

Ward Alliance Meeting



Worsbrough Ward Alliance
Bringing a Community Together

Date & Time:	Thursday , 8th September @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Worsbrough Library

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees			
Chairperson:	Cllr John Clarke		
CDO:	Michelle Toone		
Secretary:	Andrea Greaves		
Committee Members:	Cllr Jake Lodge, Allison Johnson, Tracy Hamby, Alan Littlewood		
Guest:	Sarah Blunkett (central area manager)		
2. Apologies for absence			
Cllr Roy Bowser has sent his apologies.			
3. Guest Attendance – Sarah Blunkett, Live Funding Event			
Discussed as part of agenda item number 11			
4. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest			
Cllr Jake Lodge declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Bankend Primary School Small Sparks Fund application.			
4.1 Notes of Last Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Agreed as a true and accurate record.	All	AG
5. Matters arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Benches – Cutting Edge Crossroads & Kendal Crescent The Installation of the new bench on Kendal Crescent completed. The installation of the new bench on Cutting Edge to be completed by end of w/c 12 September.		MT
	Defibrillator The cabinet and defibrillator for Ward Green Pharmacy has now been delivered. Michelle to liaise with Berneslai Homes to enquire about fitting at zero cost to end user. Kevin Williams to liaise with Ward Green Chemist on behalf of Ward Green Baptist Church . Cllr John Clarke, on behalf of Cllr Bowser, enquired about the use of and purchase of paediatric pads for the defibrillators. Alan confirmed to continue to be a warden for the defibrillator at Elm Court	MT to liaise with BH and Kevin Williams to arrange installation. MT has emailed Joanne Watson at Yorkshire ambulance service to seek advice. Awaiting response MT to provide support to set Alan up on the	MT

		Circuit website so he can carry out the checks and update the status.	
	Retired Ward Alliance members WA agreed to fund flowers and thank you cards for the members that have resigned within the last 12 months as a way of thanks. Alan to coordinate.	MT to provide contact details to Alan.	MT/AL
	A61 Banking Following on from the last meeting Cllr Clarke reminded the group arrangements have been made with NS for them to cut back the shrubery and undergrowth on the banking that leads down to the Mill Academy School. Cllr Clarke will follow up with Matthew Holdroyd at the end of October to make sure this activity is on the schedule. It is Cllr Clarke's understanding that volunteer involvement is not permitted and asked for this to be reiterated to the Tidy Group.	MT to update tidy group and ensure they are aware that volunteers are not permitted to support the activity due to the hazards	JC/ MT
6. Ward Alliance Budget 2022/2023		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Total allocation for 2022/2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Fund = £11,612.33 Engagement Fund = £937.55 		MT
7. WAF Applications		Action/ Decision	Action lead
a.	Bankend Primary Group - Eco Warriors: £150 The funding will support the development of the school's outdoor spaces, including the creation of a 'seasonal garden' that can be adapted every term to suit the weather and seasonal requirements. The development of the outdoor spaces will help to improve the confidence and mental wellbeing of the children involved. Produce from the garden will be used in the school kitchen (where possible) and any surplus donated to Worsbrough Community Pantry.	Agreed in full. Cllr Clarke will be the 'buddy' for this project and provide feedback to the group. MT to inform Cllr Clarke when the project is up and running.	JC/MT
8. WAF Monitoring			
	WAF Monitoring As part of the WA application process WA members to buddy up with successful applicants and where appropriate provide support as well as feedback to the WARD Alliance		
	St Thomas' Wives Group The Wives group have had a break from meeting over the summer period. Andrea has arranged to attend their first meeting back in September.	Andrea to give feedback at the next Ward Alliance meeting	AG
	Dale Juniors Football Club Cllr Clarke provided feedback on behalf of Cllr Bowser. Cllr Bowser has visited the team on Sunday 28 th August and met with Scott. The £300 funding has been used to purchase new equipment and help towards the cost of the new kit. As of Cllr Bowsers visit the team were still awaiting the delivery of their new kit.	Cllr Bowser to revisit when team are wearing kit to take photos for the Ward Alliance Facebook Page.	RB

	<p><u>Low Whitehead Healthy Holidays</u> Cllr Lodge gave feedback on Low Whitehead Centre. The group were awarded £750 to run weekly healthy holiday sessions throughout the summer. Cllr Lodge attended the sessions on 2 out of the 4 weeks and said it was a fantastic offer with good attendance by residents and support from the Youth Associations. There were lots of different activities suitable for the wide age range of children in attendance. The meals were substantial which was a huge help to those attending. The volunteers have done a great job in organising and delivering the sessions. A discussion took place around the number of attendees and the cost of each session. It was proposed by Cllr Clarke that any remaining money can be used to deliver a Healthy Holidays session during October half term.</p>	<p>All in agreement to allow carry over of any underspend to deliver additional Healthy Holidays sessions. Michelle to speak to the group to determine if delivering another session in October half term is something they want to do. Michelle also to clarify what funds are left.</p>	<p>MT</p>
	<p><u>Coffee & Crafts Group at Worsbrough Dale Pavilion</u> Allison provided an update on how the £329 funding (to purchase new tables) had positively benefitted the group. Since the purchase of the tables the group have been able to expand and accommodate more new group members. The tables also accommodate more sewing machines, so the group are able to make more items to sell to raise further funds for the group.</p>	<p>Official monitoring information to be followed up by MT</p>	<p>MT</p>
<p>9. Area Council Update</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>The next Area Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st September.</p>	<p>Cllr Clarke to give an update at the next Ward Alliance meeting</p>	<p>JC</p>
<p>10. Current/Ongoing Ward Actions</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
<p>a.</p>	<p><u>Environmental Working Group (EWG)</u> Going forward Michelle will bring the notes from the previous Environmental Working group meeting to the Ward Allinace meeting as a means of updating the group on what activity and action is taking place. A verbal update was given from the Enviornental meeting that was held on Wednesday 7th September, the notes will be submitted as part of the Area Council papers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good attendance and participation. Discussed previous actions incl engagement with school; eg. Bottles for benches, poster campaign. Looking to engage senior schools such as creating paintings on the telecom boxes. This can also be tied in with the further development of the Hertiage Walk. • Organised litter pick taken place this morning (08.09.), which was well attended. Covered Station Road and Wombwell Woods. Next litter pick planmned for October. • Tidy group confirmed that they renewed their insurance (WA gave funding in 2021 to cover three years of insurance renewal). 	<p>MT to circulate notes of Environmental meeting as part of WA papers</p>	<p>KE / MT</p>

