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<b>MEETING:</b>	North East Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 26 May 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Minutes

- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 24th March 2022 (*Pages 3 - 6*)

### Ward Alliances

- 3 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair (*Pages 7 - 24*)
  - Cudworth – held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022
  - Cudworth – held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022
  - North East – held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022
  - Royston – held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Items for Information

- 4 The Dell Project - Lawrence Dodd, the Community Development Officer for the North East and Cudworth, to present an update on an environment project in Grimethorpe (*Pages 25 - 38*)

### Performance

- 5 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects (*Pages 39 - 70*)
  - a) Slipper Swap - update upon completion
  - b) Age UK - Social Isolation and Dementia Project Q3 January - March 2022
  - c) Youth Development Fund overview for 2022 - 2023
  - d) Exodus - Brierley Q1 January - March 2022
  - e) Private Sector HEO January - March 2022
- 6 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update (*Pages 71 - 72*)
- 7 Report on the use of the Ward Alliance Funds (*Pages 73 - 78*)

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

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

Area Council Support Officers:

Lisa Smith, North East Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
Caroline Donovan, North East Area Council Manager  
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities  
Christie McFarlane, Community Development Officer  
Elizabeth Barnard, Council Governance Officer  
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Wednesday, 18 May 2022



<b>MEETING:</b>	North East Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 24 March 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Hayward (Chair), Cheetham, Ennis OBE, Green and Richardson

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

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

### 40 Notes of the Previous Meeting of North East Area Council held on 27th January 2022

The meeting considered the notes from the previous meeting of the North East Area Council held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

#### RSOLVED:

- (i) That the notes of the meeting of the North East Area Council held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 be received;
- (ii) That the minutes of the meeting of the North East Area Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 be approved as a correct record;
- (iii) That the notes and updates from the Cudworth Ward Alliance held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, the Monk Bretton Ward Alliance held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021, the North East Ward Alliance held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021 and the Royston Ward Alliance held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 be received;
- (iv) That Chris Platts, the Private Sector Housing Management Officer be thanked for his attendance at the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 and for the valuable work he is doing across the North East Area Council Communities and that his update be noted;
- (v) That in relation to the delivery of commissioned projects, a Working Group comprising the Mayor, Councillor Makinson, (Mayoral Duties permitting) and Councillors Richardson, Cherryholme and Wraith be set up to look at the Age UK Contract;
- (vi) That a letter of thanks be sent to Carol Foster (Age UK) thanking her for her services and for her forthcoming retirement;
- (vii) That the North East Area Council Financial Position and Procurement Update as at 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be noted; and
- (viii) That the report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds as at 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 be noted.

#### **41 Notes of the Following Ward Alliances with Feedback from each Ward Alliance Chair**

The meeting received notes from the Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East and Royston Ward Alliances:

Cudworth – 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Monk Bretton – 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

North East – 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

Royston – 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

The following updates were noted:-

*Cudworth:* It was reported that sponsorship was being sought for the provision of hanging baskets and work was progressing in relation to projects to mark the celebration of the Queens Jubilee. A small grants scheme had been established (with appropriate application criteria) to sponsor events for the Jubilee

*Monk Bretton:* It was reported that the Ward Alliance was in the process of seeing sponsorship for hanging baskets. College students had attended an event at the memorial earlier in the week and preparations were in hand for the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition. In addition, a Jubilee Project Fund had been established. Thanks were also extended to Christie McFarlane for all her hard work in the area.

*North East:* the first meeting of the Section 106 Sub Group had been held last week and had been well attended. A presentation had been made by officers and it was hoped that there would be a positive outcome with recommendations made to the Ward Alliance. Reference was made to increasing Anti Social Behaviour in the area and to the action taken in response thereto. It was noted that this was not a problem that was unique to the North East Ward.

Arising out of the above discussion, an update was provided in relation to the next phase of the Principal Towns initiative which was welcomed by all Members.

*Royston:* It was reported that work was ongoing with regard to the sponsorship of hanging baskets and with regard to preparation for Yorkshire in Bloom. Work was also progressing in relation to green spaces, tree planting and other works in various locations. The Achievement Awards were planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and health holidays initiatives were planned for the half term holidays. A meeting of the Section 106 Sub Group and preparations were in hand to plan for Jubilee events.

It was noted that this was the last meeting of the Area Council that Councillor Cheetham would attend prior to his stepping down as a Councillor. Members asked to place on record their thanks and appreciation for his services to the Council, to this Area Council and to the Ward and its residents that he represented. He would be sadly missed and was given best wishes for the future.

**RESOLVED:**



- (i) that the notes from the Ward Alliances be received; and
- (ii) That the best wishes of the Area Council be extended to all Councillors retiring at the Election to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

**42 North East Area Council Project Performance Report - update on the delivery of commissioned projects.**

Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer) introduced this item and gave an update on the delivery of commissioned projects.

Reference was made to the following:

- The success of the Sloppy Slipper events in Cudworth, Royston and Shafton and to the positive feedback received
- The ongoing work being undertaken with Age UK
- The Social Inclusion and Dementia Project – noting that 170 Winter Warm Wellbeing packs had been handed out, 135 Christmas Gifts and Hampers Distributed and that 40 people had attended the Chatty Café Christmas Breakfast
- The postponed Christmas Event at Shafton Club had been reorganised and had been a success
- It was noted that a total of 131 service users had been supported

**RESOVED** that the Project Performance Update report be noted

**43 NEAC Financial Position and Procurement Update.**

Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer) introduced this item reporting that as at 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, the North East Area Council was on target for spend.

**RESOLVED** that the Financial Position and Procurement Update be noted.

**44 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds**

Christie McFarlane (Community Development Officer) introduced this item which outlined the funding that remained for each of the Ward Alliances and which should be spent during this financial year.

It was noted that Christie McFarlan & Lawrence Dodd (Community Development Officer) had undertaken a lot of work on this and if Members had any questions they should contact them direct.

**RESOLVED** that the report on the use of Ward Alliance Funds be noted.

**45 North East Area Council Social Isolation and Dementia initiative.**

Christie McFarlane introduced this item which sought approval to go out to tender and invite applications from organisation to deliver a Social Isolation and Dementia project to support isolated and vulnerable older people within the North East Area

Council area. The proposal involved the funding of a full time Support Worker for one year which, with on costs, would be a maximum of £40,000 per annum.

The report outlined in detail the aims and objectives of the initiative and how the project would be delivered and managed.

**RESOLVED** that the Social Isolation and Dementia Initiative be supported and that approval be granted to go out to tender for the project involving the appointment of a Support Worker for one year at a maximum cost, inclusive of on costs, of £40,000.

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Chair

Cudworth Ward Alliance	
Meeting Notes	
<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Cudworth Ward Alliance</b>
<b>Date and time:</b>	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Bow Street Offices

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
Councillor J. Hayward (Chair) Pam Kershaw Joan Jones. Florence Whittlestone  <b>In Attendance.</b> Caroline Donovan – North East Area Manager Judith Myers – North East Project Officer - Minutes	Councillor S. Houghton. Lawrence Dodd - CDO Councillor C. Wraith Tina Heaton Andrew Scattergood Jenni Baker

		Action
<b>1&amp;2.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> The Chair welcomed those who were in attendance and also stated apologies from Councillor Houghton, Councillor Wraith, Tina Heaton, Andrew Scattergood, Jenni Baker and Lawrence Dodd. Caroline Donovan – Area Manager will provide information from the North East Area Council. -A minute's silence was held in respect of Janet Robinson.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest:</b> None declared	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Notes of the previous meeting – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</b> The notes from the previous meeting in January 2022 were reviewed page by page. There were no comments made by the members.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Future Secretary Role:</b> Judith Myers (Project Officer) in attendance this meeting and is able to stand in until there is a new secretary assigned. Pam Kershaw offered her services for this. At the next meeting, it was suggested that both Judith and Pam write the meeting notes as a handover. Members agreed Pam Kershaw to be the secretary ongoing from 2022.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Finance:</b> Allocated projects remaining for 2021-22 <b>£5761.41 to spend</b> Spend is up to date and the North East Area Council and Ward Alliance have achieved spend for 2021-22. Agreed by members	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Action Planning / Priority settings:</b>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Projects Updates:</b> <b>a) Hanging Baskets</b> Caroline shared the Hanging Basket Posters and Sponsorship forms prepared by the North East Area Team. The proposal is to look at a sponsorship scheme for the Cudworth hanging baskets much like the successful Christmas Lights sponsorship project.	

