

<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday 13 November 2023
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

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- 3 Connecting Communities Grant Provider DIAL - Sharon Brown  
(Nac.11.13.2023/3) *(Verbal Report)*
- 4 Housing and Cohesion Officer - Mark Griffiths (Nac.11.13.2023/4)  
*(Verbal Report)*

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Darton East – held on 12 September 2023 and 10 October 2023  
Darton West – held on 13 September 2023 and 16 October 2023  
Old Town – held on 10 October 2023  
St Helen's – held on 7 September 2023 and 19 October 2023

To: Chair and Members of North Area Council:-

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

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Friday 3 November 2023

<b>MEETING:</b>	North Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Monday 11 September 2023
<b>TIME:</b>	2.00 pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Leech (Chair), A. Cave, T. Cave, Crisp, Denton, Howard, Newing, Pickering, Tattersall and N. Wright

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

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

### 71 Minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on 10 July 2023 (Nac.11.09.2023/2)

The Area Council received the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 July 2023.

In relation to the Neighbourhood Warden and Community Safety Update that was provided to Members at the last meeting, Councillor A Cave commented that she was extremely concerned into the welfare of the dogs that accompanied the individuals that were begging at Asda, Old Mill Lane, Barnsley. At the last meeting, Councillor Cave had requested that C Fairweather ascertained whether the wardens had contacted the RSPCA regarding the welfare of those dogs.

In response to a query raised by Councillor Tattersall regarding the new logos for the Ward Alliances, Councillor Newing commented that she had attended the consultation event held on 11 September 2023, where everyone's opinions would be collated. The Area Manager added that she had seen the proposals for the new logos, and she would provide Members with an update in due course.

**RESOLVED** that subject to the above addition, the minutes of the North Area Council meeting held on the 10 July 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 72 Family Hubs Consultation - Sam Cunningham/Tracey Fitzgibbon (15 minutes) (Nac.11.09.2023/3)

Members received a presentation from S Cunningham which provided an update on the Family Hubs and Start for Life Consultation. The following key points were noted:-

- The consultation had opened in August 2023 and would run until 23 September 2023.
- BMBC was one of 75 local authorities that had been successful in receiving funding from the DfE to transform the current family centre model into a family hub.

- The £3.6m funding would specifically focus on the following strands being perinatal mental health, parent school offer, infant feeding, start for life including the virtual offer, parent carer panels, home education packages and early language. Following which, focus would be given to an additional 18 strands. The funding would conclude in March 2025.
- The funding would not enable all of the family centres across the borough to become family hubs. It was proposed that 6 of the family centres would become family hubs and the remainder of the services would continue to run throughout the borough.
- A more co-ordinated approach would be given to the grass root services and to bring them under the family hub umbrella.
- Families would be able to access the additional services in a much more planned manner.
- To compliment the work, a local needs assessment had been undertaken for the service, families and for additional needs. The final version of the needs assessment was awaited.
- It was intended to develop a model that supported the peer support.
- The nursery provision would continue, together with the midwifery provision from the buildings that were not specifically the family hub buildings.
- A total of 320 responses to the consultation had been received to date.

The Area Manager would circulate the presentation slides onto Members outside of the meeting.

Councillor Howard referred to the Darton West area which did not have any libraries or a family centre. She queried how the individuals were consulted within the Darton West area and she wanted to ensure that there was provision within that area.

In response, S Cunningham commented that she would ensure the family centre staff were targeting the Darton West area. It was noted that midwives offered a range of services, and the early health practitioners made visits to family homes. She would ascertain where the officers were based and inform the Area Manager who would inform the Members.

Councillor Tattersall gave thanks to S Cunningham for attending the recent St Helen's gala. She queried whether a list of the parent and toddler groups was available and whether the officers would attend the groups to talk to parents, carers and grandparents.

Members noted that the practitioners continued to link with the early year settings and childminders, which included the grass root groups. The engagement of the practitioners' role was to undertake raising awareness to ascertain what was happening within the communities and to engage with individuals as much as possible.

Following a query raised by Councillor Pickering, S Cunningham referred to a number of leaflets and literature regarding mental health. Early identification of the perinatal mental health was identified as low to medium; she would share the literature with Members. The DfE had made clear that funding for the evidence lead was based low to moderate. Work had been undertaken with the Barnsley Maternity



Partnership and expectant mothers to produce a leaflet, a leaflet for expectant fathers and same sex couples.

Councillor Leech expressed his thanks for an interesting and informative presentation.

**RESOLVED** that Members noted the update.

**73 Cultural Strategy Update - Jon Finch and Coby Walsh (15 minutes)  
(Nac.11.09.2023/4)**

Members received a presentation from J Finch, which outlined the reasons as to why Barnsley needs a Cultural Strategy to ensure its work around participation and engagement with culture and heritage, and its contribution to the visitor economy which is strategically aligned to the Barnsley 2030 priorities of the borough and B2030 outcomes.

Councillor Howard welcomed the Cultural Strategy. At a Cabinet Meeting, she had raised the point that Members had wide knowledge of their respective communities, and she had highlighted the need for Members to be at the forefront of discussions. Councillor Howard agreed that focus should be given to local engagement initiatives i.e. the Youth Choir and Angel Voices. Funding had been provided to the Community Choir to provide arts, crafts and singing workshops etc. during the school holiday period, and an older persons' afternoon club had been ran to tackle social isolation.

Councillor Denton welcomed the engagement made with the Ward Alliances and Members of the Area Councils. He considered that engagement with the wider community and getting people involved would prove to be a real challenge.

In response, J Finch commented that initially engagement would be made with the Area Councils and Ward Alliances, part of the process would be to assess which groups were/were not engaged with and to identify the gaps to enable further work. Further work would be undertaken in 2024 to ensure that engagement was made with as many groups as possible.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Tattersall as to how a judgement was made of which groups should receive funding, J Finch commented that although there was not a huge amount of resourcing available, there was an option to secure additional investment i.e. for choirs, theatre groups etc. There would also be an opportunity to allow individuals to work together more productively, rather than in investment terms. Thought would be given to creating additional performance and/or work spaces in a more efficient way.

Councillor Leech expressed his thanks for a very comprehensive presentation and report.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

#### **74 10 Year Celebration Event - Area Governance Model - Verbal Update**

The Area Manager provided Members with an update on the 10 year celebration event that would be held on Friday 29 September 2003, at Staincross Working Men's Club, commencing at 7.00pm.

A provisional running order for the evening had been devised and a number of raffle prizes had started to be received in advance of the event. Members were requested to contact Councillor A Cave or the Area Manager with any further raffle prizes.

Performances on the evening would be provided by the Café Coffee Choir and the Angel Voices Community Choir which would include individual performances. The main act for the evening was DNA, which was a collaboration between Debbie Angel and Adam Price.

Members were requested to provide the Area Manager with the contact details of any additional community groups that could be invited to the event.

**RESOLVED** that Members noted the update.

#### **75 Performance Report - 2023/24 - Q1 (Nac.11.09.2023/6)**

A report was presented which provided an aggregate picture of how all the North Council contracted services contributed to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives, which reflected upon the information gathered from each contract for the period April – June 2023. The report provided a summary of the performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2023/24 Quarter 1 (April – June 2023). The report provided a link between the commissioned services and the Public Health Outcomes.

Members were referred to the case studies for each contracted service.

Councillor Denton referred to the 10 week Reds in the Community initiative which he had attended at Athersley Recreational Ground, which had made a huge difference to his health. He requested an insight into the metrics within the performance report, in particular to the direction of the five arrows within the red section.

The Area Manager commented that the volunteering opportunities were down for the last quarter due to the gap with the Twiggs contract coming to an end and the break with the Environmental Caretakers which did not commence until the end of July 2023.

Councillor Leech referred to the successful negotiation with Ad Astra which would move from New Lodge into Athersley Library until the refurbishment was undertaken. He had liaised with the contact at New Lodge regarding the transition.

**RESOLVED** that Members noted the contents of the Performance Management report.

## 76 Connecting Communities Grant Review Report (Nac.11.09.2023/7)

A report was presented which provided Members with an update on the delivery of the Stronger Communities Grant funded programmes. The report provided an opportunity to review delivery of the providers and their funded projects, to evaluate whether the providers were delivering good value for money, and to deliver the priority working group's recommendation as to whether the grant programme should revive further investment from the Area Council.

The Grant Review Workshop had been held on 31 August 2023, where qualitative information had been gathered and a discussion had ensued regarding value for money. Due to exceeding the available budget, the Area Manager had commented that it would not be possible to continue to commission the whole programme as currently funded by the North Area Council during 2024/25.

The grant panel consisted of the following Members:-

Councillor S Hunt – Darton East  
Councillor T Cave – Darton West  
Councillor C Pickering – Old Town  
Councillor N Wright – St Helen's

Councillor Tattersall expressed her thanks for an informative report. She queried whether any information was available following the Sports Van initiative that had been held during the 6 weeks school holiday period, which she hoped would be ran again in 2024.

The Area Manager commented that a number of the sports van sessions had been interrupted due to the inclement weather. The sessions had to be pre-booked and the ramp up sessions had been very popular. She would ascertain the demographical information to determine where the attendees resided.

Councillor Newing had observed a couple of the ramp up sessions, which had been well attended.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The update provided by the Connecting Communities Grant Panel on the discussion that took place at the review workshop on 31 August 2023, as at Sections 7 and 8 of the report be noted.
- (ii) The preferred option to help address social isolation in the community as at Section 8.5.3 of the report be approved with contracts for two of the providers to be extended for a period of 12 months.
- (iii) That a total funding allocation of £75,000 for a period of 12 months, with all services profiled to conclude in March 2025 be agreed.
- (iv) That the responsibility for procuring the grant extension be delegated to the Area Council Manager to progress, with regular updates to the Grant Panel.

**77 Priorities, Commissioning, Project Development and Finance  
(Nac.11.09.2023/8)**

A report was presented which provided an aggregate picture of how all the North Council contracted services contributed to the achievement of each of the North Area Council's agreed outcomes and social value objectives, which reflected upon the information gathered from each contract for the period April – June 2023. The report provided a summary of the performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2023/24 Quarter 1 (April – June) 2023. The report provided a link between the commissioned services and the Public Health Outcomes and a summary of the performance information.

Members were referred to the devolved funding of the Ward Alliances. The current Housing and Cohesion Officer had commenced in post on 15 May 2023, and he was enjoying the new opportunity.

Councillor Newing raised a query in relation to section 3.2 of the report regarding the Housing and Cohesion Officer (Private Sector Housing). In response, the Area Manager commented that she would update section 3.2 of the report to indicate there was a 12 month provision.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) Members noted the progress on the Environmental Community Caretaker Service recruitment.
- (ii) Noted the recommendations of the Connecting Communities Grant Review conducted by the Grant Panel and agreed regarding further investment in this grant stream or an alternative project. Full details agenda item 7. This required an investment of £75,000 to enable two grant providers to continue provision for a 12month period, concluding March 2025.
- (iii) The Youth Resilience Fund required a review. It was recommended that this takes place in October 2023 with a decision on the continuation of the grant to be agreed at the January 2024 meeting of the Area Council.
- (iv) The North Area Council noted the existing budget position and the existing the funding commitments. Section 4 of the report.

**78 Report of the Ward Alliance Fund (Nac.11.09.2023/9)**

A report was presented which provided an update on the financial position of the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2023/24 period.

In response to a query raised by Councillor Howard, regarding an article in the Barnsley Chronicle which stated that the Old Town Ward Alliance had not spent any of its budget, the Area Manager commented that the article is representative of the current situation.

**RESOLVED** that each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2023/24, in line with the guidance on spend.

## 79 Notes from the Area's Ward Alliances (Nac.11.09.2023/10)

The meeting received the notes from the Darton East Ward Alliance held on 13 June 2023 and 11 July 2023; Darton West Ward Alliance held on 17 July 2023; Old Town Ward Alliance held on 8 June 2023 and 13 July 2023; and St Helen's Ward Alliance held on 1 June 2023 and 13 July 2023.

Councillor Denton referred to the work undertaken by the Darton East Ward Alliance which included the signing off for application funding for the Holiday Hunger Club for £500 at Staincross Methodist Church. Activities had been delivered for children during the summer school holiday period in Mapplewell Park. Funding had been achieved for an additional CCTV camera at Mapplewell Park.

Councillor Howard referred to the work undertaken by the Darton West Ward Alliance and she referred to the disappointment experienced by the other Ward Alliances in relation to the installation of the hanging baskets. A group would shortly be established to consider the Christmas events.

Councillors Pickering and Newing referred to the work undertaken by the Old Town Ward Alliance. Difficulties had been encountered in recruiting individuals to become members of the Ward Alliance, and work continued to increase the membership. It was envisaged to relocate the meetings from the Town Hall to Honeywell Sports Centre.

Councillor Tattersall referred to the work undertaken by the St Helen's Ward Alliance. She expressed her thanks to all the community groups that had come forward with bids. Work was underway on the Ward Plan for delivery in 2023 and 2024. Discussions were underway in relation to the Halloween and Christmas events. It was necessary to appoint new members onto the Ward Alliance, with the potential to use the St Helen's Gala as an opportunity for recruitment.

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

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Chair

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# Item 6

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:

13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Agenda item: 6

Report of  
North Area Council Manager

### North Area Council – 2023/24 Quarter 2 (July - September 2023) Performance Management Cover Report for Commissioned Projects and Stronger Communities Projects

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that:

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

#### Background

A comprehensive North Area Council Performance Report for the period July - September (2023/24 Quarter 2) has been produced and is attached, Appendix 1.

#### Performance Management Report (attached at Appendix 1)

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

The information provided reflects information gathered from each contract for the period July – September 2023.

#### **Contracted Service Providers:**

- CAB & DIAL – Community Outreach Project

#### **Extended Grant – Youth Resilience Grant**

- YMCA
- Ad Astra

#### **Extended Grant – Connecting Communities Grant**

- DIAL
- Reds In The Community
- Age UK

#### **Area Council Funded – Service Level Agreements**

- Housing and Cohesion Officer
- Environmental Caretaker Service

A summary of the performance management report for each of the contracted services for 2023/24 Quarter 2 (July - September). The report provides RAG ratings plus updated information from all North Area Council Providers, following submission of their quarterly reports and subsequent quarterly contract monitoring/management meetings.

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

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

For your convenience and to help promote the work of our providers, the North Area's Project Officer has compiled the Promotional Material document, Appendix 2.

### **Performance Report – Issues**

The CAB and DIAL contracted service is consistently running over capacity. This is a risk considering the current cost of living challenges.

A delay in recruitment meant that the Environmental Caretaker SLA was delayed. The service commenced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.

The commencement of the Reds In The Community project was delayed due to recruitment challenges. As a result, the project will run to the end of 2024/25 Q1.

### **Appendices**

**Appendix 1:** North Council Performance Management Report - Quarter 2 2023/24 (July 2023) – prepared by North Area's Project Officer, Katy Ashworth.

**Appendix 2:** Commissioned provision - Promotional Material

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**Date:**  
27<sup>th</sup> October 2023



# Project Performance Report

Q2 - 2023/24 (July - September 2023)  
Support for raising costs of living

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Anti Poverty



Changing the relationship



Health & Wellbeing



Economic Regeneration



Improving the local environment



Opportunities for young people

Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

## Healthy Barnsley

- ✓ Everybody can enjoy life in good physical and mental health.
- ✓ Fewer people live in poverty, and everyone has the resources to look after themselves and their families.
- ✓ People can access the right support at the right time and place and tackle problems early.
- ✓ Our diverse communities are welcoming, supportive, and resilient.

## Learning Barnsley

- ✓ Everyone has the opportunity to create wider social connections and enjoy cultural experiences.
- ✓ Children and young people aim high and achieve their full potential with improved educational achievement and attainment.
- ✓ Everyone fulfils their potential, with more people completing higher-level skill studies than ever before
- ✓ Lifelong learning is promoted and enables people to get into progress to and stay in work

## Growing Barnsley

- ✓ Residents, businesses, and organisations are more confident in accessing and using digital resources, benefitting all aspects of daily life.
- ✓ Barnsley is known as a great place to invest, where businesses and organisations provide diverse and secure employment opportunities, contributing to an economy that benefits everyone.
- ✓ Local businesses are thriving through early-stage support and opportunities to grow
- ✓ People have a wider choice of quality, affordable housing to suit their needs and lifestyles.

## Sustainable Barnsley





















- ✓ People are proud of and look after their local environment.
- ✓ People live in sustainable communities and reduce carbon emissions, and increase access to affordable and sustainable energy sources.
- ✓ Fossil fuels are being replaced by affordable and sustainable energy and people are able to enjoy more cycling and walking

## Enabling Barnsley

- ✓ Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing

# Contractual Overview

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

Service	Priorities	Provider	Contract Value (per year)	Start Date	Updates
<p>Anti Poverty Outreach</p> <p>Page 8</p>	<p> Economic Regeneration</p> <p> Health and Wellbeing</p> <p> Anti Poverty</p>	<p></p> <p></p>	<p>£215,00</p> <p>2 years (+1 year)</p>	<p>1st July 2023</p>	<p>Contract Live</p> <p>Contract extended</p>
<p>Environmental Caretakers</p> <p>Page 12</p>	<p> Improving the environment</p> <p> Health and Wellbeing</p> <p> Opportunities for young people</p>	<p></p>	<p>£100,803</p> <p>Continuity</p> <p>£20,160.60</p>	<p>1st July 2023</p>	<p>Contract Live</p>
<p>Economic Regeneration</p>	<p> Improving the local economy</p>				<p>Current gap in provision</p>
<p>Housing and Cohesion Officer</p> <p>Page 14</p>	<p> Improving the environment</p> <p> Health and Wellbeing</p> <p> Economic Regeneration</p> <p> Anti Poverty</p> <p> Changing the Relationship</p>	<p></p>	<p>£35,500</p> <p>12 month contract</p>	<p>15th May 2023</p>	<p>New Officer Appointed</p> <p>15/05/23</p>
<p>Youth Resilience</p> <p>Page 18</p>	<p> Improving the environment</p> <p> Health and Wellbeing</p> <p> Opportunities for young people</p>	<p></p>	<p>£90,000</p> <p>2 years (+1yr)</p>	<p>1st November 2020</p>	<p>Funding confirmed until</p> <p>31/10/2024</p>



# Barnsley 2030 Ambitions

Contributing to the following Corporate Priorities and Outcomes:

	Anti-Poverty Outreach	Environmental Caretaker	Connecting Communities	Housing & Cohesion Officer	Youth Resilience
<b>Healthy Barnsley</b>					
People are safe and feel safe	✓		✓	✓	✓
People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible	✓		✓	✓	✓
We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough	✓		✓	✓	✓
<b>Learning Barnsley</b>					
People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships	✓	✓	✓		✓
Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment					✓
People have access to early help and support	✓		✓	✓	✓
<b>Growing Barnsley</b>					
Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities	✓		✓		
People have a welcoming safe and enjoyable town centre and physical towns as destinations for work, shopping leisure and culture		✓	✓		✓
People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes	✓		✓	✓	✓

	Anti-Poverty Outreach	Environmental Caretaker	Connecting Communities	Housing & Cohesion Officer	Youth Resilience
<b>Sustainable Barnsley</b> People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their community.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Our heritage and green spaces are promoted for all people to enjoy		✓	✓	✓	✓
Fossil fuels are being replaced by affordable and sustainable energy and people are able to enjoy more cycling and walking.			✓	✓	✓

	Anti-Poverty Outreach	Environmental Caretaker	Connecting Communities	Housing & Cohesion Officer	Youth Resilience
<b>Enabling Barnsley</b> Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## Part A: Overview of performance

6 contracts have formally completed their contract monitoring/contract management reporting for Q2 2023/24.




