re-Connect Project



How the grant meets the Council Plan?

Our Council Plan 2021 -2024

Healthy Barnsley

- We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough

Learning Barnsley

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

Growing Barnsley

- Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment providing opportunities for all.

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted
- Project milestones achieved
- Project indicators / targets met
- Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract

Project Summary

A project working with older people to help combat isolation. The project aims to promote and support the promotion of physical health; connections with others through various social groups and activities, specifically designed to stimulate the mental capacity of an ageing generation. The project will also seek to network with older people, provide transport through volunteers and maintain regular phone contact with those who are socially isolated or housebound.

Offering regular activities and one-off events to promote a holistic service to the local over 55+ population which will promote healthy eating, physical exercise and mental stimulation. These activities will include things like healthy cooking workshops, healthy exercises for the over 55's, chair fitness, craft groups, IT groups, afternoon teas, talks and demonstrations as well as other groups shaped by the steering group.

The project will include the development of a buddy system to maintain contact with isolated people and encourage volunteers to form a local network of support.

Performance Summary

Recruitment delayed due to COVID-19. The social inclusion worker commenced their induction on the 1st of September 2020.

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Re-Connect Project



Report Extract January - March 2022

The year has been punctuated, again, with Covid restrictions. We had to cancel an event last Summer and another one in January. Despite this we have still managed to deliver a number of things.

Around every 3 months we delivered gifts to 216 people which included, a Spring delivery, a Wimbledon delivery, a Harvest delivery, a Christmas delivery, a Valentines delivery and more recently an Easter delivery. The Easter delivery was much reduced in number – down to 68 people who are housebound and others were invited to an Easter Eggstravaganza at Emanuel. This was a day of quizzes, crafts, 2 course hot lunch and musical entertainment.

The Ladies Days have gone brilliantly well, these are for anyone to attend. They are every 3 months in a different location of Barnsley, we have a buffet lunch and then a guest speaker or musician these have included Ian MacMillan, local poet. Simeon Woods, local musician and speaker. The Garden Party, local group of musicians. Milly Johnson, local author, local school band and Trish Stewart, one of the original calendar girls.

I have been involved in helping to organise Older Persons Webinars. We have held a digital course at Emmanuel organised by Jenni Jarvis. I am organising the catering for the Queens Platinum Afternoon Tea in June.

Working towards launching a café for people with dementia and their carers starting in June.

Everything that I have been involved in seeks to help people, as they regain their confidence after Covid, to get involved again in community projects. All the projects are good for friendship, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.



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Transition with the Reds



Aims

- To enable pupils to feel happier and more settled in school
- To support pupils to transition back into school following lockdown and/or moving from primary to secondary

Project Outcomes

- Pupils have improved emotional and physical wellbeing
- Pupils have more confidence, self-esteem and self-belief
- Pupils have better relationships with their peers
- Pupils feel happier and more settled in school

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring form submitted
- Project milestones achieved
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Service Outline

Delivery Model

12-week support programme, Transition with the Reds, from April 2021 onwards in 6 schools in the North Area to improve the emotional wellbeing of pupils transitioning back into school. Delivery taking place on school premises during the school day and after school.

The programme will comprise of 4 distinct elements:

Multi-sports Sessions

Multi-sports, e.g. football, circuits, badminton, etc, are in line with social distancing guidelines to promote active lifestyles, improve physical and emotional wellbeing and build skills such as confidence and teamwork.

Wellbeing Workshops

Wellbeing activities involving group tasks, shared experience and peer support. These activities are designed to enhance skills, such as resilience, stress management and self-esteem, and encourage positive lifestyles and behaviours, including breaking harmful patterns and healthy peer relationships. We will also cover nutrition, diet and lifestyle to ensure pupils understand how these areas can impact emotional wellbeing. The programme will also delve into specific concerns students may have around Covid-19 and support them back into a structured routine.

Activities to improve life chances and learning outcomes including financial literacy, active maths and English and project-based tasks to promote independence, teamwork and self-belief.



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Transition with the Reds



How the grant meets the Council Plan?

Our Council Plan 2021 -2024

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 access to early help and support.
- Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment.
- People have access to early help and support.

Project Impact

- Pupils have more knowledge on how to look after their mental and emotional health
- Pupils have enhanced skills and strategies for managing their mental health and life's challenges
- Pupils feel more empowered to talk about their emotional health and seek help
- Pupils feel happier and more settled in school

Lunchtime Support Sessions

Our qualified coaches will be stationed around the school during lunchtime to provide support in a one-to-one or small group capacity. These sessions will enable pupils to share any worries, problems or anxieties they may be experiencing. Our staff are generally perceived as positive role models. As such, we will harness this to inspire, encourage and support pupils to actively engage in school and break down the barriers impacting this.

After-school Physical Activity Sessions

Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in physical activity sessions after school to further enhance peer relationships and learning outcomes developed during the workshops. We will use the power of sport to support their mental and physical well-being.

We will also encourage participants to become Transition Buddies who provide support to other pupils who may be struggling. This will be done through ongoing support with the schools and using older students to be role models who have lived experiences of transition.

At the end of the programme, each school will receive a scheme of work comprising resources, lesson plans and videos in order to reach and support future students.



Transition with the Reds

Performance Summary

Quarter 4 - Interim Summary

The delivery of the Transition programme followed the below structure with only one slight amendment at Wellgate Primary. The school wanted the programme to be 80% practical, so the workshops were delivered in a slightly different way than other cohorts.

Individual topics such as mental health, confidence, stress management and resilience were highlighted as important topics for delivery. Along with, group topics such as teamwork, goal setting. For each specific topic a workshop was delivered with lunch activities and afterschool clubs extending the topics further.

Quarter 4 Return

Over the duration of quarter four we have worked with four primary schools seeing a total attendance of 353 in the quarter engaging with a total of 38 individuals. Due to the programme having to be postponed in a number of schools during delivery weeks due to Covid cases we still have two weeks of delivery to complete at Wellgate and Athersley North. The schools engaged this quarter have included Mapplewell, Wellgate, Darton Academy, Kexborough and Athersley North. Kexborough took delivery over two cohorts to complete the total number of delivery activities.

