

<b>MEETING:</b>	Penistone Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday 15 February 2024
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

## AGENDA

- 1 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

### Minutes and notes

- 2 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 30 November 2023  
(Pac.15.02.2024/2) (*Pages 3 - 8*)

### Item for information

- 3 Presentation from Age UK
- 4 Verbal Update on Family Hubs

### Ward Alliance

- 5 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance held on 14 December 2023 and 11 January 2024 (Pac.15.02.2024/5) (*Pages 9 - 12*)
- 6 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.15.02.2024/6) (*Pages 13 - 16*)

### Performance

- 7 Quarter 3 Performance Report (Pac.15.02.2024/7) (*Pages 17 - 38*)

### Item for Discussion

- 8 Update on Food Support for the Penistone Area (Pac.15.02.2024/8) (*Pages 39 - 42*)

### Item for Decision

- 9 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.15.02.2024/9) (*Pages 43 - 50*)

To: Chair and Members of Penistone Area Council:-

Councillors Greenhough (Chair), Barnard, Burnett, Kitching, Lowe-Fiello and Wilson

Area Council Support Officers:

Rachel Wilkinson, Penistone Area Council Senior Management Link Officer  
Elaine Equeall, Penistone Area Council Manager  
Rachel Payling, Head of Service, Stronger Communities  
Peter Mirfin, Governance Manager  
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Wednesday 7 February 2024



<b>MEETING:</b>	Penistone Area Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday 30 November 2023
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Penistone Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Greenhough (Chair), Barnard, Burnett, Kitching, Lowe-Flello and Wilson

### 23 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

No Members declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

### 24 Minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 7 September 2023 (Pac.30.11.2023/2)

The Area Council received the minutes from the meeting held on 7 September 2023.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Penistone Area Council meeting held on 7 September 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

### 25 Notes from the Penistone Ward Alliances held on 12 October and 9 November 2023 (Pac.30.11.2023/3)

The meeting received the notes of the Penistone Ward Alliance meetings held on 12 October and 9 November 2023.

**RESOLVED** that the notes from the Penistone Ward Alliance meetings held on 12 October and 9 November 2023 be received.

### 26 Report on the Use of Ward Alliance Funds (Pac.30.11.2023/4)

Members received the report noting its contents. The Area Council Manager drew members attention to the increase in applications received and grants awarded since the previous meeting. Members noted the remaining £7,909.98 in the fund and acknowledged that further applications had been received to be determined at a future Ward Alliance meeting.

It was raised that within the report, it stated the School's Out Fund carried forward figure was from 2022/24 projects and should read as the 2022/23 projects.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### 27 Quarter 2 Performance Report (Pac.30.11.2023/5)

The Area Council manager provided members with an overview of performance for Quarter 2 covering July to September 2023 and all contracted Services.

Members attention was drawn to the statistics and in particular the volunteering numbers. It was reported that this figure would significantly drop due to the Clean Green and Tidy Contract ending.

The Clean, Green and Tidy contract had provided its last report with focus mostly being on picking up proactive work. The numbers of groups worked with had dropped due to no new Groups being taken on due to the contract coming to an end, however established Groups had remained to be supported. A commemorative tree had been vandalised at Watermeadows park and replaced by a donated Acer from Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd. Members were provided with a highlight of the other areas that Twiggs had covered in their final months of their contract.

The Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People's contract had continued to report good outcomes in the quarter.

The Age UK contract had some good outcomes in the quarter with 35 active volunteers, 5 of which were new and 101 community car journeys being undertaken. The Penistone Men in Sheds was no longer supported by Age UK and was being established as an independent group. The Millhouse Green and Thurlstone lunch club was also no longer supported by Age UK due to a lack of volunteers to run it, users were being signposted to the New Inn lunch club. Members were provided with a list of numerous other groups that were operating in the area and trips and events that had taken place.

The Information and Advice Service provided by Citizens Advice Bureau had moved onto their face-to-face contact offer alongside the phone and online service. This had commenced at the end of August on Wednesday mornings twice a month in Penistone Library. Take up had been slow but it was recognised that it could take a while for word to get out about the return to a face-to-face service. The majority of issues dealt with were in relation to Benefits and Tax Credits and Universal Credit. 66 clients had used the service in quarter 2 with 98 issues being dealt with as a result of some clients having more than one issue. The DIAL information and advice offer for Penistone continues to provide weekly face to face appointments at Penistone Town Hall which are booked up well in advance. There was added value through the DIAL contract via the central offer of calls and emails, 84 clients had accessed the service outside of what the Penistone Area Council were paying for. DIAL were recruiting new Advisers through an apprenticeship system and 2 people with knowledge from different backgrounds had been recruited.

The Working Together Grant Fund had supported Adult singing workshops until January 2024. Whilst this had been well promoted and plenty of interest had initially been seen, the final number of regular adults in attendance was 8, this was due to many being too nervous or did not have the time to attend regularly. Of the regular attendees, some had reported significant improvements in health and confidence. Members were invited to a private performance from the Adults Workshop to be held in January.

Ad Astra had applied for funding to supply a third year of support to young people for support with emotional wellbeing targeting each year group in terms. This had commenced after the October half term and an update would be provided within the Quarter 3 report at a future meeting.

Following the Penistone Grammar School Project which was funded through the Supporting Young People Grant Fund, a group of Post-16 students had proposed a 'Student Mentor Programme' which would be trialled within the Year 12 students and rolled out if successful.

Girlguiding Barnsley West had supported 250 young women and girls to complete a programme around activities to support with going away. Of the 250, 192 completed the actual activity itself with some older children successfully staying overnight. Due to the price increase of the course, the funding provided from the Grant Fund was not able to cover the full course costs and was apportioned to supporting the young people who would not have been able to afford the course.

Angel Voices had provided their final report from the 2022/23 grant funded programme for singing workshops, qualifications and live performances for young people. This grant funded project had provided a good outcome for young people with a final performance at the Penistone Paramount which included two different team shows one of which focussed on climate change. The latter had resulted in requests from a number of audience members for them to perform at their schools or events in their establishments. An additional application had been received for future funding in order to provide advice and guidance to young people to educate them about the music industry.

The Area Team had enabled two significant projects to support young people in the area. The first of these helped connect Cawthorne Primary to various services such as the local policing team to aid with road safety outside of schools. The second was to establish summer activities for young people working in partnership with the Sports Van and Ramp Up Programme through BMBC. The Ramp up was very popular and attracted 394 young people and 115 attended the sports van sessions.

The team are also working to support with the cost of living crisis by helping to grow a Penistone Food network. A consultation exercise had been held and feedback had shown most people thought it would be a good idea of having a food hub. Work was being undertaken with various partners including Good Food Barnsley to establish a food hub model for Penistone.

The Penistone 10 Year celebration event, organised by the Area Team was a great success with attendees from volunteers, partners, parishes, local businesses and community groups to celebrate 10 years of working together for the Penistone Community.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

## **28 Procurement and Financial Update (Pac.30.11.2023/6)**

The Area Council Manager spoke to the item providing members with a highlight of each commissioned contract.

The Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People's Service was into the second year of its contract which was due to end in June 2024.

The Working Together Grant Fund was funding the Citizens Advice Bureau contract and DIAL Services as the adult singing workshops were due to end in January 2024. A total of £37,052 was remaining in the grant fund pot which would be used to support the priority around food and cost of living crisis.

The Working Together – Supporting Young people Grant Fund had approved five projects following round 3 grant panels held in September and October 2023. The five new projects included:

- Ad Astra – Listening support for young people in Penistone Grammar School
- Angel Voices – singing workshops
- Cawthorne Junior Cricket Club – Young people’s development programme
- Thurgoland Thespians – expansion programme
- Walking with Goats – young people’s wellbeing programme

The total cost of the five projects was £37,337.83 leaving a remaining balance of £2,662.17 unallocated within the pot.

An update was provided with regards to the progress of the new Clean, Green and Tidy Contract. Members were informed that progress was being made and Service 1, which would be a directed service with no volunteers, would be on Yortender on the 4<sup>th</sup> December with a deadline of 3<sup>rd</sup> January for applications. A Panel would be held in January and the new service would commence in early February 2024. Service 2, which will be to support volunteers and community groups, was being developed as a grant funded service. This would be advertised in December 2023 with a Grant Panel to be convened in January 2024 for the service to also commence in February 2024.

Members were concerned around there being four months with no service. They were informed that whilst this was not ideal, the area team has been providing support and advice with any incoming requests and some groups had been funding specific jobs from their own budgets and would be able to continue to do that until the new services were in place.

Members were provided with an overview of the 2023/24 budget. It was noted that the remaining balance in the financial year was £37,216.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (i) that the update of the contract funded by the new Supporting Isolated Older People Grant Fund be noted;
- (ii) that the current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Fund be received and noted;
- (iii) that the Supporting Young People ringfenced funds within the existing Working Together Grant Fund be received and noted and that the take up of round 3 grants for this financial year be noted;
- (iv) that the conclusion of the Clean Green and Tidy Contract which started in April 2020 and concluded at the end of September 2023 be noted;

(v) that the updates on the procurement process for new contracts to support Penistone Area Council's environment priority be received;

(vi) that the current financial position of the Penistone Ward Alliance be noted;  
and

(vii) that the record of allocated and proposed spend and current budget position for 2023/24 be noted.