	<p>The costs to businesses would be £95 in first year and £60 in the second year onwards as the plaques that are fixed to the lampposts are a one-off charge. Caroline suggested that these are hung on two key roads in Cudworth to group them together and have the most impact. Ideal roads would be Pontefract Road and Darfield Road. Installation would be in July 2022 and they would continue to be hung in situ until Oct 2022. The cost would cover the installation, feeding and watering of hanging baskets.</p> <p>As well as notifying local businesses there has also been enquiries from two people directly to Cllr Hayward and it is hoped that these two can be considered as the scheme will be offered on a 'first-come-first-served basis'. Other advertising of the sponsorship scheme would be on the Community Noticeboards and social media outlets. Louise Hunt will collaborate with the Lawrence to contact businesses.</p> <p>There is a finite number of hanging baskets allowed due to certain limitations such as; whether the foliage would obscure essential road signs, the type of lamppost etc. Caroline has been given the exact number and locations of any lampposts that have been assessed as suitable.</p> <p><b>-Agreed in Principle.</b> <b>Ringfence the monies.</b></p> <p><b>b) Queen's jubilee fund</b></p> <p>The group were given information 'Platinum Jubilee project Fund for Cudworth Ward'. This outlines more information about the possible fund, it's aims, criteria, examples of likely projects, the decision-making process and how to apply. In brief:</p> <p><b>Aim:</b> To bring people back together and create community spirit &amp; pride in the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p><b>When:</b> Weekend of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022</p> <p><b>Project funding:</b> small grants from £50 to £200.</p> <p><b>Available to:</b> small groups, schools, nurseries, churches</p> <p><b>For:</b> Street parties, community tree planting, summer youth activities, garden bingo etc.</p> <p>It was noted that the group applications would need to adhere to H&amp;S and other regulations.</p> <p>This would hopefully encourage other groups and new groups.</p> <p>Caroline/Lawrence to send to all members of the Ward Alliance and ask them to review and reply within the week.</p> <p>Query – unsure if the Nursery at the library in Cudworth is now open</p> <p><b>- Agreed by the group.</b></p> <p><b>c) Cudworth Methodist Church</b></p> <p>A meeting was held with the person in charge of Methodist churches in the local area to update on the position the of the Methodist Church in Cudworth as the building is now costing in the region of £40k for the running costs and although other avenues of funding have been sought it is regrettable, but the decision has been made to sell the building. Caroline stated that although the negotiations for the building have taken place for a while that there are no viable options except closure.</p> <p>Concerns that closure could cause are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Existing users of the building could need to find alternate spaces to operate. This would depend on any new owners who may allow existing users to continue. This is an unknown at present.</li> <li>2. There is a concern that the 'main part' of Cudworth will not have a community building.</li> <li>3. Other buildings in that area are also closing down such as Fultons and Rhythm and Booze and this may create an eyesore on the high street. There was a query from Joan that one of the buildings was</li> </ol>	<p><b>Caroline Donovan</b></p>
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	<p>still owned by the council as it was the previous library. Cllr Hayward will find out about its current ownership.</p> <p>4. The Area Council would like the building to be used as soon as possible as they do not want it to lie empty for a long period.</p> <p>Also mentioned was the bungalow in the park – there is a covenant on it and Councillor Hayward mentioned the difficulty with such regulations.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Potential Projects:</b></p> <p><u>-Community Garden w/Churchfield Primary</u> Defer to next meeting until Lawrence Dodd, who has worked on this project, is in attendance</p> <p><u>-Darfield Road Community Centre</u> The North East Area Council team would seek permission to develop the use of the Darfield Road Community Centre as this is not being used to its full potential and is in a prime situation to help support and encourage community activities in the area. It was proposed that a Community Listening focus would find out what residents 'feel would benefit them'. This would mean a grassroots approach from community ideas that they think would work in their area and within that site. It was noted that the building is sound, secure and has good facilities such as: a kitchen, storage space, gardens, large room and an external storage container (currently used to store equipment along with the Christmas Light Motifs). Caroline and the North East Area Team would like to seek help off the Ward Alliance members and would like them to be actively involved in Community Listening and the plan for the building's use such as encouraging existing and new groups like a Knit and Natter (who could use Dial a Ride for transport), nursery groups, young people's groups, and possibly the Age UK – Dementia Café who may require new accommodation. It was acknowledged by Cllr J Hayward and the members that the building has been struggling to be used effectively and could have great potential. The North East Area Team seek permission from the members to start to engage with the community, and start to plan to use the building. Cllr J Hayward to check on the finances for the building, will look at possible car-parking in the future and the mentioned the potential users of the building could be the children's nursery (due to be based at The Hub near Dorothy Hymans). The building is owned by BMBC and Berneslai Homes. <b>-The members support the North East Area Team to start the process to bring the building back into use.</b></p> <p><b>WAF Funding Applications:</b></p> <p><u>-Probus – Speaker Costs (£500)</u> This would be to fund professional speakers who attend the meetings. This would encourage people to attend after Covid encouraging participation and wellbeing. <b>-Agreement to fund £500.00</b></p> <p><u>-44<sup>th</sup> Barnsley Brownies &amp; Guides (£1357.00)</u> Although Tina could not attend the meeting, Caroline read some notes provided from her in her absence. Tina would like confirmation and clarity of the bid as this seems a little 'sketchy'. The members agreed this and Lawrence will be asked to seek more information with regards to the details of the bid. <b>-Agreed in Principle subject to further information.</b></p>	<p><b>In next meeting – Lawrence Dodd</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Hayward</b></p> <p><b>Lawrence Dodd</b></p>
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	<p><u>-Dorothy Hyman Bowling Club (£2156.50)</u> This is for equipment and repairs – an extensive list was read out by Caroline from the funding form. It was noted that there has already been some previous investment for specifics which has meant the site is now ‘Yorkshire Standard’ which means that a higher level of competition can take place here. Bowling is an activity which includes all ages, and the health benefits are recognised it is good for the people both physically and mentally. The group have already got match-funding which shows a level of determination and resourcefulness. <b>-Agreement to fund £2156.50</b></p> <p><u>-Age UK Chatty Café – Cleethorpes Trip (£500)</u> This would be a trip to the seaside for those who attend the Age UK Chatty Café. Just as in the trips of old, the people who go on the trip will be given a tag with their name on, a bottle of pop and a bag of mix-up! They would visit not only the seaside but also a garden centre on the outskirts of the town. <b>-Agreement to fund £500.00</b></p> <p><b>Correspondence:</b> 11. There was no correspondence.</p> <p><b>Compliments and complaints:</b> 12. None</p> <p><b>Any other business:</b> 13. 1. <u>Darfield Road Pumas</u>: Cllr J Hayward mentioned that Darfield Road Pumas who run football training for children of all abilities in a diverse way. They have queried the possibility for under 10s funding from the Ward Alliance. Under 9’s funding is currently supported by Barnsley Community Build (BCB). It was recognised that the group have acted proactively in the past by encouraging families to help clear the ground before and this has really benefitted the site. An application would be considered in the next financial year.</p> <p>2. <u>Draft Survey</u> – Document shared ‘Cudworth Ward Alliance – Priorities &amp; Actions Survey (Draft) March 2022’. Caroline requested that as part of Community Listening, the Ward Priorities be reviewed with help from the members of the Ward Alliance. The surveys would act as a starting point for conversations with the community and could be sent directly to groups for their opinions. The Ward Alliance and Lawrence could get the surveys filled in by as many groups and individuals as possible to gather ideas of which priorities to move on in the upcoming year. It was mentioned that these should be made as simple as possible so as not to disengage people. It was proposed that the Age UK shop and Church could be a good starting point for the surveys to be placed.</p> <p>3. <u>Recruitment of new Ward Alliance members</u>: With the sad loss of Janet Robinson from the Ward Alliance and other unfilled vacancies, there is the need to recruit and select others who can contribute effectively to the group.</p> <p>4. <u>Query – Will there be a Tea in the Park?</u> Caroline confirmed that there may not be an event of that size as the capacity of the event had created Health and Safety issues and concerns. The North East Area Team do not have the capacity to organise and man the event in a safe way. Planning for such a large-scale event would normally be</p>
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	<p>started much earlier in the year and should now involve event coordinators and other services within the Council. Pre-Covid there was some involvement with Matt Mitchell but this has not been able to be followed up.</p> <p>The North East Area team could however, support groups who wish to organise smaller, pop-up events such as Proms in the Park, which also helped some community groups who manned stalls in such a way that they ended up with funding that would sustain them. These could also be ticketed events which would control the numbers of attendees. EG: Teddy Bears Picnics, Brass Bands, Victoria Agnew youth events -Cllr Hayward to look into the booking of bands for Proms in the Park such as Grimethorpe &amp; District band, Barnsley Band, Military Band.</p> <p>5. <u>Change of meeting day</u>: Cllr Hayward has had recent communication from one of the Ward Alliance members who has started a new role and cannot attend on Mondays for the meetings. There was a request to change the meeting day to Tuesdays at the same time of 10:30. This was accepted by the members and new dates for meetings will be arranged and sent out on Tuesdays to all Ward Alliance members.</p> <p>6. <u>Platinum Jubilee Plaque</u> – A tree has been planted by the British Legion in St John's. Churchfield, Walkway back of Magistrates Court Cllr Haywood would like to request a plaque for St John's to notify people about the reason for the tree. He will put in an application. Possibly from Working Fund. From this financial year £100.00</p> <p><b>Date and time of the next meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 10:30am - TBC</b></p> <p>NB: change of day from Monday to Tuesday approved by the group.</p>	<p><b>Cllr Hayward</b></p> <p><b>Judith Myers/ Pam Kershaw to send WA meeting invite</b></p> <p><b>Judith Myers to process</b></p> <p><b>Lawrence to confirm</b></p>
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Cudworth Ward Alliance	
Meeting Notes	
***PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE <u>BRIEF NOTES</u> AND FULL MINUTES WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN AVAILABLE	
<b>Meeting Title:</b>	Cudworth Ward Alliance
<b>Date and time:</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<b>Location:</b>	Bow Street Offices

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
Councillor J. Hayward (Chair) Pam Kershaw (Secretary) Florence Whittlestone Lawrence Dodd - CDO	Councillor S. Houghton. Councillor C. Wraith Tina Heaton Andrew Scattergood Jenni Baker Joan Jones
ACTUAL ATTENDANCE TO BE CONFIRMED	

		Action
<b>1&amp;2.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> The Chair welcomed those who were in attendance and also stated apologies from Councillor Houghton, Councillor Wraith, Tina Heaton, Andrew Scattergood, Jenni Baker	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest:</b> TBC on full minutes.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Notes of the previous meeting – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022.</b> The notes from the previous meeting in January 2022 were reviewed page by page.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Future Secretary Role:</b> Pam Kershaw – new secretary will provide fully updated minutes when available.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Finance:</b> Allocated projects remaining for 2021-22 <b>£1247.91 to spend</b> Spend is up to date and the North East Area Council and Ward Alliance have achieved spend for 2021-22. Agreed by members	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Action Planning / Priority settings:</b>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Projects Updates:</b> <b>a) Hanging Baskets</b> LD shared information about the Hanging Basket Posters and Sponsorship scheme prepared by the North East Area Team. The proposal is to look at a sponsorship scheme for the Cudworth hanging baskets much like the successful Christmas Lights sponsorship project.  The costs to businesses would be £95 in first year and £60 in the second year onwards as the plaques that are fixed to the lampposts are a one-off charge. Caroline suggested that these are hung on two key roads in Cudworth to group them together and have the most impact. Ideal roads would be	

Pontefract Road and Darfield Road. Installation would be in July 2022 and they would continue to be hung in situ until Oct 2022. The cost would cover the installation, feeding and watering of hanging baskets.

Louise Hunt and Lawrence have contacted local businesses.

- Up to date (16<sup>th</sup> May 2022) there are a total of 13 baskets sponsored by 9 businesses.

**b) Queen's jubilee fund**

Further discussions and details were shared about the organisation of the upcoming Jubilee Celebrations.

The 'Platinum Jubilee project Fund for Cudworth Ward'. This outlines more information about the possible fund, it's aims, criteria, examples of likely projects, the decision-making process and how to apply.

- There have been a number of applications received for funding. Louise Hunt and Lawrence have been collating these to process.

**Potential Projects:**

TBC on full minutes.

**WAF Funding Applications:**

a) -Crystal Lights Majorettes

This would be to provide funding for the group to continue to hire the Valley Community Centre in Cudworth

-Agreement to fund £1728.00

b) -Resolute Women's Group

This would provide help with room hire costs and was noted that funds from the Ward Alliance should be used within the Cudworth Area only.

-Agreement to fund £2210.00

**Correspondence:**

TBC on full minutes.

**Compliments and complaints:**

TBC on full minutes.

**Any other business:**

1. Platinum Jubilee Plaque – A tree has been planted by Councillor Hayward and Father David in St John's. Churchfield. Cllr Hayward will put in an application and update on costings TBC.

