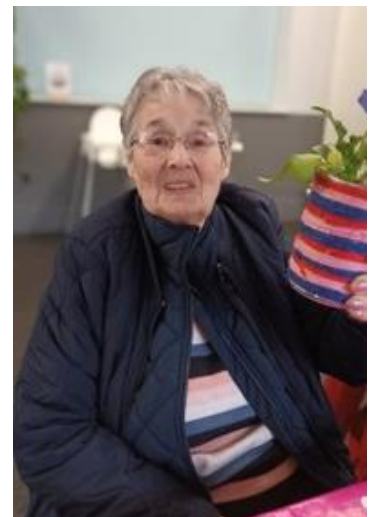


January to
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Penistone Area Council Performance Report

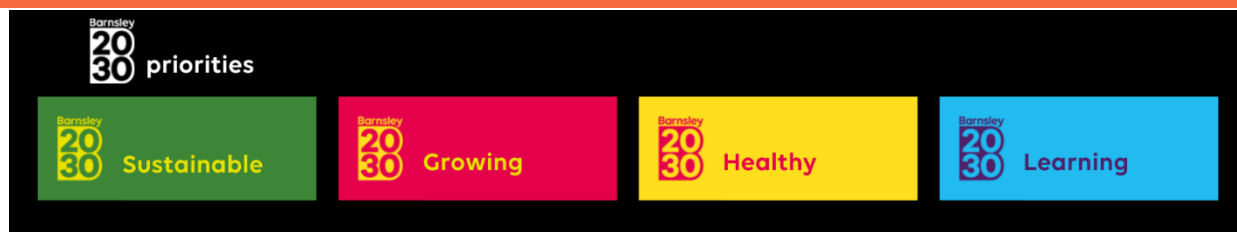


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Penistone Area Council
Penistone East, Penistone West

Area Council Priorities



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	£10,677 Per annum	Funded until March 2025	Citizens Advice Barnsley	
	Information and Advice service	£5,198 per annum	Funded until January 2025	DIAL	
	Working Together Grant Fund Supporting Young People Grant Other projects	£40,000 £8650	August 2023 December 2023	Various Angel Voices PA academy	
	Principal Towns	No cost to PAC	Ongoing	BMBC	

	Outcome indicator	Q4 Jan-Mar 2023	This year 2022/23	Year 2021/22	To date
	Clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	15	77	58	283
	Young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	1	9	76	656
	People who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	18	132	299	740
	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	1	13	95	782
	Activities which involve young people under the age of 18	27	111	156	497
	Community groups supported	12	48	56	701
	New community groups supported	3	7	3	67
	Community car scheme journeys	142	381	126	1415
	Adult volunteers engaged	154	629	680	4054
	New volunteers	20	150	123	1090
	Residents and young people receiving advice and support	151	931	571	3290
	Residents referred to health and advice	4	6	67	166
	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)	£12,521.80	£48,123.45	£48,765.60	£395,613.74
	Volunteer opportunities created	165	341	509	2393
	People achieving a qualification / accreditation	40	40	5	197
	People receiving training	29	77	103	1241

Clean, Green and Tidy Service

Twiggs



123 volunteers supported
393 volunteer hours supported
53 rubbish bags filled
10 community groups supported
10 local business worked with

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. With pandemic restrictions lifting in this final year of the contract for the first time in two years, the contract has worked in a more 'normal way' supporting community groups, parish maintained areas , as well as returning into schools to achieve the educational outcomes of the contract. This is the last quarter of the full contract. A contract extension has been approved for 6months.

Highlights

10 (Target 10) Groups and parishes supported. This has included both Twiggs led initiatives and group initiated

Groups worked with this quarter included: Team Green Moor, HB+ Hoylandswaine, TPEG, Silkstones CARE group, Springvale Community Garden, Penistone History Archives more work on the turntable, Royd Community Garden (linking in with Millhouse Green School), Hoylandswaine Events Group, Ingbirchworth and Oxspring Parishes. Much of the focus has been on tidying and making preparations and adjustments for the new season of planting, including bulb planting and mulching





- Activity with schools this quarter included support to St Johns primary by the donation and support with planting of a tree to commemorate a former pupil who sadly died from cancer. A joint activity was organised with Millhouse Green school and Royd Community gardens. Twiggs designed this activity in support of Royd Community Garden to help raise awareness of the area and add towards bringing interest to a green space in danger of volunteer activity folding. 27 school pupils took part in both these activities against a target of 10 for the quarter.
- Volunteer numbers are now back on track with 123 this quarter against a target of 100. This includes 18 new adult volunteers and 1 new young volunteer. 25 volunteers received training.
- A joint initiative was finally brought together this quarter with a local resident, BMBC and employee volunteers in support of a new community orchard at Cubley Brook. In total 15 native fruit trees were planted during this session, which the resident (a local ecologist) is kindly willing to care for and nurture in the coming years.
- The quarter saw the start of the new Team leader for the Penistone area (Aaron) who has made excellent progress in building relationships and getting to know the area. Our existing apprentice Larni has been able to support with this.