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Chair

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**NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING**  
**Thursday 14 December, 6:30pm, Penistone Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Richard Leech, Cllr Alex Burnett, Barbara Lee, Chrissie Yates, Graham Saunders, Jon Cutts, Pauline Ogden, Ann Walker and Cllr Robert Barnard.

**In attendance:** Tanya Dickinson, Penistone Area Team

**1. Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr John Wilson, Bob Blythe, Cllr Lowe-Flello and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest**

None.

**3. Notes of Meeting held 9 November 2023**

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**4. Matters Arising from the Notes**

None.

**5. Ward Alliance Finances**

Current balances were confirmed as £6,430.78 Ward Alliance Fund, and £1,395.84 School's Out Fund.

Following tonight's meeting it was suggested that a request be made to Penistone Area Council to draw down some additional funding. Action: Cllr Greenhough to liaise with Elaine Equeall (Area Council Manager)

**6. Applications for Financial Assistance**

**Ward Alliance Funding:**

**Silkstone CARE Group, £700 – Vicarage Farm Court Refresh**

Following confirmation that this land is not privately owned, it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

**Penistone & District Bowling Club, £1836 – Bowling Club Improvements**

Notification has been received that the Club has been successful in securing the match funding referenced within their application. It was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

**Wortley Church Bell Ringers, £653.28 – Bell Muffles**

Due to the wider community benefit and involvement provided by this group and the activity, it was agreed to recommend this project for approval.

**Penistone Men in Sheds, £3,000 - Relaunch**

A discussion around the current position of this group took place. The Alliance recognised the importance of the Men in Sheds movement and so it was agreed to recommend this project for approval. However, it was felt that to give themselves enough time to build up members and reserves allowing them to become self-sustainable, it was essential that the group secured match funding to give them a full year running costs. The decision to award this funding was subject to them successfully securing the required match funding.

**7. Feedback from the mini first aid sessions**

The attached feedback from the mini first aid sessions held during August and September, delivered by Mini First Aid Sheffield, and funded by the Ward Alliance was shared with the meeting and the benefits of the project noted.

**8. Area Council Update**

Cllr Greenhough provided an update on the current position of the Principal Towns work.

**9. Any Other Business**

None.

**10. Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 11 January 2024, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall. Guest speakers – Targeted Lung Health Checks and Timely Presentation.

**NOTES OF PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE MEETING**  
**Thursday 11 January 2024, 7pm, Penistone Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllr David Greenhough (Chair), Cllr John Wilson, Cllr Robert Barnard, Graham Saunders, Jon Cutts, Cllr Alex Burnett, Cllr Mandy Lowe-Flello, Chrissie Yates and Barbara Lee.

**In attendance:** Tanya Dickinson and Elaine Equeall, Penistone Area Team

**1. Introductions and Apologies**

Apologies received from Ann Walker, Pauline Ogden, Richard Leech, Bob Blythe and Cllr Hannah Kitching.

**2. Take Action, Live Longer (Previously named Timely Presentation)**

Unfortunately, no-one was available to attend tonight to introduce this new grant pot of funding however an information sheet has been provided which will be sent out following the meeting.

Action: Tanya.

Grants between £2 and £10K are available to the community and voluntary sector to deliver projects which help raise awareness of the early signs of cancer in addition to enabling those without symptoms to access cancer screening programmes. The grant is open for applications throughout February.

Action: WA members to help promote where appropriate.

(Targeted Lung Health Checks covered later in the meeting)

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest**

None.

**4. Notes of Meeting held 14 December 2023**

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**5. Matters Arising from the Notes**

Barbara shared with the group that the Wortley Church Bell Ringers who were successful with their Ward Alliance grant at the December meeting 'rang out' the old year on New Year's Eve, and in the new. It was lovely to hear within the village and affirmed the wider community benefit provided by the group.

**6. Ward Alliance Finances**

Current balances were confirmed as £241.50 Ward Alliance Fund, and £1,395.84 School's Out Fund. In total this gives the WA an allocation of £1,637.34 for the remainder of the financial year. Appetite for funding to be monitored ahead of the next Area Council meeting in February to see if a request needs to be made to receive a small top up. Action: Cllr Greenhough and Tanya Dickinson.

**7. Applications for Financial Assistance**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thurlstone Brownies, £770 – Initial start-up costs**

The WA felt that this is a positive resource which encourages young people to be outdoors and learn important life skills. It was agreed to recommend this project for approval using the School's Out Fund.

### **Springvale Community Garden – Schools Out Fund awarded Nov 23**

The garden received funding from the WA prior to Christmas to deliver festive themed craft activities. The group has some funding leftover from this and so have asked if they could keep this to deliver activities during the Easter school holidays. The WA was happy for this to be the case.

### **8. Penistone Area Council – Annual Update (Elaine Equeall)**

Elaine provided a full update on the work of Penistone Area Council. Please find this attached. If anyone from the Ward Alliance would like to know more about this work, please contact Elaine directly or speak to one of the elected members.

(Hannah Young joined the meeting).

### **2. Targeted Lung Health Checks – Hannah Young, South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Cancer Alliance**

This programme is due to start in the Penistone area in February 2024 and aims to help people identify lung problems earlier and get the help they need sooner. The programme runs on GP data and so those aged 55 to 74 with a Barnsley address who have at any point disclosed to their GP that they smoke or have smoked will automatically be contacted by the programme. More information about the programme and what it entails can be found in Hannah's presentation. Action: Tanya to circulate this following the meeting.

Once firm dates are known, along with a location for the mobile scanning unit, Hannah will share this with the Area Team. Ward Alliance members were asked to help promote the programme within their own communities and encourage people to take up their invitations. Action: Tanya to look at some standardised publicity and share this with WA members for them to use via their own communication channels.

A discussion did take place about residents living on the outskirts of the Penistone wards who may well be registered with non-Barnsley GP's. Currently the programme is only working with Barnsley registered GP's however there are plans to roll out the programme to other areas in the next year. In the meantime, Hannah would encourage anyone who has any concerns at all about their lung health to make an appointment with their doctor as soon as possible.

### **9. Any Other Business**

None.

### **10. Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 8 February 2024, 7pm at Penistone Town Hall.

## 2023/24 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

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

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

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

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 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.

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

## 2023/24 Final Ward Project Allocations

### PENISTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023/24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£20,000.00	base allocation
£1,654.18	carried forward from 2022/23
£3,875.00	School's Out Fund carried forward from 2022/24 projects highlighted
<b>£25,529.18</b>	<b>total available funding</b>

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
			<b>£12,764.59</b>	<b>£25,529.18</b>
Tankersley St Peters Primary School - Coronation Event	£150	£0	£12,614.59	£25,379.18
Hunshelf Parish Council - Coronation Event	£260.00	£616.50	£12,614.59	£25,119.18
Old Silkstone Band Music Stands	£1,614	£2740.00	£12,614.59	£23,505.18

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
Oxspring Junior Football Club Goals & Storage	£650	£2630.40	£12,614.59	£22,855.18
Springvale Community Garden – Summer Holiday Activities	£500	£328.80	£12,614.59	£22,355.18
Mini First Aid	£1,050	£219.20	£12,614.59	£21,305.18
Sports Van & Ramp it Up	£1,625	£0	£10,989.59	£19,690.18
Wellbeing Craft Club	£245	£493.30	£10,989.59	£19,435.18
Oxspring United JFC - Full size football goals	£1,000	£2,6030.40	£10,989.59	£18,435.18
Thurgoland Bowling Club	£1,836	£479.50	£10,989.59	£16,599.18
Tankersley Community Association	£2,000	£2,630.40	£10,989.59	£14,599.18
Green Moor Carol Singers	£300	£917.90	£10,989.59	£14,299.18
Green Moor Sports Club - Nets	£928.20	£1,096.00	£10,989.59	£13,370.98
Hoylandswaine Bee Plus - Winter Wildflowers	£200	£328.80	£10,989.59	£13,170.98
Thurgoland Community Choir - Project	£1,680	£1,534.40	£10,989.59	£11,490.98

Project	Allocation	Match funding element of allocation	Non Match funding allocation remaining	Allocation Remaining
Penistone Leisure Centre - Wellbeing Social Hub	£1,320	£1,315.20	£10,989.59	£10,170.98
Silkstone Heritage - Digitisation of maps	£961	£493	£10,989.59	£9,209.98
Penistone Grammar School - Christmas Hampers	£1,000	£1027.50	£10,989.59	£8,209.98
Springvale Community Garden - Christmas Activities	£300	£191.80	£10,989.59	£7,909.98
Silkstone CARE Group - Vicarage Farm Court Refresh	£700	£1096	£10,989.59	£7,209.98
Wortley Church Bell Ringers	£653.28	£328.80	£10,989.59	£6,556.70
Penistone & District Bowling Club - Improvements	£1,836	£479.50	£10,989.59	£4,720.70
MEN IN SHEDS	£3,000	Match element not yet confirmed. Will be >0	£10,989.59	£1,720.70
Thurlstone Brownies	£770	£8,329.60	£10,989.59	£950.70

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Q3 October to  
December  
2023

# Penistone Area Council Performance Report



# Area Council Priorities

Health and Wellbeing
Supporting Young People
Local Economy + tourism
Helping People connect
Our Environment

Sustainable

Growing

Healthy

Learning

These services address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Penistone Area Council.