b.	<p><u>Worsbrough Local History Day 09/2023</u></p> <p>The next History day event is planned for September 2023 this will coincide with the national Heritage Open Days. A planning meeting has been scheduled for 10th October at 10 am in Miners Welfare. All WA members welcome to attend.</p> <p>As part of this action plan the Heritage trail will be developed further.</p>	Feedback of the meeting outcomes will be given at the next meeting.	MT/ planning committee
11. Upcoming Activities/ Areas of Focus			
a	<p><u>Carol Concerts</u></p> <p>It was agreed to host the Brass Band Mini Carol Concerts again this year. It was suggested to invite schools to send a small choir to support if feasible.</p> <p>Proposal to have the concerts in the same locations as last year as well as Ward Green Baptist Church - Outside or indoors depending on weather</p>	All agreed. Michelle awaiting response from Barnsley Brass to agree dates.	MT
b	<p><u>Live funding celebration event (Soup Events)</u></p> <p>Sarah Blunkett, Central Area council manager, joined the meeting to give an overview of the type of live funding events she had been involved in as part of her previous employment. The main focus of discussion was on a Soup type event.</p> <p>Soup events are live crowd funding projects, its concept originating from the U.S.</p> <p>Community groups/ volunteers are invited to come along to pitch their projects / funding ideas in front of a panel of judges and a community audience.</p> <p>Traditionally the funding pot available is made up of the entrance fees that residents and groups are charged. The fee also usually covers the cost of refreshments. As the WA have available funding a budget could be ringfenced to cover the cost of the initial event.</p> <p>The event would provide a great opportunity to promote the work of the Ward Alliance and the Ward Alliance fund to the wider community. It would also provide a platform for groups, volunteers, businesses and residents to network.</p> <p>In addition to the above the event could also lend itself to providing a hot meal and warm environment during the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>As part of the offer to groups / volunteers that pitch their ideas the WA could provide ongoing support to further develop initial ideas or assist with setting up new groups. Support could also be given the people prior to them pitching in front of a live audience.</p>	MT to invite Paul Robson to October meeting to explore how he might be able to support the groups with developing good project presentations. Paul delivers the Primary School Enterprise Challenge so has lots of experience in this field.	MT
c	<p><u>New Members</u></p> <p>Michelle has received two enquiries from residents that are interested in becoming Ward Alliance representatives. Michelle has sent application forms and the governance framework and has offered to meet with the individual s to discuss further and support them with applying if needed.</p>	Group to continue to promote WA and sign post potential new members to MT	MT

10. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><u>Cook & Eat</u> Event attendances disappointing. After two sessions cancelled due to low interest. As part of the offer participants were given a slow cooker. Those that did attend enjoyed the sessions.</p>		
b.	<p><u>Low level engagement events / WA Roadshows</u> As part of the plan to better promote the WA and encourage further applications for membership, Michelle is looking to have small popup events in local cafes and businesses. As part of this discussion it was suggested that the WA could deliver the rolling roadshows again.</p>	To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.	
c.	<p><u>Pantry update</u> Tracey provided a brief update. A new online application form has been developed and is now live. Previously the online application form was only accessible to Michelle as it was part of a BMBC platform that only staff have access to. The new form is a google form and can be accessed by Tracey. This is another step towards ongoing sustainability. Currently an average 27 people access the pantry every week, however there are in excess of 60 members registered. There is a core group of members that attended weekly and others that come every other week or once a month. It is expected the number of applications for membership and regular users will go up over the coming months due to further increases in the cost of living. The pantry is breaking even most weeks or making a small profit. The reserve funds are healthy with enough in the bank to operate the pantry for a minimum of a year. There are ongoing issues with the glass fronted freezer, which requires further repairs. The door on the fridge needs replacing as well. As both items are still under warranty this is at no cost to the pantry. New volunteers are supporting the weekly sessions with pantry members also taking on volunteering roles.</p>	The project continues to go from strength to strength, It isnt without its challenges but thanks to the hardwork of dedicated volunteers, particularly Tracey and Linda this provision continues to be a lifeline for those using it and a real asset to the Worsbrough community	TH
11. Dates and times of future meetings		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>The Ward Alliance agreed to continue to the six weekly schedule and to conduct the meetings in person. There will be additional meetings in between with various working groups. The next meeting of the Ward Alliance is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13.10. @ 5.30 pm, Worsbrough Library • 24.10. @ 5.30 pm, Worsbrough Library 		AG