- 28 individual projects (target 10) – Twiggs working independently either self initiated or requested. Included winter repairs such as path clearance for safety, moss clearance, snow clearance and general tidy up and rubbish removal. Also includes Twiggs led social action support working with volunteers on areas such as Sprout House well, Windermere Park, Water Meadows park, Hood Green War memorial area. Some of these were designated as part of the Great British Spring Clean initiative.
- 15 (target 8) activities working with businesses this quarter. The shop front tidy up has encouraged some more new businesses to get involved this time such as Pennine Law, Scrivens, the Post Office and Schofield butchers. New links this quarter have been made with All Hallows Eagle retreat in High Hoyland and Contract IT who provided employee volunteers to support with the new orchard planting at Cubley Brook. Other regulars include Bankhouse café at Langsett and Spar and the Range making donations to support community group planting.



Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people

Age UK Barnsley



1048 interventions

250 people helped

30 volunteers worked with

471 volunteer hours

142 community car journeys

£18,500 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. Two social inclusion workers are attached to this contract employed by Age UK Barnsley both working on an individual and group work basis.

Highlights

- There have been 18 referrals in this quarter, 8 of these were referred for individual support and have been linked to Be-frienders, DIAL-a-Ride , events etc and the remaining 10 were referred for group support and have accessed sloppy slipper events, new pub lunch group as well as individual support with information and advice and Dial-a-ride. Referrals continue to come from social prescribers, family and friends and some from social services.
- 2 new active volunteers in this quarter with another 4 going through the application process and likely to support the new Millhouse Green lunch club
- Information and advice 10 new clients and also continued with follow up work from previous quarters with a further 5 clients. Benefit gains of just over £18,500 this quarter. All enquiries dealt with via telephone or email initially then followed up with home visits or longer phone calls. The number of home visits is seeing an increase. Fuel poverty is discussed with all benefit check work and cost of living payments have also been checked in interviews

Outputs	Target	Actual
Number I&A Service Users	15	10
Community Car Journeys	50	142
Number Volunteers <i>Existing , active volunteers</i>	30	30
Number of new volunteers; <i>Includes befrienders/good neighbours/car drivers</i>	No target	2
Increase in Wellbeing	+4	+4
Decrease in Loneliness	-2	-1

- Community Car Scheme continues with just 2 volunteers but has achieved 142 journeys this quarter. Recruitment drive through Age UKs comms.
- Men in Sheds has now moved to the new premises just off Halifax Road and refurbishment continues on the site ahead of an official launch in July. A wooden train was made and installed at Silkstone common rail station which was planted by children from the school. 30 birdboxes were made and 10 installed at St Johns church yard. Project started to refurbish the St John's notice board.
- Links continue with U3A and regular referrals are made to various groups. 9 groups up and running this quarter all self sustaining
- 3 new group activities started this quarter : Millhouse Green luncheon club, Pub lunch in partnership with Dial-a-ride and New Inn Penistone offering discounted lunches and a new Board Games group which developed as an intergenerational activity with young people from Greenworks plus (project for young people with learning disabilities based in Silkstone)
- A proposal for a Meet and Greet at Crow Edge was unfortunately unsuccessful in spite of a big push to promote this only 1 person turned up over a 4 week period.



- 5 sloppy slipper events were carried out in this period thanks to £2000 from the Penistone Ward Alliance. 115 pairs of slippers given out and left-over slippers were given out to others unable to attend via home deliveries.
- The Supporting Older People in the Penistone Area (SOPPA) network was re-launched this quarter meeting in January and March. Partners are keen to establish network ties now post pandemic and it is intended to run an information event of all partners in the coming months.

Dementia Support

- Penistone benefitted from the Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST) programme, run over 24 weeks which came to an end on 6th December. Official outcomes are to be provided by the Programme managers. Age UK are currently looking into the potential to run another programme in Penistone in the near future.
- Age UK continues to provide support to Happy Vibes Memory Café which meets fortnightly at Penistone Leisure Centre and is run by one of our SIO's with craft and exercise provided by external facilitators

Other additional support to this contract from Age UK

Digital Inclusion – continues to be offered but hasn't been taken up by any clients in the Penistone area this quarter.

Barnsley Older People Physical Activity Alliance (BOPPAA)

- 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
- Nordic Walking - Cannon Hall,
- Healthy Body, Healthy Ageing – Thurgoland Village Hall

Healthy Heart project

Our Health and Wellbeing SIO is supporting groups in the area to access a mixture of mindfulness, exercise, healthy eating/cooking demonstrations and advice on healthy choices regarding smoking and drinking. All aimed at improving heart health



Cost of living assistance

Winter warmth packs

We identified 91 people in total in need of a winter warm pack.