Priority	Service	Contract /Grant	Contract end date	Provider	2030
	<b>Environment Services</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Reactive Service</li> <li>ii. Community Support service</li> <li>iii. Environment projects grant</li> </ol>	Per annum £40k £40k £20k	Currently in procurement phase		
	Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people	£70,000 per annum	Funded until June 2024	Age UK Barnsley	
	Debt advice service	£ 8,191	Funded until March 2025	Citizens Advice Barnsley	
	Information and Advice service	£5,198 per annum	Funded until January 2025	DIAL	
	Working Together Grant Supporting Young People	£40,000	September 2024	Various	
	Principal Towns	No cost to PAC	Ongoing	BMBC	

	Outcome indicator	Q3 Oct-Dec 2023	Year to date	Year 2022/23	To date
	Clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	0	15	77	298
	Young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	0	68	9	724
	People who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	0	100	132	840
	Apprentice and placements created and recruited to	0	0	1	6
	People taking up work experience placements	0	0	0	32
	Young People engaged in volunteering	0	13	13	794
	Activities which involve young people under the age of 18	24	38	111	554
	Community groups supported	5	29	48	730
	New community groups supported	0	2	7	67
	Community car scheme journeys	107	335	381	1750
	Adult volunteers engaged	41	236	629	4290
	New volunteers	1	7	150	1097
	Residents and young people receiving advice and support	138	355	931	3545
	Residents referred to health and advice	5	6	6	172
	FTE jobs created and recruited to	0	0	2	24.5
	Local spend (average across all contracts)	95%	95%	95%	95.4%
	Volunteer hours contributed (£ value)	£7,261	£ 28,961.80	£48,123.45	£424,575.54
	Volunteer opportunities created	67	244	76	2196
	People achieving a qualification / accreditation	0	5	0	162
	People receiving training	0	64	48	1185

# New Environment Services

- Reactive Service
- Community Support Service
- Community environment projects grant



New services are currently being procured to support the environment priority for the Penistone area. These will contribute to outcomes that will support the area to maintain a clean and tidy appearance as well as engage and empower both existing and new community groups and volunteers with their ongoing efforts to support the area's green spaces.

## Reactive Service

This service will undertake specific works to maintain a clean and tidy environment as directed by Parish Councils, Penistone Town Council, Borough Councillors and members of the Penistone Community. The service will be operational from the end of quarter 4.

## Community Environment Support Service

This service will be tasked with supporting and developing new and existing community groups and volunteers with environmental projects and programmes of work, and will also encourage the development of a Penistone area community environment network to create shared learning and expertise. This service will be operational from the end of quarter 4.

## Community environment projects grant

This grant pot will be open to all community groups and volunteers in the Penistone area to provide resources to help realise specific projects that will help to support and maintain green spaces and contribute to a clean and tidy environment. This grant will be open for applications from Q1 of the new financial year.

## Environment support in this quarter

During the last quarter our fantastic community groups have independently continued to provide dedicated support in maintaining the area's green spaces and contributing to keeping the area clean and tidy.

Area Council members and the area team have also provided support to a number of requests from within the community whilst there has been a gap in service provision.

Examples of support included: supporting our local businesses to continue to provide purple bags, purchasing and providing litter picking equipment for loan as used by Dunford Bridge, Cawthorne and High Hoyland Parish litter picks, support with tidying Cenotaphs before remembrance day and help with putting up Christmas trees in Howbrook and Wortley.



# Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people

## Age UK Barnsley



823 interventions  
 17 new referrals  
 38 volunteers worked with  
 423 volunteer hours  
 107 community car journeys  
 £28,281 estimated benefit gain

## Social Action and Volunteering

Ageing Well in Penistone is the contract delivered by Age UK Barnsley to address loneliness and social isolation among older people in the electoral wards of Penistone East and Penistone West. The Service provides support at a one to one level through volunteer be-friending , helps to establish group activities with a particular emphasis on health outcomes, provides information and advice targeted to older people, special events and a community car scheme to help people access social and health activities and appointments. Dedicated social inclusion workers are attached to this contract employed by Age UK Barnsley.

## Highlights

There have been 17 referrals this month All 17 have had 1 to 1 support initially. Information on all groups was given and dial a ride referrals made on their behalf. These visits also led to referrals for further support. Such as: 5 BMBC referrals to aids and adaptations 1 for repairs to Berneslai homes 2 ladies with Dementia were referred to Alzheimer’s Society 11 have become regular service users within our groups and activities 6 were allocated befrienders. 2 face to face and the other 4 over the phone. 4 were referred to handyman and garden services 3 are using the affordable shopping services 2 to Adult Social Care

Information and advice service have worked with 18 clients, 13 of which were new clients and 5 were existing clients. Benefit total gain £28,281.00 this quarter  
 £4680 for Pension Credit

Outputs	Target	Actual
Number I&A Service Users	10	18
Community Car Journeys	75	107
Number Volunteers <i>Existing , active volunteers</i>	40	38
Number of new volunteers; <i>Includes befrienders/good neighbours/car drivers</i>	No target	0
Increase in Wellbeing	+4	+3
Decrease in loneliness	-2	-1



## **Trips and Events**

There were no trips this quarter but several events took place. These included a Christmas get together at Weavers Court, Crane Moor Toasties, Happy Vibes and the board games group. Here regular attendees enjoyed the festivities together with Christmas refreshments, carols and games. Our clients from Penistone were also invited long to our borough wide Christmas party that took place at the Holiday Inn. This saw 200 people enjoy Christmas dinner, entertainment and a visit from Santa himself.

## **Community Car Scheme**

The scheme operates with 2 volunteer drivers, and it continues to be difficult to recruit new volunteers for this role. In this quarter there have been 107 journeys.

## **Barnsley U3a**

U3a groups have been attended monthly as follows: Board games 7, Crown green bowling the season finished in September but we meet once a month for coffee at various cafes in the village average attendance 10, Patchwork Projects 8, Canasta 6, Art Group 9, Bridge 7, Crafty Chat 6, MOTO 12, Eating out Round Penistone 16 and Walking Group

## **Crane Moor Toasties**

This has been set up as a social group with gentle exercise. The group chat and do crafts for the first hour while enjoying tea and toast. Then the fun begins with chair based exercise.

## **New Inn Pub Lunch Group (Penistone)**

This group continues to meet every week on Wednesdays 12 till 2 with an average of 12 people attending.

## **Healthy Life, Pilley**

This exercise group continues a weekly basis with regular attendance of between 10 ladies. The members were recently offered an addition to their group to include breakfast but they declined and said they preferred it just as it was.

## **Wortley Afternoon Social**

This continues to be run by the church volunteers. They are finding it difficult to attract new members and volunteers. The suggestion was made to move to Wortley Hall but the members felt the church would lose more funding if they didn't continue to support it.

## **Tea & Chat, Weavers Court**

This group continues to meet each month and is run by 2 wonderful volunteers. On average there are 14 people attending each session who get together to enjoy refreshments and a good natter.

## **Board Games Group**

This group is also now run by a very willing volunteer. This group is very popular and has 10 regular attendees.

## **Intergenerational Activity**

This quarter we have made links with the local Rainbows group who made beautiful handmade Christmas cards for our clients. As well as with the youth service who would like to run an evening event to include our clients. The decision was made to plan this for Spring as many of our clients don't like to go out in the dark during Winter.



## Dementia Support

### Happy Vibes Memory Café

This group continues to meet on a fortnightly basis with exercise monthly, craft sessions and memory games. The suggestion was made recently to make the group weekly but as many members attend other groups at that time on the alternate week, they declined. This group is promoted to clients who have attending the MCST sessions as a way of continuing the support that was given and to maintain the friendships made.

### Other additional support to this contract from Age UK

#### Barnsley Older People's Physical Activity Alliance (BOPPA)

- Healthy Bones Class at Hoylandswaine Church Hall
- Pilates/Wellbeing programme at Lower Coates Farm, Silkstone Common Penistone Area - 'Wellbeing Wednesday' Pilates programme
- Penistone. Healthy Bones class, Thurgoland Village Hall, Thursdays 10am to 12noon
- Tai Chi, St. John's Community Centre, Penistone, Fridays
- Walking Rugby, Wortley RUFC
- Walking Football, Thurgoland Village Hall
- Equanimity – Healthy Body, Healthy Ageing, Thurgoland Village Hall
- Equanimity – Nordic Walking, Cannon Hall



### Eat & heat social hubs

Age UK received funding to set up 2 warm hubs in the Penistone area. One of these began in November in Pendon House. This regularly has **8** attendees. The next will commence in January in the Huskar Rooms, Silkstone.

### Men-In-Sheds (Borough wide)

The shedders continue to work with men experiencing loneliness and isolation. **4** clients from the Penistone area have attended this quarter.