Darton Academy

Our strong relationship with Darton Academy provided a platform for school recruitment in the area. Together our co-ordinator and the school highlighted schools in the area which would benefit from the delivery of the programme within school.

The relationship also allowed us to negotiate a start date for a new group of Y7 pupils relatively early in the new academic year. Darton have since completed the full 12 weeks of delivery, this began on the 2nd of November and was complete on 15th February 2022

Kexborough Primary School

Delivery of the programme at Kexborough Primary School commenced on the 1st of November 2022, having contacted the school about the programme initially in September, we arranged for the programme to begin after October Half Term. This school really bought into the programme and based upon the content that was sent over before delivery they felt a vast number of students would significantly benefit from the delivery – upon this we agreed to deliver 2, Year 5 cohorts, both of which continued for 12 weeks, with delivery being complete the 14th of February 2022.



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Transition with the Reds



Performance Summary

Quarter 4 Return

Mapplewell Primary School

Having initially expressing interest in the programme in October 2021, Mapplewell Primary School were the next school to be recruited. Delivery of the programme started on the 17th of November and was exclusively offered to 15, Year 6 pupils. Throughout the delivery of the programme the pupils produced some exceptional work and appeared to benefit from the programme, in particular the afterschool clubs and wellbeing workshops. Delivery paused during December due to other unforeseen circumstances within the school, but the programme was picked back up in early January 2022 and was complete on the 30th March 2022.

Wellgate Primary

Wellgate Primary School expressed interest in having cohorts delivered beginning November 2021, once again asked if the delivery could be postponed until January. Delivery at Wellgate Primary School eventually began on the 26th of January 2022 with 12 Year 6 pupils being enrolled onto the programme. To date we have delivered 10 weeks of the programme with 2 more due to be delivered very shortly, delivery has overrun slightly due to the school not being able to facilitate physical activity due to Covid 19 policies and protocols in place.

Athersley North

The final school recruited was Athersley North Primary School, this schools initially appeared to be challenging to engage with and recruit for delivery. Having finally successfully recruited in December 2021, delivery was due to commence on the 13th January 2022, however this was postponed due to a Covid outbreak within school staff and pupils. Delivery eventually began 2 weeks later on the 27th January 2022. To date we have delivered 10 weeks of the programme with 2 to be delivered after half term. The school has had fluctuation in attendees due to the school's behaviour policy and behaviour within the activities. Delivery of the final 2 sessions will be complete on the 5th May, concluding all delivery of Transition with the Reds North.

“Thank you for all the work you have done; it really is appreciated. The children have absolutely loved the sessions.”

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Item 6

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:
16th May 2022

Agenda Item: 6

Report of North Area Council
Manager

Commissioning, Project Development and Financial Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position the existing the funding commitments.**
- 2.2. **Councillors confirm that they wish to fund the IAG provision until September 2023 as per the current waiver.**
- 2.3. **That the North Area Council actively participate in the development of IAG provision.**
- 2.4. **That Councillors note the progress with the 2022/23 Stronger Communities Grant opportunity. (Full details in Item 4).**
- 2.5. **Councillors note recommendations identified in 6.2**
- 2.6. **Councillors are requested to note the updated projected spend, appendix 1.**

3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

- 3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project
Contract 1 commenced on the 14th September 2015. This is a one-year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 in total. The initial contract has now concluded.

Contract 2 commenced on the 14th September 2017 for a two-year term at a contract value of approximately £95,000 per annum. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the 13th September 2020.

The Area Council agreed to continue to fund this project in September 2019. Due to procurement pressures during Covid-19 the decision was taken to submit a waiver in the summer of 2020 and extend the existing contract by 12 months until 13th September 2021.

UPDATE: The Area Manager submitted as waivers as requested by the Area Council. This has been approved and new contract is in place for a further 12months delivery, running until 13th September 2022.

Update: Options for how welfare services can be more consistently commissioned, and contract managed, whilst maintaining local provision and oversight of delivery, are still being explored by officers. It is hoped that a report will be submitted to this meeting in due course.

Recommendation:

Short Term – That the North Area Council confirm the wish to use the extension clause of the existing waiver to continue provision in it's existing format until September 2023.

Medium Term – That the North Area Council participate in any development opportunity provided to shape the future Welfare IAG provision in the North Area.

3.1 The Clean and Green Service

Contract one was delivered by Forge Community Partnership commenced on the 14th September 2015. Prior to the end of the contract the tender opportunity was advertised.

The second environmental contract commenced on the 2nd October 2017 at a value of £85,000 per annum. The provider, Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd, commenced service delivery on the 2nd October 2017. On the 25th March 2019 the Area Council took the decision to utilise the contract extension clause and extend the contract until the end of September 2020.

N.B. The current contract was tendered in autumn 2020. Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd secured a two-year contract with the opportunity for a final one-year extension. The contract commenced on 1st April 2021 and is now in it's second year of delivery.

3.2 Housing and Cohesion Officer (Private Sector Housing) – At the November meeting 2017 it was agreed that the North Area would fund a private sector housing officer post at Grade 6 for 12 months fixed term. The successful candidate started on the 22nd January 2018 and proved to be a great asset to the area. The officer left the North Area council at the end of June 2019 for a promotion within BMBC.

The current Housing and Cohesion Officer started in post on Monday 19th October 2020. The officer now has a permanent contract and the role forms part of the Safer Communities structure.

In addition to the salary fees the Area Council agreed to fund uniform, PPE including IT, phone and bodycam, plus a £5k annual working budget.

N.B.: Contractually the position is covered by a permanent contract to ensure employment rights for individuals. If the Area Council agreed to cease funding the position a 6-month notice period will be required.

3.3 Health and Wellbeing – Connecting Communities Grant

At a series of workshops in 2021 the Area Council discussed the loneliness and isolation and the impact of Covid-19. In July 2021 it was agreed to fund a grant program for two years with a budget of £100,000 per annum.

The grant opportunity was advertised at the end of September 2021 and the final date for submission was the 22nd October 2021. A total of 9 applications were received before the deadline totalling £615,710.39.

Stage one moderation took place on the 1st November and 4 organisations were invited back to present their projects on the 8th November. 3 applications were recommended for funding. The total allocated amount for these 3 projects was £186,766.44.