Slow and tasty project

23 people benefitted from a slow cooker, healthy recipes and a food parcel as part of this project.

Clean and tidy project

This is the ongoing project at present which has seen us identify 7 people in the area who would benefit from this pack.

It includes 22 items for personal hygiene and household cleaning and the aim is to offer support with hygiene poverty.

These have been delivered by local volunteers.

Barnsley Citizens Advice

107 client contacts (25 target)

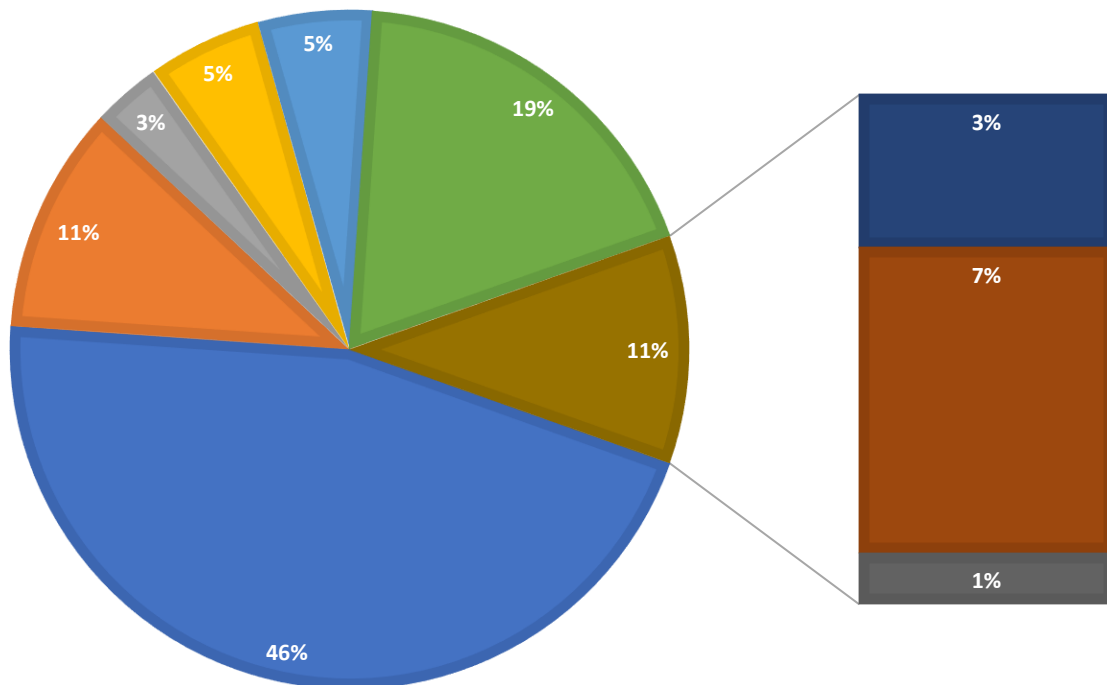
£1,900 of debt managed this quarter (£1.1m since project started in 2019)

£15,863 of benefits claimed (£232k since 2019)



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. A new contract is now funded for the next two years from PAC funds and other hardship funds available to the area.

**BARNSELY CITIZENS ADVICE
132 ISSUES DELT WITH THIS QUARTER**



- Benefits & Tax Credits
- Universal Credit
- Employment
- Consumer Goods & Services
- Debt
- Housing
- Legal
- Relationship & Family
- Utilities & Communications

Highlights for this quarter

- Significant increase in the number of contacts for the service this quarter (107 compared to 54 in the last quarter) NB this refers to the number of contacts NOT number of clients. This is reflected in the number of people presenting with very complex issues that require several contacts over a period of time.
- This also reflects in the increase in the number of people presenting with a disability or long term health condition during this quarter (42% of all clients)
- 132 issues dealt with from the 107 contacts but the shift has moved away from debt advice – many now know the basics of how to deal with debt and just want confirmation or reassurance
- Highest percentage of enquiries were benefit related this quarter (46%). There has been a marked increase in the number of people changing employment status due to ill health and therefore working less hours. Many of these look for support with top up to reduced income.
- Housing enquiries have risen this quarter (17% of all enquiries) this is mostly clients living in rented accommodation. Increased inflation has affected private landlords' ability to maintain property effectively (rising cost of building materials, increases in mortgages for buy to rent etc) which has also lead to an increase in rents across the board.
- Only 3% have specifically enquired about food support but CAB will investigate this further to support with food planning for the area.
- CAB continue to support with fuel vouchers which can be used for pre-payment meters or as part payment towards fuel (such as where people are using alternative fuel sources). Incidence of people using up savings to pay for fuel and now needing support.
- CAB supported the area team with all the cost of living events this quarter, but have reported that residents living in Tankersley travel to Hoyland to access CAB services there.
- The contract continues to be delivered via e-mail, phone or video but following a visit to Penistone Library with the Area Manager a suitable space has been found so it is intended that the service will return to face to face advice within the next quarter.