Environmental Caretaker

Contract started in July





Anti - Poverty

Third Contract Year 6 (Q4)

Two providers are currently delivering the Youth Resilience Grant





Youth Resilience Fund



Three providers are delivering the connecting communities grant






Connecting Communities

The North Area also funds contracted posts:

Housing and Cohesion Officer

New Officer Appointed in May

# Stronger Communities

## Key Performance Indicators

Table 2 below shows the Providers contribute towards the Key Performance Indicators and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Stronger Communities directorate



# Anti-Poverty Outreach



**2030** How this commission is making Barnsley the place of possibilities

## Healthy Barnsley

- People are safe and feel safe
- People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible
- We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough

## Learning Barnsley

- People have access to early help and support

## Sustainable Barnsley

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

## Growing Barnsley

- People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes

## Enabling Barnsley

- Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing

## North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

## Priorities



**Economic Regeneration**

**Anti Poverty**



**Health & Wellbeing**

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

## Service Outline

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

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



# Anti-Poverty Outreach



**£376,820** ↑

Overall benefit gain (in £)

**£34,095** ↑

Amount of debt managed

**£16** ↑

Return on investment (for every pound spent)

**796** ↑

Number of clients this quarter

**83%**

Local people feel more able to manage their own affairs

**81%**

Local residents experienced improved health and wellbeing

## Extract from performance report

From 1st July to 30th September 2023, advisers from both organisations provided information and advice to **796 client contacts**, supported clients to claim **£376,820** of welfare benefits and managed £34,095 of debt. Included in this figure, CAB has provided fuel and food vouchers to a total of **£960** for **14** clients, an average of **£69**.

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

Of the 796 client contacts this quarter, **256** have required help with form filling – a total of **31%** of the clients, most of whom are related to the benefits system. Forms completed by DIAL are carried out face-to-face with the clients and not over the telephone.

## CAB & DIAL contribution to public health outcomes

### Improving the wider determinants of health

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

1.09 Sickness absence rate

1.15 Statutory homelessness

#### Health improvement

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

2.23 Self-reporting wellbeing

#### Health public health and preventing premature mortality

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

4.13 Health related quality of life for older people

4.15 Excess winter deaths

# Case Study

## Citizen's Advice Barnsley



### Supporting families through challenging times

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

Gavin\* and Sharon\* were happy with their life together with their children. Their daughter's health issues were severe, so the family received child DLA. Although her needs were such that she needed constant care and support, they were coping well.

Some months ago, however, the family circumstances changed. Gavin's child with a previous partner, Annie\*, came to live with them full-time, as it was no longer possible for her to live with her mother.

The couple fully embraced the situation and were happy to welcome the latest addition to their family - but there was no doubt that the additional expense was problematic. Whilst they had applied for Child Benefit for Annie and were awaiting a decision, Sharon was concerned that Annie's mother might still be claiming for her. She decided to visit the Citizens Advice Barnsley drop-in close to their home to ask for clarification of their situation.

The adviser started by explaining how responsibility for a child was defined and how that affected the receipt of benefits. She reassured Sharon that she should certainly inform Universal Credit of the change in their circumstances; responsibility for another child was likely to increase the amount of benefits to which they were entitled. They should also ensure that the DWP were made aware of the change in the number of children in the household; as Annie received child DLA and claimed the carer's element of UC, they would probably be exempt from the benefit cap.

Sharon was really glad to have the situation clarified for her by the adviser. But the adviser also offered them some practical help in these financially challenging times in the form of a shopping voucher to help mitigate their increased costs whilst waiting for their claim for additional benefits. Sharon was delighted to accept: she couldn't believe how much support Citizens Advice Barnsley had offered her.

## Case Study



"Throughout the whole process I was put at ease, everything was explained to me and the information was clear and concise, I will not hesitate to recommend DIAL's services to others"

Miss P



### Before DIAL

Miss P is a 20-year-old young lady who has severe mental health issues. She attends college but is finding it extremely difficult as she struggles to leave the house due to extreme anxiety at being outside and often needs support to go anywhere. Her situation is further complicated by the fact that she struggles to make eye contact when she is talking to people and cannot force herself to engage with people that she does not know and trust. She also has uncontrolled absence seizures, and these can occur several times a day. Because of this, she cannot go out on her own and cannot be in any place where she could come to harm when a seizure occurs. She has good support from family and friends but is finding life a struggle at the moment. She continues to have specialist mental health input. She struggles to make eye contact when she is talking to people and cannot force herself to engage with people that she does not know and trust. She also has uncontrolled absence seizures, and these can occur several times a day. Because of this, she cannot go out on her own and cannot be in any place where she could come to harm when a seizure occurs. She has good support from family and friends but is finding life a struggle at the moment. She continues to have specialist mental health input.

### Acknowledged Outcome

- More money to live on
- More optimistic about the future
- Improved mental wellbeing

### Advice provided by DIAL

In November 2021, Miss P claimed Personal Independence Payment. She attempted to complete the form herself. She had an assessment over the phone and received no points due to this. She sought advice from her family as to what to do, and they helped her to complete a mandatory reconsideration appeal. This did not change the situation, and at this point, she contacted DIAL for help. She attended a North area outreach at which DIAL helped to complete a PIP SSCS1 tribunal submission. DIAL also instructed Miss P to get supporting medical evidence to help her appeal by way of her mental health records. For the tribunal hearing, DIAL advised Miss P to take support with her if the hearing was going to be too traumatic for her to cope with on her own and should a seizure occur. Miss P also had a UC50 capability for a work questionnaire, and DIAL helped to complete this at a North area outreach at another time.

### After DIAL

The tribunal was successful. Miss P was awarded the enhanced rate daily living component of £101.75 a week and the enhanced rate of £71.00 a week mobility component of Personal Independence Payment. The award was backdated to November 2021 and amounted to £14,000. On top of this, she was also awarded Limited Capability for Work- and Work-Related Activity on her Universal Credit. This increased her monthly award from £292.11 a week to £682.17 weekly.

# Environmental Caretaker

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

## North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

### Priorities



**Improving the local environment**

**2030** How this commission is making Barnsley the place of possibilities

### Learning Barnsley

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

### Sustainable Barnsley

- People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their community.
- Our heritage and green spaces are promoted for all people to enjoy.

### Enabling Barnsley

- Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing

## Purpose and Function Overview Overview

Service delivery will focus on a programme devised by the North Area Council and the four Ward Alliance, including proactive maintenance, reactive work, and support for volunteer groups. This work will require the provider to:

- Maintain a clean, green, well-presented, and welcoming physical environment in the North Area. This includes proactive approaches to littering, grass cutting, untidy areas, shrub bed maintenance, cutting back, scraping,, etc.
- Respond to reactive requests for service in response to local needs as directed by the North Area Council and Ward Alliances.
- Undertake environmental improvements alongside Ward Alliances and community groups.
- Working with existing community groups, as directed by the Ward Alliances.
- Support the Ward Alliances and North Area Team to develop new environmentally-focused community groups.

## Environmental Caretakers contribution to public health outcomes

### Improving the wider determinants of health

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

1.16 Utilising outdoor space for exercises and health reasons

### Health improvement

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

2.13 Proportion of physically active and inactive adults

2.13 Self-reported wellbeing



Provider

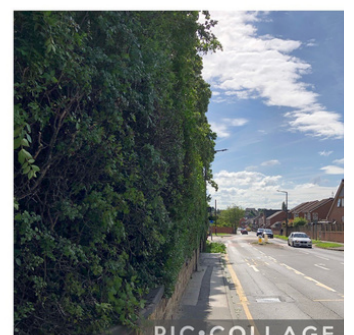
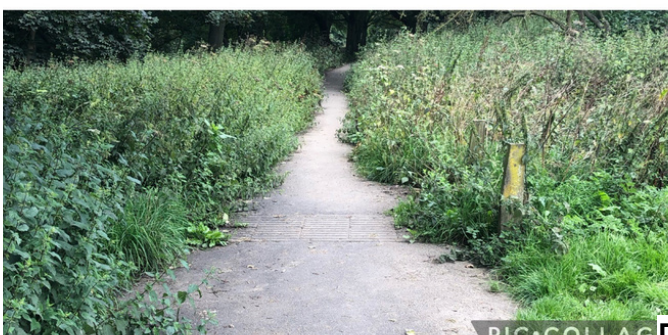
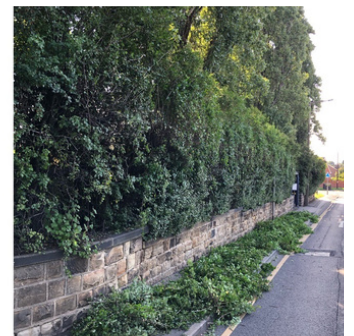
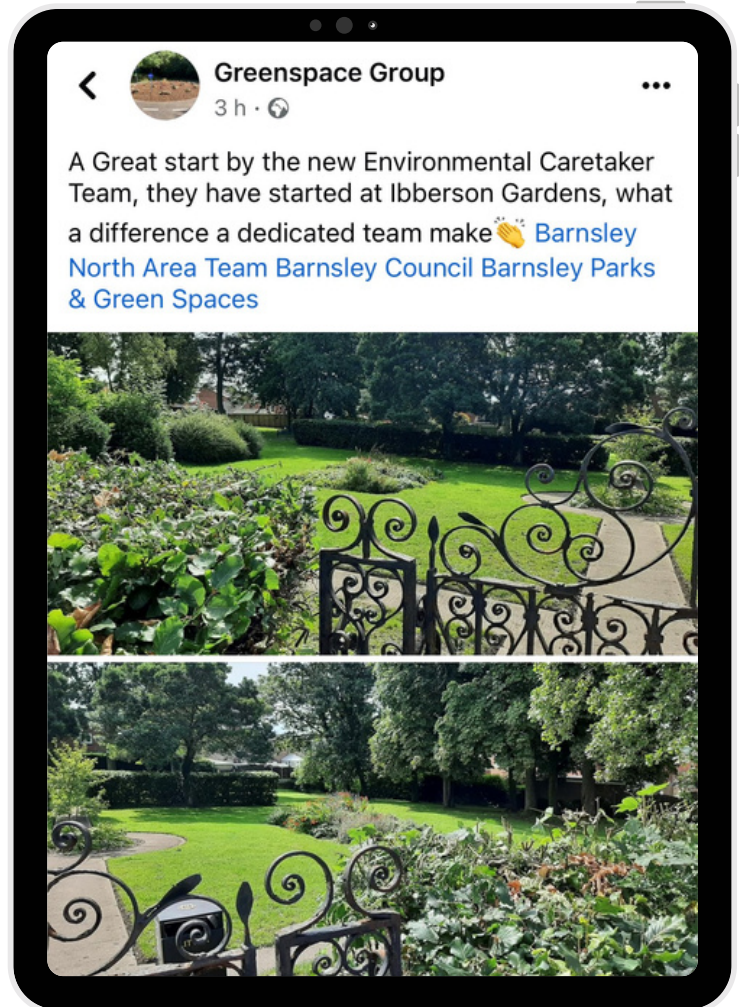


# Environmental Caretaker

## Quarter Overview

The NAC enviro team became active on the 1st July 2023 after a period of recruitment and selection.

The Team have supported the area by attending galas, volunteering on weekend days, and being involved in days of action with other BMBC departments.





# Housing and Cohesion Officer

Provider



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How this commission is making Barnsley the place of possibilities

## Healthy Barnsley

- People are safe and feel safe
- People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible
- We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough

## Learning Barnsley

- People have access to early help and support

## Sustainable Barnsley

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

## Growing Barnsley

- People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes

## Enabling Barnsley

- Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing

## North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

## Priorities



Improving the local environment



Anti Poverty



Changing the Relationship



Health & Wellbeing



Improving the economy

## Purpose of Post

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

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

# Housing and Cohesion Officer

## Provider



- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
- Milestones achieved
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- Satisfactory spend and financial information
- Overall satisfaction with delivery against contract

## Housing Cohesion Officer's contribution to public health outcomes

### Improving the wider determinants of health

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

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

### Health improvement

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

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

### Health public health and preventing premature mortality

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

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



# Case Study

## Private Rental Housing Inspections (Darton East)

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Barnsley – the place  
of possibilities.

### Ambitions

#### Healthy Barnsley

- ✓ People are safe and feel safe
- ✓ People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible.

#### Learning Barnsley

- ✓ People have access to early help and support

#### Growing Barnsley

- ✓ People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes



Improving the  
local environment



Anti Poverty

### What was done?

Proactive door knocking on a street containing a high number of privately rented, close proximity terraced housing.



### The Result

Three tenants welcomed housing inspections due to various issues ranging from damp and mould, faulty or missing handrails on stairs, a lack of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and other potential hazards.

“Thank you for doing this  
for my family”

Tenant

### Reflection

The cases are still live, the Landlords have been served notices and been given timeframes in which to complete the repairs to an acceptable standard.

This was a very worthwhile initiative that I will look to repeat across all of the North area wards on a quarterly basis. I have issued notices to Landlords highlighting the hazards and necessary repairs. The feedback I received from the tenants was very positive. One family I am supporting are foreign nationals with young children. There are no working smoke alarms in their property as well as damp & mould. The inspections have been very valuable to me also, in terms of my development and learning in respect of identifying hazards, grading them and completing the paperwork.





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How this commission is making Barnsley the place of possibilities

## Healthy Barnsley

- People are safe and feel safe
- People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible
- We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough

## Learning Barnsley

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

## Sustainable Barnsley

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

## Growing Barnsley

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

## Enabling Barnsley

- Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing

# Youth Resilience Fund

## North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

## Priorities



Anti Poverty



Changing the Relationship



Improving the local environment



Health & Wellbeing

## Purpose of the Youth Resilience Grant

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

The grant opportunity is currently delivered by two providers: YMCA and Ad Astra.

## Providers



## Provider



# Youth Resilience Fund

## Supporting



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## Project Summary:

Working in three primary schools in the St Helens Ward, we work with the schools and students to build a flexible programme that meets their needs. Alongside the work in the schools, we offer a youth club session for up to 13-year-olds to participate, and we will also offer volunteer placements for older young people. We have lunchtime referral and drop-in sessions for Y7 pupils at Outwood Carlton. During the school holidays, we offer activities that include a healthy meal.

## Buddy Training

Afterschool sessions will allow us to offer creative ways for the young people to put into practice the skills they have learnt in their Buddy Training session. Some of the areas we cover in our Buddy training are as follows:

- Buddy Rules and skills it takes to become a buddy
- Listening and Communication skills
- Confidentiality and who to turn to if you need help (signposting)
- Anti-Bullying workshops

## Transitions Work

For Y6 Pupils, we will offer the same time scales of 3 x 6-week sessions with a transitional theme of working with schools for groups and individuals. The themes will cover :

- Social Adjustments – Relationships /making new friends, etc
- Institutional adjustments – getting used to a new school and new routines
- Curriculum interest – favourite topics and what will be new

## Year 7

For Outwood pupils, the lunchtime period is classed as their free time, and although it is still within school hours, afterschool sessions are often a problem for secondary pupils due to transport/ getting home etc. and if we were in school, staff could refer and any issues, the young people had could be dealt with much quicker.

## Youth Club

From New Lodge Community Centre, we will offer Youth Club sessions for children and young people aged up to 13, offering a wide range of creative and educational activities with opportunities for young people to become Peer Supporters for Ad Astra.

37

Number of unique individuals engaged

37

Number of children /Young People reporting an improvement in their emotional wellbeing.

0

Number of young people consistently attending Youth Sessions (Term-Time Only)

0

Number of young people attending conflict resolution workshops (Term-Time Only)



# Youth Resilience Fund

## Summer Holiday Provision

Ad Astra submits one report each term and then the fourth is of the summer provision only.

### Nature Walk

The Day started at our Centre, where the young people made their Packed Lunches.



We then used the newly completed Trans Pennine Walkway, which we joined behind the estate in New Lodge.



During the walk, we did a Nature Quiz and a Nature Treasure Hunt.

Once we arrived at the Laithes Lane Pit Fields, the group relaxed and had refreshments. Then we played a game of rounders and had lunch.

After lunch, we tried flying kites and throwing Frisbees in competition, followed by another break – the weather was glorious.

After relaxing, we returned to the Centre for ice pops and cold drinks.

### Science Day

The group worked on science experiments they could recreate at home. The young people really enjoyed making Storms in a bottle – Recreating Colour coded experiments – and as always Slime...





# Youth Resilience Fund

## Art Day

We recreated famous artist's work.

We recreated several Pop Art pieces, such as Andy Warhol's Hand Prints and Smiley Faces.



## Pop Art

Pop art emerged in the United Kingdom and the United States in the mid-to-late 1950s. The movement challenged traditional fine art by including imagery from popular and mass culture, such as advertising, comic books, and mundane mass-produced objects.

## David Hockney

Who comes from Bradford is also an Abstract artist and uses Pop art to create his artwork.

## Damien Hirst

Is a contemporary artist ..... this means art created after 1945 up to today ... art of the day.

Additional information like this above was talked about whilst we were recreating.

Our 'Masterpieces'

## Youth Club's BBQ

To wrap the Summer Term up, our young people who attend our weekly Junior Youth Club asked if they could have a BBQ and Games night.

This came as part of the planning they had done at the start of the term.

The young people discussed the menu for the night and decided on SOME of the games (They always want to do Pie Face, which involves a lot of Squirry Cream around the building)

This session was well-attended

## Breakfast Club

This was our last session of the Summer Provision. The young people and several family members had a feast.

We did Arts and Crafts and Table top Games and had a selection of breakfast cereals toast bacon and sausage on the go all morning.





# Youth Resilience Fund

63

Total number of sessions (including in-school, holiday provision & YMCA Youth Clubs)

66

Number of new unique individuals engaged

2

Number of peer support sessions delivered

9

Number of school holiday sessions delivered

2

Number of family members engaged in the project

2

Number of young volunteers

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
- Milestones achieved
- Outcome indicator targets met
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### Context:

North Area Council provide grant funding to YMCA Barnsley to deliver a programme of youth work for children and young people aged 10-14 years within the North Area. The project focuses on building emotional resilience and developing the skills and tools to encourage and maintain positive emotional health, wellbeing, and support and prepare them for life's transitions.

The project is commissioned primarily as an 'out of school hours' programme, and delivery takes place after school, twilight, evenings, weekends and school holidays with one school session and some transition support taking place in curriculum times. However, the delivery model will remain flexible to support participants and respond to local needs.

### Outcomes:

- Improvement in the subjective wellbeing of children and young people.
- Increased confidence, self-esteem, attitudes and aspirations of children and young people.
- Increase in the emotional resilience of children & young people.
- Strengthened protective factors for wellbeing in children & young people.
- Supporting young people to take ownership of their lives and make positive life choices.

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

National Youth Agency



# Youth Resilience Fund

## **Schools Delivery:**

### **Kexborough Primary School**

Weekly after-school sessions with all of the Y6 children at some point have the opportunity to work with the YMCA youth work team, who will then remain a consistent person within their transition experience to Darton Academy.

The group of young people are a specific group of Y6 pupils identified as those who would most benefit from the project and improve their emotional resilience and well-being.

### **Wellgate Primary School**

Weekly targeted support project for some Y6 children identified as those who would gain the most

### **Summer Lane Primary**

Weekly targeted support for Y5/Y6 children open access but targeted for some pupils the school has identified as those who would most benefit from additional support.

## **Transition Support:**

Consistent youth work staffing in locality areas and schools building positive relationships with participants to ensure that they already have established relationships and can access the same workers as they move between Y6 and Y7.

Supporting schools with their transition models and engaging our participants in that process, e.g. Peer Supporters being part of transition assemblies and evenings, visits to primary schools and befriending models in secondary schools.

## **Secondary School Delivery Model:**

Darton Academy Targeted & open access drop-in after-school support session

For years, Y7 and Y8 students have used arts/games/themed projects /group discussions to engage participants and build relationships, as well as specific activities to encourage the development of key resilience and personal and social skills. Providing access and opportunities for participants to engage in positive activities in a safe space with access to skilled and experienced youth workers who can also provide additional support around emotional and mental health.

