



North Area Social Isolation Project

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Key Milestones

- ▶ Active communications
Facebook, Tweets, The Chronicle
- ▶ New projects launched
- ▶ Eyes on the ground
leaflet and way of
working promoted





Who We Have Worked With

- ▶ Area Councils, Ward Alliances and Area Team
- ▶ Community Groups
- ▶ Community venues
- ▶ Volunteers
- ▶ Local Older People
- ▶ Other Commissioned Services
- ▶ Other third sector organisations
- ▶ Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- ▶ Berneslai Homes
- ▶ Local Businesses
- ▶ BOPPA
- ▶ Age Friendly Barnsley- Multi-Agency Groups

Delivered

Number of 1:1s in service - 50

Trips organised
1

Events held for clients
7
Plus several promotional events

Regular groups facilitated or supported
7

Clients with mental health issues supported
20

Partners collaborated with
17



Information & Advice Service

£ 4804.80 Benefit Gains for one client alone

Achieved through the support of one day per week of specialist advisor time.
Pension Age only

Benefit checks, housing advice, care packages, Home efficiency checks, blue badge, wills and so much more



BOPPAA

Healthy Bones

Tai chi

Chair based exercise

Walking football

Bowls



Events & Celebrations

Winter Warmth events

Christmas party

Well-being group day trip

Age Friendly - Love Later Life event

Promotional events



Volunteers

New volunteers recruited
3

Total volunteer hours given
126

Hours of volunteering = Social
Value of £1.726

Several new volunteer roles
created

Continued recruitment





Key Challenges

- ▶ Transport / mobility
- ▶ Volunteers recruitment
- ▶ Prioritising the resources available
- ▶ Reaching the most vulnerable & unnoticed



Next steps / focus

- ▶ Training & development for staff and volunteers
- ▶ Volunteer recruitment events
- ▶ Digital inclusion
- ▶ Age Friendly Barnsley (Including Take a seat)
- ▶ Dementia awareness
- ▶ Facilitate and support more community groups





Cost of living events and support given this winter

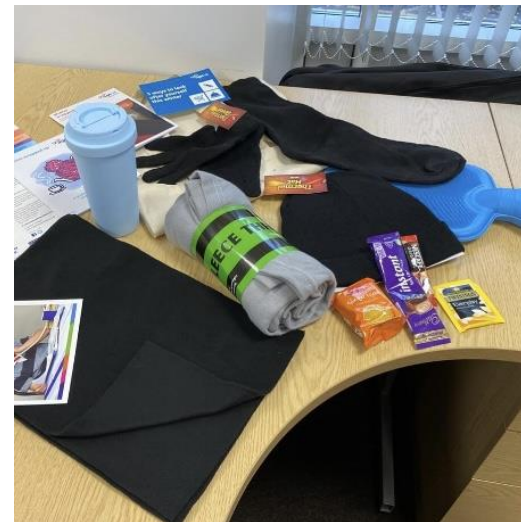
Winter warmth events - We held 4 events enabling us to ensure 97 people benefitted from our winter warmth packs.

Home efficiency checks - The winter warmth events helped us to identify 5 people that needed a home efficiency check from our new Warmer Homes project and support to check benefit entitlement from our I&A service.

Slow and tasty - This saw us identify 48 people, who benefitted from receiving a slow cooker, a healthy recipe book and a food parcel or voucher.

Emergency referrals - We received 2 emergency referrals where the client needed support that day but social care were unable to pick it up immediately.

Referrals to foodbank - We were approached by 4 clients who requested a referral to the foodbank and we ensured this was done on their behalf.





Questions?