### Affordable shopping service

This has set up to offer a cheaper way for our clients to ensure they can purchase all that they need at a more affordable price than popping to the corner shop project officers either shop for or accompany our clients to a local supermarket to enable them to do a more cost effective shop. They can also offer support to do online shopping. **19** Penistone clients have accessed this service

### Handyman and gardening service

This was set up to give clients a trustworthy, affordable service where someone can come along and do those jobs around the house and garden that they can no longer do safely themselves. This includes simple DIY tasks, gardening jobs and home energy checks (HEC) to ensure home efficiency. **21** Penistone residents have taken up the offer of a HEC **11** used the gardening service **6** have accessed the handyman service

# Barnsley Citizens Advice

75 people supported (39 target)

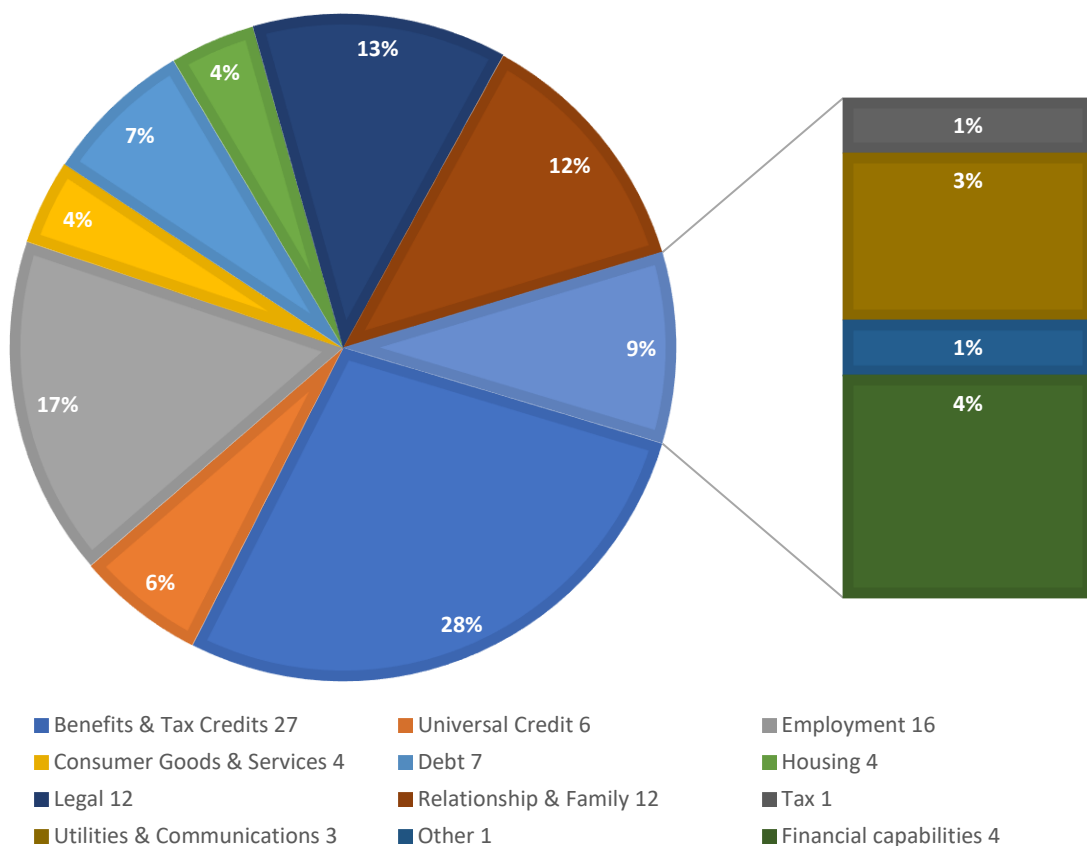
£13,906 of debt managed this quarter (£1.1m since project started in 2019)

£1,178 of benefits claimed (£252k since 2019)



This is the third quarter of a two year contract which completes at the end of March 2025. The advice service has supported clients with a variety of different issues, but as in previous years, the most common are Benefits and Tax Credits, Debt, and Universal Credit. As well as improved financial outcomes the support provided by the advice service also helps to improve health and wellbeing, reduces client stress, and improve resilience by increasing the client's ability to cope through self-help.

## BARNSELY CITIZENS ADVICE 105 ISSUES DELT WITH THIS QUARTER



Following the introduction of the face to face drop in service at Penistone library on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in August, take up rates have been steadily increasing. This quarter 19 clients ( out of a target of 6) have been seen compared to 6 last quarter when it was reintroduced.



56 clients ( Target 39) for the quarter were all supported either on-line or via the telephone. As numbers are exceeding targets this will be monitored to ensure provision is adequate in the coming months.

Employment issues have increased this quarter and there has been some take up of financial capability support (mostly people needing support in how to get power of attorney).

A breakdown of age ranges and parish areas was requested for this quarter and has revealed that the majority of people accessing this service are under 50, and although the service reaches out to people right across the Penistone area the vast majority are those living in the Penistone town council boundary.

**Client age range**

Band	%
20 -24	12
30-34	12
35-39	10
40-44	3
45-49	5
50-54	8
55-59	10
60-64	12
65-69	5
70-74	1
75-79	13
80-84	3
unknown	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

**Client address by parish area**

Parish	%
Barnsley Unparished	1
Cawthorne	5
Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth	1
Oxspring	3
Penistone	69
Silkstone	4
Stocksbridge	3
Tankersley	5
Thurgoland	4
Wortley	5

**Cost of Living support**

CAB continues to support this agenda and will ensure that clients are referred into other provision to support with food, energy bills and other emergency items of support. Details of the service in Penistone has been shared widely with providers in the area such as Food Buddies, Penistone Grammar and Penistone Leisure Centre.

Barnsley CAB has recently been funded by Denby Dale Parish Council to run sessions there and will report any Penistone area clients who may access this service.

# DIAL Barnsley

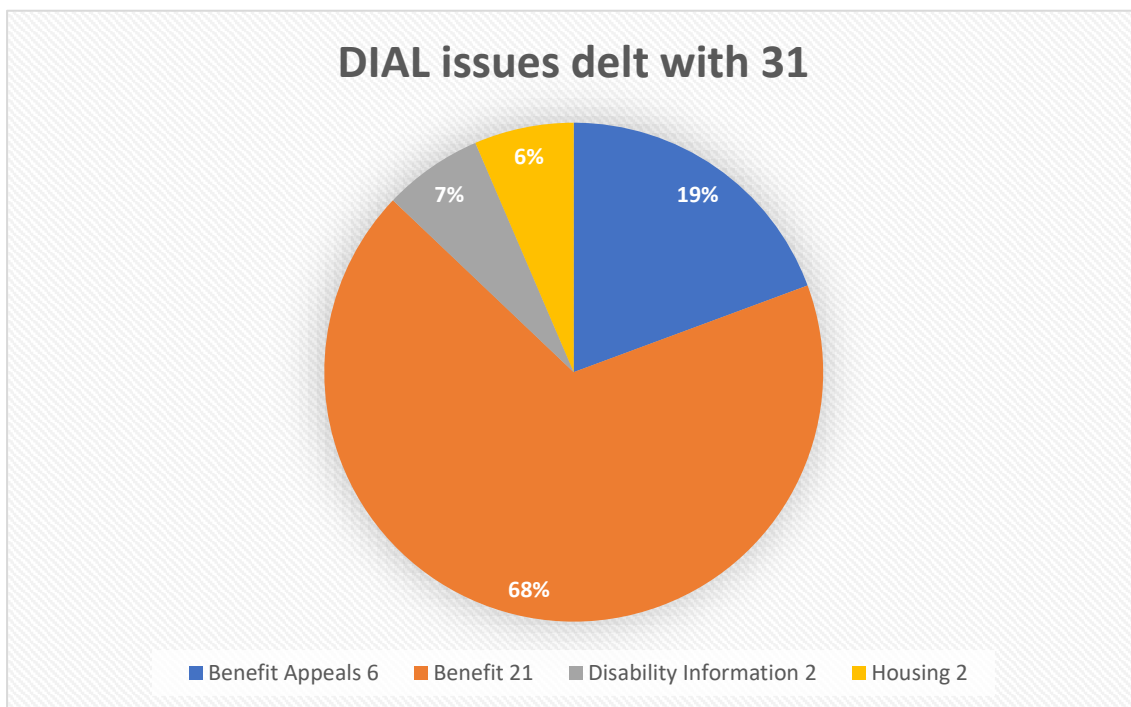
31 clients supported

£21,356 benefits claims supported this quarter  
over £190k in last 12 months

For every £1 invested in the project £18.90  
returned to the area



DIAL helps to reduce the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. This is the last quarter of the first year of the current contract which began in January 2023.



Face to face appointments continue to be offered to clients who must contact DIAL by telephone or on line in the first instance. Penistone area funding provides the support of a dedicated advice worker who provides both the face to face and follow up for each individual case. 31 clients were seen this quarter against a target 46 however the service benefits from additionality provided by DIAL ( and funded outside of this contract) which has provided telephone advice to 79 clients from the Penistone area.