DIAL Barnsley

34 enquires made

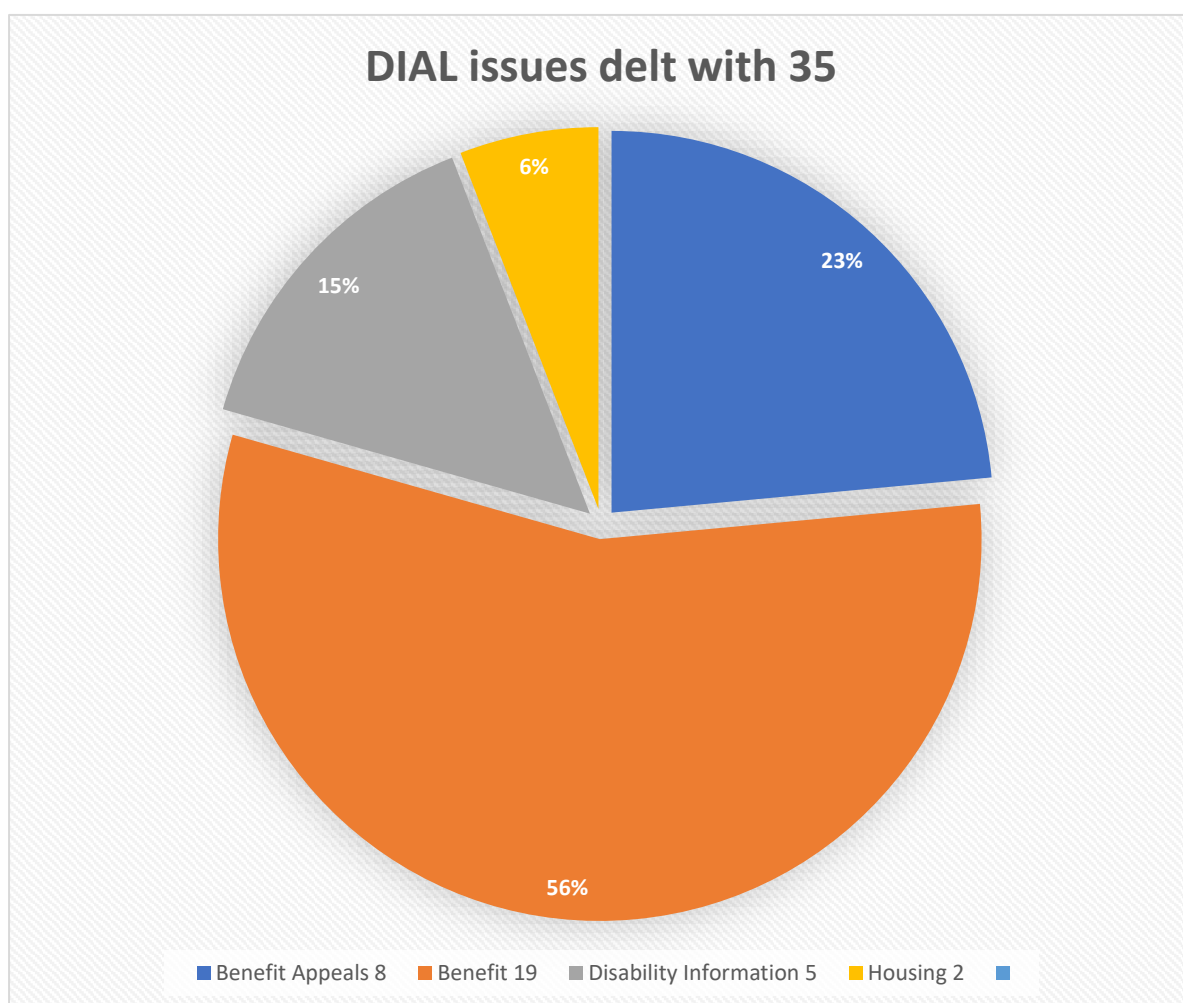
£46,339 benefits claims supported

50 hours of volunteer involvement

For every £1 invested in the project £12.26 returned to the area



DIAL help to reduce the financial exclusion of residents and work towards lowering anxiety. This is the first quarter of the new contract which started in January 2023.