Successful Projects:

- Age UK Barnsley – North Area Social Inclusion Service - £79,600.20
- DIAL Barnsley – Connection Hubs - £66,450.00
- Reds in the Community – Reds Connect - £40,716.24

N.B.: £13,233.56 remained unallocated and will remain in the Area Council budget for forthcoming delivery.

3.4 Stronger Communities Grant 2021/22 –

The total funding available for 2021/22 was £50,000. Each grant has an upper limit of £10,000. A total of 6 applications were received, totalling £55,772.06.

At the Grant Panel on Thursday 11th March 2021, five projects were recommended for funding.

Successful projects:

- North West Church – Reconnect Building Resilience and new confidence with older people - £10,000.00
- Ad Astra – 5 Star Well Being: Gender Based - £8640.00
- Reds in the Community – Transition with the Reds - £8,638.06
- Age UK Barnsley – Covid Recovery North Area - £10,000.00
- Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group – Barugh Green Social Club, weekly afternoon tea dance - £2,721.94

Final report for 2021/22 grants have now been received and are included in the performance report.

3.5 Stronger Communities Grant 2022/23

The total funding allocated for 2022/23 is £40,000. Each grant has an upper limit of £10,000. A total of 4 applications were received, totalling £23,716.34.

At the Grant Panel on Thursday 17th February 2022, two projects were recommended for funding. Pending receipt of further information the applications have been approved.

Successful projects:

- Mother Runners – Stronger Mums – £9,950.00
- Mapplewell and Staincross Greenspace and Recreation Group – Mapplewell Park – Children’s Cycle Path – £8,761.00

For a full update please refer to Item 4.

3.6 Devolved Funding to Ward Alliances

The Area Council has profiled £20,000 to be devolved to Ward Alliances during 2022. This means a £5,000 allocation per ward where the end of year balance is less than £10,000.

N.B. Members are confirmed at the January 2022 meeting that they wish to make this allocation in 2022/23.

3.7 Health and Wellbeing – focus on Young People

In November 2019 the North Area Council agreed to fund a project for up to three years. The project entitled ‘An Empowerment Programme Enabling Resilient Transitions for Children and Young People Aged 8-14 Years’ was advertised as a competitive grant in early 2020. The process was unsuccessful. It was agreed in on the 16th March that the opportunity should be chunked down to allow the VCS to respond.

N.B. This opportunity has been tailored to help address the fall out of COVID-19 lockdown and aid in the delivery of the COVID-19 Recovery Strategy. The grants went live on the 1st November 2020, delivered by YMCA and Ad Astra.

The Area Council has committed to fund this work for up to three years. Covid-19 Lockdown restrictions caused delays and for a time schools would not permit external partners into schools. The providers are now working within 5 schools.

UPDATE: Grant agreements are in place with providers until October 2022. At the March 2022 meeting the Area Council agree to fund the project for a further 2 years, until October 2024, at £90,000p.a. (it will be essential to ensure that the providers receive a 3% financial uplift).

This security will enabling the existing providers to support students adversely affected by Covid-19 and support them in their educational transitions, primarily the move to senior school.

4. Financial Position

- 4.1. At the end of 2021/22 there was a significant **underspend of £102,631 (includes underspend from previous years). The budget was varied considerably during Covid-19, period 2020/21-2021/22.**
- 4.2. **The forecast for 2022/23 shows that the underspend** (including underspend from previous years) **was profiled to reduce to £65,842.** This is because the in-year balance is projected to exceed the annual budget by approximately £36,788.00.
- 4.3. Outlined annual commitments from April 2021:

Contract	Proposed Spend 2022/23
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£95,000
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People	£85,000
Housing Cohesion Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£35,000
Stronger Communities Grant	£20,000
Children and Youth People Resilience Grant	£90,000
Devolved funds to Ward Alliances (£5k per WA)	£20,000
Connecting Communities Grant 2021-2024 £100,000 per annum for 2 years	£92,000
TOTAL	£437,000

- 4.4. Provided that the Area Council continues to commit funding as outlined in Appendix 1, the total spend profiled for 2021/22 is £437,500.00

5. Commissioning programme from April 2021

- 5.1. Appendix 1 lays out the proposed spend. The Area Council is asked to note the proposed spend for 2023/24 and 2024/25. Provision has been adapted to support Covid recovery.

6. Commissioning Programme from April 2022

6.1. An overview was provided on a number of issues discussed at the workshop held on 10th March, 2022 including:

- Support for fuel, food and the cost-of-living crisis
- Anti-Social behaviour and the increase in nuisance caused
- Parking enforcement
- Careers advice / raising aspirations of 14- and 16-year-olds including information on a variety of jobs and opportunities that would not come out of regular careers advice in school

6.2. Due to the fact that the Welfare Review has not yet concluded it is recommended to explore opportunities to address the underspend with the following recommendations:

- Avoid reallocation of the Anti-Poverty budget until the welfare review has conclude.
- Allow for inflation for the current contracts at the point of renewal / retender.
- Identify a time limited project for the remaining underspend.

7. Risks

7.1. The proposed budget would take the Area Council approximately £36,788.00 over budget per annum for 2022/23. However taking into account the current under spend, the investment profiled in Appendix 1 would be feasible.

8. Next Steps

8.1. Ensure that the Area Manager is alerted to any proposed commissioning profile variations so that feasibility considerations can be made at the earliest opportunity.

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Date:
29th April 2022

Appendix 1: North Area Council Proposed expenditure April 2021-March 2024

Project / Service	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach <i>Retender Anti-Poverty</i> - Waiver in place Sept 2021 - Sept 2023	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00
Creating a Cleaner, Greener Environment in Partnership with Local <i>People Contract Start - April 2021 (Retender Sept 2023)</i>	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	95,000.00
Housing and Cohesion Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Stronger Communities Grant Reduced to £20,000 in 2022/23	50,000.00	40,000.00	20,000.00	-	-
South Resilience Fund (November 2020 - October 2022 - YMCA & Ad Astra)	45,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	45,000.00
Social Isolation and Cold Homes Project (+ Ourbank) 2018-2020 (+1year) £75,000 + £10,000	85,000.00	40,000.00	-	-	-
Connecting Communities Social Isolation Grant (£100,000 pa for 2 years)	-	12,500.00	92,000.00	82,500.00	100,000.00
Devolved funding to Ward Alliances (<i>where March 2019 balance is less than £10,000</i>)	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	-
The Fleets - Nature Park	20,000.00	10,000.00	-	-	-
Covid - Age UK	10,000.00	7,000.00	-	-	-
2022 - New Project or Grant - £65,000					
TOTAL	425,000.00	434,500.00	437,000.00	387,500.00	370,000.00

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Item 7

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:
16th May 2022

Agenda Item: 7

Report of the
North Area Council Manager

Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds Year End 2021/22

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2020/21 period.