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

**Next Meeting:** - TBC

# NORTH EAST WARD ALLIANCE

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	North East Ward Alliance
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<b>Location:</b>	Cudworth Council Offices - Bow Street

Attendees	Apologies
Cllr J Ennis (Chair), Cllr A Cherryholme Ms A Skelton, L Knight L Dodd, A Hampson R Archer, J Myers (Minutes)	Cllr D Higginbottom Paul Archer Martin Fensome P Mackinson

1.	Action/Decision	Action lead
<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>The Ward Alliance members and those in attendance introduced themselves.  NB: Judith Myers in attendance to Minute the meeting</p> <p><b>2. Apologies</b></p> <p>As listed above</p> <p><b>3. Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests</b></p> <p>None were declared.</p> <p><b>4. Notes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct.</p> <p><b>AS</b> - FT – awaiting WA forms. LD confirmed these have been sent to FT.</p> <p><b>AS</b> – Shafton Planter Project – Who has the allocation gone from. Who to pay out for it?</p> <p><b>AC</b> – May need to look at the allocation of funds as a whole – discussed later in the meeting.</p> <p><b>5. Ward Alliance Finance</b></p>	<p><b>Agreed to go to Great Houghton Village Hall Committee</b></p>	



<p>LK – WA supported the Shafton Community Events group. Recent Activity:</p> <p><b>Easter activities:</b></p> <p>Funded by Shafton Parish Council x50 children have taken part and received an easter egg. There was £140 profit made on the event and it was promoted on social media platforms and reported on in the Chronicle.</p> <p>The group are also:</p> <p>Encouraging the public to post ideas on the Facebook page to get people involved and say what they would like in the village of Shafton.</p> <p>LK mentioned the need to do events for free or for very little money – aware of current climate with many families with limited funds.</p> <p>Church Project – Meeting with Church next week to chat about how to get volunteers more involved.</p> <p>-Links between Methodist Church and Singing Man</p> <p><b>Community allotment on Methodist Church grounds.</b></p> <p>LD – Mick Neal (Church Warden for the Methodist Churches in the area)– was wanting to allow the Boxing Club to settle in first and then move to work on the allotment another time.</p> <p>LD asked for WA to chat with Mick to encourage movement with the allotment too.</p> <p><b>7. Potential Project proposals</b></p> <p><b>CAB-DIAL discussion.</b></p> <p>Currently, there is no renewal of the CAB and therefore no IAG service in the North East Area.</p> <p><u>Coverage x4 Areas–</u></p> <p>Have been based in Grimethorpe and then odd sessions in other villages. Due to transport GH etc felt they were not being given enough coverage so did not agree to renew contract. In the NE Area, it is historic that the North East Area Ward Alliances pay for the services</p> <p><u>Other Areas in the borough:</u></p> <p>LD explained how the Area Council in other areas engages with CAB/DIAL. This is as Commissioned services from the Area Council rather than covered by the Ward Alliance.</p> <p><u>Costs and provision:</u></p> <p><u>CAB:</u> -Face-Face – 1 year contract - £155 per session – includes 3 hour drop-in , travel and associated case-work. Debt money, advice, consumer, housing, etc</p>	<p><b>Chair agreed to contact Mick</b></p>	
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<p><u>DIAL</u> –4 n half hours per month. £98.95 per session. Weekly drop-in. General advice but specialism around disability</p> <p>LD - Option to invite the services to the next WA meeting.</p> <p>Agreed by members.</p> <p>AC has contacted DIAL directly if there was a concern from a resident. Gaining their permission.</p> <p>LK – can we get both of them to come along and explore if there is there an option to train community workers to help the residents. AS – two members of the WA had mentioned training for ‘signposting’.</p> <p>Social Space – inclusive environment that has the information available at the same venue. Community Space needed.</p> <p>AC – discussions around provision in other areas in the borough.</p> <p>AS – to mention to GRG meeting meeting that the intention is to discuss this at Area Council meeting.</p> <p><b>8. Ward Alliance Funding Applications</b></p> <p><b>Jubilee</b></p> <p>LD - Looking to fund, street parties, lunches, youth events, gardening planting trees.</p> <p>-Agreement on the amounts for funding for Jubilee projects. Between £50 and £150.</p> <p>Confirmation has been received that it is possible to pay individuals with correct checks and balances for this purpose and although individuals can apply, they will need to show they are supported &amp; have considered health and safety/</p> <p>Discussions around - Ringfencing the village amount – if not spent at the end of the project then it gets returned back to the village.</p> <p>Total pot to be £3200 (£800 per village)</p> <p>Decision process: will be with the Ward Alliance via weekly online meetings running up to the events.</p> <p><b>Great Houghton Hanging Baskets:</b></p> <p>AS- the group will need to be aware they will need to pay the VAT on the purchases they make as this is not allocated for on the current WAF form</p> <p><b>9 Any other business</b></p> <p>none</p> <p><b>10. Compliments/complaints</b></p> <p><b>Chair</b> - Complaint – standard of grass-cutting – wet grass, cuttings left,</p>	<p><b>Agreed to bring both organisations to present to the members</b></p> <p><b>Pursue further training for sign-posting</b></p> <p><b>Raise at Area Council – similar to other areas to link in with Priorities</b></p> <p><b>Notes &amp; Agreed.</b></p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p>	
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<p>Compliment – roundabout works at Shafton has improved the road and junction</p> <p><b>AS:</b> Compliments - Received from Services about WA and CDO involvement and organization of the recent Cost of Living Fayre. 'Amazing Feat getting the services together in one place'. Services were grateful to be out and talking to other services.</p> <p>Lessons to take forward: timing did not allow for many to come together</p> <p><b>Chair –</b> ended up staying longer as found it very informative</p> <p>Northern College were in attendance.</p> <p><b>LD:</b></p> <p>Agencies are keen to do more. Scope to do this in other areas and how to frame it better with an extra purpose.</p> <p><b>WA members:</b> Link to an event. Advertise as something different.</p> <p>WA project? – try out across x4 villages with WA support. Joint project.</p> <p><b>11. Any other business</b></p> <p><b>12. Date and Time of Future Meetings –</b></p> <p>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 10 am at Bow Street Offices, Cudworth</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>	
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**Royston Ward Alliance**  
6pm Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2022  
The Grove, Station Road, Royston

<b>Present</b>	Councillor Caroline Makinson (Chair)
	Councillor Pauline McCarthy
	Father Craig Tomlinson
	Graham Kyte
	John Craig
	John Clare
	Gemma Conway
	John Openshaw
<b>In Attendance</b>	Caroline Donovan, North East Area Council Manager

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Councillor Tim Cheetham	
	Bill Newman	
	Kevin Copley	
	Christie McFarlane, Community Development Officer	
	Kevan Riggett-Barrett	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Declarations of a pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest</b>	
2.1	None declared	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Correspondence and Communications</b>	
3.1	All correspondence received distributed prior to meeting	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Notes of Previous Meeting.</b>	
4.1	Members agreed that the notes of the previous meeting held on Monday the 17 <sup>th</sup> of January 2022 were a true record.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the notes</b>	
5.1	<b>6.1 Green Spaces</b> , request that John Craig contact Karen Moxon of East End Crescent seeking support for plants for the area.	
5.2	<b>6.5, Christmas Lights</b> , new racking has been installed in the pavilion storeroom, all lights have been returned and checked, a couple require repairs to the framework and the secretary agreed to organise.	
5.3	<b>5.4 Achievement Awards</b> , there have been a number of issues in arranging this year's event availability of schools, venue etc.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>MU5 Development</b>	
6.1	The Chair updated the meeting on the issue and agreed that a further meeting would be arranged to discuss the issues.	
6.2	<b>High School Site</b> , members raised the outstanding issues with the High School site. It was reported that the developer Tilia had "Gone to Ground" and not responding to contacts by Officers. Following the meeting it was discovered that Tilia Homes had recently purchased Kier Homes the previous developer/Owner of the site.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>	
7.1	<b>Half Term Activities</b> , the chair updated the meeting on proposals to deliver half term activities at St Johns School. A meeting with	

	<p>the school and team active has been arranged for Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.</p> <p><b>Green Spaces</b>, the chair updated the meeting on work undertaken in February at the Klondyke car park.</p> <p>There was a proposal that the March session should take place at the Church Street Pocket Park, cutting back the hedge for clearer vehicular exit from the site.</p> <p><b>Wells Trees</b> pruning of the trees should take place in early March.</p> <p><b>Volunteers</b> the Chair reported that she had been contacted by a resident on Park Avenue who wanted to improve the entrance to the park from Park Avenue.</p> <p><b>Heart Health Group</b>, the Green Spaces Group have approached the group for the support to improve the recently planted garden at their venue with a Bench and Picnic Benches. It was agreed that the group would support the purchase of a Bench from its own resources at a cost of £259.99.</p>	
7.2	<p><b>In Bloom</b> It was confirmed that an entry to the competition be made in 2022. Planning for summer planting is currently underway.</p>	
7.3	<p><b>Canal</b> an update on fly tipping issues and a letter received in response to a letter sent to the leader of Barnsley Council was given.</p> <p><b>Painting</b> along the Canal is currently underway.</p> <p><b>Barnsley FC</b>, it was reported that the group had been contacted by the club on sponsorship with the promotion of the group with its inclusion within its pre-season publication.</p> <p><b>Fish Delivery</b>, following the last meeting the delivery went ahead with representatives from the Lord Lieutenants/Freemasons in attendance.</p> <p><b>Road Planning's</b> a request for planning for Cronk Hill Lane was made with the group now having access to a heavy roller to compact. It was agreed that support would be given in the next financial year (April).</p> <p><b>Bench</b> it was reported that a memorial bench has been installed along the Canal.</p> <p><b>Community Constable</b> it was reported that members of the Canal Club have still to see the new Community Constable along the Canal.</p>	
7.4	<p><b>Section 106</b> the next meeting is to be held at 10am on the Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.</p>	
7.5	<p><b>Christmas Lights</b> update at 5.2.</p> <p><b>Carol Service</b>, questions were raised on Christmas activities in 2022 and a possible community Carol Service.</p>	
7.6	<p><b>Hanging Baskets</b>, the area manager updated the meeting on the cost of Hanging Baskets, and it was agreed to progress the project of groups and individuals sponsoring the installations. It was also agreed that the Ward Alliance would Sponsor at least one.</p>	
7.7	<p><b>Royston Railway Station</b> an update from Dan Jarvis MP was distributed prior to the meeting.</p>	
8.0	<p><b>Area Council Update</b></p>	
8.1	<p>No update available</p>	

<b>9.0</b>	<b>Funding Opportunities</b>	
9.1	No update available.	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Ward Alliance</b>	
10.1	<b>Finances</b> the North East Area Council Manager gave a comprehensive update on the Ward Alliance finances.	
10.2	<b>Applications, Health Hearts Group</b> , members recommended support for the purchase of one picnic bench for the groups newly established garden at a cost of £329.99.	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
11.1	<b>Ukraine Support</b> members asked how the Ward Alliance and Royston could support refugees in the current crisis. Several proposals were put forward with one proposal working with “Jacob Wells” as a route to support victims of the conflict. <i>Following the meeting “Jacob Wells” have a current appeal who have a long-term link with a charity in the Moldovan capital Chisinau, “Ora” who are supporting refugees.</i>	
11.2	<b>Gala</b> the Chair raise proposals for Royston Gala 2022 and a date was proposed 9th July 2022. It was agreed that a planning meeting would be held via “Teams” at 9am on Tuesday the 15 <sup>th</sup> of March.	
11.3	<b>Platinum Jubilee Grants</b> a proposal for the establishment of a jubilee grant fund was put forward where groups, schools and residents could apply to deliver Platinum Jubilee events. A fund of £2,500, was recommended.	
11.4	<b>Energy Advice Course</b> a course will be delivered at Bow Street, in Cudworth at 10am on Thursday the 10 <sup>th</sup> of March. Members were invited to attend.	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Date of next meetings</b>	
11.1	<b>Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2022</b> , At the Grove, Station Road, Royston.	
	<b>The meeting closed at 7:30pm</b>	

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# SUSTAINABLE BARNESLEY CASE - STUDY