Main highlights of this quarter

- 130 telephone contacts (not PAC funded) Numbers increased significantly in our area , gone up from 7 to 20 per week indicating a rising demand in the area.
- Penistone based face to face outreach 34 seen this quarter (target 46) DIAL adviser can take an average of 3 appointments per session, so we will be reviewing targets to reflect this next time. There has been low attendance for appointments this quarter so the adviser is using an extra hour each session in May to the end of the month. This will be reviewed later in the next quarter to see if they have caught up.
- PANTs to poverty project (hygiene packs for people struggling financially) was delivered by DIAL using Household Support Grant. 16 packs given out in our area during the quarter.
- 21 referral to Warm Connections (also external funding)
- 8 Benefit appeals , 19 new benefit claims many of whom are experiencing complex issues
- Due to issues of recruiting experienced welfare rights workers across the board - DIAL now recruited a new apprentice which will provide fast track training over a 6-7 month period. Will be trained from scratch spending time with advisers in the main office to start with then coming out to shadow outreach workers so will join Kat our Adviser at some point later this year.
- Food - DIAL record numbers for referral to food banks, non in our area last quarter, but DIAL to check the last 9 months to help support our evidence base for food need in the area. Our adviser Kat is also referring to food buddies as appropriate at least 2 in the last couple of weeks.
- DIAL advisers supported the area with attendance at all 3 Cost of living events.

Working Together Grant Funds

Angel Voices

Singing workshops for adults over 18 in Penistone or surrounding village venues

Supporting health outcomes

Supporting local performances to raise money for charity



In response to local enquiries following the success of the Young People's singing workshops, Angel Voices Performing Arts Academy have been funded to provide adult singing workshops in the Penistone area. The emphasis is on health outcomes and confidence building. This is the first quarter of this project that started in January 2023

Highlights

- Afternoon sessions in Cawthorne Village Hall at a cost of £5 to support sustainability of the project
- Slow take up initially, many adults lack confidence and prefer to sing as part of a group.
- Age group ranges from 18 – 70+
- Singers who attend are wonderful and have made huge improvements some wanting to perform solos others happier in groups so we are listening to them all and making sure we tick their requests
- Some joining Angel Voices Community Choir and have supported with the Penistone Arts week event at the Paramount.
- Although these workshops have been going well, it has been recognised that some people are missing out as these have all been in the afternoons
- From April the intention is look at providing workshops on Saturday afternoons following the young people's workshops at St Johns Community Centre.



Supporting Young People Grant Fund

A second year of funding was allocated from PAC funds to support this grant in 2022. Four projects were successful in gaining funds to deliver 12 month projects to support young people in the Penistone area. All projects started in September 2022

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



Project updates.

The focus this term was to support pupils in Y8 with the twice weekly group sessions , encouraging peer support where appropriate. Other individual support is also available as part of the project’s programme.

The number accessing support this quarter has been less than half of the number anticipated (14 young people against a target of 40). The project relies on referrals from within the school which have not been made and unfortunately the Teachers’ strike action has also impacted on the number of sessions the project was able to deliver (15 sessions against a target of 30). Discussion with the school about referrals has been sought subsequently.

This term the project has worked with 5 young women and 5 young men in the group work sessions and finished the term with 3 weeks of One to One sessions working with two young men and two young women

Delivery continues in the regular space upstairs near the school library and this works well. For the one to one sessions separate rooms are provided in the Well Being Space.

Group Work Sessions with Year 8 pupils this term have covered the following issues

Lack of Confidence – this included not being able to participate in drama classes as the young person became overwhelmed with anxiety – the general lack of confidence in their everyday lives – Becoming overwhelmed in various situations

Anger Issues – why and how anger evolves -looking at situations that lead to being stressed and then leading onto anger – How to deescalate arguments

Body Issues – How being outside and doing exercise can have a positive impact on us – Looking in the mirror and not liking what they see – what do other people see when they look at them

Families – Parents splitting up – fear over family members dying – arguing with parents and how to change how we handle different situations in the hope of a more positive outcome

Resilience – We looked at their ambitions and how they can work towards them -stepping out of our comfort zones and How can this be done? - not letting fear hold us back. Acknowledging that it is often better to accept school rules than to fight against them as this often makes life easier

Outcomes –

Learning how to move forward positively without arguments or falling out along the way–

Using positive affirmations as a way of increasing self-awareness and raising confidences

Understanding relationships and how issues at home can result in destructive behaviour in school and within friendship groups –

Managing emotions and how they are often linked to the body cycle and lack of nutritious food and exercise and just being outdoors

Feedback from the sessions by young people

The overriding sentiment was how much just having someone to talk to and to not feel judged had helped.

All said they felt better able to cope with 'stuff' and would be more confident in being able to deal with future issues and negative feelings should they arise.

'It was good to know others had problems just like me'. 'I'm more confident and have ways to help stop myself feeling rubbish. 'I'm working on not staying up all night !' 'I looked forward to coming each week to be able to talk and not be judged'.