2. Recommendation

- 2.2 That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2021/22, in line with the guidance on spend.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition, the Area Council has devolved £10,000 to the Ward Alliances between 2014/15 and 2019/20; no additional funding was devolved in 2020/21 and a reduced amount of £5,000 was devolved in 2021/22. The £5,000 devolved funding from the Area Council has been agreed for 2022/23.

- 3.2 All funding decisions must meet with Ward Alliance approval and be allocated with in accordance with the ward Alliance Funding 2016/17 – Briefing Note. This requires half of the fund to be allocated to projects where there is match funding.

- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:

- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
- it is in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
- it represents value for money.

4.0 2021/22 Financial Position

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2021/22 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2021/22 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

4.2 Budget allocations for 2021/22

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2020/21	Additional DWB (Announced 09/2020)	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£2,781.00	£5,000	£19,204.16
Darton West	£10,000	£1,289.04	£5,000	£19,567.49
Old Town	£10,000	£10,717.28	£5,000	£26,674.53
St Helen's	£10,000	£7,628.13	£5,000	£23,393.83

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

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2021/22. This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities.

5.2 Any projects requiring a long lead in time will require the involvement of the Area Team as early as possible.

5.3 Proactive promotion of the Ward Alliance Fund to local not for profit groups and organisations is highly recommended to ensure efficient expenditure over the financial year.

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2022

Date:
27th April 2022

Appendix 1:

2021/22 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2021/22 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 for the Ward Alliance Fund and an £5,000 has been devolved from the Area Council Budget.

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

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.

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

Due to the extraordinary times as a result of COVID –19 pandemic, the non-match funding element of allocation was temporarily suspended.

2021-22 Ward Funding Allocations

DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2021-22 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£1,423.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£2,781.00

Total Available Funding £19,204.00

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Litter Bin 0393 Relocation	£125.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£19,079.00
2	Cold Calling Stickers	£860.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£18,219.00
3	Litter Picking Equipment	£343.30	£657.60	£9,602.00	£17,875.70
4	Children's Activities 2021	£1,000.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£16,875.70
5	Volunteer Tool Bank	£547.20	£548.00	£9,602.00	£16,328.50
6	Happiness Hamper	£600.00	£137.00	£9,602.00	£15,728.50
7	Secretary Payment Q1	£125.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£15,603.50
8	Butterflies Afternoon Tea Dance	£780.00	£5,343.00	£9,602.00	£14,823.50
9	Keswick Road Park Safety Matting	£271.25	£0.00	£9,602.00	£14,552.25
10	Secretary Payment Q2	£125.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£14,427.25
11	Darton East Working Budget	£300.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£14,127.25
12	Autumn Planting	£685.00	£411.00	£9,602.00	£13,442.25
13	Christmas Lights for Mapplewell	£2,250.00	£274.00	£9,602.00	£11,192.25
14	Children's Discos	£1,441.50	£493.20	£9,602.00	£9,750.75
15	Community Christmas Celebration - Les Cadeaux	£320.00	£137.00	£9,602.00	£9,430.75
16	Replacement Defibrillator Pads	£200.00	£89.05	£9,602.00	£9,230.75
17	Darton East Community Mascot	£999.00	£493.20	£9,602.00	£8,231.75
18	Secretary Payment Q2	£125.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£8,106.75
19	Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall 'Pop-in' Club	£285.00	£342.50	£9,602.00	£7,821.75
20	Winter Wellbeing Health Event	£1,500.00	£356.20	£9,602.00	£6,321.75
21	Secretary Payment Q4	£125.00	£0.00	£9,602.00	£6,196.75
22	St John's on the Stage	£333.00	£6,576.00	£9,602.00	£5,863.75

DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2021-22 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£4,885.49
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£1,289.04

Total Available Funding £21,174.53

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Q4 Secretary Payment - Richard Haigh	£125.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£21,049.53
2	Butterflies Afternoon Tea Dance	£780.00	£1,342.60	£10,587.27	£20,269.53
3	Replacement Bench - Wilthorpe Redbrook	£1,300.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£18,969.53
4	Children's Activities 2021	£500.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£18,469.53
5	First Stage Summer School	£844.40	£3,781.20	£10,587.27	£17,625.13
6	Happiness Hamper	£400.00	£137.00	£10,587.27	£17,225.13
7	Secretary Payment Q1	£125.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£17,100.13
8	Replacement Bin at Harry Road Recreation Ground	£300.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£16,800.13
9	Video Recording Equipment	£4,342.40	£33,537.60	£10,587.27	£12,457.73
10	North Gawber Girls	£472.04	£0.00	£10,587.27	£11,985.69
11	Replacement Defibrillator Pads	£115.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£11,870.69
12	Autumn Planting	£1,090.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£10,780.69
13	Christmas Tree Motifs Kexborough	£525.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£10,255.69
14	Community Christmas Celebration - Les Cadeaux	£320.00	£137.00	£10,587.27	£9,935.69
15	Christmas and Beyond	£55.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£9,880.69
16	Remembrance Project	£766.45	£0.00	£10,587.27	£9,114.24
17	Barnsley Local Television	£623.00	£623.35	£10,587.27	£8,491.24
18	Churchyard Heritage Trail	£1,000.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£7,491.24
19	Angel Voices Performing Arts Academy	£2,100.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£5,391.24
20	Christmas in Darton West 2021	£600.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£4,791.24
21	Family Support Packages 2021	£200.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£4,591.24
22	Secretary Payment Q2	£125.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£4,466.24
23	Secretary Payment Q3	£125.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£4,341.24
24	Spring Hanging Baskets	£500.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£3,841.24
25	Defibrillator Working Budget	£250.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£3,591.24
26	Safety Surfacing Barugh Green Recreation Ground Play Area	£1,500.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£2,091.24
27	Secretary Payment Q4	£125.00	£0.00	£10,587.27	£1,966.24

OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2021-22 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£3,909.96
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£10,717.28

Total Available Funding £29,627.24

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Container for Pogmoor Recreation Ground	£4,668.00	£0.00	£14,813.62	£24,959.24
2	St Pauls Afterschool Club	£700.00	£1,918.00	£14,813.62	£24,259.24
3	Defibrillator for Old Town	£999.00	£0.00	£14,813.62	£23,260.24
4	Butterflies Afternoon Tea Dance	£780.00	£1,342.60	£14,813.62	£22,480.24
5	Volunteer Tool Bank	£547.20	£137.00	£14,813.62	£21,933.04
6	Spring Bulbs 2021	£660.00	£0.00	£14,813.62	£21,273.04
7	'4T's' Green Heroes Plaque Stand/Display	£520.00	£219.20	£14,813.62	£20,753.04
8	Minibus Braking System Renewal and Insurance Project	£700.00	£8,000.80	£14,813.62	£20,053.04
9	Barnsley Retirement Fellowship Group	£1,254.60	£3,288.00	£14,813.62	£18,798.44
10	Old Town Christmas Working Budget	£3,000.00	£0.00	£14,813.62	£15,798.44
11	2021 Winter Wellbeing Packs	£2,000.00	£0.00	£14,813.62	£13,798.44
12	Defibrillator for Pogmoor	£999.00	£0.00	£14,813.62	£12,799.44
13	4Ts' Green Heroes - Disability Bench Installation	£1,500.00	£1,972.80	£14,813.62	£11,299.44
14	Fresh Ground Community Family Activities	£180.00	£137.00	£14,813.62	£11,119.44
15	WW2 Bomber Commemoration	£200.00	£205.50	£14,813.62	£10,919.44
16	Jubilee Bunding Workshop Working Budget	£500.00	£5,480.00	£14,813.62	£10,419.44
17	Jubilee Event (Brettas Park)	£1,400.00	£0.00	£14,813.62	£9,019.44
18	Willowbank Event Insurance	£355.11	£2,027.60	£14,813.62	£8,664.33

ST HELEN'S WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2021-22 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£2,264.26
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£5,000.00
Carried forward from FY 2020-21	£7,628.13

Total Available Funding	£24,892.39
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	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
1	Secretary Payment Q4	£125.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£24,767.39
2	St Helen's Guides in Athersley	£500.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£24,267.39
3	Butterflies Dementia Support and Activities Group	£780.00	£1,342.60	£12,446.20	£23,487.39
4	Repainting Seating Area - Smithies Rec Play Area	£825.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£22,662.39
5	Volunteer Tool Bank	£547.20	£137.00	£12,446.20	£22,115.19
6	Secretary Payment Q1	£125.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£21,990.19
7	Noticeboard for Smithies Rec	£1,400.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£20,590.19
8	Twiggs Educational Sessions	£380.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£20,210.19
9	Spring Bulbs 2021	£1,500.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£18,710.19
10	Secretary Payment Q2	£125.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£18,585.19
11	New Lodge Tables	£1,866.72	£0.00	£12,446.20	£16,718.47
12	Winter Wellbeing Packs	£2,000.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£14,718.47
13	2021 Christmas Working Budget	£1,500.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£13,218.47
14	Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Safeguarding	£1,500.00	£68.50	£12,446.20	£11,718.47
15	Athersley Annual Community Bonfire	£1,200.00	£2,055.00	£12,446.20	£10,518.47
16	Secretary Payment Q3	£125.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£10,393.47
17	Get Fit with Vik	£500.00	£548.00	£12,446.20	£9,893.47
18	New Bin Installation	£1,828.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£8,065.47
19	Caterpillar Club	£1,400.00	£2,849.60	£12,446.20	£6,665.47
20	Secretary Payment Q4	£125.00	£0.00	£12,446.20	£6,540.47

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Item 8

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:
Monday 16th May 2022**

Agenda Item: 8

**Report of North Area Council
Manager**

North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report appraises the North Area Council of the progress made by each Ward in relation Ward Alliance implementation.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the North Area Council receives an update on the progress of the Darton East, Darton West, Old Town and St Helens Ward Alliances for information purposes. Members are reminded of requirement for Ward Alliance minutes to be received by the Area Council.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area, Ward and Neighbourhood levels (Cab21.11.2012/6), Devolved Budget arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3), Officer Support (Cab13.2.2013/9) and Communities and Area Governance Documentation (Cab.8.5.2013/7.1). This report is submitted on that basis.

4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during February, March and April 2022.

Appendices:

Darton East Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix One
Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Two
Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Three
St Helens Alliance Meeting:	Appendix Four

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

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Date:
26th April 2022

Appendix One:

Darton East Ward Alliance
Tuesday 8th March – 6 PM
Meeting at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall.

Present:

Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor
Matthew Crisp - Darton East Ward Councillor
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team
Helen Altun – Minutes
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man
Paul Marsh - Local Business Man
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager

1. Apologies:

Cllr Harry Spence -Darton East Ward Councillor
David Hilton – Green space
David Oates - Local Business Man
Janine Williams – Local resident
David Lockwood – Local Business Man

2. Declarations of Interest – Nick Hibberd and Caroline Hague.

3. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved.

4. Matters Arising – None

5. Financial Update – Balance is £6,196.75. We should be able to carry over any money remaining. The balance will be £2773.75 if all applications were funded from tonight's meeting.

6. Applications for Funding

Platinum Jubilee £950.00 Approved.

Cinema Club £1890.00 Approved.

St John's on stage £333.00 Approved.

7. Winter warmer – This event went very well. The feedback from the event was great. The fire brigade said it was the best event they had ever been to.
If the event was to run again the timings would be approx. 10.30-1.30.
People have already been asking when the next event is.

A big thank you to Gerrard Morrell for organising such a fantastic event and to Nick Hibberd and Caroline Hague for all their help and hard work.
The Chronicle came to the event and will hopefully be publishing something about the event.
Councillor Jenny Platts was at the event and seemed very impressed.