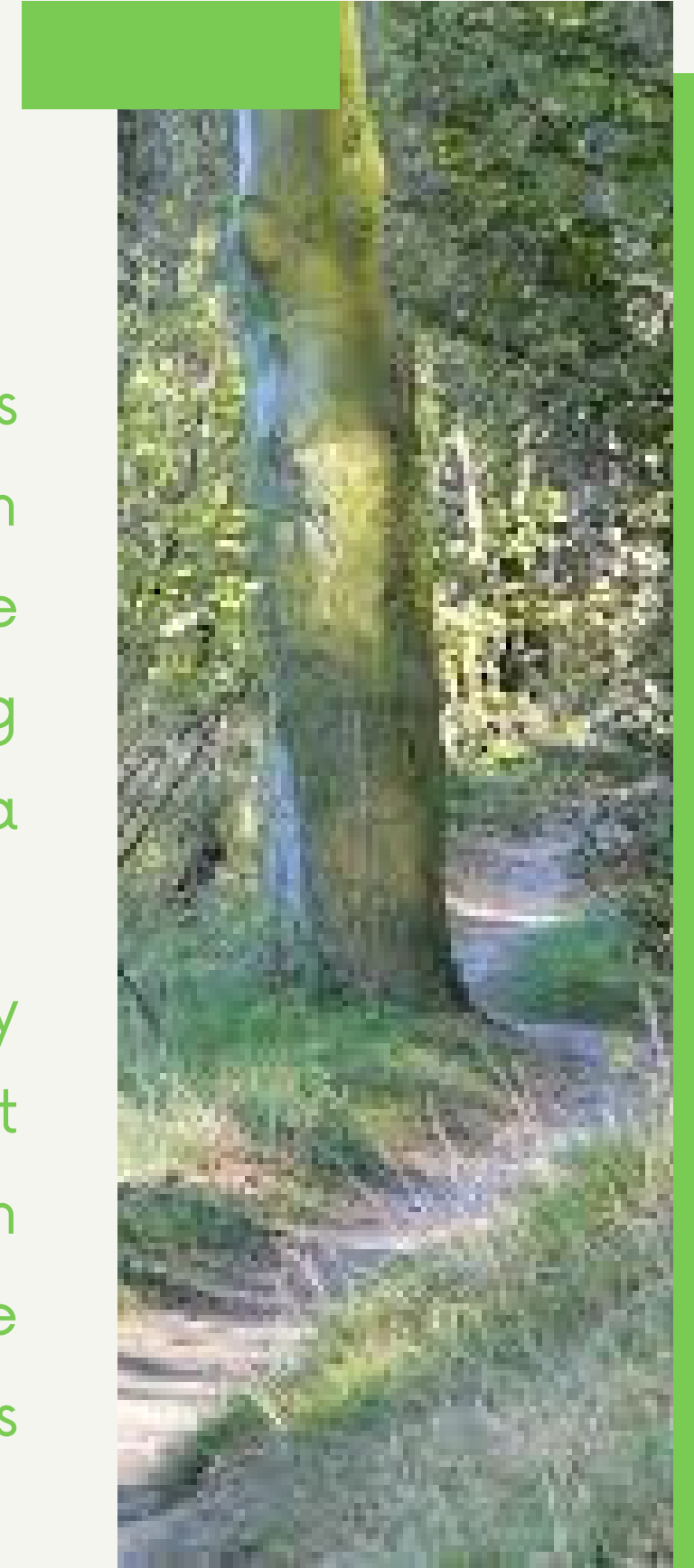
# The Dell Grimethorpe

A partnership project between  
the Dell Steering Group &  
North East Area Council

# Background

Since mid 2020 - A group of residents have come together, with support from the CDO for North East Ward, under the banner of the Dell Steering Group, looking to make improvements to The Dell, a green space in Grimethorpe.

This emerged out of a residents-led survey that showed that many people care a lot about the green space & park, but often feel unsafe or unprepared to go to the dell due to issues of ASB, neglect or issues with access.



# Why do residents want to improve The Dell?

## DISREPAIR

The site has been in a state of decline for some time – the park equipment are over 20 years old, paths and entrances are damaged, the council building is derelict & the ponds and wooded areas are in need of management.

## IMPROVE ACCESS TO GREEN SPACE

Many local people report that they struggle to access The Dell, due to damaged entrances & paths, and a lack of disabled access. This in turn has negative health impacts on local people who feel unable to access the Dell for exercise & leisure.

## CIVIC PRIDE

Local people remember when the Dell was a well used and maintained community asset & centre for civic events, & wish to bring it back to its former glory.

## SPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Locals feel there are few places for young people to spend time, and wish to create a space that young people have a stake in.







# What's happened so far?

## ○ VISIONING EXERCISES

Our CDO has worked with residents to explore a new vision for The Dell, through workshops & meetings.

## ○ BIODIVERSITY STUDIES

Funded by the Ward Alliance, these studies gave the group a picture of the levels of biodiversity on the site currently & recommendations for improvements.

## ○ CONSTITUTED COMMUNITY GROUP

Worked with the residents to become constituted & expand the steering group.

## ○ VOLUNTEER SESSIONS

Supported by BCB, the group have run volunteer litter picks & sessions to cut and trim back overgrown hedges & trees to improve the site & engage new volunteers.



# Collaboration with

## SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY LIVE PROJECTS

Beginning in October 2021, the North East Area Council commissioned Sheffield University's Architecture Department, as part of the Live Projects initiative, to work with the Dell Steering Group & other partners, to develop a set of proposals that the Area Council will work with the group to take forward.



OCT - DEC 2021





## CO-DESIGN & ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Over these 6 weeks, students from the Live Projects programme met weekly with the Dell Steering Group, local residents & young people. These sessions provided opportunities for local residents to share their ideas & knowledge about the local area & co-design proposals for improvements to The Dell.







# Youth Engagement Event

THE FINAL EVENT OF THE PROGRAMME FOCUSED AROUND GAINING YOUNG PEOPLES VIEWS TOWARD THE PROPOSALS. THE CENTRAL ASPIRATION OF THE PROCESS WAS TO ENSURE YOUNG PEOPLE PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE THROUGHOUT, & THEREFORE THE GROUP WANTED TO MAKE THE ENGAGEMENT EVENT AS APPEALING AND RELEVANT AS POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE THEIR INVOLVEMENT.



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT EVENT



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

That attracted young people and families to the event & demonstrated possible future uses of the site.

## CRAFT EXERCISES

Totem sculptures and tile painting workshops that we will look to embed into the final proposals.

## CONSULTATION OF PROPOSALS

The event also provided an opportunity to discuss the proposals & get further resident input.

# BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY INTO THE PROJECT



## PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

Embedding key BMBC/external partners in process (Parks, Estates, Rights of Way, Early Intervention & Prevention, YWT, Elected members, BCB, Jolly Good Communities)

## COMMUNITY LED

An emphasis on a genuinely resident-led process that empowered local residents and embedded a sense of responsibility early on in the process.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

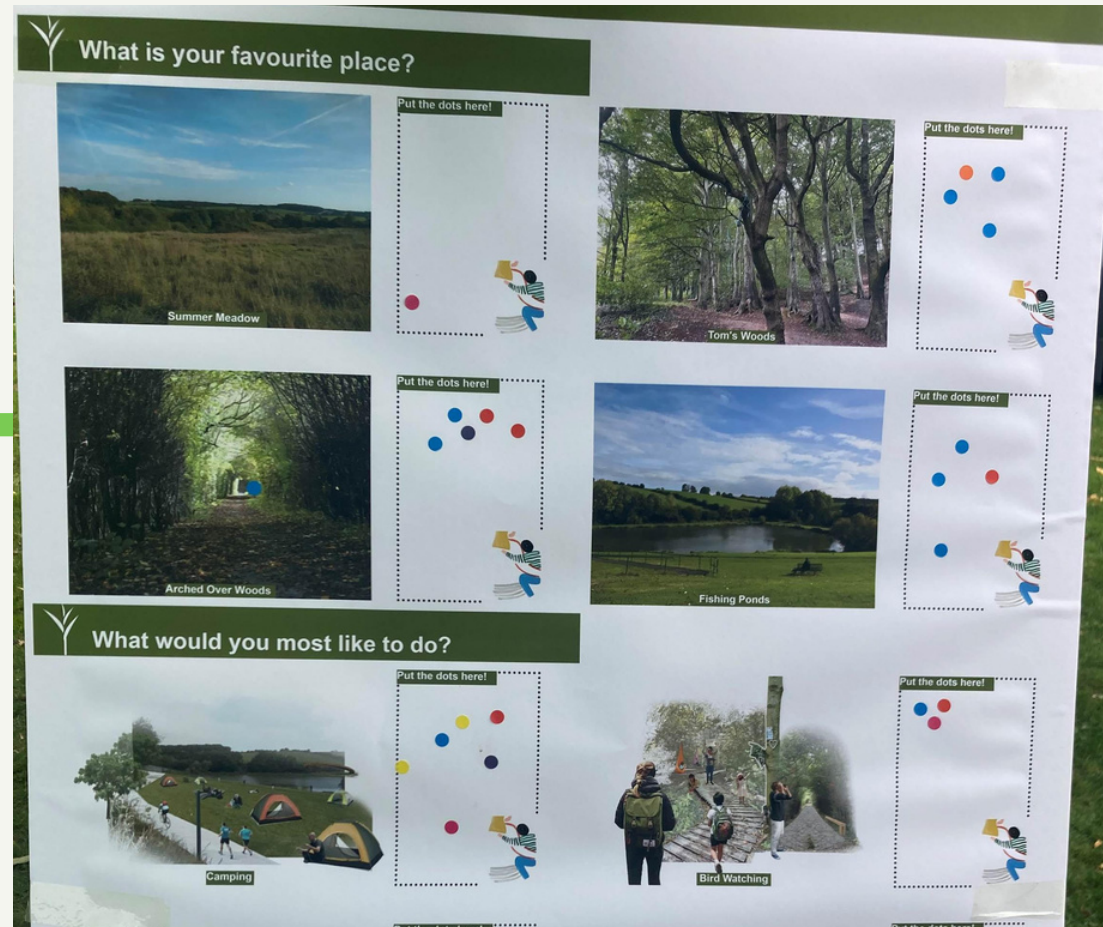
Placing residents at the centre of the process gives them the skills, confidence & ownership to carry proposals forward.

## CO-DESIGN

Emphasising and valuing local knowledge & experience as a way to develop proposals.



# Outputs of the process



230

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN  
INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN  
AN ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY  
SO FAR