One to One Sessions

Issues covered

Emotions / Stress and Anxiety – feelings of stress and high anxiety with tasks in unable to socialise in or out of school – losing sight of perspective in certain situations – frightened of not fulfilling expectations of staff and parents but ultimately their selves.

Outcome – we looked at how the young person’s perspective has changed in the hope that this made life less anxious. We looked at making more realistic expectations that the young people could feel comfortable following in their daily lives

Discussion has taken place with the school now to enable the project to access more pupils in the next quarter and a specific focus has been made to connect with young people involved in criminal activities working with the PCSO in the area.

Further discussion is also to take place regarding referral of young people from this project to the Penistone Grammar Peer mentoring programme outlined below and funded by PAC.

		Ad Astra Barnsley Raising the aspirations of children and young people.									
School:		Penistone		Exit Date:		08/03/23		Session:		Group Work	
Number of pupils:		7		Maximum points:		28		Year:		8	
Points allocated	4	3	2	1	0	Total Points	Satisfaction Rating %				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree						
The Ad Astra sessions have helped me with my problems	4	3				25	89				
I have enjoyed the Ad Astra sessions	6	1				27	96				
I look forward to the Ad Astra sessions	6	1				27	96				
The sessions have made me feel better about school	1	3	1	1		16	57				
The sessions have made me feel better in my home	2	4	1			22	79				
I would recommend the Ad Astra sessions to others	6	1				27	96				
I trust the Ad Astra staff	6	1				27	96				
I feel supported by the Ad Astra staff	6	1				27	96				
I feel more confident moving forward	4	2	1			24	86				
I feel better able to deal with issues that may present in the future	5	2				26	93				
I feel supported by other participants in the sessions	7					28	100				
						Averages	25	89			
Ratings above 50% represent a positive satisfaction quotient.											
Ratings above 50% represent a negative satisfaction quotient.											

Penistone Grammar School

Supporting 40 students with a level 2 qualification in peer mentoring

Inspirational speakers in school promoting anti-bullying and positive wellbeing.



Peer mentoring

40 pupils have now received training in the RSPH (Royal Society of Public Health) level 2 mentoring qualification.

First part of the qualification was completed in December with a one day training course supported by a volunteer medical student . Pupils have been selected from Yr 8-10 . Peer mentoring has been taking place during the last term Jan-March, with students being directed towards mentors from year tutors etc as well as mentors being encouraged to identify people who they think they could support.

Second part of qualification training to follow up on learning and complete work books for assessment due after April

School Mental health practitioner acts as supervision to mentors who need any support.

Focus is on listening , boundaries are set so in depth issues are referred into school MH support staff.

Aiming to raise profile of mental health - get pupils to talk to peers , talk at home , provides nudge technique to change behaviour seek help etc

Links still to be with the other PAC funded programme delivered by Ad Astra project as some of these pupils could benefit from this training.

Evaluation process - suggested visit by Cllrs to School June/July to talk to pupils who have done the mentoring training about experience what they have learned from this and to include outcomes for them and those they have mentored.

Inspirational Speakers

The school valued the input to this project from PAC members. Cllr Kitching provided a talk and discussion on leadership skills for women , and Cllr Barnard provided talks to young people on local government structures. PAC members also provided a hustings session which was well received by pupils .

Other inspirational speakers as part of the programme has included local MP Miriam Cates, former pupils who have become professional athletes, authors and champions of diversity.

The school is interesting in hosting further visits for PAC members and is keen to maintain and strengthen community links as a result of this project.

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



Under 18s Educational Singing Workshops January – March 2023

January 14th 12 singers 8 volunteers

January 28th 14 singers 8 volunteers

February 11th 15 singers 10 volunteers

February 25th 23 singers 10 volunteers

March 4th 24 singers 10 volunteers

March 11th 23 singers 16 volunteers

March 25th 16 singers 12 volunteers



Highlights

- Maintained all regular singers and have welcomed many new ones including 3 new boy singers and two new girls
- Market Atrium performance in support of BMBC Stronger Communities celebration of 10 years event which gave the singers who could attend a massive boost to their confidence and received over 12.5k views on the Barnsley Council YouTube/Facebook with wonderful compliments about the singers voices from total strangers
- Joined the Penistone Arts Week group and provided a performance as part of this at the Paramount. The singers had solo, duet and group performances they also sang with the Angel Voices Community Choir and our Adult Educational singers to promote intergenerational singing. After the payment to The Paramount raised **£1281.20** on the day
- Collected from charging £3 for each singer at the sessions up to April 1st £444.00 towards future sustainability of the workshops