**Darton Academy Peer Mentor Training Programme** (school-identified Y7 Students & YMCA-identified participants)

A 6-week bespoke training programme that includes exploring the role and potential remit within school and YMCA Barnsley, knowledge, qualities and skills of a peer supporter, key skills of communication, problem-solving and group work, confidentiality and safeguarding and relevant wider skills such as first aid and activity leadership.

The school's Leadership Team identified this current cohort, and the young people were chosen for their needs, interests, maturity and the Primary School that they had previously attended to ensure a broad representation of the school's feeder primaries and that the young people were familiar in the Primary School that they will then support as part of the next Year 6 transition process.



# Youth Resilience Fund

## Holiday Provision

A locality-specific mixed model of centre-based, detached, outdoor and outreach provision providing a diverse range of positive activities and opportunities as an alternative to risk-taking and anti-social behaviours. Providing a combination of long-term regular sessions alongside short projects and flexible activities. Using safe, easily accessible venues based in the locality areas provides participants with somewhere to belong, be with their friends and meet new people in a safe, supportive environment.

## Street-based Youth Work (Detached youth work)

engages with young people in their localities on the streets and green spaces. It offers a programme of positive activities as an alternative to anti-social and risk-taking behaviours. We use games, arts, and outdoor and environmental activities alongside wider family engagement, supporting specific children and their families with challenges around health, wellbeing and resilience whilst remaining firmly within the recognised structures and ethos of a detached youth work programme and a young people-led service.

## Youth clubs

YMCA Barnsley have continued to maintain delivery of our centrally based youth clubs for young people aged 8-13 and 13-19 years. (Y Stay In & Junior's Youth Club) We use arts/games/themed projects /group discussion /sports /dance to engage participants and build relationships as well as specific activities to encourage development of key resilience and personal and social skills. Providing access and opportunities for participants to engage with positive activities in a safe space.

Both these youth clubs and our holiday provision sessions continue to attract and engage with a number of young people from the North Area on a weekly basis. In this quarter the percentage of participants from the North Area was 41% for Junior Youth Club and 44% for Y Stay In. In both cases the majority of the young people live in the localities of Old Town and Wilthorpe.

## Youth Worker Support

Access to support from qualified, skilled and experienced youth workers: Providing opportunities for young people to build and develop professional relationships with trusted adults. Through professional relationships based on trust and respect and an understanding of the realities of young people's lives, youth workers encourage, support and challenge young people to explore what they want to achieve, reflect on their behaviour, and consider whether their choices are helping them move forward.

## Themed and issue-based projects

- Health & wellbeing sessions / Understanding emotions & self-awareness work (Primary)
- Self-esteem, confidence and aspirations sessions (Secondary)
- 1-1 support around mental health and emotional resilience where required
- A sleep support programme was delivered to support participants who expressed a need.
- Outdoor learning, horticulture and the environment.
- Regular consultation with young people to engage them in developing their provision and widen their experiences of the range of opportunities available to them.
- Consultation and engagement with wider projects to increase young people's knowledge and understanding and ensure they have a voice and are listened to.



# Youth Resilience Fund

Supporting



Kexborough  
Primary



Wellgate  
Primary



Delta Academy  
Darton



Summer Lane  
Primary

## School Delivery

We've seen an influx of new young people attending our sessions with the start of the new school term, and it is pleasing to see so many familiar faces from Y6 at the Darton ASC. We strive to create a relaxed environment where young people feel they belong and have the opportunity to have fun, meet others, develop networks and access support as needed. We deliver various activities to build self-esteem, confidence and resilience skills. The programme of positive and empowering activities offered to the young people this quarter has included:

**Transition Support:** exploring opportunities, hopes, worries, fears and challenges, reflecting on skills developed and building positivity for the move to Y7.

**Give Something Away Day** – An activity aimed to encourage mindfulness, considering other people's experiences and the impact of kindness. The young people created a trinket box with a few small chocolates inside to gift to the person of their choice. This included discussions around feelings and emotions and how the gifting and creation of something that they had spent time making is a positive experience that can make us feel happy and satisfied. Highlighting that it doesn't have to be a grand gesture and it doesn't have to cost, just the thought and time taken that can make a real difference to someone.

**National Word with Friends Day** – An activity aimed at exploring the role and impact of a 'good friend', positive role models, understanding our impact on others and recognising the important role they all have in someone's life. This included discussions about what it takes to be a good friend and positive self-reflection about why they believe they are a good friend. Friends have a massive impact and influence on a young person. Youth workers often see the control that another young person has in their friendship group, and discussing the 'give and take' in friendships and relationships is fundamental to young people's personal and social development.

**Team Games** – are always a key theme of the programme as this enables young people to develop their communication, social and problem-solving skills, to experience the negatives as well as the positives that build their core skills for emotional resilience and provide them with the life skills they need in life's transitions. The fun aspect and competitive nature that games bring to the sessions make them enjoyable for young people, and they are a core engagement tool for youth workers.





# Youth Resilience Fund

During this quarter, YMCA Barnsley has been engaging with participants around understanding and developing the Ethnicity, Diversity and Inclusion policy and procedures. Feedback and results of the consultation were really positive, with participants indicating that they feel ‘nurtured included and that they belong’, that ‘YMCA spaces are safe and welcoming’, that ‘our programmes and our facilities are welcoming and accessible’ and that people who use our facilities are ‘treated equally, with courtesy & respect. This is an ongoing piece of work that is being coproduced with young people to ensure our EDI policies and procedures are dynamic and ensure that YMCA spaces and services are safe and welcoming.

## Holiday Provision

During this quarter, the project delivered **5 weeks of holiday provision** during the Summer with activities delivered in response to the needs and wants of our participants. This included:

- A whole project activity day at Jenny’s Field in South Kirby with team games and the **inflatable course**. One of the objectives of this session was to support young people in using public transport and developing independent living skills. Whilst planning the sessions alongside young people, it was apparent that many of them had never used public transport and would like the opportunity to get on a bus with all the essential life skills that are involved in this process.
- **Trampolining** at **Barnsley SOAR** with young people from across the projects, having fun together and building strong, positive friendships and networks. The day finished with **39** very tired and happy young people and not forgetting the tired and happy Youth Workers too!
- Weekly regular detached sessions were engaging with core and wider groups in the localities.
- Weekly summer activity sessions in **Mapplewell & Kexborough Parks** on rotation. Creating a safe, friendly and welcoming environment that allowed the young people and their families to engage in fun, team games ensuring that everyone who wanted to, no matter how far they lived, was able to participate.

**YMCA BARNSELEY**  
**North Area Summer Holiday Free Activities**

Booking is required for all activities, please scan the QR code on the last page to book your child's place. Please do not book on to activities that show they are full. Please remember to book places early to avoid disappointment. Places are for children & young aged 8-14 years and will be allocated initially to those already attending our project.

<p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1:30pm-3:30pm – Fun in the Park</b> Join us for some fun-packed games and activities in the park. Location: Kexborough Recreation Ground, Priestley Avenue, S75 5LG</p>
<p><b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 12:30pm-3pm – How High Can You Go?</b> A fun-packed trip to do some trampolining. Please bring a drink for your young person or money to buy one Location: SOAR Trampoline Park, Claycliffe Business Park, 54, Cannon Way, Barugh Green, Barnsley S75 1JU</p>
<p><b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1:30pm-3:30pm – Fun in the Park</b> Get involved with lots of amazing outdoor activities! Location: Mapplewell Park, Bar Lane, Mapplewell, Barnsley S75 6GE</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 10:30am-3pm – Den Building &amp; Fishing</b> Put your survival skills to the test! Please bring a packed lunch. Location: Dearne Valley Country Park, Pontefract Road, Barnsley, S71 1HS</p>
<p><b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1:30pm-3:30pm – Fun in the Park</b> Join us for some fun-packed games and activities in the park. Location: Kexborough Recreation Ground, Priestley Avenue, S75 5LG</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 6pm-9am Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sleepover Time</b> Join us for a sleepover at the YMCA! Location: YMCA Barnsley, 1 Blucher Street, S70 1AP</p>
<p><b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1:30pm-3:30pm – Fun in the Park</b> Get involved with lots of amazing outdoor activities! Location: Mapplewell Park, Bar Lane, Mapplewell, Barnsley S75 6GE</p>
<p><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 9:30am-4:10pm, – Inflatables Fun</b> Let's go have some fun! Team games and an afternoon on the inflatables! Young people will be travelling by public bus with our staff. Please bring a packed lunch. Location: Meet at YMCA Barnsley, Blucher Street, S70 1AP before catching the bus with staff to Jenny's Field, S72 9BP</p>
<p><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1:30pm-3:30pm – Fun in the Park</b> Join us for some fun-packed games and activities in the park. Location: Kexborough Recreation Ground, Priestley Avenue, S75 5LG</p>

North Area Council  
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# Youth Resilience Fund

## Street-Based Youth Work

Staff have maintained a weekly presence in and around Kexborough and Darton. Focusing on a core group of young people familiar to us for a while, the sessions and activities have taken place chiefly in and around Priestly Avenue Park and estate.

A mixed programme of activities all designed to challenge and promote confidence and life skills, often emphasising working together and teamwork.

Arts and crafts are always very well received, and on occasion, our activities have attracted interest from older community members, including parents. Our team always encourage wider participation and welcomes older residents' questions and conversation as it promotes front-line youth work and hopefully sets the young participants in a favourable light.

As reported previously, some of the core group have expressed an interest in developing their drama skills more but are reluctant to explore this outdoors, potentially in front of others who might tease them. With that in mind, we have had conversations with the group about moving back indoors in the near future as nights draw in and inclement weather comes with them. We are awaiting the go-ahead from Berneslai Homes (hopefully) once again to check the availability of the Priestly Avenue Centre.

Our team often patrol other areas and engages with young people less familiar to us. Nonetheless, they know who we are. We continue to remind those on the periphery of our core provision that we are here for all young people and to seek us out if they feel they need our input or guidance on issues pertinent to them.

We continue to see illicit drug paraphernalia in Uplands Avenue Park, discarded 'stash' bags, smoking materials, etc. We are happy to report that we haven't witnessed what was believed to be cannabis use in Priestly Avenue Park, where the majority of young people from the estate gather (as previously reported).

A busy summer with lots to celebrate in terms of young people transitioning through school and year groups successfully, though not without anxieties and fears for some. Our staff have supported several young people on an individual basis who have expressed their concern





## Case Study

# Youth Resilience Fund

## Street-Based Youth Work

## North Area Council Priorities



Opportunities for  
young people



### Learning Barnsley

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

This case study demonstrates the value of the long-term relationship over several years with trusted youth workers and the impact of youth workers 'informal' support on the personal and social development of young people. Jill has been able to develop at her own pace in a safe, supportive environment and has been supported to develop that 'peer supporter' role and recognise the need to adapt her behaviour with younger peers. She is now using those communication, problem-solving and people skills in her jobs in the community.

Jill has been known to our team for approximately 3 years. Our team have witnessed her transition from school to college and now into the world of work.

Jill was always present in sessions as a younger woman but was often happy to sit and scroll through her phone or do her own thing. Over weeks and months, staff would make attempts to encourage a deeper engagement, but she always declined and appeared happy to sit and watch others.

Jill's demeanour, whilst perhaps a little unusual, didn't present staff with any major concerns. Our team had got to know her elder relations in and around the neighbourhood and were happy that she had lots of support.

Jill left school with few qualifications, and she reported that she couldn't wait to leave. She progressed to college, and on checking in with her frequently, it appeared that her college experience was almost mirroring that of her school.

Staff would discuss her options and challenges, but she appeared to withdraw and move the conversation on whenever staff members would tiptoe into the college talk. It was clear that Jill wasn't happy with her choice of subject at college, but it was off the table for discussion.

While Jill was still attending college, she would seek us out in the park and spend at least a few minutes with us as we engaged in activities with the younger ones. It was clear she was popular in her neighbourhood, and younger girls, in particular, were happy to be in her company and listen to her speak.



## Case Study

# Youth Resilience Fund

### Street-Based Youth Work

Jill often shared her experiences at school and reflected on her learning and the challenges she faced. Once, she offered 'advice' to a small group of younger girls: 'Don't end up like me. I messed about a lot, and now I'm on a college course I don't want to do, but it's my only option!' Staff would carefully manage these situations when Jill offered her experiences, as sometimes, she could forget who and how old her audience was.

Our team would offer support and guidance to Jill, and she would listen. Jill was unaware of her potential influence over some younger girls and that they held her in high regard and looked up to her. She discussed how, as an older young woman, she felt a certain responsibility towards her younger peers, stating on one occasion, 'I don't even vape in front of them now'.

In recent months, Jill left college and started full-time work. Our team keep in touch as she often walks through the park from one job to the next, and if she has time, she stops to chat. She works hard and often presents as 'shattered'.

Jill will reflect on conversations past: 'Can you remember when 'this' happened at school?' and 'Who'd have thought I'd be working in my community 2 years ago?' Jill reports that her work isn't something she wants to do for the rest of her life and acknowledges there are other opportunities out there for her that come with a career path more suited to her. However, for now, she enjoys the independence earning her own wage offers her.

Jill has lots to offer; it is a privilege being witness to her journey into adulthood, and it is our considered opinion that Jill, sometime down the road, would make a blooming good youth worker.

**\*The name of the young person in this case study has been changed**

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

#### **Improving the wider determinants of health**

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

1.01ii Children in low-income families (all dependent children under 20)

1.03 Pupil Absence

1.04 First time entrants to the youth justice system

1.16 Utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons

#### **Health improvement**

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

2.07 Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (0 - 14 years)

2.08ii Percentage of children where there is cause for concern

1.04 Self-reporting well-being

# Community Grants Summary Performance Management Report

April 2023 - March 2024

Service	Priorities	Provider	Contract Value (per year)	Start Date	End Date	Reports
Connecting Communities Page 30	 Health and Wellbeing	 North Area Social Inclusion Service	£79,600.20	April 2021	March 2024	Quarter 2 Received
Connecting Communities Page 36	 Health and Wellbeing	 Connections Hub	£66,450.00	April 2021	March 2022	Quarter 4 Received
Connecting Communities Page 39	 Health and Wellbeing	 Reds Connect	£41,472.21	April 2021	March 2022	Quarter 4 Received



# Connecting Communities

**20**

New referrals

**6**

Volunteers

**5**

Existing Volunteers

**20/30** How this commission is making Barnsley the place of possibilities

### Healthy Barnsley

- People are safe and feel safe
- People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible
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### Learning Barnsley

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

### Enabling Barnsley

- Our underlying priority to ensure that our council is modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high performing

## North Area Council Priorities



**Anti Poverty**



**Changing the Relationship**



**Health & Wellbeing**

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
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### Project Aims

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

### Project Summary

This quarter, the North area has benefitted from 2 part-time Social Inclusion Officer (SIO) hours, which has enabled us to work with and provide support to 69 older people. 20 of these were new referrals which have been received this quarter. SIOs have worked with these people to develop personalised support and action plans to ensure that the support from the SIO meets their individual needs. Alongside the SIOs, there are also 7 volunteers, who have enabled some service users who are isolated but unable to get out to groups to have access to face-to-face or telephone befriending support regularly.

# Connecting Communities



## Achievements this quarter - April 2023 - June 2023

- When delivering one-to-one support, we have been able to signpost service users to services such as Age UK Barnsley's Information and Advice team, Romeros, Alzheimer's Society, fire service, Equipment & Adaptions, Mental Health Team, Memory Team, Butterflies, Adult Social Care, Digital champions, Age UK Barnsley's Shopping service, Handyman service and Gardening service, as well as the new Therapist, Hairdressing and Podiatry service launched at the Elizabeth Activity and daycare centre during last quarter. We have also supported 4 older people to register for Door-2-Door.
- This quarter, we have received referrals from the mental health team, social prescribers, information and advice, self-referrals, and family and specialist occupational therapy, such as the re-ablement team and South Yorkshire Police.
- The **Darton Wellbeing Group** has been attended each month by a Tai Chi instructor, which has enabled group members to participate in **chair-based Tai Chi**. We have also had a visit to the same group by Diane Arkwright for scams awareness, a fire safety session delivered by **South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue**, and 2 sessions of the focus group. This was to consult with our service users and collect and collate their opinions and views on what Age UK Barnsley should be doing, what we're doing right, and what we could improve upon.
- During this quarter, we also celebrated 2 very special birthdays within the **Darton Wellbeing group**. **Mrs S was 102 years young**, and **Mrs D was 79**, and we as a group celebrated with a birthday cake, cream tea, pass the parcel and a song.
- The **Eastfield Arms Lunch with Company group** will continue to run fortnightly but will henceforth be moving to Fridays to attract more members from the community, hopefully.
- The **new dementia café** has moved to our offices at Queens Road and has gone from strength to strength, welcoming new members and regularly hosting 6 members. For some members, **the Dementia Cafe has remained a lifeline** and a great way to socialise within a small group, where their anxiety about crowds isn't affected. The group are in the **planning stages of their Christmas musicals** and hopes to have a trip to see a pantomime soon.
- **Chatty Tuesdays @ The Ginnel** was launched in June last quarter, with 6 members at the initial meeting. Four members have made it a regular event, enjoying the home-cooked food and social inclusion in a warm and **Page 43** environment.



# Connecting Communities

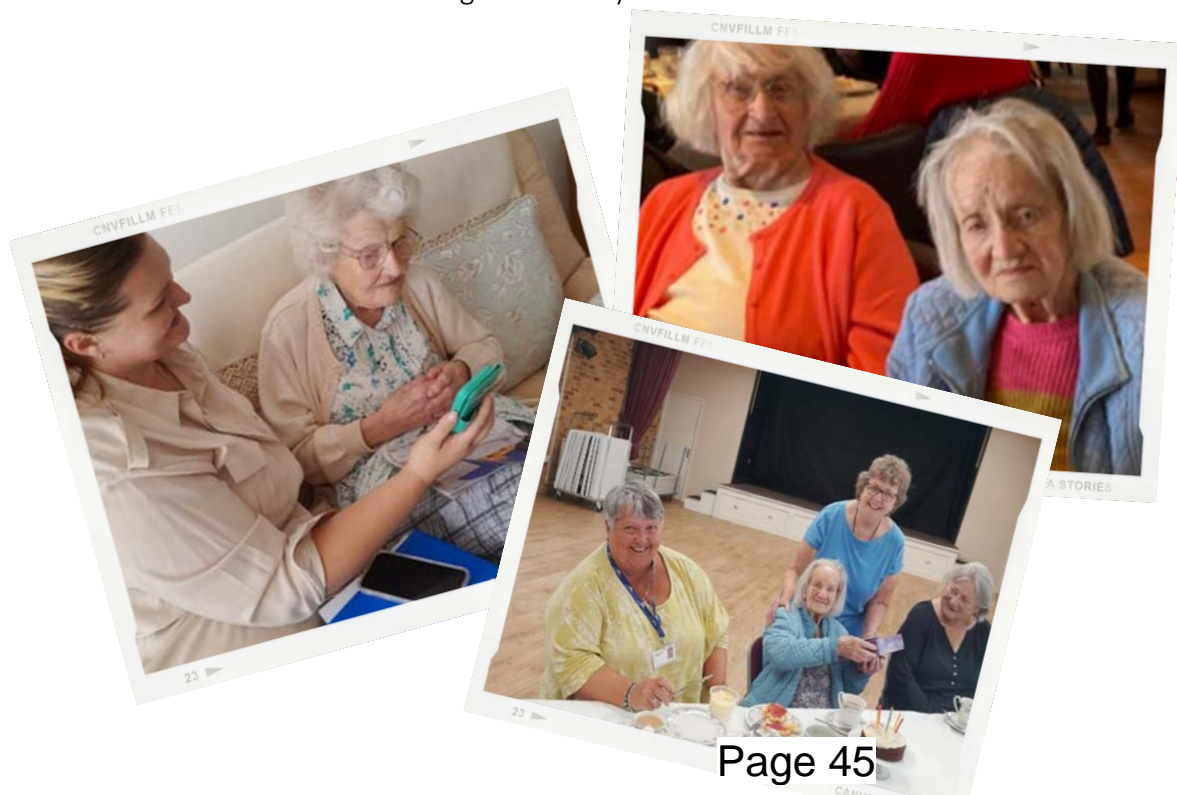




# Connecting Communities



- Elizabeth Activity & Day Care Centre and the Ken Littlewood suite at the head office on Queens Road Barnsley continue to go from strength to strength. It provides a fun, stimulating environment for older people in need of a little extra support. We rely on wonderful volunteers to help run the centre and ensure everyone who comes has the time of their lives. We run a **free taster session** for the centre. Several North area social inclusion clients are in the process of taking up this invaluable offer.
- Several volunteer support group sessions have been held at **The Elizabeth Activity & Daycare Centre**, Age UK Barnsley, Queens Road. This was to bring together the wonderful volunteers within our organisation to consult them on our aims and strategy going forward. It has been an invaluable opportunity to showcase their great contributions to their role within Age UK Barnsley, and their feedback has been taken on board.
- Our North Area SIOs also attended the **St Helens Gala**, organised by St Helens Ward Alliance. On the day, we offered information on the various social groups in the North area. As well as information leaflets on all Age UK Barnsley services on offer. Thank you for inviting us to this wonderful family event. We look forward to supporting this for many years, hopefully going from strength to strength for the St Helens and the surrounding community.