65

OF THESE PEOPLE WERE  
UNDER THE AGE OF 16

32

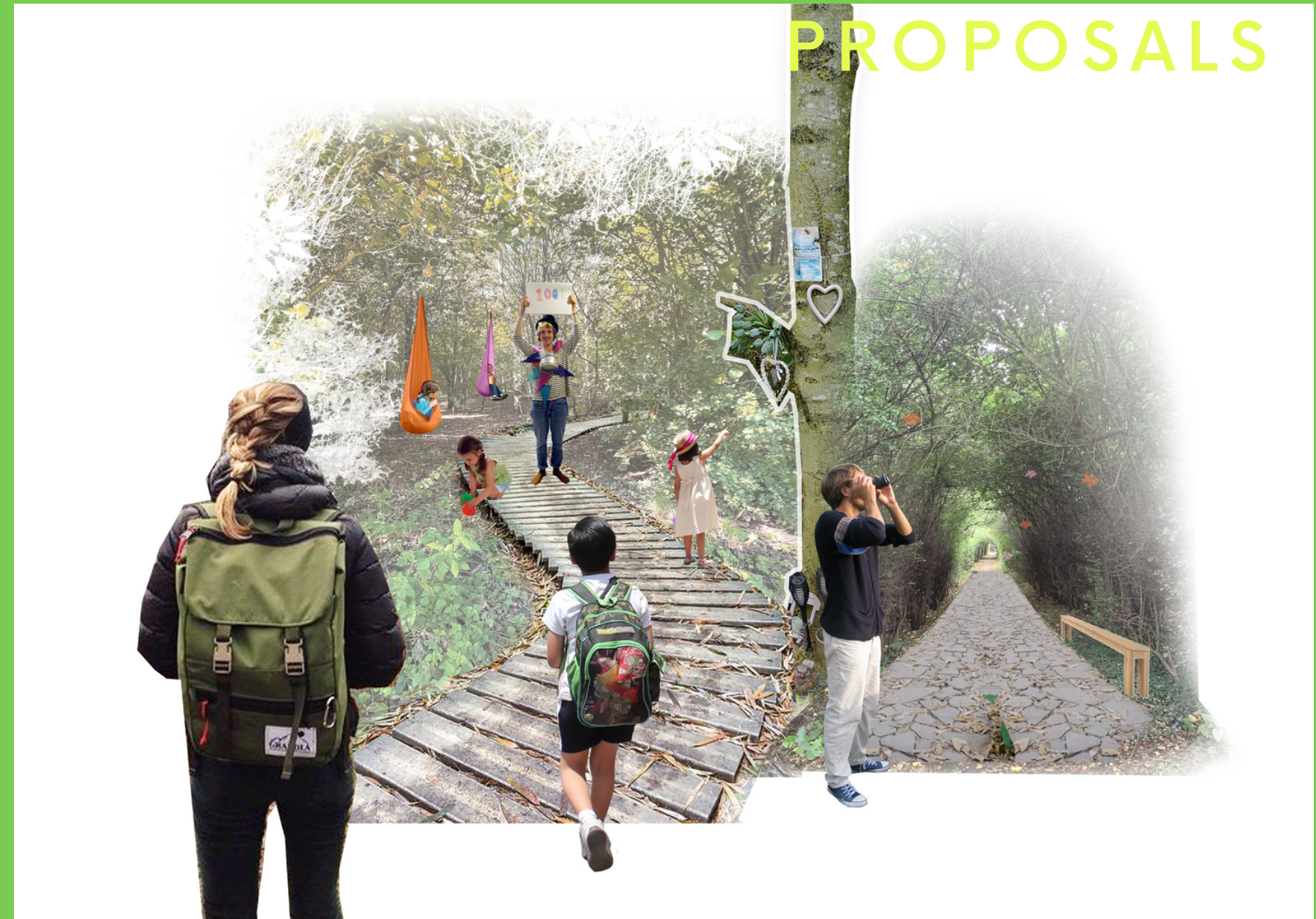
NEW VOLUNTEERS SIGNED  
UP TO BE INVOLVED IN  
THE PROJECT





Creating improved access to the pond areas + creating wildlife educational opportunities

## SOME OF THE PROPOSALS



Improving pathways and access to woodland areas + facilitating better access in and around the site.



# PROPOSALS CONTINUED



Creating a community orchard & wildflower meadow on the former 'summer meadow' site.



Creating a temporary community hub, community cafe & youth space at the heart of The Dell.





## COLLABORATION BUILDS TRUST

For a number of reasons, trust between residents and authorities has been lost over the preceding years. Joined up, genuinely collaborative working between council and community, rebuilds this trust & provides the foundation for our service to work in more dynamic ways with communities moving forward.

## EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO TAKE THE LEAD

In the case of The Dell, empowering communities to take the lead means giving communities the skills & capacities to drive projects forward & build relationships & understandings of formal process. Therefore, through empowering residents to play a central role forges sustainability through inscribing community management/responsibility early in the process.

# Conclusions

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## PEOPLE WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT - IF THEY ARE ENABLED TO

Our experience is that local people care deeply about their local green space & are keen to be involved in order to see them improved. However, we need to do more to empower & support residents in this mission, & be more transparent & cooperative to achieve this.

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**North East Area Council**

Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East, Royston

# Slipper Swap Event Monk Bretton



"I don't normally come to One Stop Shop, saw this event on Facebook, its been brilliant"



"I heard about this through word of mouth, (Susie Mac) its been a good thing, really enjoyed it, Green Doctors were really helpful"



"Fantastic event, useful information, lovely, friendly atmosphere"



**Working in  
partnership with:**



## **Introduction**

In order to try and help address social isolation following the Covid pandemic, the North East Area Council members agreed to support a Sloppy Slippers and Information, Advice and Guidance event in each of the four Wards.

The Neighbourhood Engagement Officer worked with Age UK Barnsley to facilitate this project, and the Area Manager and Public Health agreed to jointly fund these events.

The project enabled the elderly and people with mobility problems to exchange their old slippers for a new sturdy safe pair and had them fitted them correctly.

Additionally in order to support the North East Area Council's pilot study to work with Nursing Homes in the communities, discussions were held with the Nursing Homes managers and although a community event was not thought to be appropriate in the Nursing homes just yet, all the residents were given a new pair of slippers, which the Nursing Home staff ensured they were fitted correctly.

Two venues in the Monk Bretton ward were identified: Cherry Trees Care Home and the Methodist Church.

## **Background**

This project met the North East Area council's priority for Health and Wellbeing and one of the Ward Alliances priorities of "improving the quality of life of older people"

## **The issue**

In addition to help address social isolation the aim was to raise the awareness of the high number of slips, trips and falls in the home for people over the age of 65 which is caused by poorly fitting slippers. This issue is known as one of the leading causes of 1 in 3 people aged over 65 falling in their own home often leading to admissions to hospital for fractures and breaks of their already fragile bones. Some researchers in the early 2000s believed that well fitted footwear reduced falls by 60%.

## **What was done**

Wynsors shoes supplied sturdy slippers for care homes across the North-East area. Grafters Warehouse Ltd. a local business was approached to supply slippers for

the community events in a bid to 'shop local' and to support the Barnsley pound. The event took place alongside a weekly 'one stop shop' aimed at over 50's. Residents can have a coffee, get advice on health & welfare and take part in an exercise class.

### **The result**

Altogether we held 4 slipper exchanges across the North-East area in different venues. 75 pairs of slippers given out in the Monk Bretton Ward. Talking to the individuals whilst fitting the slippers also raised issues of social isolation amongst older people and the importance of social interaction for health and wellbeing.

A number of other services attended to provide advice and support.

### **Age UK**

Displayed a range of aids to use around the home to make everyday living easier for older people.

### **Barnsley Health Watch**

Independent consumer champion gathering the views of the public to help improve health and social care for local people.

### **Public Health Welfare team**

Support referrals made to warm homes, falls prevention, mental health, bereavement support, befriending, weight management, and household support grants.

### **Digital doctors**

Advertised IT courses and sessions that run in the community and gave advice on getting online on different devices.

### **The North East Area Team**

Provided information on projects Ward Alliance had funded. Gave a selection of useful branded items to help advertise the North East Area Council such as shoppers, dog waste bag holders, reflective key rings, stubbies.

### **Crime prevention**

Tips and gadgets to help deter criminal activity. Lots of free giveaways of crime preventing gadgets.

### **Green Doctors**

Provided advice on households to stay warm, stay well and save money on household bills and reduce carbon waste.

### **Home instead**

Independent care provider, who provide own home care support and workshops in the community around issues such as fraud awareness, healthcare and eating well.

### **South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue**

Provided advice around fire safety in the home and offered free home checks and smoke alarm updates.

### **South Yorkshire Police**

Advice on crime prevention measures, personal and property safety measures.

### **Berneslai Homes**

Advice on social housing, property repairs and maintenance.

### **DIAL**

Supporting disabled people, their families and carers in Barnsley.

## **Quotes from Providers**

### **Age UK: Faye Lawson (Information Advice and Guidance) and Carol Foster**

"There's been an increase in enquiries to the IAG and a lot more of them are complex enquiries as things have built up over time due to Covid. Enquiries today have generally been linked with mobility issues and pensions".

### **Public Health: Kerry Birk and Helen Windle**

"A lot of people are unaware of our Support Service which contacts those who are on the Council Tax Support list to help with various needs such as; adaptations, bereavement, housing support grant and the £200 food voucher. We also refer to internal or external services such as MIND, Berneslai Homes, Warmer Homes and others".

### **Green Doctors: Mark Foster**

"Events like this are great for getting your name out there, I have spoken to lots of residents who are going to have visits from us to help make their homes more efficient. It's also been good to get some new contacts Berneslai Homes and Public Health Welfare Team have taken our details to share with others who may benefit from our services"

### **Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Group– John Hallows**

"I've started doing events again now as due to Covid we haven't been going out as usual and fitting the alarms we used to do. I started coming to events again following the Susan Everard murder and asked if I could make people aware of safety. People have not been aware of what we have to offer and what they can



do to help themselves keep safe. Most people today have been very interested in the Credit card covers to keep their payment cards safe and also the security pens and purse wires."

### **Grafters Ltd – Andy Fowler – Slipper Supplier**

"I've done three events now and it's been a real learning curve. It's been really good, the first time I have been involved with anything like this and it has been a privilege to do it and be involved and of use to the community. It's good to be part of it with other groups (\*\*noded to...'the other services'), and that they have social time together. I think it has been successful whether it has been profitable for us or not".

### **Reflection**

With the uncertainty coming out of Covid what restrictions may be in place, the events across all areas were pulled together quite quickly in conjunction with partners Age UK Barnsley'.

It can be noted that some past service providers are no longer operating, and that some feedback suggested they felt was too short notice to attend. The service providers who did attend found the networking aspect of the event useful, the majority of providers swapped details with each other to stay in touch and share information and maybe work in collaboration in the future for the good of the community.

The providers invited to the event had to be split over 3 rooms. The main hall was already in use for the exercise class. If the event was to be held again in this venue the main hall would be booked in advance to allow a smoother collaboration between both providers and residents.

A flyer drop advertising the event was distributed to residents nearby in the premise that they could easily walk to the venue. This worked well and some residents attended from seeing the flyer in their letter box.

The North East Area Council will definitely consider using Grafters to supply all slippers in the future including the Care Homes as the service they provided was excellent. This in turn will support a local business and ensure 100% of spend is in Barnsley, supporting the Barnsley pound.

Residents really enjoyed the events and were appreciative receiving a new pair of safe slippers. They would like to see more events in the future for their age group and would be willing to pay a nominal fee if it meant getting out more. People spoke about how it's nice to be getting out again. It had lifted their spirits.





## **Quarterly Report for the North East Area Social Inclusion and Dementia Project**

**January-March 2022**

*This service is funded by the North East Area Council. There are currently three Social Inclusion Officers (SIO) involved, Carol Foster and Sarah Hulme =1 Full Time equivalent and Natalie Stokes 1 day a week funded by the pre Covid BMBC. Carol and Sarah both retired at the end of this quarter but Age UK Barnsley recruited a very experienced new SIO, Tara Ramsden, to replace them. Tara was able to commence her employment early in March 2022 to ensure a smooth and comprehensive handover along with some work shadowing to ensure a smooth transition with no disruption to the service.*

4 Health & Wellbeing Fayres  
- 149 slippers distributed

98 Mothers' Day gifts to 2  
Care Homes

1 Walking Netball group set  
up

119 Attended the  
postponed Christmas  
event

122 Slippers provided for residents in 4 care  
homes

### **1-1 Working**

**Supporting 92 Service users 79 Females 13 Males**

We have had 18 new referrals this quarter, with quite a number from Social Prescribing Link Workers. They have been mainly for befriending. Although it was made clear from the onset that this project's objectives were not focused on being a befriending scheme since Covid there has been an increasing need for such a service. We always endeavour to signpost to our telephone befriending however a number are waiting for a face to face befriender as sometimes the telephone is not appropriate due to hearing problems. Telephone befriending is very labour-intensive and you need a good cohort of volunteers to maintain this which is something our new Development & Project Manager is investigating.

Natalie Stokes has followed up our previous client assessments and signposting where required. We have now completed the task of updating our system fully and all service users that have not been requiring regular support have been contacted to ascertain if they still require any further assistance. The outcome indicators (SWEMWBS & UCLA\*) are now being carried out on all service users although we are not yet able to gauge the improvement levels until after the 3-month review is carried out. Some of the service users are due for a review shortly so this will be available for the next quarterly report.

