

March
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Penistone Area Council Interim Performance Updates



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Barnsley – the place
of possibilities.



Penistone Area Council
Penistone East, Penistone West

Area Council Priorities

Health and Wellbeing



Supporting Young People



Local Economy + tourism



Helping People connect



Our Environment



Barnsley 2030 priorities













Barnsley 2030 Sustainable

Barnsley 2030 Growing

Barnsley 2030 Healthy

Barnsley 2030 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
	Clean, Green and Tidy	£100,000 per annum	Funded until end of September 2023	Twiggs	
	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 2023	Citizens Advice Barnsley	
	Information and Advice service	£5,198 per annum	Funded until January 2025	DIAL	
	Working Together Grant Supporting Young People	£40,000	August 2023	Various	
	Principal Towns	No cost to PAC	Ongoing	BMBC	

Quarter 3 stats

	Outcome indicator	Q3 Oct-Dec 2022	This year 2022/23	Year 2021/22	To date
	Clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	20	62	58	268
	Young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	2	8	76	655
	People who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	24	114	299	722
	Apprentice and placements created and recruited to	0	1	2	6
	People taking up work experience placements	0	0	1	32
	Young People engaged in volunteering	2	12	95	781
	Activities which involve young people under the age of 18	25	84	156	470
	Community groups supported	14	36	56	689
	New community groups supported	1	4	3	64
	Community car scheme journeys	119	293	126	1273
	Adult volunteers engaged	197	475	680	3900
	New volunteers	26	130	123	1070
	Residents and young people receiving advice and support	109	780	571	3139
	Residents referred to health and advice	0	2	67	162
	FTE jobs created and recruited to	0	2	2	24.5
	Local spend (average across all contracts)	95%	95%	95%	95.4%
	Volunteer hours contributed (£ value)	£12,316.30	£35,601.85	£48,765.60	£383,091.94
	Volunteer opportunities created	100	76	509	2052
	People achieving a qualification / accreditation	0	0	5	157
	People receiving training	0	48	103	1164

Clean, Green and Tidy Service

Twiggs



Update

This contract provides a service to help maintain a clean, green and tidy environment in the wards of Penistone East and Penistone West. The emphasis is to work with the community; incorporating volunteers, local businesses, parish councils and local schools to empower and enable a sustainable approach.

Highlights for quarter 4 so far:

Proactive work

- Planting 150 bulbs donated by The Range at Castle Dam Oxspring
- Planting 15 Fruit trees at Cubley Brook as part of new orchard development with a local resident
- Playing field clearing at Ingbirchworth
- Penistone Shop Front tidy up morning
- Footpath reinstatement on Manchester Road
- Moss clearance at Bower Dell Bridge
- Continued work with Spar to enable donations to reach appropriate groups
- Planning for Great British Spring cleaning events in March

Work with Schools

- Tree planting with St John's primary school, work with Tankersley School pupils supporting a moss clearance and educational session, joint work with Millhouse Green school and Royd Community gardens

Work with groups

- Various including extensive bulb planting from donations with Silkstone Care group, Team Green Moor, Springvale Community Gardens,

New team leader started in February is now making good links with local groups

Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people Grants

Age UK Barnsley



Update

Supporting people one to one through volunteer be-friending, providing specific information and advice for older people, assisting with travel through the community car scheme, and connecting people through small scale activities such as walking for health.

Highlights so far for Quarter 4:

- ✓ One to one work continues providing a lifeline for many isolated older people in the area.
- ✓ The volunteer base continues to grow and volunteers have benefitted from regular support from Age UK including social events at Cubley Hall
- ✓ Some new groups developed : Millhouse Green Luncheon club, a new Board Game group and a meet and chat group at the New Inn in Penistone
- ✓ Age UK has provided support to the cost of living events organised by the area team, providing where possible sloppy slipper exchanges along side these, as well as fitness first testing provided by the BOPPAA
- ✓ A number of additional sloppy slipper events have also been taking place throughout the area, making use of community and village spaces to provide a warm space as well as opportunity for social contact in some of our more isolated areas.
- ✓ Dementia support continues at the Happy Vibes Café at Penistone Leisure Centre , and has welcomed participants from the MCST programme which finished in January. (We are awaiting outcomes from the MSCT programme which should be available shortly)
- ✓ The SOPPA group has been re-instated and welcomed some new members to the network of people in the Penistone area supporting older people.

Citizens Advice Barnsley



Update

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.

This is the last quarter for this contract, which is continuing to provide a remote service of telephone, e-mail and web based support over a 5 day period. CAB provided support to the Area Team organised cost of living events during this quarter and were able to support and refer clients with food and heating issues. PAC were updated fully on this at their meeting in February 2023

DIAL Barnsley



Update

DIAL help to reduce the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. Clients with health issues and additional needs are supported with this contract which now offers weekly one to one sessions at Penistone town hall on Tuesday mornings.

The contract has continued to support people with benefit applications and appeals as well as more recent support with cost of living issues.

Dial supported the area team lead cost of living events during this quarter and have been able to support residents with a number of issues. They also found the sessions useful in terms of the networking with other agencies working in the area.

Supporting Young People Grant Fund

This grant fund was originally set up in May 2021 with a second round of funds in May 2022 providing support to the below projects to achieve positive health and wellbeing outcomes for young people in the Penistone area. All projects funded under this did not start to deliver until September.

Ad Astra

Ad Astra (working in Penistone Grammar school)

- 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



Update

- The project has established good links with the school who refer pupils for the one to one support and group work sessions. The school provides the project with a regular space upstairs near the school library and separate rooms in the Well Being Space for one to ones.
- Group work continues with a new cohort of Yr 8 pupils this term
- The project is in discussion with the school to look at young people from the group sessions accessing the school's peer mentoring qualification group in future.

Penistone Grammar School

Inspire for the future

- Supporting 50 students with a level 2 qualification in peer mentoring
- Inspirational speakers in school promoting anti-bullying and positive wellbeing..



Update

- ✓ Training now delivered for the Peer Mentoring qualification , awaiting results from the external assessors
- ✓ Peer mentors begin mentoring from February half term.
- ✓ Continuing links being made to community involvement into curriculum including visit from local MP Miriam Cates

Girlguiding Barnsley



Next steps project

- Activities to provide learning and skills for independence and confidence away from home accredited through badge attainment
- Attendance at the proposed events at Kingswood



Update

- Further work on the accredited 'Going Away badge' to enable girls to start learning and preparing for being away in preparation for the event planned at Kingswood later in the year
- Event planning currently underway to ensure that the experience will enhance skills and learning developed through badge.



Angel Voices

Singing for wellbeing and confidence

- 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

Updates

- ✓ Singing workshops continued throughout the spring period and further young people have achieved the ABRSM qualification this quarter
- ✓ Some of the young people have been auditioning for places in choirs, as well as parts in local and national shows
- ✓ New young people are coming through as the reputation of the workshops spreads through the community.
- ✓ Young people provided entertainment to support to the BMBC event celebrating 10 years of area based working through ward alliances and area councils
- ✓ Excellent links have now been formed with Penistone Arts week and the Angel Voices charity concert at the Paramount opened the events this year.