8. Ward Action Plan

The group suggested another health event would be a good idea for later in the year around October.

It would also be nice to put on a careers event for young people in the area at the village hall.

Local employers could get involved and offer careers advice.

A member said it would be great to go into local schools and for business men to speak to students.

The group agreed it would be a good idea to do some research about what young people in the area need and want. It would be better to focus on one area of employment e.g. hospitality.

Rebecca will contact the council for further details and Darton Academy.

It was also suggested to have a Mapplewell Party in the park. It was suggested that the friends of Mapplewell and Staincross may be able to put on such an event in the summer.

Children/Young People.

A spring disco to be put on at The Village Hall at the end of the easter holidays.

Activities in the park again during summer.

A careers day for young people to be put together and held at the village hall.

Cinema club to run throughout the summer holidays.

People with disabilities/isolated or in later life.

The Village hall has lots of activities on during the week.

The North Area team pen pal project starts in September.

Ears and voice of the community.

The Facebook page and website are ongoing.

A member will get a key for the noticeboard so local residents and local business can advertise in it.

A noticeboard for Windhill was also spoken about and it was advised that an application for funding could go in for one.

Health and wellbeing.

Another winter warmer event.

Environment

The group agreed that dog fouling in the area needed to be reduced. Councillor Steve Hunt will take the lead on this.

Councillor Steve Hunt will also forward some information via email to the group regarding rewilding in the borough.

Other Events

The Village hall will be doing a day of events for the Queens Jubilee.

Bunting workshops will be taking place soon to decorate bunting for the village for the Queen's jubilee.

9. AOB

A member wanted to speak about the Twiggs contract.

They work five days per week one day in each ward and have a floating day. They agreed it could be spoken about in more detail at the area council meeting.

Suggestions can be given for areas that Twiggs should visit and improve.

Twiggs is volunteer led and the question was raised of how many hours can we have for our area and that the process needs to be more joined up.

It was agreed that we would put Twiggs on as a standard agenda item.

A thank you was given to Councillor Steve Hunt for getting the village hall as a polling station on 05/05/22 from 7am -10pm.

Meeting closed. Next meeting will be on the 05/04/2022 due to the Easter holidays.

Appendix Two:

Darton West Ward Alliance Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 15th March 2022

Attendees: Cllr Sharon Howard (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave, Shelly Oates, Christina Carroll, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Cllr Alice Cave, Ann Carroll, Annabelle Watson, Rebecca Battye, Ann Plant, North Area Team: Rosie Adams.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The minutes of the meeting 15th February 2022 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Rebecca to finalise Hanging basket provision across the Ward and update.

Rebecca to hold meeting with representatives of Kexbrough Club to advise on available streaming funds and assistance available.

Rebecca to inform of any response from Redbrook/ Wilthorpe representatives re: future assistance and guidance about their practice and procedures.

Rebecca to investigate preferred siting of Barugh Green Notice Board and update.

Rebecca to check Gawber litter bins in situ. Week commencing 17th April 2022.

Councillors Trevor Cave, Sharon Howard, North Area Team, (Rosie Adams and Rebecca Battye) to hold discussions with the Schools Meals Service re: free school provision across the Ward, update and formulate a Sub Group to look into this issue.

Richard to contact Amber Coulton, (mid April 2022) to investigate future tree planting project at Kexbrough Recreational Ground.

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Action Plan, this was discussed by members and any additions made.

4a WAF Budget update was presented by Rosie.

Remaining Budget £613.64

Rosie updated members of the following:

Next Financial Years Allocation

Base Budget £10,000

Area Contribution £5,000

Plus any Carry Forward.

Audit of Ward Notice Board repair by Tottys

£1710.00 approx (Agreed in principle)

4b WAF Applications

None received.

5 Safer Neighbourhood Teams Wardens (Harry Road) Role and Responsibilities
Agenda item next meeting.

6 Ward Deprivation Issues

This was discussed by members. Agenda item next meeting.

7 Ward Stars Debrief

The Evening was a great success and appreciated by everyone.

Cllr Trevor Cave would like to thank all North Area Team members, for their excellent organisation and for making this such a special occasion for all concerned.

8 Longfields/ Active Travel Project Update

Cllr Trevor Cave to organise sub group meeting and inform members of time and date.

A.O.B.

Nothing to report

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 26th April 2022 at 5.00 pm.

Venue Darton Centre.

Active Travel Sub Group Meeting date to be announced.

**Darton West Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 26th April 2022**

Attendees: Cllr Alice Cave, (Chair) Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Trevor Cave, Christina Carroll, Ann Carroll, Annabelle Watson, Shelly Oates, Dominic McCall, John Ryan, Richard Haigh.

Apologies: Ann Plant.

North Area Team: Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies given.

2 The Minutes of the meeting 15th March 2022 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Rebecca to finalise Summer Hanging Baskets across the Ward.

Rebecca to inform Kexbrough Club management of SY Funding streams and any advice required

Rebecca to invite the Neighbourhood Team (Harry Road) to the Ward Alliance meeting at a suitable time for all parties

Rebecca to meet relevant parties re: Uplands Park development and inform Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, Cllr Trevor Cave.

Rebecca to update of Litter Bins at Gawber and report as required.

Cllrs and Rebecca to hold site meeting to look at solutions of improving Barugh Green Notice Board.

Cllr A Cave, Cllr T Cave Cllr S Howard to investigate ways to assist with guidance and procedures at Redbrook/Wilthorpe Community Centre.
Cllrs to discuss with Parks issues of dog fouling and any other associated concerns re: car parking matters at Darton Park.
Cllr Trevor Cave and Richard to meet Amber Coulton (Parks), 10th May 2022 at 9.00 am Kexbrough Recreational Ground, to discuss future tree planting and environmental improvements plan.
Shelly to look at Power Point by Darton Students re: Covid Artwork Project and update.

3 Ward Action Plan

Cllr Trevor Cave presented an updated Ward Action plan, this was discussed by members and any additions made.