\*SWEMWBS - Means average improvement in well-being and UCLA - Means average reduction in loneliness

Where appropriate our clients are also referred to other providers this quarter this has included signposting to the Eye Clinic Liaison Officer at Barnsley Hospital and the Equipment and Adaptations team at BMBC. In addition, a number of clients were referred for benefits advice to Age UK Barnsley's accredited information and Advice service. One particular client received an urgent referral for this support having lost his wife. A Service user was also supported to apply for a carers' grant from Making Space.

We still promote the dementia-friendly ethos at every opportunity, this runs through everything we do and is emphasised when speaking to groups, businesses and any events that we support. All the activities that the Inclusion officers do are dementia friendly and promoted as such.

Age UK Barnsley's Advice Service has helped **20** people this quarter **16** females and **4** males. This included Benefits advice, home services and travel.

No Safeguarding referrals have been required to be made this quarter.

We have provided information about Age UK funeral plans, disability equipment shops etc. as requested by our services users.

Our new updated useful information booklet has been printed and distributed to older people at various events and 100 have been given to other professionals to use as needed.

### **Comments from our Service users**

**"I wasn't sure about having someone coming to my home from Age UK but x was so friendly and down to earth I felt I had known her for years"**

**"It's a big thing admitting you are lonely but I felt able to talk to her, I even got teary but she didn't mind I hope when I get a volunteer she is as lovely as she was"**

**"Just being able to talk to someone in person was lovely my dog loved her too so I know she's a good un"**

**"I needed help with lots of things and X made a list and true to her word she dropped the information and leaflets off for me"**

**"I haven't been out in ages my mobility isn't good but the worker said they had a volunteer car driver and he could take me and push me in my wheelchair I don't care where they take me I would just be grateful to be out of the house, but would like to go to a garden centre fingers crossed"**

## Volunteers

### **15 Active Volunteers plus 2 ad hoc support = 241 hours - £3260.73 Social Value**

We are in need of more Volunteers and are actively looking at ways to identify suitable people for this. This has included reviewing the details of clients we have previously supported and where suitable have taken the opportunity to ask if they would like if able to become telephone befrienders. This has resulted in 2 new expressions of interest which we are following up on. It is hoped that we can recruit more peer support Volunteers.

Our new Developments & Project Manager, Debby Bunn, has also identified the need for more quality volunteering in the North East area and is investigating the opportunities to increase funding in to our roles of volunteer management and support and along with this being a primary focus of the Inclusion Officers moving forwards we aim to revamp our Volunteer promotional posters, be more Role-specific with our recruitment and ensure we focus on being local to geographical areas.

### Some comments from our Volunteers

*"I love helping out at the chatty Café I think it helps me I love it I have even said I cant work on that day as I enjoy been at the café"*

*"I love talking to Mrs X it-it's only half an hour of my week and I know she enjoys our chats"  
"It amazes me with so many health issues whenever I ring Mr X he never complains and is always cheerful"*

*"I enjoy my volunteering with Age UK Barnsley if ever I have an issue even if its not Carol or Sarah that are available I ring the office and someone can help with my query"*

## Activities and Groups

Age UK Barnsley continues to focus on supporting people to remain active and healthy in older age. To try to encourage people to become a part of their community once again which is proving a continued challenge for some following the pandemic lock downs. Where suitable we are working with other partners such as Creative Wellbeing to support individuals to get back out.

**The Tai Chi Classes-** continue at Cudworth Methodist Church with a regular attendance and focus on Falls Prevention and Arthritis.

**The Walking Group-** is well attended with 16 regular walkers. The Walk Leader training has till not taken place as some of the modules are changing so the Royston walk has not yet started but this remains a future focus

**The Healthy Bones-** sessions at Manor Court Royston are continuing, providing postural stability exercises for older people. There are currently 18 attending.

**Walking Netball**- started at the Dorothy Hyman Sports Centre in January and has a small but enthusiastic following.

**Bowling club** – the Dorothy Hyman Bowling Club is setting up a new crown green bowling session at the beginning of April providing gentle exercise through the activity of crown green bowling. It will run until September and will be promoted by Age UK Barnsley.

### Events

We were able to hold the postponed Christmas event at Shafton Club at the end of February. 119 people attended and it was a great success.

#### Comments from the attendees

**“ Oh I really wish we could have more of these events I would happily pay”**

**“Brilliant afternoon. Thank you so much”**

**“Can we have more please?”**

**“This is what us oldies want to get out and have some fun”**

**“I feel like I am 21 again I have been up dancing all afternoon”**

**“The buffet was beautiful as always thank you so much”**

**The Chatty Café** continues to grow and averages 35-50 people each week. As well as making new friends, a number of people have been able to renew friendships with people they had lost touch with over the years.

A summer outing to Cleethorpes with a Fish and Chip lunch is arranged for May and 47 people are booked for this. Volunteers and Social Inclusion Officers will be present to support anyone that needs it. For some this will be their first trip away from Barnsley since before COVID.

An event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee is also organised this will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. 6 people with dementia attend the café and thoroughly enjoy it. The sad news of the Methodist Church closure has really upset the attendees another venue is now being sourced however should this venue continue to be available it would be an outstanding result for the community.

**Health and Wellbeing Fayres** - In conjunction with the North East Area team we were able to put on 4 events at held at Cudworth (as part of the Chatty Café), Manor Court, Royston, Dog Hill Community Centre, Shafton and the One Stop Shop, Monk Bretton Methodist Church. The emphasis was on providing suitable slippers to prevent falls and one of the Falls Prevention physiotherapists was on hand to give advice. 149 pairs of slippers were handed out, supplied by local firm Grafters at Royston. Depending on the size of the venue, with other local organisations including Age UK Information & Advice service, Barnsley Healthwatch, Live Well Barnsley, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, Cancer aftercare and Berneslai Homes.

## **Slippers breakdown of distribution into each area-**

**Royston=47 Monk Bretton-36 Cudworth=41 Shafton-27**

### Care Homes

We continue to maintain contact with 4 care homes in the North East area, and have once again been able to work with the charity Music in Care Homes to bring musical events each month to the residents. It has been difficult with care home restrictions still in place, but two out of three events have taken place at both Burntwood Hall, Brierley and Belle Green, Cudworth. Both have proved a success with residents joining in with the singing or tapping their feet to some old favourites. The staff have enjoyed it too. Two more sessions are arranged in April and May

The Inclusion Officer is also looking at doing some reminiscence work, activities and crafts. She has completed her training on the chair-based exercises and will hope to incorporate some of this also.

The postponed Pantomime for 2 of the care homes will take place the dates and times are still to be confirmed.

We were also able to take Mothers' Day gifts to Cherry Trees, Cundy Cross and Belle Green Cudworth. These were gratefully received.

122 Slippers were also provided by Wynsors World of Shoes for Cherry Trees, Oakwood Grange, Belle Green and Burntwood. Although we weren't able to go into the homes ourselves at that time, staff fitted them and sent us a few pictures!

Slippers distributed to each home -

**Belle Green=28 Cherry Trees=38 Oakwood=48 Burntwood=8**

### Next Steps

- Volunteer Recruitment
- Mapping the area and consultation what people want in their community
- Support new initiatives such as the new bowling group in Cudworth
- Commence activities in Care homes restrictions permitting



## Highlights from this Quarter



ENJOYING A  
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### Youth Development Fund - North East Area

Project	Organisation	Project Name	Approval Start Date	Allocation per annum	Frequency	Per Payment period	From - to
	Exodus	Brierley		£ 4,020.00	Qrtly	£1,005.00	Jan-Dec
	Exodus	Cudworth		£ 5,996.00	Qrtly	£1,499.00	June-May
	GAZ - Grimethorpe Activity Zone	Youth Club		£ 5,700.00	Qrtly	£1,425.00	Apr-March
	Fit Kidz	Fit Kidz		£ 6,000.00	Qrtly	£1,500.00	J-M, A-J, Ju-S, O-D
	Grimethorpe Community Farm			£ 6,000.00	Qrtly		
	Ad Astra	Carlton CCC		£ 5,499.00	Termly	£1,833.00	S-D, J-A, M-Ju
	Ad Astra	Shafon CCC		£ 5,499.00	Termly	£1,833.00	S-D, J-A, M-Ju
	Ad Astra	Period Poverty		£ 2,000.00	One off		
	TADS	Schools Intervention	01/01/2022	£ 17,000.00	Termly		J-M, A-Ju, S-D
	Great Houghton Youth Group	Youth Group		£ 8,204.00	Qrtly	£2,051.00	Sept-Aug
	University of Sheffield	The Dell		£ 932.43	One off		
	Bruce Dyers - Love Life	Football Camps			TBC		

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### **Case Study – The Exodus Project – Brierley. 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

#### **What Exodus do**

Exodus was formed in the year 2000 by Jackie and Martin, who still manage the project's operations and development. From one activity club in the Town Centre of Barnsley and lots of dreams, the project has grown to 15 activity clubs, a weekend activity centre, two charity shops, 14 staff, 60+ volunteers, 3 minibuses and a large white van! We now have projects all over Barnsley, including Town Centre, Worsbrough Common, Darfield, Brierley, Staincross, Cudworth, South Hiendley and Bank End. We have 7 trustees, many of whom have been with us from the start and continue to guide and inspire our vision for the future.

The North East Area Council has provided funding through the Youth development Fund for Exodus.

This funding goes towards Worker's pay, Management Charges, Transport and Activities Equipment and resources.

Each Quarter Exodus receive £1637.00 from the North East Area Council.

#### **In the Quarter from January to March 2022, the service ran:**

- 11 kids club sessions
- 11 'Rock Solid' sessions
- 1 weekend camp for KK group
- 8-11 year – x17 'Kidz Klub'
- 11-15 years – x6

#### **TOTAL Volunteer hours – 416**

X4 volunteers worked an average of 4 hours for each of the 11 club sessions between Jan-Mar22

5 volunteers worked 48 hours over the weekend camp in March.

There was one new volunteer who signed up within this period.

### **Quotes via Social Media:**

"LF absolutely loves the group. It's the only time I see her smile. Fantastic group and amazing people who run it. Thanks so much for the time you give to our kids it means so much. Brierley Parent". CL

"BC absolutely favourite activity of the week!!!! She wouldn't miss exodus for the world. Such a brilliant youth club KB" Brierley parent.