## Case Study

### Summary

Mrs L.C referred to the digital project for lessons on using her mobile phone to send text messages.

**2030** How this commission is making Barnsley the place of possibilities

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### Learning Barnsley

- People have access to early help and support

### Growing Barnsley

- People are supported to have safe, warm sustainable homes

### Enabling Barnsley

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### Background

Mrs L.C was referred to Age Uk Barnsley by her daughter, for our Digital project. She was interested in having lessons in texting form her mobile phone.

### Who was involved

- Social Isolation Officer
- Daughter of Service -User
- Other Family member
- Next-door neighbour

### Outcomes of Project

SIO identified that the phone L.C. was using initially was unsuitable for her to message on. And requested that her daughter find a different model within their budget.

Also identified was that L.C. would find it more accessible to use a stylus, as she struggled with the keyboard due to reduced hand mobility from arthritis.

As we progressed through the lessons, we slowly changed the accessibility settings on the phone to suit L.C.'s particular eye condition and sight problems. I enabled a shortcut that would give a spoken response each time she plugs her phone in to charge so that she knows the charger is connected properly, rather than having to see the tiny battery icon in the top corner. I changed the screen settings to allow higher contrast between text and background and put a blue filter on, as L.C. cannot see the colour blue. I made the text size as large as possible, so together with a magnifying glass and adequate lighting, L.C. managed to learn how to open her phone, enter the passcode, and send a basic test message. This is no mean feat at 90+ years of age.

She is an inspiration to our older generation, who may struggle with new technologies and shows that the perseverance she has is paying off.

### Key Learning Points:

It is important to speak slowly and at volume when assisting a service user with hearing and sight issues.

Also, to have correct aids in place from the outset.

### Any unplanned outcomes (Good or Bad)

SIO had to wait for the daughter to source a SIM card for a new model phone, which added time to the overall project completion date.

### What could have been done better?

Upon initial meeting, discuss appropriate aids and phone model.

### Next Steps

To create a large print manual for L.C. to follow so that she can carry on practicing on her mobile phone. Project comes to an end. This will be specific to her mobile phone model.





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## Aim of the Connections Hubs

We wish to support individuals, especially those with long-term health conditions or disabilities, to recover from the longer-term impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic by re-connecting them with their community through the creation of a weekly hub providing opportunities for people to meet, share and learn.

Building on the proven successful Happy Café model (both nationally and in the north area), the hub will deliver a varied programme of activities and events and provide opportunities for increasing social capital through volunteering and establishing a concept of membership amongst participants.

## The gaps

Loneliness and isolation are not new challenges for disabled people, particularly those living in deprived areas.

Some will need support and assurance to overcome the seclusion they have experienced and to enable them to re-engage with the life they enjoyed pre-covid. Others will have reassessed their lives and taken the decision to improve their future lives. Some will have lost their job or volunteering roles and want to improve their opportunities by improving their skills.

The hub will offer the opportunity to meet like-minded people, share experiences and learn new or improve existing skills, thus developing a community spirit and sense of belonging.



# Connecting Communities

## Connection Hub Quarter 2

### Darton East

We have continued to hold the monthly spring/summers events at St John’s Church Hall. The number of members attending these events did fluctuate slightly due to member holidays, however each event was still well attended.

**23**

Members signed up to  
Connect Together

### Darton West

The weekly social group has continued at Priestley Avenue Community Centre, and the numbers are slowly beginning to increase, with 5 new members signing up and 4 of these returning regularly. One of the newest members suggested playing bingo as well as having a chit-chat. This went down brilliantly with the other members, and we now play a few games each week.

**16**

Members signed up to  
Connect Together

### St Helens

The fortnightly bingo continued at New Lodge Community Centre until the beginning of the summer holidays, as Ad Astra used the centre to provide children’s holiday clubs. We started back up in September. The second of the summer giveaways was held in New Lodge Community Centre, where we gave away gardening kits.

**50**

Members signed up to  
Connect Together

Our final summer giveaway was held at the Roundhouse Library. Although there was a slight hiccup on their part, everyone liked the venue. The venue and event attracted two new people to sign up, and the picnic hampers that the members received went down a storm.

### Old Town

We viewed and booked St Pauls Church Hall as a venue in this ward. The first event to be held here was the picnic giveaway. Despite contacting all the members who live in this ward only 3 people attended, one of which was a new sign up. We have booked this venue to use for our Autumn/ Winter events in October, December, and January.

**23**

Members signed up to  
Connect Together

**112**

People more engaged in  
activities

**0**

New Volunteers

**5**

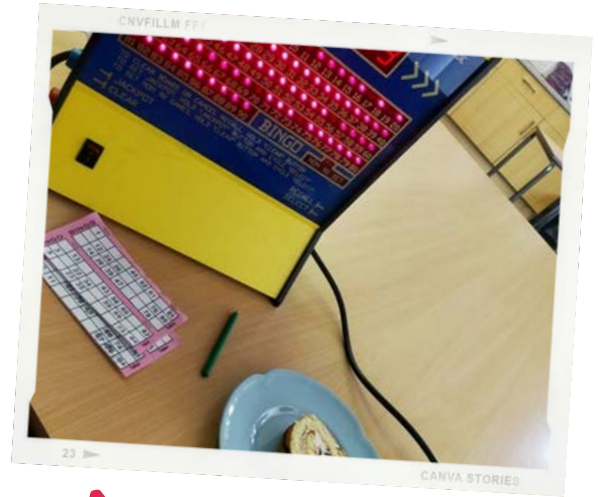
Existing Volunteers



# Connecting Communities



Aimi and Hannah preparing for the rush on our amazing picnic baskets!



Our bingo caller is all set up for our regular bingo session in Kexborough.



Jumble Sale in full swing!

## Jumble Sale

Throughout June, along with help from volunteers, we went out collecting donations for the Jumble Sale and Tombola, which was held in July.

Donations were plentiful, and on the day of the event, the DIAL staff turned up to help out. And despite the poor weather conditions, the day was a real success and raised over **£400**. This will be used for our day trip for members, which will be free.

## North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens  
**Priorities**



**Anti Poverty**



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**Health & Wellbeing**



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### Before Connect Together

Mrs B is a widower in her 80s. Since the passing of her husband and giving up her driving license a couple of years ago, she has found herself becoming more and more isolated. She has several health conditions, including curvature of the spine, which impacts her mobility. She often feels that she is lonely and anxious and has lost a lot of her confidence.

### Intervention

Mrs B was referred to Connect Together by one of DIAL’s trustees. The trustee chaperoned Mrs B to her first session as she was extremely anxious about meeting the group for the first time. Once other members started arriving, Mrs B recognised a few of the faces, and her anxiety began to fade. During the sessions, Mrs B has talked openly with other group members and has often felt supported by them. An example was when she told the group that she had not used her mobility scooter for roughly two years and didn’t know if she felt confident enough to use it or if it still worked. As another group member also uses a mobility scooter, she advised Mrs B to get it serviced and reassured her that she would be fine once she bit the bullet. A few weeks later, Mrs B told us she had arranged to get it serviced and would take it on a day trip. She thanked the group for having confidence in her and showing their support.

Since joining the group, Mrs B has slowly grown in confidence and reduced her anxiety. She has become a valued member of the group and made new friends. She has shared her experiences and knowledge and gained knowledge. She really enjoys attending the group and interacting with others.

### Outcomes

- Feels less isolated
- More confident
- Made new friends
- More knowledgeable
- Shared knowledge

# Connecting Communities

## Programme Aims

- Beneficiaries have improved emotional and physical wellbeing
- Beneficiaries are connecting, interacting, and forging new friendships
- Beneficiaries are regularly participating in the activities in their local area
- Beneficiaries are adopting and maintaining more active lifestyles

- Satisfactory quarterly monitoring report and contract management meeting.
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### Performance Narrative Report

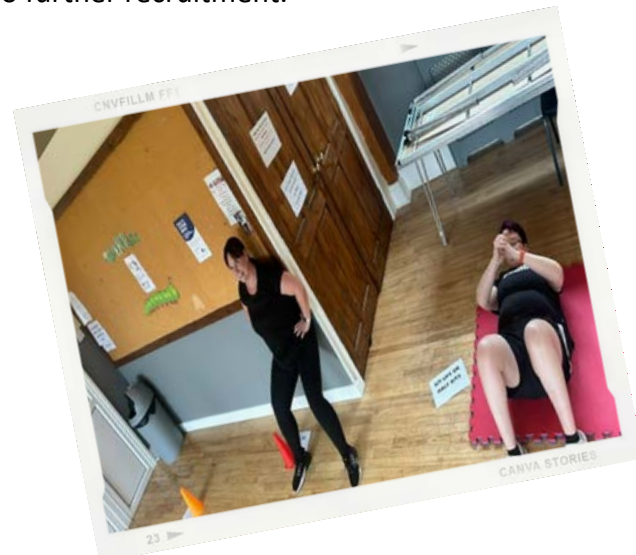
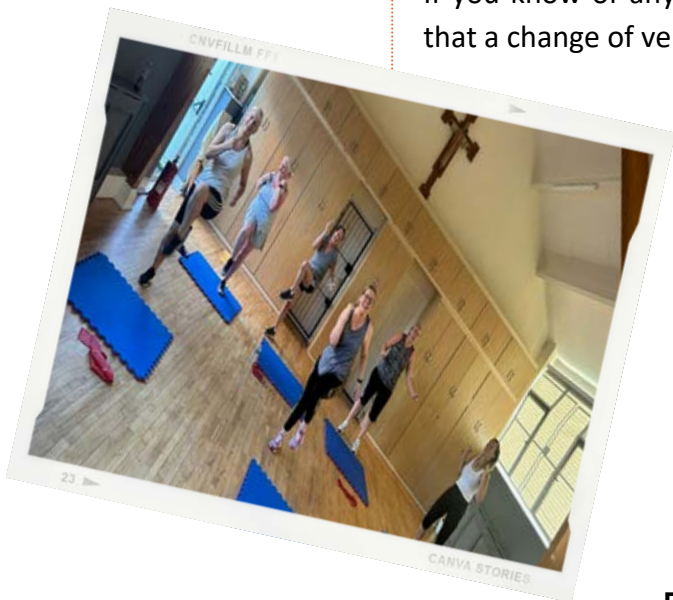
We continue to promote the project throughout our normal avenues. We are just in the process of revamping the original flyers to see if this will lead to an increase in numbers across all 3 strands as we enter the last year of the project.

Vikki continues her community engagement by promoting locally at the library, local businesses and schools.

We were looking at changing the exercise session away from Tuesday nights, but we have seen several new arrivals, so we have decided to leave it unchanged for the time being.

The other 2 sessions continue as normal, although we are looking for an alternative venue for the Team Talk session. New Lodge Community is set to close for refurbishment until the New Year, and our Engagement Officer, Vikki, is assessing other options in the area.

If you know of any suitable venues, then please let us know. We are hopeful that a change of venue may lead to further recruitment.





# Connecting Communities

## Reds Connect

**42**

Number of people adopting and maintaining healthy lifestyles

**1**

Number of volunteers supporting activities

### Team Talk

Vikki continues to offer various activities and games designed to help participants relax and feel safe enough to engage in conversations around their health and wellbeing. Vikki engages in a non-judgmental way and participants have expressed their gratitude for just having someone to talk to.

One of the activities is called in 59 seconds or less. Participants have to think of something that has made them angry, or sad. Participants have 59 seconds to turn the negative thoughts into positive ones. For example did the event help you..

Grow stronger.

Appreciate other aspects of your life more.

Become wiser.

Strengthen other relationships.

Communicate better.



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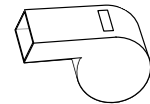
Total participants engaged

Participants are asked to be as honest as possible with their answers and the timescale lends itself to instinctive truthful answers that can then be discussed moving forward.

### The Extra Time Hub

We have had another new member join the group this quarter. The gentleman has recently lost his partner after caring for her for a while. He saw the group as an avenue to get himself back out and about, and he has fitted in well with the existing members.

They continue to enjoy the sessions, games, quizzes and refreshments while having social conversations. As mentioned in previous reports, they also meet away from this session to go out for lunch or coffee. This group also engages through WhatsApp. We have members who live alone, so this is a great medium to keep connected and ease any feelings of isolation.



**7**

Total participants engaged

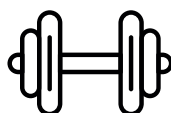
### Exercise Session

This session now takes place at St Helens Church Laithes Lane Athersley on Tuesdays 5.45-6.45 pm.

As mentioned, we have seen an increase in numbers over the last few weeks. Vikki has set up a Whats App group which has worked well with plenty of engagement and encouragement on there. They continue to participate in various exercise sessions tailored so that everyone can work at a safe level whilst also increasing their general fitness levels.

**33**

Total participants engaged



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# Promotional Material

Provision  
Commissioned  
by North Area  
Council

**Q1 - 2023/24  
(April - June  
2023)**





# Community Caretakers

North Area Council will like to introduce an additional service to help keep the north area clean, green and well-presented.



Have an idea or need help with an environmental project?

**Request support by contacting the North Area Team**

 [northteam@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:northteam@barnsley.gov.uk)

 @NorthAreaTeam

 Roundhouse Library  
Laithes Crescent  
Athersley  
Barnsley  
S71 3AE

Projects are directed by one of the four ward alliances.



**St Helens Ward Alliance**





Ward Alliances are made up of community representatives and Elected Members. They work together to identify and fund solutions to local challenges.



Do you live or work in the North Area?

# Do you need advice?

We can help with Debt & Money Worries, Benefits, Housing, Employment, Relationship, Consumer & Energy issues

Our advisers will be providing free, impartial and confidential advice at the following times:

**Emmanuel Church, Huddersfield Road, S75 1DT**

Every Monday, 9am - 1pm

**Mapplewell Village Hall, Darton Lane, S75 6AL**

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, 4.30pm - 7.00pm

**Roundhouse Lifelong Learning Centre, Laithes Crescent, S71 3AE**

2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, 2.30pm - 5.00pm

**Mapplewell Village Hall, Darton Lane, S75 6AL**

Every Wednesday 1.00pm - 5.00pm

**The Darton Centre, Huddersfield Road, S75 5ND**

Every Thursday 9.00am - 1.00pm

**Roundhouse Lifelong Learning Centre, Laithes Crescent, S71 3AE**

Every Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm

**No appointment needed**  
You can just drop-in!



**North Area Council**

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens





**Passionate  
about  
possibilities.**

# Connect Together

- bring your community spirit alive

## Bingo!

Come along to Connect Together for some bingo fun! There'll be prizes for the first line and full house, as well as refreshments. It's only £1 per card, including a bonus game!

Interested? Get in touch with Aimi at [aimi.fitzpatrick@dialbarnsley.org.uk](mailto:aimi.fitzpatrick@dialbarnsley.org.uk) or on 07716 139110.

**When: Every other Thursday**

**Time: 1-3pm**

**Where: New Lodge Community Centre, New Lodge, S71 1SH**



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## Social Club

Come and join us for a cuppa and to make new friends. Each week we will have a 'Hot Topic' to discuss, such as Holiday Destinations, Hobbies, Recipes, Books, Movies, and Childhood Memories!

Interested? Get in touch with Aimi at [aimi.fitzpatrick@dialbarnsley.org.uk](mailto:aimi.fitzpatrick@dialbarnsley.org.uk) or on 07716 139110.

**When:** Every Tuesday

**Time:** 1-3pm

**Where:** Priestley Avenue  
Community Centre,  
Kexbrough, S75 5LG



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# REDS CONNECT EXERCISE

**FREE EXERCISE SESSION FOR ALL 16+**

**NORTH AREA RESIDENTS  
ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CIRCUITS,  
BOXING EXERCISE AND MUCH  
MORE**



**COME ALONG CONNECT,  
SOCIALISE AND EXERCISE!**

**TUESDAYS  
5:45PM - 6:45PM**

**ST HELEN'S CHURCH, LAITHES LANE,  
ATHERSLEY SOUTH, S71 3AF**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT US ON 01226 211333  
OR EMAIL [COMMUNITY@BARNSELEYFC.CO.UK](mailto:COMMUNITY@BARNSELEYFC.CO.UK)

**FREE TO  
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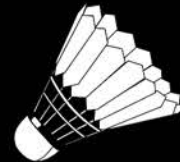
# REDS CONNECT

## EXTRA TIME HUB

LOOKING TO SOCIALISE AND TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES YOU DECIDE ON?

AT OUR EXTRA TIME HUB, IT'S YOUR TIME SO YOU DECIDE WHAT TO DO! EXERCISE, MUSIC, BOARD GAMES, OR JUST HAVING A CATCH UP AND A BREW.

FREE TO  
ATTEND



THURSDAYS  
1:30PM - 3PM

STAINCROSS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,  
CHURCH, MAPPLEWELL, S75 6AA

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT US ON 01226 211333  
OR EMAIL [COMMUNITY@BARNSELYFC.CO.UK](mailto:COMMUNITY@BARNSELYFC.CO.UK)

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**TALK**

# TEAM

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# Item 7

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:**

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Agenda Item: 7**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

### North Area Council Connecting Communities Grant Extension

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To update members on the contract extension arrangements for the Stronger Communities Grant funded programme.

#### 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

2.1 Members confirm their decision to continue the funding for two providers of the Connecting Communities Grant programme at a total combined value of £75,000 for a period of 12 months. (Age UK - £40,875.00, DIAL Barnsley - £34,125.00)

#### 3. Background

Having noted the success of the Stronger Communities Grant funded projects which have been delivered throughout 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21; but reviewing the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic it was agreed at the Area Council Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 that the North Area would run a new grant opportunity Connecting Communities Grant from December 2021 to March 2024.

The NAC Connecting Communities Grant was established as a grants programme totalling £100,000 per annum, initially for a two-year period to address loneliness and isolation in the North Area. Applicants could bid for up to £40,000 per annum. The grant is aimed at developing the capacity of community groups and organisations, social enterprises and not for profit organisations, with a strong emphasis on legacy. This build on the Stronger Communities Grant 2021/22, where the Panel particularly welcomed bids that supported communities with recovery from Covid-19.

## Aims and Objectives of the Connecting Communities Grant Fund:

- Reduce loneliness and isolation
- Increase the confidence of individuals
- Improve the physical and mental wellbeing of individuals
- Re-connect communities

Following a market engagement event that helped to shape the final grant criteria, the grant opportunity was advertised at the end of September 2021 and the final date for submission was the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. A total of 9 applications were received before the deadline totalling £615,710.39.