4 WAF Budget update was presented by Rebecca
Remaining Budget £13,166,24
WAF Applications
None Received

5 Safer Neighbourhood Teams Wardens (Harry Road) Role and Responsibilities.
This will be a future Agenda item.

6 Audit and Funding of Ward Notice Boards
Rebecca updated members of the recent Audit and future funding requirements.

7 Ward Deprivation Issues
This will become a future agenda item. Cllrs will update when necessary.

8 Longfields/Active Travel Project Update.
Cllr Trevor Cave will reconvene Sub Group Meetings as and when required.

9 A.O.B.

Dominic raised concerns of local road safety at the new roundabout at Barugh. Cllrs informed they have held meetings with Officers and will update as required.
Christina enquired if any electric car points were being considered for Darton. Cllrs informed this is a wider rolling programme across the Borough.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 25th May 2022. 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre

Appendix Three:

Old Town Ward Alliance Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor Notes of 8th February 2022

In Attendance

Cllr Pickering (Ch), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Bill Gaunt, John Love, G Nixon.

Apologies.

S. Lowe, Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), C. Stirk, L. Holmes

This meeting was held both virtually, via MS Teams and in the Town Hall.

Previous Meeting Notes, Accepted. Funding Bids

1. New Hill and Brettas Park Neighbourhood Watch Groups, Jubilee Event on the 4th June 2022 from 12-6pm. Some contingency money had been requested; this was not agreed.
£1,281.98 -approved.
2. Jubilee Bunting Workshops, Application for a sum of money in case the Awards For All bid is unsuccessful. Awards For All bid has been submitted, however the decision regarding awarding the money is not until May, by which time it would be too late to do workshops.
£500.00 -Approved.
3. Hanging Baskets, L.S explained the process and costings. The following was agreed,
 - a. To have sponsored H.B this year.
 - b. Cost to be £91.00.
Various Roads proposed, Greenfoot Lane, Huddersfield Rd, Rockley St, Brettas Park, Wakefield Rd, Pogmoor Rd. Numbers to L.S. by April.
- 4 A.O.B.
 - a. New members, one potential applicant, awaiting completion of forms. Agreed to promote the Ward Alliance via social media.
 - b. Discussed the time of W.A meetings, agreed to 7pm.
 - c. Annual renewal of membership, L.S. advised that we need to do this in April, L.S. to send out a letter.
 - d. Meeting to be in person at the Town Hall from now on.
 - e. Review of ward plan, L.s to send out a copy of the plan and to put on the agenda for next meeting.

Old Town Ward Alliance
Communities in Monk Bretton, Smithies, Wilthorpe, Honeywell, Old Town and Pogmoor
Notes of 8th March 2022 at the Town Hall.

In Attendance

Cllr Pickering (Ch), Cllr Jo Newing (Sec), Lee Swift, Bill Gaunt, John Love, G Nixon, L. Holmes

Apologies.

S. Lowe, Cllr Phil Lofts (V. Chair), C. Stirk,
Previous Meeting Notes - Accepted.

Matters Arising.

1. Hanging Baskets, LS outlined the Roads/Streets that would be appropriate. Discussed publicity, agreed to drop off leaflets to local businesses and put on social media.

Funding Bids

4. Community Partnership Equipment, Cllr Pickering, B.G. and J.L. declared an interest due to their involvement with the Partnership.
Bid to replace equipment which can be loaned out to community groups.
Cost £211.54. - Approved

Upcoming Projects/Events

1. Great British Spring Clean, 25th March – 11th April. Event on The Fleets on the 2nd April from 10 -12.00 with Twiggs, event is decorating a Wellington Boot. G.N. to contact Scott from Twiggs to discuss possibility of organising another event.
2. Jubilee Bunting Workshops, Community groups and schools to make bunting, workshops to be arranged.
Approx. dates - 30th March, Weds. am/pm.
9th April, Sat p.m.
21st April Thurs a.m
3. A.O.B.
 - a. New members, Cllr Pickering knows of a number of people who are interested, forms to be sent out.
 - b. Bulbs, between 3000 and 5000 are arriving, no specific date, but sometime this month, six sites, where Christmas Trees are, G.N. agreed to plant some in her area.
 - c. AFC Pogmoor beginning running football teams for 7-8yr olds

Next Meeting – Tuesday 12th April at 7pm in The Conservatory at The Tom Treddlehoyle Inn.

Appendix Four:



**St. Helen's Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday 24th February 2022, 4pm, New Lodge Community Centre**

Present : Cllr Leech (Chair), Cllr Platts, Rebecca Leech, Lee Swift, John Hallows, Kath Bostwick, Michelle Cooper. Tony Lowe, Freda Stenton

Apologies : Cllr Tattersall, Madge Busby, Neil Wright.

Welcome and Introductions: Everyone was thanked for their attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes were passed as a true record by the members. No matters arising.

Funding Applications:

There were no applications for this meeting.

Lee to chase the funding application from Madge for the Cook and Eat.

Cllr Platts gave an update on why the money has been taking so long to be paid into accounts and it's to do with whether the recipient has their own bank account or whether they are using someone else's.

The Playgroup are still awaiting their money but it's because it's not their own account. Lee to chase this up and encourage the playgroup to open their own account.

Events: Jubilee Event - A meeting was held with the working group for the event and various ideas were discussed. A seaside theme seemed to be the favourite idea with traditional/old fashioned games in a 1950's style. The group needs to look at costings / availability, etc. To leave with the working group to finalise.

The Great British Spring Clean - will run from 25th March to 10th April.

There is an event scheduled for Friday 8th April to clean around the fishing pond on the Memorial field. To coordinate with TWIGGS and to meet in the car park at 9.30am.

Also to look at other possible events to work with TWIGGS to bring a family focussed event together to get everyone involved. Possibility to look at recycling - using old wellies to paint and plant flowers inside of? Details to be confirmed.

Ward Plan: Lee brought along copies of the Ward Plan and explained we needed to go back to the old way of delivering the plan. We need to show everything that the Ward Alliance is doing, not just certain events throughout the year.

We need to include Jubilee Event, Summer Gala, Hanging Baskets, Great British Spring Clean, etc.

All these events also need to be added to the What's on St Helens leaflet that will be delivered to every house in the ward.

Treasurers Report: Lee reported a total of £4,138.21 as of 17th February 2022.