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Penistone Area Council

Angel Voices

Educational Singing Workshop

25th March '23
2pm - 4:30pm
£3

St John's Community Centre
S36 6AR

Available to under 18s
or join as a volunteer

Call Debbie Angel
0193437206

ABRSM

ISM INDEPENDENT SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS



- Currently working toward the ABRSM exam with many of the young people on the grade 2 & 3 curriculum which will be taken later in the summer (funded from this grant)
- One of our students who joined us November 21 has had huge success on a very popular TV singing competition to be aired in June this year He has also from this show been approached to audition for a movie down in London and is seeing the producers and casting directors.
- One young girl 13 years has enjoyed a huge amount of success after joining the workshops, she showed a huge interest in the ABRSM exams and has achieved two distinctions and recently auditioned for the Air Cadet Choir and was accepted being the youngest girl there
- Volunteers group is growing stronger and they have put together themselves a chat group and have had more enquiries to become volunteers



Further performances booked following the success of those this quarter

- Kings Coronation Event on 7th May at Oxspring
- Mayors civil ceremony later this year in Barnsley
- The singers will be performing back at The Paramount later this year in a Team Adam Team Debbie Battle
- Further future work with Penistone Arts Festival for next year



Girlguiding Barnsley West

Activities to provide learning and skills for independence and confidence away from home accredited through badge attainment

Attendance at the proposed events at Kingswood



Updates on progress

- The Going Away Badge has been developed to provide a focus for activities to support with learning and preparing for being away. The badge topics are Travelling, Packing, Healthy Sleep and Trying new things which are applicable to everyday life and as well as being a key part of a Girlguiding overnight stay.
- A number of the Guides have been undertaking this for the last quarter as part of their wider activities. The badge is open to all Guides, not just those intending to participate in the residential event at Kingswood, as it provides generic skills for staying away from home and is designed to build confidence.
- The residential event is planned for the next quarter and it is anticipated that 250 young women will be participating in this which will again be held at Kingswood outdoor learning centre.
- Volunteers have been supporting with both preparation and planning for the event and will be available to support at the event. Some of these will be new to volunteering at residential events so it will provide valuable experience for them for the future. It is anticipated that at least 50 volunteers are part of this process.
- A full evaluation of the project is due in the next quarter after the event



Area Team Updates

During the quarter four period the Penistone area team has initiated a number of activities which have contributed to Penistone Area Council priorities , specifically providing a focus on the rising cost of living.

More Money In Your Pocket Roadshows



With growing pressures brought about by the increased cost of living being felt by many, the Area Team wanted to collaborate with partners to put in place some local support measures.

PIPA (Partners in the Penistone Area) is a recently established network of partners working across both the East and West Penistone wards. The aim of the network is to come together as and when to look at addressing local priorities. Considering the current climate, PIPA's first meeting was called to discuss the cost-of-living crisis.

Those at this meeting felt that a series of roadshows bringing together services offering help and support, coupled with a useful information booklet, were an effective way to offer support to those living across the Penistone area.

A series of 3 events were held during February 2023. These events provided the opportunity for residents to come and find out more about the services which can offer help and support in relation to the increased cost of living. Services included Barnsley Council's Warm Homes, More Money in your Pocket and School Meals Teams as well as Citizens Advice Barnsley, DIAL Barnsley, Healthwatch Barnsley, Penistone Food Buddies and many more. The first event was held at St John's Community Centre, Penistone which was then followed by 2 smaller satellite sessions held at Thurlstone & Millhouse Green Methodist Church and Tankersley Welfare Hall. All 3 events included advice and information, children's craft activities and free veg packs.

A cost-of-living help booklet was also produced to promote local support and information to those who are not online. This booklet was made available at the events and has now been distributed to members of the PIPA network for them to pass on to those they are supporting.



Outcomes

- Approx. 100 residents attended the events.
- 18 different service providers offered advice and information.
- 27 referrals were made to service providers including BOPPA, Penistone Food Buddies, Social Prescribers and Barnsley Libraries, providing support with fitness, food provision, finances, isolation, signposting to community groups, online services, free data provision and the home library service.
- Following the first event, 7 new households registered with Penistone Food Buddies to receive a weekly 'helping hand' with food provision.
- The roadshow helped increase local awareness of the services able to offer help and support
- The sessions encouraged positive links between organisations who are now able to signpost into each other's services.



Food Options for the Penistone area.

The Area team started the process for the development of a food network for the Penistone area, looking at the potential for a food hub to connect with the various food offers in the area as part of the area response to the rising cost of living.

An initial meeting was held this quarter with PAC member reps and partners from Penistone Food Buddies, Good Food Barnsley, Penistone Town Council, BMBC's More Money in Your Pocket and Health Holidays programmes to look at the current position and work out potential ways forward.

It was agreed that a model needs development and costing, and needs to be driven forward by a steering group made up of Penistone Food Buddies, Good Food Barnsley, Penistone Area team, Penistone town council, Cllr Lowe-Flello, Cllr Barnard.

Initial ideas discussed with further work planned into the next quarter.