Stage one moderation took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and 4 organisations were invited back to present their projects on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

The Wards were represented by the following Councillors.

Darton East      Cllr Steve Hunt

Darton West      Cllr Trevor Cave

Old Town          Cllr Clive Pickering (no evaluation scores received)

St Helen's        Cllr Jenny Platts

## **4. Projects running during the initial 2 years of the programme**

**4.1.** The scoring evaluation matrix provided a robust qualitative and quantitative basis upon which to identify suitable projects. The inclusion of the Five Ways to Wellbeing in the scoring criteria helped the Grant Panel understand how the North Area Funding contributes to the wider determinants of health and wellbeing. Three projects were successful.

The total allocated amount for these 3 projects was £186,766.44.

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

## **5. Grant Review Process**

**5.1.** At the Grant Review Workshop on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 the grant panel reviewed the providers delivery; their performance and considered if the North Area was receiving good value for money. The Area Manager highlighted that it would not be possible to continue commissioning the whole programme that is currently funded by the North Area Council during 2024/25 because this would exceed the budget available. Therefore decisions are needed to reduce expenditure.



5.2. Due to a change in elected member representation the composition of the panel now includes the following members:

Darton East	Cllr Steve Hunt
Darton West	Cllr Trevor Cave
Old Town	Cllr Clive Pickering
St Helen's	Cllr Neil Wright

In addition, the following Councillors attended:  
Cllr Leech (Area Chair), Cllr Newing, Cllr Lofts, Cllr Tattersall

5.3. In summary the Grant Panel expressed that they:

- Would like to see more numerical data from the monitoring reports.
- Wished to see more demographic information provided for each project.
- Requested the KPI information for the three projects
- Liked the weekly timetable which provides an overview of engagement opportunity and would like to use it to help promote the provision (the Area Manager intends to double check the information with the providers prior to wider distribution)
- Requested that a Steering Group is introduced, similar to the Anti-Poverty Steering Group.

5.4. The Grant Panel concluded that they are receiving good value for money from two providers. For one of the providers, they requested that the provider adapt their offer for the remainder of the grant period to attract additional participants.

5.5. A discussion took place regarding the continuation of the grant opportunity. Options discussed:

- 5.5.1. Discontinue the grant funding opportunity.
- 5.5.2. Extend the existing grant agreements
- 5.5.3. Extend the grant agreements of the providers who have delivered best value for money
- 5.5.4. Re-advertise the grant opportunity with existing aims and objectives.
- 5.5.5. Re-advertise the grant opportunity with revised aims and objectives.

5.6. The preferred option was option 5.5.3. The grant envelope cannot be increased at this time. Providers will need to be requested to adapt provision accordingly.

5.7. On the 11<sup>th</sup> September the Area Council agreed a further 12 months of intervention by two providers.

This will enable:

- **Age UK to continue to deliver their project from December 2023 – November 2024 at a value of £40,875.00**
  - Overall aim is to reduce the current level of social isolation and loneliness in people aged over 50 in the North Area. We will do this by:
    - Developing and supporting personalised plans and support to enable individuals to tackle their social isolation.
    - Developing community responses to provide innovative solutions to barriers to inclusion and involving local volunteers.
    - Working with a wide range of partner agencies to increase the number of sustainable community activity opportunities available within the North Area
    - Apply Age Friendly principles to increase involvement of older people in community development and ensuring their full social value is appreciated.
  
- **DIAL Barnsley to continue to deliver their ‘Connect Together’ project from March 2024 – February 2025, at a value of £34,125.00**
  - Support individuals, especially those with long term health conditions or disabilities, to recover from the longer-term impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic by re connecting them with their community through the creation of a weekly hub providing opportunities for people to meet, share and learn.
  
  - Building on the proven successful Happy Café model (both national and in the north area) the hub will deliver a varied programme of activities and events and provide opportunities for increasing social capital through volunteering and establishing a concept of membership amongst participants.

5.8. Due to the delayed start at the beginning of the programme the Reds in the Community will continue to deliver until the end of June 2024.

5.9. The Panel advised that they re-evaluate early in 2024/25 when the financial position was updated and decide if option 5.5.5 was viable dependant on the needs of the community.

## **6. Budget Constraints & Community Capacity Building**

6.1. This programme was advertised with legacy as a key priority. The Area Manager has met with the providers for the quarterly monitoring meetings and emphasised to the providers that it is unlikely that the funding opportunity will be advertised again. Therefore it is vital that all three organisations dedicate resources to build capacity with the groups they are working with, aiming to recruit and empower volunteers. It is hoped that at least one group will be capable of self-sustaining when the social isolation workers withdraw.

## **7. Risks**

7.1. This is a particularly challenging at a time when social isolation worker are reporting that many people have not bounced back from psycho-social impact of Covid-19 and people are struggling with the Cost of Living Crisis.

## **8. Next steps**

8.1. At the time of writing the grant extension agreements have been prepared with the support of BMBC Legal Services, have been signed off by the Assistant Director of Communities and are due to be signed by all remaining parties.

8.2. The Area Manager recommends that the Area Council re-evaluate any of the commissioning budget in early 2024/25 when the full costings for 2023/24 have been reconciled and consider if there is the opportunity for any further social isolation work to be undertaken, balancing budget and need.

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# Item 8

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council Meeting:  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Agenda Item: 8

Report of North Area Council  
Manager

### Commissioning, Project Development and Financial Update

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Council with a financial position and forecast for expenditure based on the projects that have been proposed.
- 1.2 It highlights the need to agree a clear plan for commissioning against the priorities.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **Members note the progress on the Environmental Community Caretaker Service recruitment.**
- 2.2. **Following the Connecting Communities Grant Review, the panel recommended and the Area Council agree to a further investment of £75,000 to enable two grant providers to continue provision for a 12month period, concluding March 2025. Full details agenda item 7.**
- 2.3. **To conduct a review of the Youth Resilience Fund requires a review to enable a decision on potential project extension to be made at the January Area Council meeting.**
- 2.4. **The North Area Council should note the existing budget position the existing the funding commitments. Section 4 of this report.**

#### 3. Background highlighting all significant financial commitment

##### 3.0 The Anti-Poverty Community Outreach Project

Contract 1 commenced on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. This is a one-year (plus one year) contract valued at £149,000 in total. The initial contract has now concluded.

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

The Area Council agreed to continue to fund this project during the Covid-19 Pandemic and subsequently during the Cost of Living Crisis.

*CURRENT POSITION: At the Area Council meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> March further funding was agreed for two years July 2023 – June 2025. A waiver has been submitted that includes the option to extend the current contract for a further 12 months until June 2026. A maximum budget of £107,500 has been agreed for the initial two years, totalling £215,000.*

### 3.1 The Clean and Green Service

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

The second environmental contract commenced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at a value of £85,000 per annum. The provider, Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd, commenced service delivery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. Twiggs continued to provide an environmental education contract in the North Area until March 2023.

From April 2023 the North Area Council entered into an SLA with BMBC Neighbourhood Services, introducing an Environmental Community Caretaker Model.

Neighbourhood services proposal costings = £120,963 to include:

- Team Leader (G6)
- Development and Demand Team (G4)
- Apprentice
- Vehicle, training, fuel, waste license, tools and contingency budget.

The contingency budget is £21,160.60 (20% of the resource requirement £100,803.00).

The service will be 80% scheduled maintenance, with priorities identified by the Ward Alliances. 20% will provide volunteering and community engagements support. Volunteering activities will be identified by the Ward Alliances and programmed into the Caretaker Team's schedule.

#### ***Update:***

*The Environmental Caretaker Team Leader G6 and apprentice commenced in post from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. The driver role was filled from the 14<sup>th</sup> August.*

*The North Area apprentice is due to start in the area from 6<sup>th</sup> November.*

***Regrettably the Team Leader has sustained an injury on the 31<sup>st</sup> July which resulted in a significant recovery period. The post has been backfilled by a BMBC employee on secondment from the 7<sup>th</sup> August and is anticipated to remain with the team until the end of December 2023. This has implications for the contingency budget.***

### 3.2 Housing and Cohesion Officer (Private Sector Housing) – At the November meeting 2017 it was agreed that the North Area would fund a private sector housing officer post at Grade 6 for 12 months fixed term. The North Area has had two officer in post (22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 – June 2019 and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 –

December 2022 respectively). Both officers were successful in securing a promotion within the Safer Communities Service.

The current post holder commenced their duties in the North Area on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. In addition to the salary fees the Area Council agreed to fund uniform, PPE including IT, phone and bodycam, plus a £5k annual working budget.

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

### 3.3 Health and Wellbeing – Connecting Communities Grant

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

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

Stage one moderation took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> November and 4 organisations were invited back to present their projects on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. 3 applications were recommended for funding. The total allocated amount for these 3 projects was £186,766.44. ***£13,233.56 remained unallocated and has been recirculated into the main Area Council budget for forthcoming delivery allocation.***

Successful Projects:

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

***UPDATE: The Connecting Communities Grant Panel met to review the providers delivery; their performance and consider if the North Area was receiving good value for money. Following which they recommended that two of the provider grant agreements are extended for a period of 12 months, to the maximum value of £75,000. (Age UK - £40,875.00, DIAL Barnsley - £34,125.00). This would mean that all the current provision would conclude by March 2025.***

***N.B. The Grant Panel will review the performance and budget availability in early 2024/25 to establish if additional funding can be identified to advertise a similar grant opportunity with revised aims and objectives, dependant on local need.***

### 3.4 Devolved Funding to Ward Alliances

From 2014/15 to 2021/22 the Area Council devolved £10,000 to each of the Ward Alliances. This was reduced to £5,000 for the year 2022/23.

**N.B. The decision was taken in 2020/21 that the funding devolved to Ward Alliances by the North Area Council would cease at the end of 2022/23.**

### 3.5 Health and Wellbeing – focus on Young People

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

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

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

The grant funding originally ran from November 2020 to October 2022.

Current Position: At the March 2022 meeting the Area Council agree to fund the project for a further 2 years, until October 2024, at £90,000p.a. Providers received a 3% financial uplift which was feasible within the current financial envelope. This security will enabling the existing providers to support students adversely affected by Covid-19 and support them in their educational transitions, primarily the move to senior school.

**N.B. It will be necessary to confirm if this funding stream will continue beyond October 2024 at the January 2024 Area Council meeting. At the time of writing a preliminary workshop has been scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

### 3.6 Cost of Living Crisis – North Area Support

Due to the unspent Housing and Cohesion allocation whilst the post has been vacant it is possible to reallocate this funding. £10,000 was earmarked for a Cost of Living based project. As a result, a workshop was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May to explore opportunities. At the area Council meeting in May 2023 it was agreed that the funding would be used to enable the Connecting Communities Grant providers to provided communal eating opportunities during autumn/winter 2023/24.

### 3.7 Sports Van 2023

The North Area has benefitted from the Sports Van for the past two summers. At the May 2023 meeting the Area Council agreed funding of £2,700 for fund the sports van and purchase refreshments for summer activities.



#### 4. Financial Position

- 4.1. **The forecast for 2022/23 showed that the underspend (including underspend from previous years) was profiled to reduce to £76,259.** This is because the in-year balance is projected to exceed the annual budget by approximately £27,653.

**However, this was not the case, the amount profiled for the Housing and Cohesion post was £35,000 however the internal recharge was £27,695 due to the post being vacant for several months.**

- 4.2. Outlined annual commitments for 2023/24:

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Proposed Spend 2022/23</b>
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach	£104,720
Environmental Community Caretaker Contingency	£100,803 £21,160.60
Housing Cohesion Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	£40,000
Children and Youth People Resilience Grant	£90,000
Connecting Communities Grant 2021-2024 £100,000 per annum for 2 years	£82,500
Summer Sports Van	£2,700
Cost of Living – Communal Eating	£10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£451,883.60</b>

- 4.3. Provided that the Area Council continues to commit funding as outlined in Appendix 1, the total spend profiled for 2023/24 is predicted to be £451,883.60. This includes the contingency budget for Neighbourhood Services which will have to be reviewed to the need for cover staffing for the delivery programme.
- 4.4. The underspend at the end of 2023/24 was projected to be £25,451 at the beginning of the year. However this includes the annual charge for both Environmental Caretaker Team and Housing and Cohesion which will not have been filled for the whole financial year. This may result in in-year savings of up to £23,100.

## **5. Commissioning Programme from April 2024 – Workshop Outcomes**

- 5.1. A workshop was held on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Attended by Cllr Leech, Cllr T Cave, Cllr Lofts, Cllr Denton, Cllr Tattersall and Cllr Wright.
- 5.2. Attendees were briefed on the current priorities & link with Barnsley 2030, timeline for existing commissioning and the current financial position.
- 5.3. A discussion took place regarding the future commissioning, assessment of need and measuring impact of early intervention and prevention models.
- 5.4. The Area Manager explained that the current level of investment into services is not sustainable. It may be possible to maintain current provision during 2024/25 due to the points identified in 4.4 of this report. However, the commissioning commitments would need to be reduced in line with budget constraints for 2025/26.

5.5. The group also considered the two grant funding streams:

### **5.6. Youth Resilience Grant**

Members questioned whether the Area Council should be funding provision in schools. The Area Council Manager advised this funding stream had been developed in order to help reduce anti-social behaviour and risk-taking behaviour in the community. Workshop participants advised working with young people between the ages of 8 and 13, with attention to the transition to senior schools. The providers have been working with young people on: emotional intelligence and improving children's ability to communicate effectively, building confidence and self-esteem, advising them on where to go should they need help, relationships and choosing healthy friendships, discussing the importance of consequences and the impact of sound decision making. The providers use buddy training and/or peer support models to build resilient networks and improve outcomes.

The Area Council Manager also stressed that it has taken the providers considerable time to build positive working relationships with schools, particularly during the pandemic and subsequent recovery period.

This grant commitment will be reviewed with the help of scrutiny from Education, Early Start and Prevention colleagues.

**NOTE: A decision on if this grant funding stream continues will be required in January 2024.**

### **5.7. Connecting Communities Grant**

This grant was devised to help support the communities of the North Area to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic by reducing isolation and encouraging social interaction. Designed to facilitate the building of strong, resilient, and cohesive communities so that the health impacts associated with being lonely and less mobile during the pandemic can be addressed through positive engagement at in neighbourhood settings.

This funding provision is delivered by three providers currently. It delivers some very valuable soft outcomes for local residents. Often supporting people who do not meet the threshold for statutory support but are still in need of social connection and enriching activities; whilst managing a on a tight budget. This grant programme comes to an end at the end of March 2024. Age UK's provision will come to an end at the end of December 2023. Due to the delayed start at the beginning of the programme Reds in the Community will continue to deliver until the end of June 2024.

**NOTE: The Connecting Communities Grant Panel met for a review workshop on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. Please refer to section 3.3 for a brief update and Item 7 for today's agenda for a comprehensive update. In summary it was recommended that agreed that a** commitment of £75,000 per annum is agreed to allow for a further 12 months of intervention by the two providers.

## **6. Risks**

- 6.1. The proposed budget would take the Area Council approximately £51,883 over budget per annum for 2023/24. However taking into account the current under spend, the investment profiled in Appendix 1 has been feasible.

## **7. Next Steps**

- 7.1. Ensure that the Area Manager is alerted to any proposed commissioning profile variations so that feasibility considerations can be made at the earliest opportunity.
- 7.2. At the time of writing the priority working group for Young People are due to meet with the North Area Manger and Project Officer on the 7<sup>th</sup> November for a preliminary meeting prior to a review of the Youth Resilience Grant programmes.

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**Date:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

## Appendix 1: North Area Council - Proposed expenditure April 2022-March 2025

Project / Service	2023/24	2024/25
Anti- Poverty – Community Outreach <i>Retender Anti- Poverty - Waiver in place Sept 2021 - June 2023 (9 Months)</i>	104,720.00	106,750.00
Environmental Contract	100,803.00	105,850.00
Environmental Contingency	21,160.00	21,170.00
Housing and Cohesion Officer – Grade 6 (+laptop and phone)	40,000.00	42,500.00
Stronger Communities Grant Reduced to £20,000 in 2022/23	-	-
outh Resilience Fund (November 2022 - October 2024 - YMCA & Ad Astra)	90,000.00	45,000.00
Connecting Communities Social Isolation Grant (£100,000 pa for 2 years)	82,500.00	100,000.00
Sports Van 2023	2,700.00	
Cost of Living - Communal Eating	10,000.00	
Devolved funding to Ward Alliances ( <i>where March 2019 balance is less than £10,000</i> )		-
<b>TOTAL</b>	451,883.00	421,270.00



# Item 9

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Agenda Item: 9

Report of the  
North Area Council Manager

### Ward Alliance Budget Overview

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council on financial position the Ward Alliance budget for each ward for the 2023/24 period.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.2 **That each Ward in the North Area Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the Ward Alliance Funds 2023/24, in line with the guidance on spend.**

#### **3.0 Introduction**

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000. In addition, the Area Council has devolved £10,000 to the Ward Alliances between 2014/15 and 2019/20; no additional funding was devolved in 2020/21 and a reduced amount of £5,000 was devolved in 2021/22. The £5,000 devolved funding from the Area Council has been agreed for 2022/23. At this time no additional funding has been identified for devolution to Ward Alliances during 2023/24.

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

- 3.3 In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:
- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
  - it is in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
  - it represents value for money.

#### **4.0 2023/24 Financial Position**

- 4.1 The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2022/23 Ward Alliance Fund was added to the 2023/24 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the conditions of the ward alliance budget allocation.

#### 4.2 Budget allocations for 2022/23

Ward	Base Allocation	Carried forward from 2022/23	Total available
Darton East	£10,000	£1,243.20	£11,243.20
Darton West	£10,000	£6,011.02	£16,011.02
Old Town	£10,000	£8,664.33	£18,664.33
St Helen's	£10,000	£7,795.22	£17,795.22

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

4.4 Please refer to Appendix 1 for a full breakdown.

#### 5.0 Challenges and Opportunities

5.1 All wards should take an opportunity to consult on their ward plan early during the financial year 2023/24. This will help the Ward Alliances to review the existing plans, reaffirm their ward priorities and plan projects and initiatives that will address the ward centric priorities.

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

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

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## Appendix 1:

### 2023-24 Ward Funding Allocations

For 2023/24, each Ward will have an allocation of £10,000 for the Ward Alliance Fund.

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

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2022/23 Ward Alliance Fund will be combined and added to the 2023/24 Allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

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

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

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

## 2023-24 Ward Funding Allocations

### DARTON EAST WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2023-24, the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£0.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2022-23	£1,243.20

<b>Total Available Funding</b>	<b>£11,243.20</b>
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	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Crafts and Chat Group	£470.00	£2,630.40	£5,621.60	£10,773.20
2	Secretary Payment Q1	£125.00	£0.00	£5,496.60	£10,648.20
3	Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall 'Activity Club'	£1,050.00	£0.00	£4,446.60	£9,598.20
4	Staincross Holiday Hunger Club	£500.00	£1,233.00	£4,446.60	£9,098.20
5	Secretary Payment Q2	£125.00	£0.00	£4,321.60	£8,973.20
6	Christmas in Darton East 2023	£950.00	£0.00	£3,371.60	£8,023.20
7	St John's Community Coffee Morning	£255.00	£369.90	£3,371.60	£7,768.20
8	Staincross Club Christmas Activity	£1,040.00	£548.00	£2,331.60	£6,728.20



# 2023-24 Ward Funding Allocations

## DARTON WEST WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2023-24, the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£0.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2022-23	£6,011.02

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**Total Available Funding** £16,011.02

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Q4 Secretary Payment (2022/23)	£125.00	£0.00	£7,880.51	£15,886.02
2	Summer Activity Provision	£1,750.00	£3,288.00	£7,880.51	£14,136.02
3	No Parking Signs	£99.52	£68.50	£7,780.99	£14,036.50
4	Gawber History Trail - Interpretation Board	£2,365.00	£986.40	£5,415.99	£11,671.50
5	Hanging Baskets 2023	£1,100.00	£0.00	£4,315.99	£10,571.50
6	Secretary Payment Q2	£125.00	£0.00	£4,190.99	£10,446.50
7	Primrose Community Garden	£488.00	£0.00	£3,702.99	£9,958.50
8	Spring Bulb 2023	£1,155.00	£274.00	£2,547.99	£8,803.50
9	Christmas in Darton West 2023	£1,800.00	£0.00	£747.99	£7,003.50
10	Voice for Darton & Kexborough Christmas 2023	£1,098.72	£95.90	-£350.73	£5,904.78
11	Remembrance Project	£761.86	£0.00	-£1,112.59	£5,142.92

# 2023-24 Ward Funding Allocations

## OLD TOWN WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2023-24, the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£0.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2022-23	£8,664.33

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<b>Total Available Funding</b>	<b>£18,664.33</b>
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	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Spring Bulbs 2023	£270.00	£0.00	£6,282.79	£18,394.33
2	Multiple Event Insurance	£342.39	£356.20	£6,282.79	£18,051.94
3	Christmas Working Budget 2023	£1,200.00	£0.00	£5,082.79	£16,851.94
4	New Year's Eve Hogmanay Party	£422.90	£452.10	£5,082.79	£16,429.04
5	Community Pantry	£4,000.00	£0.00	£1,082.79	£12,429.04
6	Community Room Hire	£600.00	£0.00	£482.79	£11,829.04

## 2023-24 Ward Funding Allocations

### ST HELEN'S WARD ALLIANCE

For the financial year 2023-24, the Ward Alliance has the following available budget.