Volunteer support is currently offered to support with back office functions such as directing calls and providing follow up surveys to clients who have accessed the service. Follow up is undertaken on a rolling 3 month basis.

Breakdown of enquiries for the quarter

Issue	Specific Issue	No of Enquiries
Benefit Appeals	Mandatory Reconsideration PIP	2
	SSCS1 PIP	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>
Benefits	Attendance Allowance	6
	Disability Living Allowance Child	1
	Pension Credit	1
	Personal Independence Payment	11
	State Pension	1
	Universal Credit	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>
Disability Information	Blue Badge	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>
Housing	Housing Banding	1
	Housing Benefit	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Grand total</b>		<b>31</b>

Although the majority of clients require support with Personal Independence Payments a holistic approach signposts and provides support with other issues that are impacting such as cost of living.

This quarter the Penistone adviser also supported a request from the area team to help support some independent research to identify employment issues faced by those experiencing long term health issues. Findings from this will be used to inform future planning on the Pathways to Work programme.

DIAL is also continuing to develop and research opportunities for a mobile advice service in the Penistone area and has met with parish representatives to start to scope this. This will be dependent on securing external funds outside of this contract.

# Adult Singing Workshop

## Angel Voices

Singing workshops for adults to improve health, wellbeing and confidence

12 month project started January 2023

This was the last quarter for this 12 month programme aimed at providing an opportunity for adults to learn how to sing, increasing confidence and techniques to support with overall health and wellbeing. This has successfully developed a number of cautious adults into confident singers who have performed both in solo and group events including:

- ✓ the Penistone area Ten-Year Celebrations at Wortley Hall,
- ✓ the Paramount Theatre as part of the Young People’s production where the entire group were singing with both teams and some having solos to sing,
- ✓ part of the Christmas concert for Penistone Light Switch On at John The Baptist Church Penistone

### Project outcomes

	Quarter 1 Jan - March		Quarter 2 April – June		Quarter 3 July- Sept		Quarter 4 Oct- Dec		Total Project target
	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	
Number of people attending singing sessions	10		12		14	8	16	10	52
Number of Workshops	4		4		4	6	4	4	16
Number of volunteers	4		6		8	4	10	2	28
Events			1		1	2	1	2	3
Exams						To be taken in January	1		1



Health outcomes include support with breathing, emotional wellbeing, physical stamina as well as increased confidence. The project has also generated intergenerational activity as the adults have supported young people with the productions and vice versa. As a final project evaluation exercise members of Penistone Area Council were invited to attend the last workshop to hear workshop members perform together as well as solo.

Adults expressed their gratitude for what they had learned from attending the workshops and explained to members how much they had benefitted from being part of these workshops and how they had developed over the 12 month period.

Plans are in place to look at the potential for a self-sustainable model for these workshops in the future.




# Supporting Young People Grant Fund

A third year of funding was allocated from PAC funds to support this grant in 2023. Five projects were successful in gaining funds to deliver 12 month projects to support young people in the Penistone area with a shorter project in Thurgoland.

Ad  
Astra

Weekly group support for young people with emotional wellbeing – targets year groups per term

One to one support to young people pre-16 from referrals


The project operates at Penistone Grammar school and through area council funding is able to provide weekly sessions to young people in the school who have been identified as needing additional support with their emotional wellbeing. **Group work sessions rely on referral directly from the school**, and each half term is designated for different year groups. Young people supported in the groups may then access some additional one to one support from Ad Astra as necessary. This is the first quarter for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of funding from PAC’s Supporting Young People fund, but due to term time working and the need for some continuity from the previous year to deliver one to one support under the previous funding, this programme did not start until after October half term.

## Number of young people receiving support since November 2023

	T	A
<i>Unique Young people supported in Group Work Sessions</i>	16	<b>14</b>
<i>Number of weekly sessions delivered ( 2 sessions per week – same day)</i>	6	<b>5</b>
Number of attendances (Max)	96	<b>52</b>

Set up Emails and telephones calls were conducted in September and October.

6 sessions in school were planned up to the Christmas break in December but due to room issues at the school only 5 were able to be delivered.

The two groups worked with this quarter were all Year 7 pupils set up with the initial advice that they were struggling with their transition.

### **Group one – 7 young people 4 female and 3 males**

The team start by getting to know a little about the young people

- what primary school they went to
- their thoughts about moving up into secondary school
- where they live and the family composition
- likes and dislikes

The team went on to discuss issues around

- sensory processing
- death and dealing with bereavement (one young man had lost his dad at an early age)
- lack of confidence
- being judged for wearing ear defenders in school
- anger issues and frustration
- behaviour in school and in particular lessons
- managing anger issues
- Homework
- Organisational skills and time management

### **Group two – 7 young people 4 female and 3 males**

The team start by getting to know a little about the young people

- what primary school they went to
- their thoughts about moving up into secondary school
- where they live and the family composition
- likes and dislikes

The team went on to discuss issues around

- Emotions and what can cause these
- Anger and frustration
- Parents and carers
- Family relationships
- Estranged parents
- Lack of confidence
- Links of interest between the group members
- Friendship groups

# Thurgoland Thespians

Volunteer led pantomime

Promoting community cohesion and  
intergenerational integration



Although a well-established group in the area, funding has been agreed to support some major developments for the group this year to make stronger links with schools and increase participation, as well as develop new improved sound and lighting for young people to learn to manage for future productions.

## Project Aims

- Increase in number of young people participating by making links with schools, social media drive
- Young people learning new skills and developing confidence via workshops in acting, singing and technical skills
- Installation of new lighting and sound and Young people trained in operation
- Delivery of a quality pantomime production to benefit participants and audience
- Increased number of young people participating in future productions by maintaining a communication network

## Outcomes for the first quarter

Currently 35 young people involved in the pantomime but in March the intention is to put on another production based on an Old Time Music Hall with over 50 involved.

To date 15 workshops and rehearsals completed with another 6 planned in the next 3 weeks before the performances at the beginning of February 2024

The lighting has just been installed and it's made a huge difference. The lights are much brighter and infinitely adjustable for brightness and colour. 3 young people so far have been training in its operation.

The pantomime will be performed from 31 Jan to 3 Feb with 2 shows on the Saturday. Tickets are selling well.

The Old Time Music Hall is on 21, 22 and 23 March which will involve a greater number of participants including a minimum of 50 young people.



Ben (pictured with the new lighting controller) is new to the Thespians. He has taken an acting role but has also shown great interest in learning about the lighting / music / sound effects side. Being young he has no fear of IT technology and has quickly mastered the lighting and has volunteered to come and work the lights when we have social nights as for instance the live music night on 20 January



Most of the girls are new to the Thespians and are thoroughly enjoying themselves - most have signed up for our next production, the Old Time Music Hall in March.

(New lighting techniques demonstrated here)

First production using the new lighting technology and involving new participants in the theatre group

# Thurgoland Thespians

*Present the 2024 Pantomime*

## Jack & The Beanstalk

*By Gavin Lugsden*

*From*  
Wednesday 31st Jan 2024

*To*  
Saturday 03rd Feb 2024  
7:15pm (Doors Open 6:45pm)

*Matinee*  
Saturday 03rd Feb 2024  
2:15pm (Doors Open 1:45pm)

Adults £6:00 / Child £4:00 each

Tel: Sun 5pm - 9pm rehearsals

[www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

**Thurgoland Village Hall**

# Angel Voices

Singing workshops for young people up to 18 in Penistone or surrounding village venues

Quarterly local performances to raise money for charity

Young People achieving ABRSM qualifications



This quarter saw the start of the third singing workshop programme for the Penistone area. Previous programmes have provided young people with quality training that has led to professionally recognised qualifications as well as professional performances both locally and nationally. A large number of singers attend other groups such as BYC, Junkyard Theatre Company, Stagebox. As a result of this, demand has increased and the need to provide guidance and support to young people keen to pursue professional routes into the entertainment industry has now become a key feature of the programme which will include experienced guest speakers



throughout the year including a BBC Singer, ABRSM Examiner, TV/Theatre Talent scout and Record Producer and Songwriter to share their expertise in Real-World Insights, Career Guidance, Networking Opportunities, Industry Trends, Practical Tips, Motivation, Inspiration, Q&A Sessions, Diverse Perspectives. This is coupled with field trips to encourage Cultural Exposure, Inspiration, Learning Opportunities, Team Building, Observational Skills, Appreciation of Performance Arts, Shared Experiences, Social Interaction, Variety & Field Study Integration.