### **It is our unique model that is most noteworthy:**

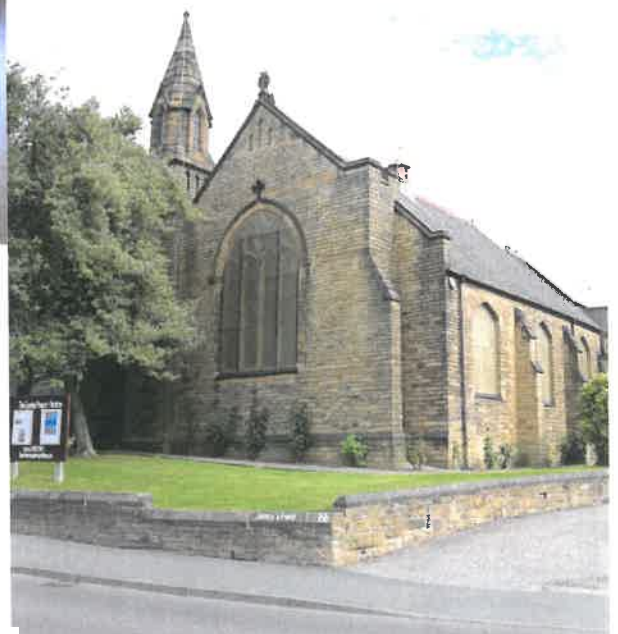
We work with children and young people, many from the most disadvantaged communities. Our aim is to divert them from destructive lifestyles. We do this by working in partnership with families and others within the communities. There are 5 aspects to our unique model:

1. Our main focus is on mid-week activity clubs in the heart of less advantaged communities. Our clubs for 8-11's are called Kidz Klub. Our youth groups are known as Rock Solid. There are currently 15 groups meeting every week during school term time.
2. We deliver weekend "camps", which combine great fun and educational activities, at our own activity centre known as Jenny's Field. The children and young people who attend the mid-week clubs, come in their turn to the centre, again with the aim of building trusting relationships and growing aspirations.
3. We visit the children in the younger age clubs every week at their homes, to be accountable to parents and carers and to build partnerships.
4. We partner with the wider communities in which our activity clubs are based, by working alongside schools, community associations, ward alliances, residents' groups and local authority officers, delivering galas and community improvement initiatives.
5. The final aspect of our unique model is volunteer development. Over half of our volunteer team are former service users. They progress from the Kidz Klub groups to the Rock-Solid groups, and when they reach 14 they can become junior leaders (volunteers) in the younger age clubs. After that, so many progress to become adult leaders. We have known many of our adult volunteers for 6 to 14 years, as a result of our relationship building approach to volunteer development.

One of our Junior Leaders (Volunteer) aged 14 is coping with the stress of their parents' separation and impending divorce. As so often occurs, young people are not only facing the mental and emotional stress of such a dramatic change in their life circumstances, but they face the feelings of conflict and guilt when it comes to trying to maintain a relationship with parents who are not separating amicably. The Junior Leader also has the challenge of Social Services involvement and for our part we are seeking to support them by providing stability and consistency when their life seems to be in turmoil.

They are involved in a number of different Exodus activities, even those not in their immediate area, in an effort to help distract them and build a network of support and encouragement. This experience is not uncommon and the relationships we build enable us to engage in these ways all the time. This is "what is different now."





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## Private Sector Housing Management and Enforcement

**Report: 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Area:** Barnsley - North East Area  
**Wards:** Cudworth Ward, Monk Bretton Wards, North East Wards and Royston Ward  
**Service:** Safer Neighbourhood Services  
**Base:** Cudworth Police Station, Manor Rd, Cudworth, Barnsley. S72 8DG  
**Housing and Enforcement Officer (HEO):** Chris Platts

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### Chris Platts

#### About Me:

*"Prior to this role, I worked as a Community Safety Officer within the Safer Neighbourhood Service for 3 years and prior to that, I was an Environment Officer in BMBC's Environmental Regulatory Unit for the previous 7 years.*

*I came from a Life Assurance background having spent 15 years working for Scottish Widows and Aviva in new business processing centres dealing with new applications initially before moving onto complaints handling for insurance broker networks and also call centre work (including Team Leader).*



*I realised I wanted to change career and wanted to give something back, so started studying for an OU qualification to enable me to get into environment related work and then went to the University of Sheffield to gain a BSc in more environmentally related subjects".*

#### About my Housing Enforcement Officer Role (HEO):

*"My role involves proactively looking for private rented housing disrepair issues, environmental matters within the curtilage of a premises for example build-up of waste etc and also identifying vulnerable people within those properties. I also deal with fly tipping if it takes place within the curtilage of a private rented property.*

*Since Covid began however, my role has been more of a reactive one and other issues have come to me such as low level anti-social behaviour, the odd neighbour dispute and some pollution jobs too. Most Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) jobs are dealt with by Case Management Officers within the Safer Neighbourhood Service though.*

Initially, I try to work informally with tenants and landlords to reach the desired outcome, but occasionally I have to serve legal Notice to resolve matters. The number of proactive disrepair jobs have dropped off since Covid came but will pick up as we approach relative normality.

In the case of vulnerable people, it can take a time to identify their needs, especially at the moment with fewer visits due to Covid. People don't always want to 'open up' over the phone and it can take weeks to make that breakthrough.

Sometimes it can be fairly straight-forward and is a case of signposting or getting somebody who can help further to contact the tenants. Other times it can obviously be more complex, and I am still working with a couple of tenants from three years ago to help them with various matters.

I've filled out countless application forms for people who can't read or write very well, switched energy contracts for them because they weren't confident enough, changed lightbulbs for people, made cups of tea, visited food banks for them, you name it!

It's very rewarding at times but it can also be quite an emotional experience, particularly when tenants are in a bad way for whatever reason".

### Referral to Housing & Environment Officer Process

What's the need?



Housing Disrepair



Housing Environment (EG: Waste)



Vulnerable people

Who gets in touch?

**Individuals**

- Tenants
- Neighbours

**Partners**

- Berneslai Homes
- Fire Service
- Housing Associations
- South Yorkshire Housing
- Elected Members
- South Yorkshire Police
- Parish Councillors
- Other partners

How they get in touch



BMBC Website via Requestry online form



Phone



Email

Central Team will...

- Add to Case Management System
- Triage
- Risk Assess
- Assign to Housing and Environment Officer

Housing Enforcement Officer will...

- Pick up New Case (OR via HEO visits in the locality identifies unreported cases)
- Work with tenants, landlords and partner agencies to resolve issues
- Complete visits or digital calls to all involved
- Provide support and advice
- Signpost to other agencies
- Send warning letters, formal CPN, issue FPN
- Monitor outcomes
- Report to Central Team

## North East Area:

### Cases/Interventions:

The HEO has contacted at least another **61 properties** by way of door knocking when working in a particular area.

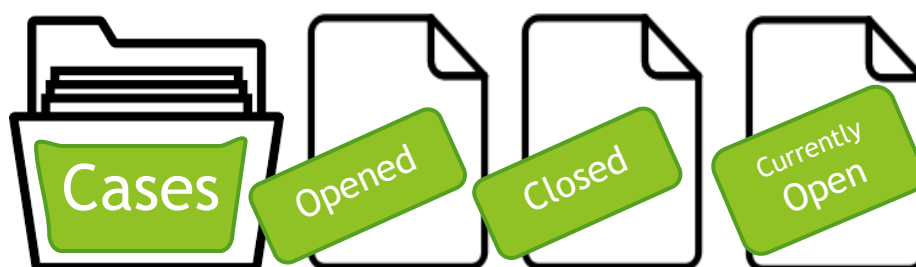
“For the majority of the last three quarters, I have been responding to reactive service requests within the team but have now returned to proactive work full time”.

Cudworth	51
Monk Bretton	15
North East Ward	22
Rovston	17

Cases in the North East Area between  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022:  
By Wards

### Cases in the North East Area between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022: Total

*NB: Cases ‘Closed’ can be from previous quarters*



### A Very Busy Quarter:

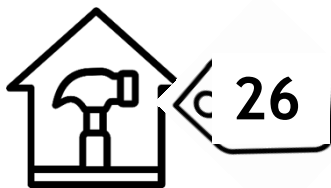
“This quarter has been my busiest ever period with the NEAC with over 100 new cases taken on. The first couple of weeks in a new year tend to be busier anyway as people struggle to get rid of excess waste from the Christmas period or decide that the time has now come for them to get in touch with the council regarding whatever it is they put on hold for the holidays. As is always the case in this period, complaints are received regarding damp and mould in properties or excess cold.

I am now working predominantly proactively and have been able to prevent a lot of situations deteriorating to the point where formal enforcement action would be required, by way of doorstep chats and/or informal letters to residents. I have also hand-delivered warning letters to several streets in the North East with a colleague, warning of the penalties faced for waste on premises, fly-tipping and giving waste to unlicensed removal companies. I picked up 9 property inspections this quarter and in some cases, the improvement works have been carried out, whereas in others it is either ongoing or the landlord has yet to start work. These cases are being followed closely and may progress to formal enforcement action if the landlords do not comply”.



## Waste on Premises

"I have dealt with over 70 issues regarding waste on premises and the vast majority of these cases were discovered proactively across the area. Some cases have been resolved by informal doorstep chats or telephone calls, whereas others have progressed to informal letters and/or formal Community Protection Notice written warnings and full Notices on the tenant and/or landlord.



## Disrepair - Heating and Condensation

Many people I have visited have again had condensation issues caused by a lack of ventilation, or due to not heating their homes appropriately. Fear of the rise in energy costs seems to be causing people to be reluctant to heat their home adequately although hopefully warmer temperatures are coming which will help the situation. Boiler re-pressurisation issues are still commonplace as well as the need for radiators to be bled regularly. Again, I have been able to resolve some of these issues over the telephone. I have carried out eight property inspections and dealt with other disrepair complaints by telephone and email".

- 9 General Disrepair
- 4 Defective Heating/Hot Water
- 4 Damp & Mould
- 3 Excess cold
- 3 Structural collapse
- 3 Position and operability of amenities

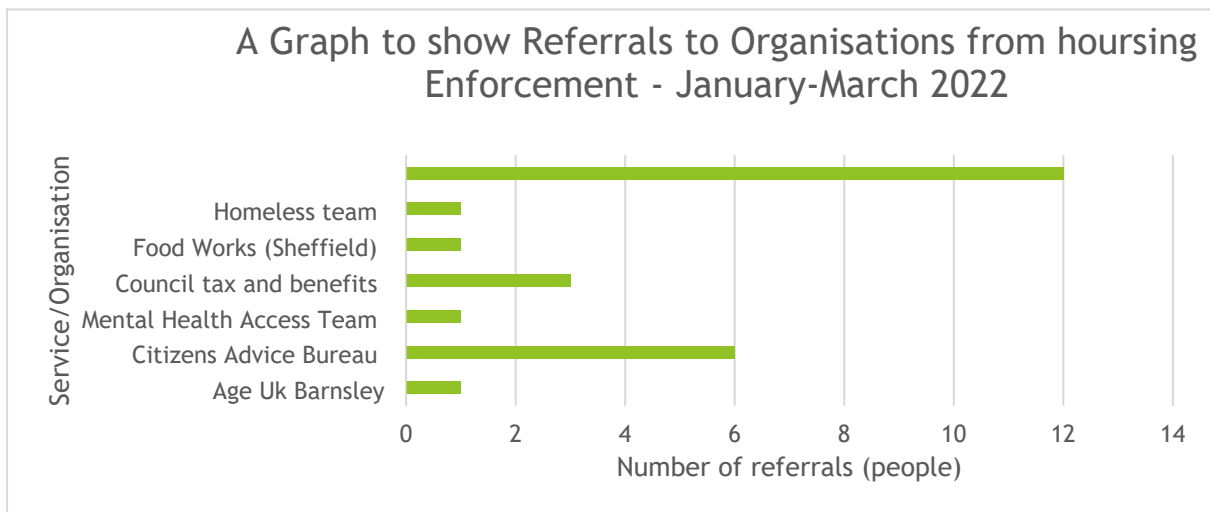
I continue to provide a lot of advice to tenants about ways to combat condensation.