Income / Return Grant	£0.00
Base Allocation	£10,000.00
Devolved from area Council (discretionary)	£0.00
Carried forward from FY 2022-23	£7,531.12

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**Total Available Funding** £17,531.12

	Project Details	Allocation	Match Funding (£) Element of allocation	Non-Match Funding (£) Allocation remaining	Allocation (£) Remaining Total Available Funding
1	Health and Wellbeing Garden	£785.00	£794.60	£8,765.56	£16,746.12
2	St Helens Gala	£1,200.00	£0.00	£7,565.56	£15,546.12
3	Hanging Baskets 2023	£2,000.00	£0.00	£5,565.56	£13,546.12
4	Caterpillar Playgroup	£870.00	£5,918.40	£5,565.56	£12,676.12
5	Secretary Payment Q1	£125.00	£0.00	£5,440.56	£12,551.12
6	Athersley Community Bonfire	£1,000.00	£4,110.00	£5,440.56	£11,551.12
7	Container for equipment	£1,000.00	£1,027.50	£5,440.56	£10,551.12
8	Spring Bulbs 2023	£100.00	£0.00	£5,340.56	£10,451.12
9	Christmas Working Budget 2023	£1,000.00	£0.00	£4,340.56	£9,451.12
10	Halloween Event	£0.00	£0.00	£4,340.56	£9,451.12
11	Residential and Equipment	£970.00	£3,288.00	£4,340.56	£8,481.12
12	Training for Youth Bowling Club Staff	£983.60	£1,027.50	£4,340.56	£7,497.52

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# Item 10

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

North Area Council:  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Agenda Item: 10

Report of the  
North Area Council Manager

### Ward Alliance Funded Projects - 2022/23 Monitoring Overview

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the North Area Council the Ward Alliance Fund monitoring for the year 2022/23.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That each Ward in the North Area Council refers to the monitoring information for the Ward Alliance Fund in their own area and takes the time to reflect on which projects have worked well, enabling them to share best practice.**

#### 3. Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council's Cabinet in 2013 each Ward was allocated an annual Ward Alliance Fund of £10,000.
- 3.2 Each Ward Alliance comprises of the three elected Councillors and six or more community representatives, who develop a priority informed Ward Plan.
- 3.3 Collectively the Ward Alliance consider the Ward Alliance Fund applications. The Wards Alliance need to be satisfied that project applications:
- meets a recognised need for the Ward (identified by the Ward Plan),
  - are in the wider public interest (i.e. the whole community can potentially benefit),
  - represent value for money.

4. Beneficiaries of Ward Alliance funding are required to submit monitoring reports to the North Area Teams Community Development Officers following completion of their projects. This information has been compiled into a summary report by the North Area's Project Officer. Please find the four summary reports in appendix 1 of this report.

#### 5. Opportunities:

It is recommended that the reports are shared with stakeholders and the wider voluntary and community sector to promote the work of the Ward Alliances and raise awareness of the funding opportunity.

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RosemarieAdams@barnsley.gov.uk

Date:  
1<sup>st</sup> November 2023



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**Darton East Ward Alliance**

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**North Area Council**

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

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# Darton East Councillors:



**Councillor  
Mat Crisp**



**Councillor  
Dickie Denton**



**Councillor  
Steve Hunt**

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# Darton East Priorities:

Ears and Voice of the Community	Environment	Health and Wellbeing	Older People, Isolated & Vulnerable People	Young People, Teens and Young Adults
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Through local consultations and discussions with local councillors and ward alliance members, we were able to set 5 key priorities for Darton East. These priorities form part of our ongoing Community Development Plan.

## Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

For the 2022/23 financial year, the Ward Alliance had the following budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£5,000 devolved from North Area Council + carried forward £5,863.75 from 2021/22

= **£20,863.75 total available funding**

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
1	Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall 'Activity Club'	07 April 2022	£1,890.00	£18,973.75
2	Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall 'Pop-in' Club	07 April 2022	£950.00	£18,023.75
3	Environmental Working Budget	08 April 2022	£250.00	£17,773.75
4	North Gawber Colliery FC Medical and Football upgrade 2022	13 May 2022	£1,274.79	£16,498.96



# Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
5	Mapplewell Platinum Jubilee Celebration	20 May 2022	£383.04	£16,115.92
6	Darton East Community Awards 2022	21 June 2022	£2,000.00	£14,115.92
7	Mapplewell Brunch Club	21 June 2022	£150.00	£13,965.92
8	Secretary Payment Q1 - DE	21 June 2022	£125.00	£13,840.92
9	Hanging Baskets - DE	16 September 2022	£1,000.00	£12,840.92
10	Refurbished Swing Set for Bluebell Road Playground	16 September 2022	£875.00	£11,965.92
11	Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall 'Xmas Meal'	16 September 2022	£700.00	£11,265.92
12	Christmas Lights for Mapplewell - Xmas Celebration	16 September 2022	£2,250.00	£9,015.92
13	Beauty & the Beast, Community Pantomime 2023	16 September 2022	£454.00	£8,561.92
14	Darton East Working Budget	16 September 2022	£330.00	£8,231.92



# Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
15	Grassroots Sports FC	16 September 2022	£754.86	£7,477.06
16	Secretary Payment Q2	16 September 2022	£125.00	£7,352.06
17	Christmas in Darton East 2022	12 October 2022	£900.00	£6,452.06
18	DEWA Health Event	12 October 2022	£1,500.00	£4,952.06
19	Spring Bulbs 2022 - DE	14 October 2022	£817.50	£4,134.56
20	Mapplewell Park CCTV Cameras	20 October 2022	£900.00	£3,234.56
21	Darton East Working Budget - Increase	10 November 2022	£450.00	£2,784.56
22	Secretary Payment Q3 - DE	15 December 2022	£125.00	£2,659.56
23	Children's Discos	30 January 2023	£200.00	£2,459.56
24	Applied Theatre and Youth Drama	16 March 2023	£1,091.36	£1,368.20
25	Secretary Payment Q4 - DE	17 March 2023	£125.00	£1,243.20

# Summary



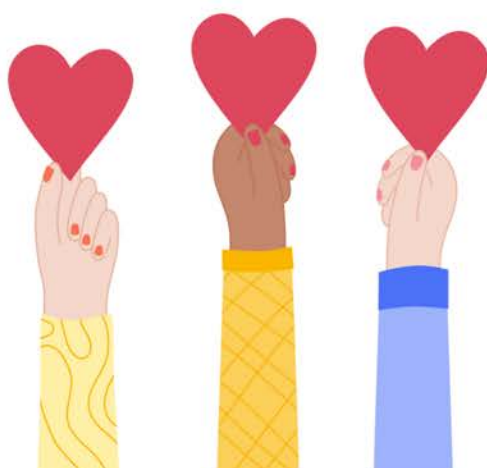
Total Spend:  
**£19,620.55**



Cashable value of  
volunteering equivalent to  
**£41,319.20**

Additional funding groups have  
contributed to the projects

**£11,657.98**



Number of  
Volunteers

**123**



Number of hours  
volunteers contributed  
to projects

**3,016**



Ward Alliance  
Funding spent  
**£454**

# Beauty and the Beast, Community Pantomime St John's on Stage



St John's on Stage has a mission to use their passion for drama, along with the enjoyment they get from performing together, as a means of providing entertainment and, where possible, raising funds for the local community.

With four performances over three days, St John's on Stage entertained nearly 400 people. With an honoured guest from the Mayor of Barnsley, Sarah Tattersall, who was treated to some friendly water pistol fire!

They received great feedback, and those taking part created new friendships. Additionally, we facilitated inclusivity by having young and not so young taking part as well as people with additional needs.

Proceeds going towards St John's 'Raise The Roof Fund' and the Macmillan Cancer Support charity event, soon to be held at Staincross Working Men's Club.

St John's on Stage feels like they have a real purpose to continue providing entertainment within our community.

### Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Older People, Isolated & Vulnerable People	Health and Wellbeing	Young People, Teens and Young Adults
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## Social Value

**600**



Total Volunteering  
Hours

**£8,220**



Cashable Value of  
Volunteering

**456**



Adult Volunteers



Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

£950

## 'Pop-in Club'

### Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall

The community was invited to a Jubilee Afternoon Tea at Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall, with entertainment provided by U3A Old Blowers Brass Band. 120 people attended.

The second event saw the Village Hall turn into a virtual Royal Ascot where people enjoyed Horse Racing, with 35 people attending.

The events were a massive success, and they were awarded the Community Event of the Year 2022 at the Darton East's Making a Difference Awards.

#### Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Older People,  
Isolated &  
Vulnerable People

Health and  
Wellbeing

Young People,  
Teens and Young  
Adults

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## Social Value

384



Total Volunteering  
Hours

£5,260.80



Cashable Value of  
Volunteering

456



Adult Volunteers

£730



In-Kind contribution

## Social Value

80



Total Volunteering  
Hours

£1,096



Cashable Value of  
Volunteering

456



Adult Volunteers

£730



In-Kind contribution

## 'Activity Club'

### Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall

During the school holidays, an activity group was set up for children and young people. This club allowed families and caregivers the opportunity to meet new people and see old friends. At the same time, children were entertained by a fully funded morning or afternoon.

#### Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Young People,  
Teens and  
Young Adults

Health and  
Wellbeing

Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

£1,890

Ward Alliance  
Funding spent  
**£700**

## Social Value

**48**

Total Volunteering  
Hours



**£657.60**

Cashable Value of  
Volunteering



**19**

Adult Volunteers



**£1,007.65**

In-Kind contribution



# Xmas Meal

## Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall

Following the earlier 'Pop-in Café' success, Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall hosted another afternoon of bingo, raffle and entertainment (Ali Melling attended by 104 people).

### Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Health and Wellbeing	Older People, Isolated & Vulnerable People
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## Darton West Councillors:



**Councillor  
Alice Cave**



**Councillor  
Sharon Howard**



**Councillor  
Trevor Cave**

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# Darton West Priorities:

Community Health & Wellbeing	Community Safety	Environment	Recreation and the Arts	Poverty and Needs Related Issues
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Through local consultations and discussions with local councillors and ward alliance members, we were able to set 5 key priorities for Darton West. These priorities form part of our ongoing Community Development Plan.

## Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

For the 2022/23 financial year, the Ward Alliance had the following budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£5,000 devolved from North Area Council + carried forward £966.24

from 2021/22 = **£16,390.24 total available funding**

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
1	Celebrating Easter & the Queen's Jubilee	07 April 2022	£600.00	£15,790.24
2	Darton West Noticeboard Refresh	19 May 2022	£1,700.00	£14,090.24
3	Hanging Baskets - DW	13 June 2022	£2,000.00	£12,090.24
4	Kexborough Lunch Club	13 June 2022	£150.00	£11,940.24
5	Secretary Payment Q1 - DW	21 June 2022	£125.00	£11,815.24



# Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
6	Summer Activities	02 July 2022	£1,000.00	£10,815.24
7	Remembrance Project	28 September 2022	£726.85	£10,088.39
8	Spring Bulbs 2022 - DW	14 October 2022	£935.00	£9,153.39
9	Secretary Payment Q2 -DW	20 October 2022	£125.00	£9,028.39
10	Christmas in Kexborough	09 November 2022	£358.37	£8,670.02
11	Stars of Darton West Awards 2023 – Working Budget	07 February 2023	£1,200.00	£7,470.02
12	Secretary Payment Q3 -DW	08 February 2023	£125.00	£7,345.02
13	Strength & Balance Exercises for the Elderly to Minimise Falls	08 February 2023	£480.00	£6,865.02
14	Resiting and purchasing litter bins	08 March 2023	£500.00	£6,365.02
15	Noticeboard - Darton Welfare Bowling Club	28 March 2023	£354.00	£6,011.02



# Summary



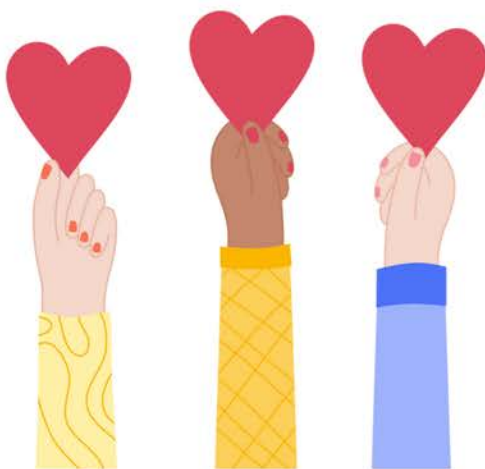
Total Spend:  
**£10,379.22**



Cashable value of  
volunteering equivalent to  
**£6,480.10**

Additional funding groups have  
contributed to the projects

**£1,100**



Number of  
Volunteers

**45**



Number of hours  
volunteers contributed  
to projects

**473**

Ward Alliance  
Funding spent  
**£358.78**

# Christmas in Kexborough

## Voice for Darton and Kexborough



Christmas switch-on event in Kexborough. This was the first switch-on event in Kexborough for many years. Kexborough Primary School came and sang a variety of Christmas carols whilst people enjoyed a hot drink and mince pie. After the carols, Santa visited to see the children and presented them all with a selection box. There was also a free raffle for those who attended, with prizes being donated by local businesses.

Kexborough Primary School - school children sang carols, and 3 teachers came to support the children and the event.

Volunteers helped to serve refreshments. They helped set up and tidy away and also managed the crowd.

Santa volunteered his time and gave a present to every child who attended under the age 11.

The event well and truly exceeded expectations. We only expected a handful of people from the local community to attend, but over 100 people came. The event provided a lovely community feel. It was full of community spirit and pride.

Everyone who attended had a great time. The feedback received was all positive. Everyone enjoyed it and hopes it will happen again in 2023.

The event has hopefully started a Christmas legacy in Kexborough, with a Christmas event happening year after year.

It produced and built a great working relationship with Berneslai Homes and Kexborough Primary School, one which will hopefully continue to grow.

We received fantastic support from the CDO, who helped us with the application and told us what Darton West's Ward Priorities are. She also supported us in the evening, getting stuck in and helping serve drinks.

### Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Community  
Health &  
Wellbeing

Community  
Safety

Recreation  
and the Arts



Ward Alliance  
Funding spent  
**£150**

# Kexborough Brunch Club

Age UK

Age UK Barnsley relaunched the Kexborough Bruch Clun at Priestly Avenue Community Room. Giving people the opportunity to be in a warm safe environment ad no one going home hungry



Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Poverty and  
Needs Related  
Issues

Community  
Health &  
Wellbeing

Community  
Safety

Recreation  
and the Arts

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# Old Town Councillors:



**COUNCILLOR  
JO NEWING**



**COUNCILLOR  
PHIL LOFTS**



**COUNCILLOR  
CLIVE PICKERING**

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# Old Town Priorities:



Through local consultations and discussions with local councillors and ward alliance members, we were able to set 4 key priorities for the Old Town. These priorities form part of our ongoing Community Development Plan.

## Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

For the 2022/23 financial year, the Ward Alliance had the following budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£5,000 devolved from North Area Council + carried forward £8,664.33 from 2021/22

= **£26,363.82 total available funding**

App No.	Project Details:	Project End Date:	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
001	Gazebos and Tables	March 2023	£2,111.54	£24,252.28
002	Hanging Baskets Old Town	31.08.2022	£2,100.00	£22,152.28
003	St Paul's Afterschool Club	August 2022	£720.00	£21,432.28
004	The 'Completion' Project (Rose Garden)	June 2022	£468.73	£20,963.55
005	Spring Bulbs 2022	March 2023	£2,303.34	£18,660.21

App No.	Project Details:	Project End Date:	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
006	Christmas Working Budget 2022	March 2023	£4,110.00	£14,550.21
007	Halloween Spooktacular	December 2022	£500.00	£14,050.21
008	Pogmoor Xmas Lights Switch On event	January 2023	£150.00	£13,900.21
009	Defibrillator for Brettas Park	February 2023£	£999.00	£12,901.21
010	Information Board for Brettas Park	March 2023	£1,535.00	£11,366.21



Total Spend:  
**£14,997.61**



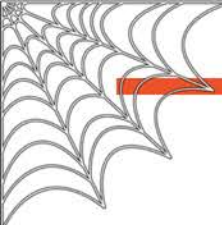
Cashable value of  
volunteering equivalent to  
**£5,795.10**

Additional funding groups have  
contributed to the projects

**£4,065.99**







Ward Alliance  
Funding  
**£500**

# Halloween Spooktacular

## Friends of Wilthorpe Park

On a spooky (rainy) afternoon, Wilthorpe Park was transformed into a Halloween Spooktacular.

With a DJ, games, and stalls, children and families alike enjoyed the fancy dress competition and took part in interactive games.

Volunteers were there to help make the event a success with ghostly attendants at the tin can alley and prizes every time.

Although we may think things appear like magic, volunteers spent many weekends and eerie nights hunting down prizes, sourcing party games, and promoting the fabulous Spooktacular.

Children will have fond memories of this event, and families will be more inclined to come along and enjoy the park's surroundings.



**Ward Alliance Priorities Met:**

Community Involvement	Pride
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- Learning ✓
- Sustainable ✓



Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

**£2,858.39**

# Christmas in Old Town

## Old Town Ward Alliance

Ward Alliance  
Priorities Met:

Local Pride

Community  
Involvement

6 Christmas trees were installed and decorated in the Ward. There were switch-on events at Summer Lane, Brettas Park and Pogmoor Road.

Everybody was offered a complimentary hot drink whilst the community gathered to sing carols together by the tree.

Volunteers joined Twiggs Ground Maintenance to install and decorate the trees.



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Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

**£2,303.34**

# Spring Bulbs

## Old Town Ward Alliance

22,000 bulbs were distributed to various community groups to be planted in their local area. All the groups were incredibly grateful as it meant the area had different flowers growing throughout the year. Areas that were sparse are now colourful and vibrant with daffodils, crocus, bluebells and snowdrops.



7,000



3,000



4,000

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Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Local Pride

Community  
Involvement

# Information Board at Brettas Park

## Old Town Ward Alliance

Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

**£1,535**



An information board will be installed in at the quarry to encourage the residents to use the area on wildlife talks and conversation efforts

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Local Pride

Community  
Involvement

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# Information Board at Brettas Park

## Old Town Ward Alliance

Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

**£999**



Brettas Park now has a defibrillator to enable the public to respond to medical emergencies which may occur in the quarry and surrounding areas

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

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# The Completion Project - Water System

## Friends of Wilthorpe Park

Friends of Wilthorpe Park had a large plastic water container donated to them by a local resident and turned it into a rainwater collection system.