Forthcoming Projects and Bids: Cllr Leech gave an update on the memorial bench that will be placed at Poundstretcher. He said that he was still awaiting the money to pay for the bench as there had been an issue with the paperwork for the funding. He said he may need to put in a funding form to the Ward Alliance to cover the cost.

Any other business: The Spring Bulbs will be delivered at the end of March. There will be 3,000 to distribute between the schools in the ward, the Community Shop and Ad Astra. Twiggs will help with the planting. It was agreed that 1,500 bulbs would be split between the 3 primary schools in the ward. 500 would be donated to Holy Trinity School and the rest would be distributed equally between the community groups.

Lee explained that BMBC needed to be added to the St Helens Ward Alliance Logo. He also discussed Bunting making workshops that will be taking place ready for the Jubilee event. It will be a Borough wide event to make bunting to decorate the streets. He is awaiting dates for this.

John Hallows said that he had a large amount of community safety products left. Lee to put together a list to circulate around to see if anyone is needing any items. John also said that he is holding a stall at the Community Shop next Wednesday.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Meeting closed at 17.10pm

The next meeting is on Thursday 7th April 2022 at 4pm, New Lodge Community Centre.



St. Helen's Ward Alliance
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday 7th April 2022, 4pm, New Lodge Community Centre

Present : Cllr Tattersall (Chair), Cllr Platts, Lee Swift, John Hallows, Tony Lowe, Freda Stenton, Neil Wright, Madge Busby

Apologies : Cllr Leech, Michelle Cooper, Rebecca Leech, Kath Bostwick

Welcome and Introductions: Everyone was thanked for their attendance.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes were passed as a true record by the members.

Madge has now got the keys to the TARA office. She said she's not been willing to apply for Ward Alliance Funding to start up the Cook and Eat sessions until she had them and is settled in. Madge said she will contact Lee when she is ready to apply.

Funding Applications:

There were no applications for this meeting. There are however a number of bids expected to be coming in over the next couple of months, including:

- Crime prevention equipment for NHW
- Cook & Eat bid
- Resolve women & children's wellbeing group bid
- St Helens Gala bid
- St Helens Jubilee Party bid

Events:

Great British Spring Clean:

The spring clean-up has been arranged for Friday 8th April at 9.30am, at the fishing pond car park. The idea is to clean up the area along the path that leads to Ollerton Rd including the stream, so it's advised to bring wellies along. There will be wardens coming, as well as members of the fishing club.

Cllr Tattersall said there are some concerns as a group called Pogy Pickers are intending to come to the same area on Mon 11th April to clean the same area. Cllr Tattersall has told them it will be already cleaned up and advised they would be better to look at a date in June or the future.

Save a Shoe:

Also as part of the spring clean, The Area Team are working with Twiggs to put on an event for children to decorate their old wellies and plant them up. The event for St Helens will take place on 22nd April, 10am-12 noon at Community Shop.

Jubilee Event:

The sub-group looking at this needs to meet asap. Lee agreed to arrange.

The current situation is that the theme of the event would be a traditional British seaside. The original plan was to include getting a large sand pit installed for the day. Lee has made enquiries with BMBC to find the best way of doing this. They said using sandbags as retaining walls would work, but the practicalities of all this would mean that we would need between four and six tons of sand, which is impractical as we haven't got the people or the means to move it. Freda said she has contacts with a construction. She agreed to ask if they could do this.

St Helens Gala:

The sub-group met last Thursday and all the attractions are provisionally booked including karate demonstrations, football (penalty shootout), and possibly putting people in stocks and using sponges.

There is a suggestion that the local dog groomers on Lindhurst Rd do a dog show. They are happy to do this, but are suggesting that they need to charge £6 per dog for chipping as opposed to offering it free. After a discussion, the members suggested that the group approach the groomers near the Davey Lamp café and the pet store near pound stretchers to see if they have a better offer. If not, then it's fine to go with these.

Rebecca is currently pulling together all the costings for this and a bid will then be submitted.

Ward Plan: The changes to the plan outlined from the previous meeting have been updated. Other projects that are worth noting include promotion of events like the walking group in the area as well as the cook and eat sessions once they're up and running again.

Treasurers Report: Lee reported that this year's funding has been allocated, putting the funds to a total of £19,013.21 as of 7th April 2022.

Forthcoming Projects and Bids:

Hanging Baskets:

The spring baskets are now up and in place. The sponsored baskets are still ongoing and being drawn together.

Spring Bulbs:

The spring bulbs (3,000 snowdrops) have been delivered. 2,000 of these bulbs are going into schools with Ad Astra as part of their work, or being used at the centre. The final 1,000 bulbs will be used with Twiggs to help the environmental group being set up at Laithes Primary School.

Any other business:

Berneslai Homes link with Resolve:

Madge said she has a contact for a young person, working with Berneslai Homes that would like to set up a support group for young people who are experiencing mental health difficulties and share similar situations to them. She said it would be good to put them in touch with Resolve, once they've put their bid in

Get Fit With Vik:

We have received an email from Get Fit with Vik to say that she intends to leave the equipment she recently purchased at St Helens Church. This is because she is about to start a Doctorate, so she cannot spare the time to do the sessions anymore.

Members felt that as there may be other groups that could benefit from this, they should have the opportunity to receive some of that equipment because it doesn't belong to the church. It was agreed to ask Vik for a list of equipment and explain to her the opportunity to pass some on to the Caterpillar Club, New Lodge Community Centre and others.

Bunting workshops:

The bunting workshops for the Jubilee have taken place for St Helens Church, but there will be another one at Community Shop on Fri 22nd April, 1pm-3pm. If any group would like to create some triangles, then get in touch with Lee.

NHW sessions:

John said that he will be dispensing crime and community safety advice as well as devices at Community Shop on 27th April, 11am-1pm.

New Lodge Community Centre:

The new tables are here and they look really good. Unfortunately, the centre is also receiving a lot of anti-social behaviour from the local young people, with them throwing large bricks onto the roof, or climbing onto it. Cllr Platts agreed to speak to community safety service about this and see what could be done.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Meeting closed at 17.30pm

The next meeting is on Thursday 19th May 2022 at 4pm, New Lodge Community Centre.