- To develop a 12 month pilot to deliver a Penistone Hub to connect with existing community spokes (meet and eat group etc, Food Buddies etc) and emerging spokes such as community fridge, pop up shop etc
- Start-up monies needed to cover insurance, building costs, utilities, waste removal, food subscription to Fairshare (£10k approx)
- Premises to investigate: (existing community assets?) e.g. Penistone Leisure Centre, Library , scope to link to existing provision

- Determine a group to lead and deliver the pilot using the Storehouse and Field Brand (utilise existing community assets such as Springvale, Food Buddies etc) Area team to support new group re constitution, support with funding applications, training etc
- Link into existing local networks to determine further need e.g schools, Age UK
- Potential for area council to support with set up costs.
- Further funds to explore: e.g Household Support Grant

Celebrating 10 years of Stronger Communities and working together in the Penistone area.

Our Community Development Officer, Tanya, played a lead role in organising this borough wide event to showcase how much has been achieved since Barnsley's area working arrangements were first introduced in 2013.

Members of the Penistone Ward Alliance attended celebrations at the market atrium and Barnsley town hall where they received certificates of appreciation for their fantastic contribution to the Penistone area.



Entertainment for the event was provided by Penistone Area Council funded young people's singing workshops project, delivered by Angel Voices Performing Arts Academy.

Other Area Services updates Non-PAC funded

BMBC Safer Neighbourhood Services Demand update November 2022 – April 2023

Penistone Area Council

Penistone Area - Top 20 Demand Categories	Number of Cases
Flytipping Investigation	28
Abandoned vehicles	10
Witnessed dog fouling offence	10
Waste in gardens	8
Empty property	5
Graffiti	5
Threatening & intimidating behaviour	5
General disrepair	4
Neighbourhood nuisance including domestic noise	4
Vehicle nuisance	3
Vulnerable People	3
Alleged building defects affecting neighbouring house	2
Damp & mould	2
Defective heating and hot water	2
Rowdy & inconsiderate behaviour	2
Alleged unlawful eviction	1
Drug using & dealing	1
Neighbourhood disputes	1
Resettlement	1
Witnessed littering offence	1



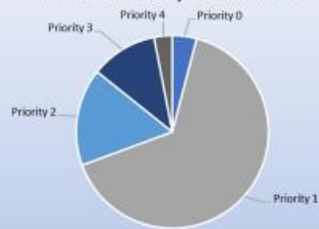
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Ward	Number of Cases
Penistone East	45
Penistone West	53
Grand Total	98

Penistone Proactive/Reactive Split



Penistone Priority Level of Cases



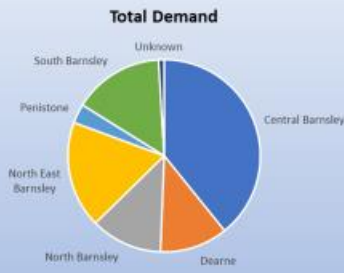
Penistone Cases by Ward



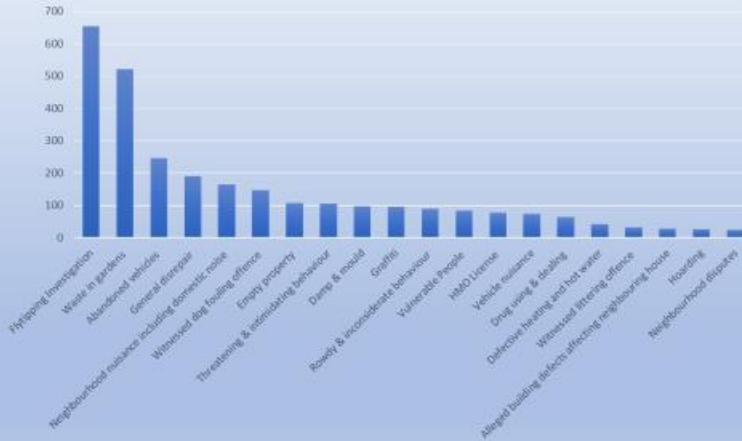
Penistone Demand by Month



All Area Council Demand

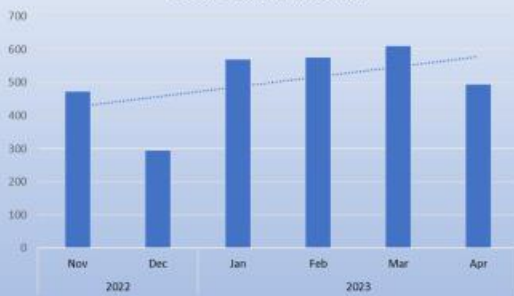


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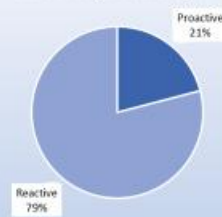


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Total Demand By Month



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