Volunteers have helped by sourcing and purchasing the equipment that helped to build the water system.

Unfortunately, someone has vandalised the container by slashing the plastic and will need repairs to be fully operational.

**Ward Alliance Priorities Met:**



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# St Helens Ward Alliance



# Performance Report

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**2022 - 2023**



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**North Area Council**

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens



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# Ward Alliance:

The St Helen's North Ward Alliance is a group of local people who have put themselves forward to help improve the communities where they live. Working with their local councillors to determine what the priorities are for the area.

Community groups are able to apply for ward alliance funding, to help with projects that support the ward alliance priorities. This report aims to showcase how the Ward Alliance funds have been spent in St Helen's (Athersley North, Athersley South, New Lodge) from 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023.

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## St Helen's Councillors:



**Councillor  
Sarah Tattersall**



**Councillor  
Dave Leech**



**Councillor  
Neil Wright**

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## Barnsley 2030:

It's time to believe in the possibilities of Barnsley, to look to the future with excitement and optimism. Barnsley is a place where residents work in partnership with the council to achieve our ambitions. It is somewhere that everyone can be the best they can be.

In this report, we will show how Old Town Ward Alliance continues supporting projects and initiatives through funding applications to meet and exceed the overall Barnsley 2030 ambitions.

<b>Sustainable Barnsley</b> We all have a part to play in protecting our borough for future generations.	<b>Growing Barnsley</b> Open for business, with our great location, excellent links to road networks, digital connectivity and attractive local offer.	<b>Healthy Barnsley</b> Keeping ourselves and our families well is the key to living productive and happy lives.	<b>Learning Barnsley</b> Developing skills, talent, and creativity within people of all ages will open up exciting prospects.
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# St Helen's Priorities:



Through local consultations and discussions with local councillors and ward alliance members, we were able to set 5 key priorities for St Helen's. These priorities form part of our ongoing Community Development Plan.

## Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

For the 2022/23 financial year, the Ward Alliance had the following budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£5,000 devolved from North Area Council + carried forward £6,540.47 from 2021/22

= **£24,907.72 total available funding**

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
001	New Bin Installation at Smithies Rec	01 June 2022	£300	£24,607.72
002	Jubilee Event Working Budget	27 May 2022	£1,500	£23,107.72
003	Hanging Baskets	01 June 2022	£1,800	£21,307.72
004	St Helen's Summer Gala Working Budget	01 June 2022	£1,500	£19,807.72
005	Personal Safety Items	01 June 2022	£1,000	£18,807.72

# Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
006	Secretary Payment Q1	27 June 2022	£125.00	£18,682.72
007	Training for Community Volunteers	05 July 2022	£1,300.00	£17,382.72
008	Smithies Rec. Repainting the Youth Shelter	05 July 2022	£210.35	£17,172.37
009	Memorial Bench Unveiling	05 July 2022	£500.00	£16,672.37
010	Resolute Women's Support Group	16 September 2022	£1,500.00	£15,172.37
011	Christmas Working Budget 2022	16 September 2022	£1,200.00	£13,972.37
012	Jolly Boys Group	16 September 2022	£600.00	£13,372.37
013	Secretary Payment Q2	10 October 2022	£125.00	£13,247.37
014	Fireworks Display	14 October 2022	£1,500.00	£11,747.37
015	Cost of Living Event Working Budget	10 November 2022	£700.00	£11,047.37
016	Secretary Payment Q3	22 December 2022	£125.00	£10,922.37



# Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date:	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
017	Stars of St Helens	13 February 2023	£2,070.00	£8,852.37
018	Installation of Christmas Trees	13 February 2023	£1,196.25	£7,656.12
019	Secretary Payment Q4	28 March 2023	£125.00	£7,531.12

## Summary



Total Spend:  
**£17,376.60**



Cashable value of  
volunteering equivalent to  
**£10,275.00**



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Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

£2,396.25

## Christmas in St Helen's

### St Helen's Ward Alliance

Three trees switched on events to celebrate Christmas at New Lodge Community Centre, St Helens Church, and Community Shop.

The Councillors served food and hot drinks at St Helen's Church, and the brilliant staff at Community Shop supported the event.

Every child went away with a selection box given out by Father Christmas.

Unfortunately, additional funding was required as volunteers could not support Twiggs in putting up the trees.

Ward Alliance  
Priorities Met:

Children and  
Young People

Community  
Engagement

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Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

£498.86

## Jubilee Event St Helen's Ward Alliance

The Jubilee celebrations took place on New Lodge Village Green on 3rd June 2022.

The event included fancy dress competitions, crown making, packed lunch, DJ, live music and games.

Volunteers made up and served picnic lunches, helped run crown making, set up the event, tidied away, litter picked, and judged the fancy dress competition.

People felt a big sense of community spirit for this event and national pride. It's hoped that they are more willing to come to events in the future.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Local Pride

Community  
Involvement

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# Jubilee Event

## St Helen's Ward Alliance





Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

£420

## Memorial Bench Installation

### St Helen's Ward Alliance

This grant was to pay for installing and unveiling the memorial bench in the area.

The bench was installed, and a small unveiling was arranged, with the help of the British Legion and Dan Jarvis MP.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Community  
Engagement

Environment

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Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

£1,781.50

## Hanging Basket

### St Helen's Ward Alliance

Five businesses and individuals sponsored hanging baskets for the first year to make the area look beautiful. The Ward Alliance also sponsored five baskets.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Community  
Engagement

Environment

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Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

£661.82

## Cost of Living Event

### St Helen's Ward Alliance

The event was there to help people access the help on offer for people suffering in the cost of living crisis. Food was also provided by volunteers and activities were put on for young people to be entertained whilst adults used the stalls.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Community  
Engagement

Information,  
Advice &  
Guidance

Health and  
Wellbeing

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Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

£1,500

# Training for Community Volunteers

## Ad Astra CIC



Ad Astra are a Community Interest Company who aim to raise aspirations and broaden the horizons of children and young people in Barnsley.

To help do this, they run a local community centre in New Lodge.



In June 2022, the group successfully applied to St Helens Ward Alliance for £1,300 to undertake several training events for local volunteers.

The training included first aid, food and Hygiene and safeguarding.

With the help of this funding, Ad Astra successfully trained volunteers and enabled them to not only upskill themselves but enhance the local community by using those skills to give back to the community, running groups and projects for the betterment of all.

### Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Children and  
Young People

Community  
Engagement

Health and  
Wellbeing

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Ward Alliance  
Funding spent

£498.86

# St Helen's Gala

## St Helen's Ward Alliance

This event took place on Thurs, 28th July 2022, at New Lodge Village Green—the St Helens Ward Alliance organised the community gala. The volunteers helped by setting up the gala, meeting the mayor, planning the gala, site plan development, and booking vendors.

People loved the gala, and we hope they will be inspired to come forward and attend or run more. We also encouraged people to join the Ward Alliance.

### Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Local Pride

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# Item 11

## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**North Area Council Meeting:  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Agenda Item: 11**

**Report of North Area Council  
Manager**

### **North Area Ward Alliance – Operational Updates**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

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

#### **2. Recommendation**

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

#### **3.0 Introduction**

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

#### **4.0 Ward Alliance Meetings**

- 4.1 This report includes all notes of North Area Ward Alliances, received by the North Area Team, that were held during September and October 2023.

Appendices:

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

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

**Officer Contact:**  
[RosemarieAdams@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:RosemarieAdams@barnsley.gov.uk)

**Date:**  
**30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

## **Appendix One:**

### **Darton East Ward Alliance**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 6 PM  
Face to face meeting.

#### **Present:**

Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Mathew Crisp – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Rebecca Battye - North Area Team  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident  
Helen Altun – Secretary

#### **1. Apologies**

David Hilton – Green space  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man  
Paul Marsh – Local Business Man  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager

#### **2. Declarations of Interest – None.**

#### **3. Minutes of previous meeting.**

The full finances were not showing on the July minutes. Greennotes were having a gala in the park at Darton on 20/08/23. The church one was last week on Saturday. Morrall is spelt with an a not an e.

#### **4. Matters Arising.**

**CCTV Update** – A second CCTV camera was installed in Mapplewell Park around 2 weeks ago. This was funded by The South Yorkshire police and crime commissioner and installed by Barnsley Council. It is at the top of the park facing where the trees were vandalised and can pan round to the changing rooms. The other camera covers the MUGA and lower park. Graffiti has been reported to the council. A request has been put in to look at the camera footage after last weekend. The previous footage was viewed but the images were hard to make out due to it being very dark.

#### **5. Financial Update**

£8723.20 total.  
£4651.60 match funding.  
£4071.60 none match funding.

## **6. Applications for Funding**

**St John's on stage** £762.50. The event last year was very successful.

The members discussed the application and had some questions?

What happened to last year's funding?

Are we paying towards the church roof?

If the tickets were completed via ticket source the 47p that ticket source charge can be added on to the ticket or paid by the church, then no tickets would need printing.

The group decided that they were not currently in a position to approve the application.

### **Spring bulbs - £1237.50**

The price break down was given. £90 for daffodils, £750 for bluebells, £360 for crocuses and £37.50 delivery.

Members discussed the application and agreed the bulbs do look nice in the area, but it would be better to have flowers that lasted longer than daffodils and some members thought that there were already enough bulbs planted in the area.

It was suggested that an area could be planted with a sign that the Darton East ward alliance had supported it and they could also be used in the planters in the village. It was also suggested that it may be better to buy some shrubs instead.

It was also suggested that we may wish to support the previous year amount of funding £817.50.

2 members were in favour.

3 against.

3 abstained.

Not approved.

## **7. Ward Action Plan**

Members agreed that the container in the park was a great asset and really helped during the park summer activities.

The park summer activities went ahead but not many volunteers came forward so it might be an idea for next year to run it every two weeks. The biggest driver for attendance was the weather.

The summer disco went very well with all children having a fantastic time. We are looking to hold another disco in October and at Christmas.

The fun and film club ran every week throughout the summer holidays. There was an interesting response in regard to paying for refreshments. A big thank you went to Teresa and Stephen for supporting the event.

The attendance figures were read out. The film part will not run next year but the crafts may continue. The event was publicised very well but there was more engagement in the crafts. A survey may be put out next year to see what the public want.

The business club was held, and 4 local businesses were present but not a lot of people attended. The next one will be held in early November. Not a lot of



members from Darton East ward alliance came to the event who said they would attend.

#### **8. Environmental contract**

Michael was injured while at work, so his post is being covered by Sammy in the role of the team leader.

Kian the apprentice moved on. Some of the ward alliance members have completed 4 sessions with them. They seem to be very keen and very positive. When anything has been passed to them to complete it has been completed quickly. The contract is making a positive difference. Members asked if Rosie could email the members to let them know where the caretakers are in the area. A resident has asked for help on Woolley Colliery Road.

The Railway path wire fence will be looked at in October and will be discussed at the next steering group.

A sign is required near the footpath at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall.

#### **9. New Members of the Ward Alliance.**

This is not required as a standard ward alliance agenda item. Compared to other wards we are in a good position. There is a plan to contact some groups we have previously supported to see if they wish to be on the Ward Alliance.

#### **10. Health and Wellbeing Event.**

The next event will be on 14/11/23, 10am to 3pm. There will be approx. 25 stall holders. The event will be advertised on social media, in the Barnsley Chronicle and in the village hall. It would be nice to have people on the ward alliance stall who have had grants in the past. There is a working budget left from the last event so once the budget is checked, members will be advised if there will be meal vouchers handed out like last time.

#### **11. Christmas.**

The Christmas light switch on will be held on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November at Mapplewell and Staincross village hall. This is the same date as the beer festival starts.

There will be a tree and selection boxes given out to all children by Santa. Woolley colliery will also have a switch on with selection boxes potentially the date will be the 27/11/23.

Rebecca has a PA system that can be used at the events.

The Christmas tree will be switched on at Windhill on the 28/11/23. No carols or official switch on.

The environmental caretakers will put the trees up and no volunteers will be required.

The working budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

A member suggested asking local businesses if they would like to sponsor the trees and it was agreed this could be suggested.

An additional group will be set up for Christmas, the following members agreed to join the group:

Helen, Steve, Nick, Teresa, Richard and David was suggested as he is part of the beer festival. The chair will be elected at the first meeting.

## **12.AOB**

The stumps left in the park after the trees were vandalised can they be removed?

A member will ask the question and get back to the group.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September the 10-year celebration will be held at New Road club.

Past and present members have been invited. This venue was chosen due to having a small working budget for the event and the club gave the room free of charge with only a small amount requested for cleaning.

Meeting closed.

## **13. Time and date of next meeting**

Next meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 6pm.

**Darton East Ward Alliance**  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 6 PM  
Face to face meeting.

**Present:**

Cllr Richard Denton – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Cllr Steve Hunt – Darton East Ward Councillor  
Rebecca Batty - North Area Team  
Gerard Morrall- Local Business Man  
Teresa Wilcockson – Local resident  
Helen Altun – Secretary  
David Hilton – Green space  
David Lockwood – Local Business Man  
Paul Marsh – Local Business Man  
Caroline Hague – Village Hall Assistant Manager

**1. Apologies**

Nick Hibberd - Mapplewell Village Hall Manager  
Cllr Mathew Crisp – Darton East Ward Councillor

**2. Declarations of Interest – None.**

**3. Minutes of previous meeting – None.**

**4. Matters Arising.**

The sub group for Christmas have just met tonight before the Ward Alliance meeting.

A member raised that the minutes do not give individuals names and a discussion took place. Some members may not be comfortable with their names being in the minutes as it is a public document. It was agreed to continue completing the minutes this way.

A member asked if CCTV footage was requested after the graffiti in the park and the road signs were taken out in the new cycle park, and asked are the camera's helping. The footage was requested, and this will be chased up. The cameras have not yet identified any specific individuals, due to the problems happening at night. They are a deterrent. The camera's put up tend to help those areas but then people move to other areas. A members asked if the lighting could be increased for the cameras to pick up more of a picture of the offenders.

Paul Brannan head of people services has taken the offences very seriously.

The local sergeant is being changed – Sgt Rebecca Fleming - and the ward alliance is keen to get the new sergeant involved.

A member suggested that it would be good to have a camera at the bottom of the park.

The signs from the cycle park will be put back in.

## 5. Financial Update

£8723.20 total.

£4651.60 match funding.

£4071.60 none match funding.

## 6. Applications for Funding

**St John's on stage £762.50. Not Approved.** The questions which members had last month have been answered and an email response had been sent out to members. The money raised goes towards the church roof and a charity. A bit of the money also gets kept back for props. Some tickets do need printing for some community members that do not have access to the internet.

A message was then read out to the ward alliance members which had been sent to a few members of the ward alliance from a member of St John's on stage. The statement said that the money was not required, and the ward alliance should consider supporting other funding applications and groups. A member agreed to go back to the group regarding this statement.

### **Staincross WMC Pantomime £1040.00 Approved**

Members discussed this application and questions were answered. The pantomime will allow 120 children to come to the event for free. It was agreed that this amount of funding would not be available each year so they should look to self-fund it in the future or only ask for a proportion of the cost if necessary.

Members also mentioned the local community may be able to put a pantomime on rather than hiring a company in the future.

### **St John's Community Coffee morning £255.00 – Approved.**

### **Christmas - £950.00 – Approved.**

This is for trees at Mapplewell village hall, Windhill, and Woolley. It will also pay for selection boxes and any lights that need replacing.

A resident at Windhill had asked a member if the tree could be in a better position but the tree position was thought to be in the best suitable place now. In previous years, the tree may have been in a different spot when it was organised by Wakefield Council.

A member asked if feedback was given from the different groups that we supported and not all groups are giving feedback, so this needs to be encouraged more and taken into consideration when the ward alliance is discussing funding.

A member mentioned that the pizza club at the church during the summer was well attended but not necessarily by the people it was focused towards.

## 7. Ward Action Plan

Facebook page and website – ongoing.

Children's disco for Halloween and Christmas will go ahead. The Halloween disco will be on 27<sup>th</sup> October and the Christmas one on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at Mapplewell village hall.



Litter picking is ongoing, and the signs will be put back in at the cycle park in Mapplewell Park.

A community event/gala to be added to the November agenda.

### **8. Environmental contract**

A discussion was held, and a decision was made to keep this on the agenda going forward. During our discussion, the group agreed it's good to give feedback on the service and to suggest areas in need of improvement.

Dates are provided approx. one month in advance to the north area team of areas which will be looked at. Can Ward Alliance members and greenspace be sent this in case they have any volunteers who would like to participate.

The events are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 9am to 11am approx.

The next event will be on Dearne Street on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. The caretakers and volunteers try not to follow Greenspace in the same areas.

It was great to see Sammy at the Ward alliance 10-year celebration event.

### **9. Litter and waste bins.**

A member asked for an update on the bin audit as other council areas have been releasing information. 3 purple bags have been placed in areas around Darton East for frequently littered areas and they have been well used. These areas could be considered for a bin to be put in place.

The bins in our area were looked at quite a while ago and 6 changes have been agreed and were read out. Attachment will be sent with the minutes.

The plantings path needs some attention so this will be reported back to the manager.

A big thank you was given out to all volunteers in the area for all their hard work.

### **10. Dearne street area neighbourhood clean-up.**

A member asked for a main clean up in and around the Dearne Street area and streets like Dearne Street.

Big teams do go out to areas that have a problem with waste and fly tipping. A member agreed to raise it and asked for photo examples of the problems.

A member had to leave the meeting and explained that a bugler had been paid for for the remembrance event held in Mapplewell and a new wreath holder. Bacon Sandwiches will also be available afterwards for attendees from FOMAS funds. Free tea and coffee will also be available at The Wentworth after the event.

### **11. Health and Wellbeing Event.**

34 Organisations have confirmed they will be attending the event, so it will be bigger than the previous events.

A discussion was held and the member organising felt like they didn't have much support from the group after taking lots of their own time to organise the event.

Members of the group agreed to offer their support. Members of the group said they would like the events to continue.

It was agreed that some costings would be done on bags that could be given out and also to consider meal vouchers and a raffle.

There is a £1000 working budget already in place left over from the last event. Members said a working group could be put together to help. Other areas have included chair aerobics, raffles bingo, entertainment at similar events.

## **12. Christmas**

A sub group meeting was held before this meeting for Christmas. The money is now approved for Christmas. A member of FOMAS will go to the FOMAS meeting and feedback to the sub group any questions that were asked.

The Mapplewell Christmas switch on event will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and the Woolley event will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. The Windhill tree will just be switched on around this period.

## **13. AOB**

A member asked for a gala for next year to go on the next agenda.

A member explained it seemed like the youth were getting left out and we need to come up with some ideas for the youth in our area.

A member explained we do have targeted support going around the area and into Mapplewell park speaking to children.

A member said could we have some light art culture like painting the green telephone boxes.

The Kingstone ward have completed a project like this with young people.

A member explained they had been successful in gaining some funding to deliver some environmental activities with 10 people and working on their maths and English skills and supporting them into work or into education. This is for any age group.

A member explained their concerns for disposable vapes during litter picking activities. We need to make sure school children are being educated regarding vapes. A member explained there will be some sessions in schools regarding the impact on vapes. There is currently 3 task and finish groups and one of them is regarding vapes.

Meeting closed. 7.24pm

## **14. Time and date of next meeting**

Next meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6pm.

## **Appendix Two:**

Darton West Ward Alliance  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Attendees:** Cllr Alice Cave (Chair), Cllr Trevor Cave,  
Cllr Sharon Howard, Liam Morgan, Ann Carroll, Christina Carroll,  
John Ryan, Richard Haigh.