Milestone	To be achieved by	Date achieved
Project Launched		October
	October 2023	
		12
Volunteers recruited x10	October 2023	
New Singers x5		5
Events/Concerts x1	December 2023	3
Exams x4 Singers	April 2024	
Event/Concert	June 2024	
Guest Speakers x2	January/July 2024	

## Highlights from the quarter

- Productions: One on the first October at The Penistone Paramount Team Adam versus Team Debbie Christmas concert for Penistone Light Switch On at John The Baptist Church Penistone
- Supporting singers who have been preparing for professional work as soloists or in productions such as Oliver ( Leeds Playhouse ) and for parts in semi professional productions Les Mis and Frozen ( Junkyard ) Cinderella ( Barnsley Civic )





- Several students are also preparing for exams in March grade 1 x 2 Grade 2 x 2 Grade 3 x 4 Grade 5 x 1 Grade 8 x 1
- We have also chosen and worked on songs for a student preparing for her auditions at 6 Conservatoires We wrote her references and advised her on interview techniques She was successful and has been offered a place studying Opera and Vocal studies (*Rated Gold in all areas of the 2023 Teaching Excellence Framework and noted as one of the UK's leading conservatoires for research, recognition includes multiple Times Higher Education and Greater China Awards, and a Global Teaching Excellence Award.*)
- We have had several new students enrol and we are currently working on their technical Training Two of these have already performed in the above mentioned concerts and sang in front of families and friends at our end of year Workshop event
- We arranged a visit to the theatre at Bradford to watch one of our members star in The Full Monty and we are going to watch another of our members perform in Oliver at Leeds Playhouse this January
- We also arranged a visit to watch Les Mis at Penistone Paramount where 4 of our singers had lead roles



Activity/Intervention	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Total Project target
	T	A	T	A	T	A	T	A	
Young People Attending	20	22	25		30		35		110
Number of sessions delivered	10	10	10		10		10		40
Recruitment of volunteers	6	12	8		9		10		33
Concerts/Events	1	3			1				2
Exams student taking exams			4				4		8



# Cawthorne Cricket Club



Junior Section Development

Mental Health First Aid Sessions for all the  
Coaching Team

Supporting Health and Wellbeing



The Grant Funding Application set out to Improve the number of Qualified Coaches at the Club. Since receiving the Grant Funding in late October 2023, three people have been put through the ECB Core Coaches Course (L2) at a cost of £300.00 per participant, It has also funded 1 person to attain his L1 Coaching Certificate at a Cost of £150.00

The plan is to complete at least one more L1 Course completion in Q4, possibly 2 subject to securing places on the relevant Courses, inc 1 x female Coach.

Also included in the programme is the Introduction of Pilates and Strength and Conditioning sessions into the Winter Training Programme.

Since the Winter Indoor Training Programme on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023 we have completed 6 Friday evening Sessions in total at PGS, with 148 Junior Cricketers attending over the 6 sessions with an Avg attendance per session of 24.6.

## Delivered this quarter:

2 Strength and Conditioning Sessions involving 41 participants

2 Pilates sessions involving 18 participants (10&8) with U15s and U13s Groups

4 Full Net sessions involving 89 Participants

1 Specialist Wicket Keeper session involving 5 Participants for all age groups.



Winter Training Programme resumes on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024, with sessions planned through to the end of March 2024 indoors at Penistone Grammar School.

Planned deliver of the Mental Health First Aid Training sessions to coaches in Feb 2024, via Direct Action Training, along with General First Aid Training.

# Walking The Goats

## Big Farmers Project

Farming and Animal care

Delivered by former teaching professionals

Mental Health and emotional wellbeing programme



This new project is due to start from January 2024. The aim is to provide emotional and wellbeing support to young people in a farming and animal care setting. During this quarter the project has been making links with schools in the area to promote the project's aims in readiness for referrals into the programme when it starts in quarter 4.



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## Penistone Area Council

### Discussion paper PAC 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### Supporting People in the Penistone area with food access.

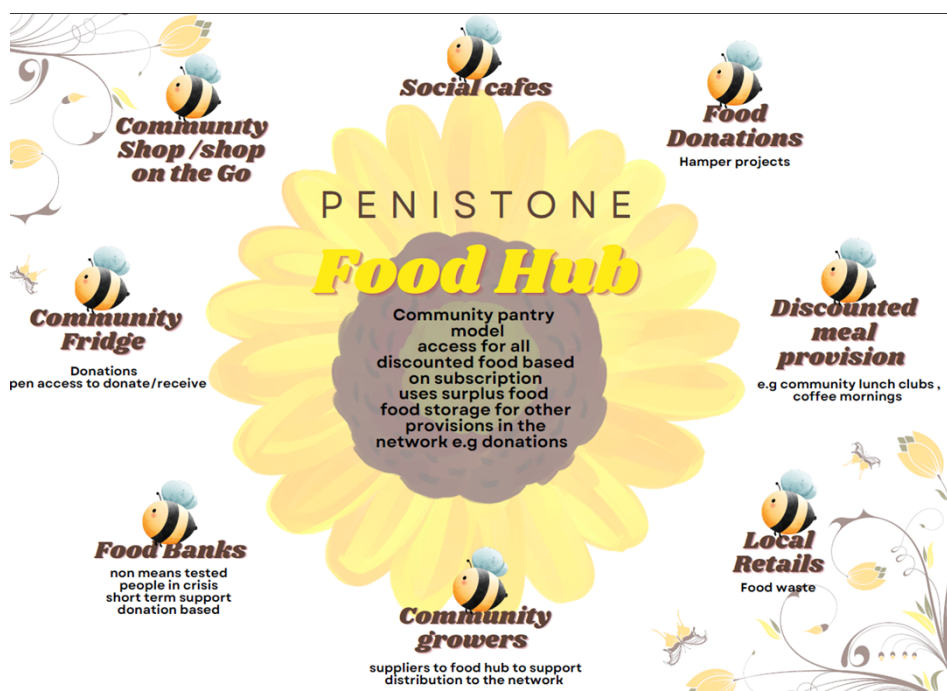
#### Purpose of the paper

- To provide members with an update on the need and current food provision for people in the Penistone area
- To support discussion and agree any future options on how PAC may wish to support this agenda in the future

#### Background

As part of the Area Council's priority review in September 2022, members were presented with data and information on the impacts of the rising costs of living for people living in the Penistone area. In light of this information, it was agreed that PAC would continue to monitor these impacts through its' funded contracts and through further investigations with partners operating in the area who were supporting with food access. This was with a view that PAC may consider providing additional support as necessary (potentially through a Storehouse and Field food discount type scheme).

Since this initial discussion, a food network was established with key partners and providers such as Good Food Barnsley CiC, BMBC Healthier Communities, Penistone Food Buddies, Parishes and others who contribute to food access in the area. It was agreed that a model which saw a food hub at the centre of a network of existing (and any new) provision would be a good way forward for the area.



Following further consultation with providers in August 2023 the above model was confirmed as a way forward. Since this time, further work was undertaken to explore potential venues and providers who may be interested in taking this forward. One potential organisation has tentatively expressed interest in becoming a food hub but has requested more extensive evidence of need in order to assess the viability. Whilst overall the area has significantly lower levels of deprivation than other areas in the Borough, there are pressure points within this where food insecurity and poverty is prevalent. Quantifying this is difficult, and relies significantly on local intelligence, but we do know that where food needs have been identified from within the community itself, steps have been taken to develop a localised approach to addressing these needs through community action.

This provision continues to successfully deliver food access independently in the area and further work is needed to try and provide connectivity between the different offers so that those who may need to access these have a better understanding of what is available.

## **Current Food Access points for the Penistone area.**

### ***Penistone Food Buddies***

- Started in September 2022. Open to all living in the Penistone area , do not need a specific referral or to be registered for any benefits just need photo ID and proof of address to receive support. Run solely by volunteers ( 12 at present) each allocated specific tasks. Advertised through social media, local networks and word of mouth.
- Delivers at St John’s Church on a Friday between 11.30am-1pm. ( no overheads to the group).
- Operated via individual donations of food and cash as well as local business donations. ( Co-op is a main provider)Each bag of food provides enough to supply 2 people for 2 days ( weekend) and has an equivalent cost of £12. Mostly content is non-perishables but recent cost exercise has led to purchasing some perishable items as more cost effective for meal planning. Perishables bought with donations on Thursdays and need to be distributed the next day. Storage is becoming an issue with limited space available in the church.
- Original intention to provide support up Christmas 2022 but demand has been such that the scheme still continues. Stats up to end of Oct 2022 showed 1053 people were fed and there are 3/4 new registrations per week (recipients asked to complete feedback sheets so up to date stats on numbers and type of people receiving support is ongoing) Currently about 25 regular attendees each week.
- Linked into local networks, participated in Cost of Living events in Penistone and are distributing our local booklets and signposting people to support in the area.
- Main issues currently are food storage, dwindling donations, premises to operate from. They have received Household Support Grant via Penistone area team and the team will continue to support this group to help look for future sustainable options. The provision has still been very much in demand in the last 12 months.



### ***Food Bank***

- Operates a collection only point out of St Andrews Church Penistone
- Open to individuals who meet specific requirements (low income, in receipt of benefit, in emergency need) Referral only via designated agencies, time limited support in 12month period.
- Operates through Trussell trust who source food via food waste schemes/donations from major supermarkets
- Indications that number of referrals has increased in the last 12 months.

### ***Christmas Hamper schemes***

- Family hamper scheme provided by local donations. Have also received support from Local Support Grant and HSG in the last 2 years via Penistone area team
- Referrals made from local primary schools based on FSM information and other families known to have need by the 0-19 Public Health nursing team. Delivered directly to homes ( no stigma)
- Other hamper schemes: Penistone Round Table/Penistone town council funded delivered directly by AGE UK to specific service users, Parish Council initiatives in some other areas targeted at older, isolated residents.