## Supporting and identifying Vulnerable tenants

- 6 households identified

**Agencies and Services referred to:** 12 people






**NB: Uswitch** - The HEO recommended that people review their energy tariffs yearly as and when required.

**Food Works (Sheffield)** - 1 family was informed about Food Works, which offers surplus food parcels from major supermarkets for a minimum £1 donation

## The Outcomes, Impacts and Results January-March 2022

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Worked with x12 households to directly support with waste disposal and recycling leading to more waste recycling and less waste on the premises
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Written x7 CPN warnings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Issued x2 CPN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Improvements in 45 properties took place following service intervention, 18 of these showing improvements after the first HEO visit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	x0 Anti-Social Behaviour written warnings were sent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	X8 fly-tipping cases
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community events including organised street and green area litter picks are planned for 2022.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	x6 Vulnerable people have been given early help by not only the HEO but also from other relevant services. This has helped them decrease bills especially in these times of austerity, reduce worry, secure safer and healthier accommodation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HEO continued to work flexibly with the community - email and phone as well as face-to-face visits

	Number of informal requests for action to private landlords
	Identified x4 individuals to have support needs
	Signposted x12 individuals to other services and agencies

## Case Study 1

Following a call received from an elected member, I visited a gentleman in his 70s.

I called to see him, and he allowed me into his house to have a chat with him. It was immediately obvious however that he needed some help, as there was litter all over the floor in every room that I could see, as well as on the kitchen side and on the tables and chairs in his living room, including empty cigarette packets, used tablet packets, junk mail, paper, boxes, bags and clothes amongst a lot of other things. The gentleman had a big pile of coins on his coffee table and dozens of full cigarette packets on one of his armchairs. He said he had all his dustbins although how much they get used was not clear. There was a huge pile of cigarette ends outside his back door. He did not appear to be hoarding but was clearly having difficulty keeping his home clean and tidy.

This gentleman has lived alone since 1982 and has no friends or relatives nearby or even neighbours that can help him unfortunately. He has a sister in Wales who he rarely sees but speaks to on the telephone quite often. He still manages to get out and about in his car to church and to Co-op to do his shopping around 3 times a week and said he had food and drink in the house and didn't need any help with that. He has a bank account and is receiving benefits. The gentleman said his health was not an issue, with his one problem controlled by medication. He had electricity, hot water and gas central heating working and there were no disrepair issues, damp or mould that I could see - or that he complained about.

The gentleman seemed to be managing satisfactorily for the most part, although I didn't pry too much as he did look a little overwhelmed with my being there and I didn't want to make it worse for him. I asked him outright if he felt he needed some help and he admitted that he did even though he'd never asked for help before. I asked him if it was ok for me to pass his telephone number on so we could get somebody else out to see him and he was fine with that. He understood what was happening but when Age UK followed up my visit, he did not want to speak to them.

I revisited the gentleman a week or so later but he was out, although I was able to see through his door and window that he had cleaned and tidied the house and that the situation appeared to have improved dramatically. His wheelie bins were clearly being used and there was no litter on the floor, no piles of cigarette boxes etc where anywhere to be seen.



I called again a couple of weeks later with a new mobile phone provided by Age UK and set it up for the gentleman so he would be able to use it, as it had been reported that his old phone was not working properly. At the time of my revisit, the house was still in a clean and tidy condition, I was told by the resident that he had done it all himself without the need for external help, which was great to hear. We had a chat and it seemed that all was now well. He felt better for the house being in a good condition, he was going out a little more often and he was going to go straight out and put more credit on his mobile phone once I had left.

I then revisited with a colleague from social services and again found the house and its occupier to be in good condition. He was happy for social services to close their file and was just on his way out to church as we visited. The gentleman agreed for me to revisit again sometime to see how he is doing and I will keep in touch with him for a while. He also has my telephone number and I told him he can use it if he needs help or signposting for anything. I feel that now he has had that little nudge in the right direction, he is back to his old self and my support will not be needed.

## Case Study 2

A call was received from a concerned resident in Grimethorpe, following fires that were being started in the garden of a nearby property. The tenant of the property has been known to burn rubbish before rather than disposing of it the correct way and the complainant reported that several fires had been started over the weekend due to the amount of waste the tenant had to get rid of.

I initially sent an informal warning letter to the tenant and contacted the landlord who agreed to speak to her, but unfortunately it did not result in any improvement with a fire being started the same night. The landlord did not seem to know what to do next and was quite laid back in his attitude towards the problem.

Because of this, I felt it necessary to serve a Community Protection Notice written warning on both the tenant and the landlord. The tenant was ordered not to accumulate further waste, not to burn any waste and to have the garden cleared legally and responsibly. The landlord was ordered to ensure that his tenant had no further fires, accumulated no more waste and in the event that his tenant did not clear the garden of waste, he had it cleared as ultimately, he was responsible as the landowner.

The fires stopped immediately and the landlord ordered a skip to have the waste removed inside of the time permitted by the notice. Unfortunately, not all the waste was removed, and the case has since progressed to a full Community Protection Notice ordering the remaining rubbish to be removed.

The tenant then started fires in a neighbouring friend's back garden, as the notice only applied to her own house. A new written warning was served on her ordering her not to burn waste anywhere in the village whether on private land or council land. She has since stopped burning waste. There was a large amount of waste in the neighbouring property as a result and following intervention and the threat of legal action against the owner, the waste was removed by skip within 24 hours.



### Case Study 3

A complaint was received about some high and overgrown conifers in a garden that were blocking light from a neighbouring property. Following a visit to the property where the trees are and a lack of communication from the occupier, I wrote to the household requesting that the conifer be cut back and maintained to a point where they could not be seen to be a problem to neighbouring houses. Unfortunately, no response has been received and the complainant has been informed that no offence is being committed, although BMBC will look at the case and consider taking it further, subject to the fee for doing so under a High Hedges dispute.

## Case Study 4

A property in Cudworth was occupied by a tenant who was allegedly building up waste in the rear garden, although allegations were also made that people were fly tipping over the wall and onto the premises.

A Community Protection Notice written warning was served on the tenant to clear the garden of waste within 14 days but when I revisited, only a small amount of waste had gone. Despite repeated visits to the property to speak to the tenants about the matter before progressing the case further, I was unable to catch them at home. I contacted the landlord about the matter to be informed that the tenants had left the property and that he would deal with the waste in the garden shortly. Unfortunately, the landlord did not keep his word and as well as the garden remaining full of household and industrial rubbish, it was attracting further waste. A Community Protection Notice written warning was served on the landlord giving him 7 days to clear the garden of all waste and he complied. Warning letters have been sent to neighbouring properties regarding fly tipping following the allegations made and the landlord of this particular property is installing CCTV as a deterrent.



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**NORTH EAST AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - 2014/15 TO 2022/23**

Contract Name	Delivery Body	Start Date	Length of Contract	Total Cost of Contract	Commissioning Budget 2021/22		Commission 2022
					Profile	Spend	
Base Expenditure					£400,000.00		£400,000.00
Additional Income					£87,169.16		
Base Expenditure plus underspend from previous year					£636,357.82		£601,861.35
Youth Development Grant	Various	03-Oct-14	Ongoing	£280,000.00	£44,500.00	£40,325.28	£44,500.00
Fixed Penalty Notice Income				-£67,501.00		-£20,878.00	
Parking Charge Notice income						-£870.95	
Private Enforcement	BMBC - Enforcement &			£73,000.00	£31,460.00	£31,460.00	£37,750.00
NEET Team Phase 2	BCB	1st June 2016	10 months	£441,920.00	£222,988.33	£222,988.32	£222,988.33
Devolved Grant to Ward Alliances			+1+1+1	£160,000.00	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	£40,000.00
Responsible Dog Owner Project				£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£680.00	£1,000.00
CLC online training package				£300.00			
Neighbourhood Engagement Officer	agreed 27/01/2022	1st April 2022	1 + 1	£35,000.00	£25,000.00	£20,000.00	£35,000.00
age UK - Social Isolation and Dementia					£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Info and Guidance - Age UK					£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
Sanitary Supplies					£4,820.00	£0.00	£4,820.00
Cudworth Darfield Road Grant	Lawrence Dodd				£485,608.33	£434,496.47	£432,058.33
Total for that year					£150,749.49		£169,803.02
in year balance							
Underspend for that year				£2,077,466.00		£201,861.35	

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## **2022-23 North East Ward Funding Allocations**

For 2022-23 each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 for the Ward Alliance Fund and an £10,000 has been devolved from the Area Council Budget.

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

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

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

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2021-22 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2022-23 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

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

## 2022-23 Ward Funding Allocations

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### Cudworth Ward Alliance

For the financial year 2022-23 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Base Allocation

Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)

Carried forward from FY 2021-22 - unspent running budgets

Carried forward from FY 2021-22 - unspent WAFs

#### Total Available Funding

REF Line from WA Master Spend Spreadsheet 1 = NECWAF/22-23/1	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining
<i>Number</i>	<i>Name of project and where</i>	<i>Amount WA agreed</i>		10623.96
1	Crystal Lights Majorettes - Valley room h	1728.00	0.00	8895.96
2	Resolute DV group - Valley room hire	2210.00	0.00	6685.96
3			0.00	6685.96
4			0.00	6685.96
5			0.00	6685.96
6			0.00	6685.96
7			0.00	6685.96
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16			0.00	6685.96
17			0.00	6685.96
18			0.00	6685.96
19			0.00	6685.96
20			0.00	6685.96
21			0.00	6685.96
22			0.00	6685.96

## 2022-23 Ward Funding Allocations

### Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

For the financial year 2022-23 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Base Allocation	10000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	10000.00
Carried forward from FY 2021-22 - unspent running budgets	5177.94
Carried forward from FY 2021-22 - unspent WAFs	
<b>Total Available Funding</b>	<b>25177.94</b>

REF Line from WA Master Spend Spreadsheet 1 = NEMBWAF/22-23/1	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
<i>Number</i>	<i>Name of project and where</i>	<i>Amount WA agreed</i>		<b>12588.97</b>	<b>25177.94</b>
1	Citizen Advice Bureau	1212.00	0.00	11376.97	23965.94
2			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
3			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
4			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
5			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
6			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
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11			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
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13			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
14			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
15			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
16			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
17			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
18			0.00	11376.97	23965.94
19			0.00		
20			0.00		

## 2022-23 Ward Funding Allocations

### North East Area Ward Alliance

For the financial year 2022-23 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Base Allocation

Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)

Carried forward from FY 2021-22 - unspent running budgets

Carried forward from FY 2021-22 - unspent WAFs

#### Total Available Funding

REF Line from WA Master Spend Spreadsheet 1 = NENEWAF/22-23/1	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining
Number	Name of project and where	Amount WA agreed		
				10148.77
1	Br Resident Grp - Community Events	1720.00	0.00	8428.77
2	Grime'th Resident grp - Hanging Baskets	1650.00	0.00	6778.77
3	Gr'HoughtonVH- Hanging Baskets x10	575.00	0.00	6203.77
4			0.00	6203.77
5			0.00	6203.77
6			0.00	6203.77
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17			0.00	6203.77
18			0.00	6203.77
19			0.00	6203.77
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## 2022-23 Ward Funding Allocations

### Royston Ward Alliance

For the financial year 2022-23 the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Base Allocation	10000.00
Devolved from Area Council (discretionary)	10000.00
Carried forward from FY 2021-22 - unspent running budgets	48.67
Carried forward from FY 2021-22 - unspent WAFs	
<b>Total Available Funding</b>	<b>20048.67</b>

REF Line from WA Master Spend Spreadsheet 1 = NERWAF/22-23/1	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining 'Total Available Funding'
Number	Name of project and where	Amount WA agreed			
				10024.34	20048.67
1	Walton-Achievement Trophiesx37	416.25	0.00	9608.09	19632.42
2	Healthy Hearts - Bench	329.99	0.00	9278.10	19302.43
3			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
4			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
5			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
6			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
7			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
8			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
9			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
10			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
11			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
12			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
13			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
14			0.00	9278.10	19302.43
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