**Apologies:** Shelly Jepson.

**North Area Team:** Rebecca Battye.

1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 The minutes of the meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

**Rebecca to look at any repairs of Ward Notice Boards at:**

**Wood View, Harry Road and Barugh Green and update.**

**Rebecca to chase up Litter Bins at Ripley Grove Bus Stop and Vets for Pets Bus Stop.**

**Rebecca to put 2 Planters at Redbrook Roundabout on Clean and Green list**

**Rebecca to investigate possible Company Sponsorship for the 2 planters at Redbrook Roundabout.**

**Rebecca to look at possible reciting of planters at Dayhouse Way Redbrook**

**Richard to visit Tudor Rose Garden Centre to look at possible Tender for North Area Hanging Baskets and report**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to have follow up meeting with Matt Bell of Barugh Green School to look at any Ward Alliance joint ventures.**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to have follow up meeting with Rachel Knox of Gawber Primary School re any Christmas event**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to contact respective department re: anti social issues across the Ward**

**Rebecca to send link to Richard re: fly tipping who will forward to members for reporting of any fly tipping issues**

**Sharon to forward email address and telephone number to John and Christina re: Safer Neighbourhood Team (Darton Park motorbike issues)**

**Christina to look at possible date for Darton Christmas Event**

**Cllr Alice Cave and Cllr Sharon Howard to contact Wilthorpe Community Centre re: any Christmas event**

### **3 Ward Action Plan**

Cllr Trevor Cave presented the Ward Action Plan this was discussed and updated.

### **4 Active Travel Update**

Nothing to Report

### **5 WAF Budget**

This was presented by Rebecca

Remaining Budget £10,071,50.

**6 WAF applications.**  
**Darton West Spring Bulbs      Agreed.**  
**Primrose Community Garden   Agreed.**

**7 Summer School Events Programme Review**  
**Events were well attended, appreciated and successful**

**8 Hanging Basket Provision 2024**  
**Rebecca updated current situation the Tender is out presently for the whole of the North Area.**

**9 Christmas 2023 Programme of Events**  
**Sub Group to meet to discuss and develop a programme of Christmas Events.**  
**Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, Rebecca Battye, Ann Carroll,**  
**Christina Carroll, Richard Haigh. (Meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 5,30 pm**  
**Darton Centre)**

**10 Costings for Christmas 2023 and Star Awards 2024**  
**To be discussed at the Sub Group meeting and report.**

**11 Darton West Asset List/Key Locations and Events Update**  
**Deferred for the October Meeting**

**A.O.B.**

**Cllr Trevor Cave informed members that Barnsley Chronicle are reporting on Ward Alliance's spending**  
**Cllr Trevor Cave updated re: Gawber School Christmas calendar and pressures on School at this time.**

**Date and Time of next meeting**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 5.00 pm at the Darton Centre.**



**Darton West Ward Alliance  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Attendees:** Cllr Trevor Cave (Chair), Liam Morgan, Christina Carroll, Ann Carroll, Shelly Jepson, Richard Haigh.

**Apologies:** Cllr Alice Cave, Cllr Sharon Howard, John Ryan.

**North Area Team:** Rebecca Battye.

- 1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 The minutes of the meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were reviewed and agreed as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

**Rebecca to update re: quotes for repair of Notice Boards across the Ward.**

**Rebecca to follow up any progress of siting of litter bins at Ripley Grove and Vets for Pets bus stops.**

**Rebecca to chase up re siting of Planters at Dayhouse Way.**

**Rebecca to send times of Ward Christmas Tree switch on to Richard who will circulate to members.**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to inform Gawber Primary School date for Christmas Light switch on at Wood View and any School involvement.**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to hold meeting with Matt Bell of Barugh Green Primary School to investigate any Ward Alliance joint ventures.**

**Cllr Trevor Cave to ask Cllr Alice Cave to forward photograph of Dayhouse Way Group to Richard, who will circulate to members.**

**Shelly to consult Darton Academy music department re: possible Christmas Choir/ music for Ward Christmas events.**

**Christina to consult Voice for Darton re: Christmas events.**

**Richard to forward to members link re: Gawber Primary School history book.**

**3 Ward Action Plan**

Cllr Trevor Cave presented the Ward Action Plan this was discussed and updated.

**4 Active Travel Update**

**Cllr Trevor Cave updated members of current progress and will update as and when required.**

**5 WAF Budget**

This was presented by Rebecca  
Remaining Budget £9,583,50.

**6 WAF applications.**

**Christmas in Darton West 2023. Agreed.**

**Remembrance Project. Agreed.**

**Voice for Darton Christmas 2023. Agreed.**

**7 Hanging Basket Provision 2024**

**Rebecca updated Group members re: current procurement status.**

## **8 Christmas 2023 Programme of Events and costings**

This was discussed and the following dates were agreed for Ward Christmas events.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Wilthorpe/Redbrook. Lights switch on.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Kexbrough. Lights switch on.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Wood View, Gawber. Lights switch on.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December Darton. Lights switch on.

NB. Times of events to be agreed and will be circulated to members.

## **9 Darton Stars Awards 2024**

Sub Group to meet. **Rearrange Date and Time to follow**

## **10 Darton West Asset List/Key Locations and Events Update**

Nothing to Report.

## **A.O.B.**

Liam updated members re: Butterflys Dementia Charity. Possible distribution of School uniform, all age groups. Liam will keep members updated.

Shelly informed members of Oliver Production at Darton Academy

18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> December details to follow.

## **Date and Time of next meetings**

**Stars Sub Group Meeting** Date and time to follow.

**Darton West Ward Alliance Meeting** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm at the Darton Centre.

## Appendix Three:

*N.B. 12<sup>th</sup> September Old Town Ward Alliance Meeting was cancelled due to Ward Alliance member unavailability.*



## 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 6.30pm, Honeywell Sports Village Notes of the Meeting

**Attendance:** Cllr Newing (Chair), Cllr Pickering, Bill Gaunt, John Love, Pat Braithwaite, James Crampton, Rosie Adams, Lee Swift

**Apologies:** Lyn Gregg, Tina Burke, Cllr Lofts, Gillian Nixon

### 1. Introductions

- A round of introductions was had to welcome the new Ward Alliance members. Rosie Adams came along from the Area Team to welcome everyone, also and assist with the governance.
- New member induction packs were handed out to all present

### 2. Date and Times of Meetings / Venues

- It was acknowledged that the meeting times and venues had moved around, lately, to try and accommodate as many members as possible.
- This is the first meeting at Honeywell Sports Village, as it was thought that Honeywell Community Centre was unavailable. It was agreed that this venue was not ideal, and John and Bill agreed to look at the Masonic Lodge on Cockerham Lane.
- For now, it was agreed to book the sports centre again.
- **Regardless of venue, the future meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm**

**Action: John and Bill to enquire with the Masonic Lodge re: prices and availability**

### 3. Financial Update

- The current balance of the Ward Alliance Fund is £18,664.33 with a number of bids to be discussed.

### 4. Funding Bids

#### **Room Hire**

- A bid for £600 to help pay for future Ward Alliance room hire was passed.

### ***Community Pantry***

- A bid for funding to help establish a Community Pantry in Honeywell was put forwards. The funding was to pay for the infrastructure of this pantry, and an initial access to stock.
- The pantry will be run in the short term in partnership with the Area Team and Berneslai Homes, to help local residents access low-cost food and is built in a sustainable way.
- The long-term aim is to gather volunteers to keep this running.
- A total of £4,000 was agreed to be allocated to this.

### ***Cat Rescue***

- A bid for funding to support a local cat rescue was put forwards, asking for £500.
- After discussion, it was agreed to defer this bid until more information could be gathered on if other Ward Alliances were approached and if they approved this bid.

**Action: Lee to check cat rescue bid with other Ward Alliances**

### ***Hogmany Event***

- A bid for funding to part-fund a new year's community party was put forwards by Old Town Residents Association, asking for £422.90.
- This was approved.

### ***Old Town Christmas Trees***

- A bid to establish four temporary Christmas trees in the Old Town area was put forwards, with a total of £1,500 was asked for.
- The bid would fund the trees, replacements for damaged lights, batteries, replacement for storage and a small amount towards food for small-scale switch on events at these trees.
- This was approved.

### ***Event Insurance***

- Willowbank Community Partnership asked for £342.39 towards providing event insurance across a year for community events run by local groups.
- This was approved.

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- Willowbank Community Partnership asked for £342.39 towards providing event insurance across a year for community events run by local groups.
- This was approved with the understanding that we need to look at if we continue to do this next year, as Bill has now closed down his business account.

### ***Spring Bulbs***

- The Ward Alliance discussed if they would like any spring bulbs to be purchased for the area, this year.
- After discussion, it was agreed to buy 1,000 bluebells and 1,000 snowdrops and to split them up to go to the primary schools in the area.

**Action: Pat to speak to primary schools and Ad Astra**



## 5. Christmas Events 2023

- The proposed locations of the trees are:
  - Brettas Park
  - Huddersfield Rd
  - Warner Avenue (Pogmoor)
  - Summer Lane
- Community groups are intending to run their switch on's at Warner Ave and Brettas park, leaving Hudd Rd, and Summer Ln.

### ***Hudd Rd***

- It was agreed to have a simple switch on at Huddersfield Rd and to approach Emmanuel Church to explore the option of having refreshments there.
- A date of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm was agreed.

**Action: Lee to approach Emmanuel Church**

### ***Summer Lane***

- Gillian Nixon has helpfully contacted the Old School house to see if they would open up as a venue for this switch on.
- It was agreed to look at involving the local schools in this.
- A date of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm was agreed in order to allow choir singing straight after school.

**Action: Gillian to Liaise with the Old School House**

## 6. Summer Gala 2024

- This item was deferred until the next meeting.

## 7. Ward Plan

- This item was deferred until the next meeting.

## 8. Environmental Contract

- The contract has now been reconfigured and BMBC Neighbourhood Services are providing support in the area.
- Pat asked for a rough schedule of days when the team would be in Old Town, so they could plan things around it.
- Possible areas to look at for the caretakers include:
  - The canal area (needs discussion with Parks and Canal Group)
  - Ginnels in the area

**Action: Lee to send round rough dates for Environmental Caretakers**

## 9. Any Other Business

### ***Community Pantry***

- Lee explained more details about the pantry.
- Berneslai Homes are onboard with this. He is due to meet with them to look at practical space for the pantry and discuss overheads needed.

- BMBC Healthier Communities are also involved and would include support from them to secure surplus food sources.
- Lee intends to investigate this further, and see if ASDA are in a position to support this.

**10. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 6.30pm, Honeywell Sports Village

## Appendix Four:

### St Helens Ward Alliance Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### **Present**

**CHAIR** Cllr Dave Leech

Cllrs Sarah Tattersall and Neil Wright

Community Members - Dawn Bailey Kath Bostwick and Michelle Cooper

BMBC Staff - Lee Swift

**Apologies** – Sally Goodier and John Hallows

- Welcomes and Introductions
- Minutes of the previous meeting –

#### **Topics discussed**

Junior Tykes Container – Cllr Leech reported that this had been discussed with Asset Management and an agreement would be put in place as ‘Temporary Storage Unit’ which would hopefully mean no planning permission would be required

**ACTION – Cllr Leech to contact Junior Tykes**

Ward Alliance Information Packs – Cllr Tattershall requested a copy of the pack and Cllr Wright asked if packs given to previous members were returned

St Helens Gala – Cllr Leech reported that the day went well and congratulations to all involved

Kath Bostwick expressed thanks to the members of the Daton East Ward Alliance who came and support the day – she also handed in a receipt for £64.63 for the food she purchased on the day which was given to children and young people

General consensus was that the day was a success after the initial cancellation on the original date

Halloween Event – Cllr Wright informed the group that this is going to be a family fun event and a trial for this new venue – the local residents had previously contacted him with the request that we organised an event for the area as ‘not a lot’ was done for this part of the village

Kath Bostwick voiced concerns that she didn’t think the residents would want such an event on Monsal Crescent as there were issues in the area with some new residents – after further discussions Kath agreed to hand out leaflets in the area to promote the event.

The days activities will include a DJ and lots of activities for children

- New Lodge Volunteer group will support the event
- Help will be required to set up the area
- Lee will sort a Running Order for the day and distribute to members
- All Gazebos will be in use on the day at the event

## Environmental Caretakers

Any additional work or areas that may need addressing will need forwarding to Cllr Leech / Lee Swift

The Environmental Caretakers welcome volunteers to all their events/cleanups.

Several local residents do regular litter picks in their own areas

For Fly Tipping you can report this on the Barnsley MBC website

Snickets and guinnels are on the annual program of actions to be completed

Issues the group were concerned about:

- Wakefield Road / Foundry area
- Mansfield Road area
- New Route towards the bridge
- This was questioned as to whether it came under the Rangers remit of the Environmental Caretakers

**ACTION - Cllr Leech to confirm**

There is a current list of the current workload which will need updating. Once updated this is to be sent to all members **ACTION - Cllr Leech and Lee Swift**

10 Year Celebration This will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Staincross WMC. There will be presentations and refreshments will be available. There is a limited invite only Guest List and numbers will be confirmed as soon as possible as several have asked if they can take a Plus One. Invitations have gone out to current and past members of the Ward Alliance.

**After all topics were discussed, the MINUTES were accepted as a TRUE COPY**

## Ward Plan

It was agreed to set up a separate meeting to discuss the Ward Plan **ACTION - Lee Swift**

## **Funding Applications**

### Spring Bulbs

Lengthy discussions were held about the environmental benefits of bulb planting and re-wilding certain areas.

Members of the WA are going to research – Neighborhood Services – **ACTION - Cllr Tattersall**

Rewilding and Seeds - **ACTION - Kath Bostwick Dawn Bailey**

**It was agreed to alter the application for and reduce the funds to £100 and purchase seeds rather than bulbs for this year** **ACTION – Lee Swift**

### Barnsley Youth Bowling Club

There was not enough information on this application – There are training opportunities available from various sources within the area. List of Training available – **ACTION – Michelle Cooper** Invite the applicants to the next meeting and request more information **ACTION Lee Swift**



### St Helens Guides

There was not enough information on this application – the applicant to be invited to the next meeting **ACTION - Lee Swift**

### Christmas Working Budget

**It was agreed to a £1000 Christmas Working Budget to cover the costs of Trees and celebrations over the festive period**

### Forthcoming Projects

St Helens Santa Sleigh – Discussions were had about the Health and Safety of the event – Cllr Wright confirmed that all aspects of H & S had been adhered to.

The group ensured this event would not clash with the annual Motorbike Christmas event that travels through the areas. (2/12/23)

Cllr Wright and Cllr Leech will confirm the route.

Dates for Christmas Celebrations in the area will be confirmed at the next meeting

**ACTION – Lee Swift**

### **AOB**

Kath Bostwick requested the costing of the St Helens Gala **ACTION – Lee Swift**

Kath Bostwick asked if we could do a Community Fridge in the library – the group discussed the facilities already in the Roundhouse Library and the surrounding area.

Cllr Leech reported that he had been asked to do 4 dates as Santa in the area – all monies donated will be handed onto BIADs which is Cllr Wrights chosen charity

Michelle Cooper updated the group on the refurbishment program which is taking place at New Lodge Community Centre. All Cllrs offered their support for this program

### **Date of the Next Meeting**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 4pm in the Roundhouse Library (Small Hall)**

**ACTION – Lee Swift to book**

## St Helens Ward Alliance

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 4pm, Roundhouse Library

### Notes of the Meeting

#### Present

**CHAIR** Cllrs Sarah Tattersall

Cllr Neil Wright

Community Members - Dawn Bailey Kath Bostwick Claire Nock Sally Goodier and Michelle Cooper

BMBC Staff - Lee Swift

**Invited Guests** – Micheal Brown (Barnsley Bowl) Pat Padget (St Helens Girl Guides) Michael Bray (Environmental Caretakers)

**Apologies** – Cllr Dave Leech

- Welcomes and Introductions

Agenda was discussed and the invited guests were asked to discuss their Grant Applications

- **Barnsley Youth Bowling Club** - Michael Brown spoke about his application for £983.60 which was for Training for volunteers and drilling out bowling balls for SEND usage.
- **Queries**
  - Existing Safeguarding procedures and DBS checks for volunteers
  - No of young people attending this club and from which area they actually live
  - Could training be offered from local organisations who specialise in the areas needed
  - One volunteer could access the First Aid Training offered by Ad Astra as part of their ongoing training program if they are available – details given to Michael and he will get back to us once he has asked the volunteers if anyone is available for the given date.
- It was agreed that Barnsley Bowl's application was accepted and awarded with the caveat attached that if they attend the First Aid training offered, they would have to get another member of their team through another course of First Aid Training which would benefit the group. **ACTION LEE SWIFT TO CONFIRM WITH THE GROUP**
- **St Helens Girl Guides** – Pat Padget spoke about her application for £970 which was for a residential and additional resources for the club
- **Queries**
  - What is the breakdown of the group in numbers and areas they actually live
  - Are the individuals contributing to the residential and has the club done any fund raising as part of this residential
  - Staff ratio to number of young people attending
  - Concerns were raised that the groups never turn up for community events to help or support
- After a vote of 5 For and 1 against It was agreed that the Girl Guides application was accepted
- It was also agreed that in all letters that go to successful applications of Ward Alliance grants, we will include an invitation to be part of our community events and strongly encourage them to be part of these events.
  - **ACTION LEE SWIFT TO CONFIRM WITH THE GROUP**

**Change of Use application** – It was agreed that a change of remaining funds from the Summer Gala could be used for a Halloween Event to be held on Monsal Crescent Athersley South on the 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Minutes from the previous meeting -7<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

#### **Action Points**

1. Still waiting for information about the Junior Tykes Container
2. The area clean-up discussed for the trans-Pennine trail does come under the remit of the Rangers, but future action on this will be discussed with both the Rangers and the Environmental Caretakers – unfortunately one of the Community Clean ups around Laxton Rd area had to be postponed due to the weather conditions but this will be rescheduled.
3. Ward Plan – a date has yet to be confirmed
4. 10 Year Celebration – This was reported as a very successful event
  - a. One concern was reported that there had been a lot of food wasted – **THIS WAS NOT** the case but as with most events there was a small amount of food left which was given over to regular uses of the club the event was held in
5. More information is forthcoming on the re-wilding areas and seed distribution

**The minutes were accepted as a true copy of the meeting**

**Treasurers Report** – was accepted as a true copy

#### **Environmental Caretakers**

Micheal reported that he had just returned to work after his injury and was catching up with all the team

Lee asked if the group knew of any areas that needed attention – various areas were mentioned including a Clean-up of work on New Lodge Green – Mondal Crescent pathways were mentioned and snickets around the area – areas need booking in

It was asked if there was any scope to work with the local Litter Pickers and it was discussed that we need to add the local litter pickers' routes etc to our Ward Plan

#### **Forth Coming Events**

**Halloween (Monsal Cres)** Plans are well on the way all publicity has gone out locally and the plan for the day is sorted -Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 12 – 2pm

The New Lodge Clean Up team will be in attendance to help on the day and Janine will judge all the competitions

**Christmas 2023** – Cllr Tattersall has coordinated with The Community Shop and St Helens Church and it has been agreed that we will have Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Community Shop and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at St Helens Church

The Ward Alliance now needs to coordinate the program for the two events

Local schools to be asked if they would like to perform at both venues – Athersley South and Laithes for St Helens Church ACTION **CLAIRE NOCK AND KATH BOSTWICK** and Athersley North at The Community Shop ACTION **MICHELLE COOPER/Cllr LEECH**

There will be no event this year at New Lodge Community Centre as they are having a refurbishment program on the centre

### **Memory Tree**

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that we needed more research and information for a new venue

Wesleyan Church on Wakefield Road – **ACTION KATH BOSTWICK**

St Helens Church – **ACTION – Cllr TATTERSALL**

This is to be discussed at the next Ward Alliance Meeting

### **Any Other Business**

- We are still looking for additional members for The St Helens Ward Alliance **ACTION ALL**
- The St Helens Performance Report was handed out –All members to read and We will Feed back at the next meeting **ACTION ALL**

**Date of the next Meeting will be Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**4pm Roundhouse Library**



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