### ***Luncheon Clubs/tea and chat/coffee mornings***

Various available across the Penistone area run by volunteers , and through Parish Councils

- Meet and Eat (run by Cllr Lowe-Flello) at Pendon House Penistone
- Thurgoland Parish. Targets older socially isolated residents in the area, provides social contact as well as food.
- Age UK run New INN discounted luncheon club within the pub
- Silkstone **Huskar Group** This group meets fortnightly in the Huskar rooms and is an informal group and gives a great opportunity to meet new people.
- Crane Moor – new tea and chat group
- Oxspring Pop in Club – tea and chat weekly at St Aiden’s Oxspring

### ***Families and children***

- School breakfast clubs
- Penistone Paramount Warm spaces initiative ( HSG funds) free film and some food after school ( open to all ages but targeting families after school)

### ***Food Growers***

The Penistone Area also has a number of community run food growers who are keen to add to the food network for the area. These include Wortley Walled Garden, Springvale Community Gardens and a newly planted community orchard.

### ***Community Shop on the Go***

Complementary to this is the new Community Shop on the Go Pilot currently running in Penistone Town Centre on a fortnightly basis. This has so far been well received, stats for January from Community Shop on the Go and during 2 visits that month at Penistone there were;

- 89 customers served
- 35 small bags of shopping distributed
- 54 large bags of shopping distributed

Following discussion with Penistone town council, the Penistone area team and Community Shop on the Go, the provision is due to be re-located to try and extend the reach. Target areas will include Penistone Football Club ( which will replace St John's Community Centre car park), from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February this will be the Penistone location, Tankersley Welfare Hall and Millhouse Green Institute (potential start dates from March).

As a further development of this the area team is working with Age UK to look at the possibility of them creating warm social spaces to coincide with the days that Community Shop on the go will be operational.

### **Next Steps and future development for discussion**

In order to continue to meet any future need in the area, a deeper insight is required into how people in the Penistone area meet their food needs currently, what the pressure points and barriers are within this, and levels of awareness of the alternative food access provision that exists currently.

Alongside this, it is important that the food network for the area can be re-established to ensure that all providers can play a role in helping to determine further insight into need and may be supported to provide a more coherent approach to meeting that need in the future.

An approach has been made to further support with this work from Good Food Barnsley CiC and this may need to be explored further.

Whilst the original desire to set up a 'physical hub' based around a food discount scheme presented a good option when PAC first considered how they may wish to respond to support with food access, this now needs further consideration as it may not be the most appropriate way forward.

It is recommended that members consider a further period of consultation and investigation which could potentially provide the evidence base to establish a more appropriate and tailored response for meeting the needs of the Penistone area.

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*Penistone Area Council Manager*

*PAC February 15<sup>th</sup> 2024*

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Penistone Area Council  
February 15th 2024**

**Summary report of the  
Penistone Area Council Manager**

**Penistone Area Council Procurement and Financial updates**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 This report provides members with a summary update on the following commissioning and procurement activity:

- Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people service
- Working Together Grant Fund
- Supporting Young People Grant Fund
- Environment Services

1.2 The report advises of the current priorities for PAC linking to spend

1.3 The report outlines the current budget position of the Penistone Ward Alliance

1.4 The report outlines the budget position for Penistone Area Council 2023/24 and highlights predicted carry forward to the financial year 2024/25

**2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 **That members note the update of the contract funded by the Supporting Isolated and Older People Grant fund and agree to participate in a workshop to consider any future procurement options.**

2.2 **That members receive the update and current financial position of the Penistone Working Together Grant Fund.**

2.3 **That members note the current position and uptake of round 3 of the Supporting Young People Grant fund ringfenced within the existing Working Together Grant Fund**

2.4 **That members receive the updates on the procurement processes for the new service contracts to support PAC's environment priority**

2.5 **That members note the current financial position of the Penistone Ward Alliance and agree to support this to the end of the financial year 2023/24 with additional funds of £5k from within the current PAC budget.**

2.6 **That Members receive the record of allocated and proposed spend from within the current PAC budget for 2023/24 and note the potential underspend to carry forward to 2024/25.**

### 3.0 **Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Service**

- 3.1 At the PAC meeting 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 it was agreed that £70K was made available from the 2020/21 Area Council budget to set up a further 'Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People Fund' (SVIOP) with devolved responsibility for the formal approval of the grants to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the grant fund Panel Members.
- 3.2 Following member review of previous provision to establish a grant specification in August 2021 a robust grant procurement process was established and a new service delivered by Age UK Barnsley was secured to support vulnerable and isolated older people Ageing Well in Penistone. The new contract started from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 at a cost of £70k per year for two years.
- 3.3 Following a full 12 month evaluation of outcomes for the first year of this contract at PAC on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2023, members agreed to the continuation of this grant funded service to year 2 of the contract at a cost of £70k.
- 3.4 Members are advised that the current grant funded service contract finishes at the end of June 2024. A review of the project outcomes to date is presented within this meeting.
- 3.5 In order to determine any future procurement requirement to support vulnerable and isolated older people in the Penistone area, it is advised that members participate in a workshop on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2024.

### 4.0 **Penistone Area Council Working Together Fund**

- 4.1 At PAC 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Members were informed that a total of **£10,986** remained within the Working Together Grant fund, and that there were insufficient funds to be able to respond to emerging needs resulting from the impact of the rising costs of living. Members at this meeting subsequently agreed that an additional allocation of **£80k** be made to this grant pot from within the 2022/23 PAC budget.
- 4.2 Following a presentation to members at PAC February 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 by Citizens Advice Bureau where outcomes from their grant funded Debt advice service for Penistone for the last 12 months were outlined, members were informed of the likely potential future need for the area. As a result, members agreed that there was a future need for this service from April 2023 and encouraged CAB to apply for further Working together grant funds
- 4.3 An application from CAB for £21,179 to deliver a service for 2 years was received by the Working together grant panel, following the February PAC meeting. This grant funding application was approved by the Panel on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023.
- 4.4 External monies available through the remaining Practical Support grant within PAC budget provided a contribution of £7245 to the delivery of the CAB service, with a **£13,934** allocated from the working together grant pot.

- 4.5 At PAC 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Members agreed that £40k of the current Working Together Grant Pot be ringfenced in support of a further 'Supporting Young People' grant programme for 2023/24
- 4.6 A current total of **£37,052** remains within this grant pot and is available for spend against proposals that will address the current priorities for PAC, including any impacts resulting from the rising cost of living.
- 4.7 Total allocations to date (since the grant started in 2014)

Penistone FM	£ 15,627.00
Penistone Round Table	£ 11,660.00
Penisone Scout Group	£ 8,050.00
Sporting Penistone	£ 16,230.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2017)	£ 4,275.00
Barnsley Market – BMBC Market Barn additions lighting and Wi-fi	£ 6,740.00
Penistone Youth Project (TYS)	£ 8,730.00
The People Focussed Group ( Bumping spaces)	£ 19,836.00
Cycle Penistone CIC	£ 5,990.00
Penistone FM Community Radio Older people	£ 19,840.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 pilot	£ 5,000.00
Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers Penistone Station project	£ 6,630.00
Allocation to Ward Alliances	£ 10,000.00
DIAL ( Information and Advice service 2018)	£ 4,395.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC 2017 Pilot extension	£ 6,538.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery 2018/19	£ 20,000.00
TPT conservation volunteers Penistone Station project extension	£ 2,890.00
Penistone FM Young Voices	£ 7,644.00
DIAL (Information and Advice service 2019 with option to extend to 2020)	£ 9,700.00
CAB Barnsley (Information and Advice Debt support 6 month Pilot to Sept 2019)	£ 2,115.00
South Pennine Community Transport CIC Service Delivery contribution 2019/20	£ 14,000
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2020	£ 3566
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to September 2021	£8118

DIAL (Information and Advice service 2021 with option to extend to 2022)	£10,136
Penistone FM Young Minds project	£8583
Additional amount allocated to cover YP grant overspend	£594
Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs to April 2023	£8191
Additional amount to Supporting Young People grant 2022	£574
DIAL (Information and Advice service) delivery for 2023	£5198
Angel Voices academy adult singing workshops	£8650
<b>Total Allocations to February 2023</b>	<b>£259,500</b>
<i>Amount remaining February 2023</i>	<b>£10,986</b>
<i>PAC allocation to enhance grant pot to meet emerging cost of living needs March 2023</i>	<b>£80,000</b>
<i>Barnsley CAB debt advice service operational costs contribution to April 2025</i>	£13,934
<i>Allocation of ringfenced funds to support young people 2023/24</i>	£40,000
<b>Total amount available for allocation February 2024</b>	<b>£37,052</b>

## 5.0 Working Together Grant fund – Supporting Young People

5.1 At PAC on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 members agreed the need to continue to provide a third round of grant funding for 2023/24 to encourage further projects to help support young people with physical and mental wellbeing in the area. A fund of £40k for this has been allocated from within the existing Working Together grant pot ( see 4.5 within this report) .

5.2 Grant panels held in September and October 2023, agreed to funding for 5 projects at a total cost of **£37,337.83** from within the current budget allocation, leaving **£2,662.17** remaining unallocated within this pot.

5.3 Members are advised that all five projects have now started delivery and updates are provided on outcomes to date within the Q3 performance report presented at this meeting

5.4 Breakdown of allocations for Supporting Young people grant round 3 (2023/24)

Ad Astra –Listening support for young people in Penistone Grammar school	£8124
Angel Voices – singing workshops	£10,000

Cawthorne junior cricket club – Young people’s development programme	£3,719
Thurgoland Thespians – expansion programme	£4,544.83
Walking the Goats – young people’s wellbeing programme	£10,950
<b>Total allocations</b>	<b>£37,337.83</b>
<b>Amount remaining unallocated</b>	<b>£2,662.17</b>

6.0 **Environmental Services**

- 6.1 This priority has previously been addressed via a Clean Green and Tidy Service delivered by Twiggs Grounds Maintenance Ltd via a three year contract to the end of March 2023. A further 6 month waiver to this contract was approved by PAC at its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 at a cost of £50k allocated from the PAC 2023/24 budget whilst a procurement review exercise was being undertaken. The Service contract finally ended at the end of Quarter 2 (end of September 2023)
- 6.2 PAC members participated in a number of review workshops in 2022 to consider the future need for a service to support the Penistone area to meet its’ environment priority, and at PAC September 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 Members approved £100k to be allocated from the PAC 2023/24 budget in order to progress a procurement process for a new clean green and tidy contract
- 6.3 At a member workshop on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 members were presented with outcomes of a recent consultation exercise with the Penistone community which demonstrated the need for future services that will provide sufficient flexibility to meet the environmental needs of the area. Members held an in-depth discussion on these outcomes and considered how this need may be best met for the area within this workshop.
- 6.4 At PAC July 20<sup>th</sup> 2023, members were presented with options on how they may proceed to procure any new services that could meet the area’s needs. A proposal to procure and invite interest was presented for two services; service one to purchase specific environmental works as needed to keep the area tidy and well maintained (outside of the scope of BMBC’s core service to the area) , service two to purchase a community environmental support service to work directly with environmental groups and volunteers in the Penistone area.
- 6.5 Members agreed at PAC July 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 to devolve responsibility for the formal approval of contracts to the Executive Director for Public Health and communities in order to persue a direct purchasing of the proposed services.
- 6.6 At PAC July 20<sup>th</sup> Members were advised that an existing budget allocation of £50k approved on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 was available for this procurement exercise and members also agreed to supplement this with the approval of a further £50k from the 2024/25 budget in support of both services over a 12 month period.

- 6.7 A tendering exercise has now been carried out to procure service one to provide a reactive environment service directed by the Penistone community, Parish Councils, Penistone Town Council and PAC members. Following a robust evaluation process in which Parish Councils and PAC members participated, a preferred bidder has been identified. Following the standstill period, the successful bidder will be awarded a contract which will be starting from March 2024.
- 6.8 A grant application process has been established to procure service two ( Community Environmental Support Service) which closes on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2024. An evaluation panel will assess applications shortly after this. Members of environmental community groups have been approached to support the evaluation panel and PAC members are invited to be part of this process. Once a preferred service provider is identified this service should be operational from March 2024.
- 6.9 The Penistone Area team has been managing any demand for support with environmental projects during the procurement phase until new service contracts have been secured.
- 7.0 **Penistone Ward Alliance**
- 7.1 A budget allocation of £20k (£10k for each ward within the Penistone area) was made available to the Ward Alliance outside of Area Council funds for the financial year 2023/24. This, together with underspend of **£1,654.18** from the previous financial year 2022/23 and a carry forward allocation of **£3,875.00** from the ring fenced School's Out allocations provided the Ward Alliance with a working budget of **£25,529.18** for the 2023/24 financial year.
- 7.2 Following the Ward Alliance meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 where **£6959.28** was allocated, the total allocations to date are **£25,529.18** from the 2023/24 budget. This includes **£3195** allocation from the Schools Out fund and leaves a current amount of **£950** remaining for allocation this financial year including **£680** of ring fenced schools out fund.
- 7.3 Members are advised that demand for Ward Alliance funds is estimated at £3,950 up to the end of the current financial year and therefore exceeds the remaining funds should applications be approved. ***It is therefore recommended that PAC provide supplementary funds of £5k to the Ward Alliance from within the current PAC Budget to ensure projects requesting funding may be progressed.***
- 8.0 **Penistone Area Council Priorities**
- 8.1 The current area governance arrangements recommend that Area Council priorities are reviewed on a regular basis in order to ensure that these reflect the current and emerging needs of the area and funding can be allocated appropriately
- 8.2 At PAC June 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 members agreed to participate in a workshop in early September to reconsider PAC priorities. The outcomes of the workshop concluded that existing PAC priorities are still relevant although it was acknowledged that impacts of cost of living increases need to be monitored.
- 8.3 At PAC meeting September 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 members agreed that ***existing priorities will remain the same but will be monitored within the context of any impact of rising costs of living*** in order that PAC may be able to provide any appropriate support.



8.4 Members are advised that should they wish to encourage further investigation into food access and provision for the area, as discussed within this meeting, any potential funding requirements could be met from the Working together grant fund in line with PAC priorities.

9.0 **Current Financial Summary Position**

9.1 A PAC 2023/24 budget allocation of **£200k** has been made available for spend. Together with underspend from the financial year 2022/23 of **£8,059** this provides a total working budget of **£208,059**.

9.2 Budget allocations approved for 2023/24 include Clean Green and Tidy contract extension and future procurement exercise £100k, Year 2 of the Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People grant contract at cost of £70k, and a contribution to the 10 year celebration event of £843 leaving a total of **£37,216**

9.3 Should members approve an allocation of £5k to support the Ward Alliance budget to the end of the financial year 2023/24 as at 7.3 within this report, a final budget total of **£32,216** remains until the end of the current financial year. This amount may be carried forward to any budget allocation for 2024/25.

**Budget Allocations summary 2023/24**

<b>Budget 2023/24</b>	
<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>£200k</b>
<b>Additional income to base budget</b> Underspend from 2021/22 budget	<b>£8,059</b>
Total budget available for spend 2023/24	<b>£208,059</b>
<b>Approved Spend items 2023/24</b>	
Spend already approved by PAC for procurement of Clean, green and tidy contract 2023/24 ( to include £50k allocation to waiver existing contract to end of September 2023)	<b>£100K</b>
Yr 2 Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older People grant fund	<b>£70k</b>
<i>Contribution to 10 year celebration event</i>	<b>£843</b>
<b>Total Remaining amount for allocation 2023/24</b>	<b>£37,216</b>
<b>Recommended allocation to top up Ward Alliance funds to end of March 2024</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
10.0 <b>Remaining total (subject to approval of WA top up) to be carried forward to 2024/25</b>	<b>£32,216</b>
<b>Budget 2024/25</b>	
Allocation in support of procurement exercise for services to support PAC environmental priority.	<b>£50k</b>

## PAC Working Budget 2023/24 Financial Summary

PENISTONE AREA COUNCIL - COMMISSIONING BUDGET 2023/24				
Contract Name	Commissioning Budget 2022/23	Commissioning Budget 2023/24		Commissioning Budget 2024/25
	Budget	Budget	Spend	Budget
Base Expenditure	£200,000.00	£200,000.00		
Underspend from previous year	£28,095.00	£8,095.00		
Countryside Skills Training				
Countryside Skills Training Extension				
Clean & Green				
Clean & Green extension				
Working Together Fund	£80,000.00			
Allocation to Ward Alliances/DWB 15-16				
Allocation to Ward Alliances 16-17				
Reducing Isolation in older people				
Public Health Funds				
Supporting Older People Fund				
Supporting supporting vulnerable isolated older people 23/24		£70,000.00	£33,983.50	
Supporting Young People Fund				
Supporting Young People Fund 2022/23	£40,000.00			
Supporting Young People Fund 2023/24		£40,000.00	£23,196.96	
Allocation to Ward Alliances 17-18				
Allocation to Ward Alliances 18-19				
Allocation to Ward Alliance 19-20				
Allocation to Ward Alliance Dec 21				
Clean & Green 2017/18 (Y1)				
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension Nov 19 (Y2)				
Clean & Green 2017/18 - extension April 2020 (Y2)				
Clean & Green April 2020 (Y1)				
Clean & Green April 2021 (Y2)				
Clean & Green April 2022 (Y3)	£100,000.00			
Clean & Green 2023		£100,000.00	£50,546.00	
Environment contracts				£50,000.00
Penistone Living Inserts				
Area Council Promotion		£2,000.00	£2,075.00	
Public Health Monies				
financial hardship monies				
Practical Support Grant	£7,245.00			
<b>Expenditure Incurred in Year</b>			<b>£109,801.46</b>	
<b>What funds are available</b>	<b>£228,095.00</b>	<b>£208,095.00</b>		
Carry forward = What funds are available - Practical Support Grant				

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