

Ward Alliance Meeting



Worsbrough Ward Alliance
Bringing a Community Together

Date & Time:	Thursday 13th April 2023 @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Worsbrough Library

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees			
Chairperson:	Cllr John Clarke (JC)		
CDO:	Michelle Toone (MT)		
Secretary:	N/A		
Committee Members:	Cllr Jake Lodge (JL) Cllr Roy Bowser (RB) Tracy Hamby (TH) Mireille Eastwood (ME) Alan Littlewood (AL) Sherry Holling (SH)		
	Cllr Clarke paid tribute to Alison Andrews, a former founding member of the Ward Alliance who sadly passed away recently. As well as being a Ward Alliance representative, Alison delivered the Worsbrough After School Provision for many years, providing activities and events for the young people in Worsbrough. Alison will be missed by her family, friends and the local community and the Ward Alliance send their condolences to those that knew and loved her.		
Guest:	N/A		
2. Apologies for Absence			
	Liz Barton (LB)		
3. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest			
	JL declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Primary School Enterprise Challenge WAF application and abstained from voting.		
4. Notes of Last Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Agreed as a true and accurate record.	All	MT
5. Matters arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Notice Boards Discussed under WAF applications		
	Pantry Refurbishment The pantry refurbishment is now complete. Several volunteers supported the upgrade over a four-day period. Works undertaken included replacing the flooring, refreshing the paint work and vinyl wrapping the shelves.	N/A	TH

	<p>The upgrade was completed with the installation of the new window decals and the signage.</p> <p>Feedback from pantry members very positive.</p> <p>MT previously shared contact details of organisations and other providers who can offer advise and support to pantry members if and when needed. TH has now created a schedule and different orgs are now attending on a weekly basis. This is working well.</p>		
6. Ward Alliance Budget 2022/2023		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Total allocation for 2022/2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Fund = £ 18,745.33 • Engagement Fund = £ 1,725.60 	N/A	MT
7. WAF Applications/ Potential spend		Action/ Decision	Action lead
a.	<p>Replacement Noticeboard - £895</p> <p>Funds to replace the notice at Park Road due to irreparable damage</p>	Agreed in full	MT
b.	<p>Telecoms Box – £1500</p> <p>Funds to cover the cost of artist fees and two telecom (junction) boxes vinyl wrapping.</p> <p>This includes meetings with CDO, History group volunteers, facilitating workshops with Barnsley Academy students, editing and producing overall art designs and installing finished vinyl design on the boxes</p>	Agreed in full	MT
8. WAF Monitoring			
a.	<p>Coffee & Conversation Group</p> <p>RB attended the group to catch up with volunteers and take a photo with the cheque to use of the WA Facebook page as promotion of the fund.</p> <p>The sessions have increased in attendance since the warm food offer was introduced. The volunteers have temporarily put a hold on new members attending as they are now at capacity.</p> <p>The group have started completing the monitoring and evaluation form and will submit to MT was finished.</p>	MT to use monitoring and Evaluation form to inform end of year performance report.	MT
b.	<p>Worsbrough Dale Bowling Club</p> <p>JL met with volunteer Kath to take a photo with the cheque for promotional purposes. Kath showed JL around the green and talked through plans following the funding allocation.</p>	JL to arrange further meeting once funds have been spent. JL will support group with completing the monitoring & evaluation forms if required.	JL
9. Area Council Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>JC provided an update on the last AC meeting.</p> <p>Sarah Davey Community Development Officer for the Central Area Team was in attendance to give an update on the work she does across all five Central Area Council Wards. SD works with vulnerable and marginalised groups and runs the Stepping Stones and One Step Closer initiatives. These initiatives provide an opportunity for</p>	JC to continue to provide updates	JC

	people to come together in a supportive environment and take part in micro volunteering and confidence building activities. SD also supports the delivery of the Coffee Cake and Community project that is being piloted at Worsbrough Library		
10. Cost of Living			
	<p>A discussion took place about the success of the Warm Spaces. MT reported that the Meet & Eat Club at Worsbrough Dale Pavilion had come to the end of the funding. The sessions were slow to start but steadily built attendance week on week. The sessions were at capacity by the time the funding was finished.</p> <p>The group are hoping to reapply for more funds to continue to deliver the scheme throughout the holidays. The sessions had become a highlight of the week for those attending and the volunteers that were running them</p> <p>ME informed the group the Warm Wednesday sessions that were held at the Central Family Centre had been very popular. The FC would be continuing the sessions beyond the end of the HSG funding. The sessions will recommence after the May school holidays. Attendance will become referral only to ensure that the support reaching the target audience. The sessions will be done in six-week blocks and include early help and intervention advice and support. This will include budgeting session, winter preparation advice, DWP advisors and access to family support workers.</p> <p>TH confirmed that various organisations have been attending the pantry offering support and advice and were well received by members. Organisations include Age UK, Game Changer, DIAL, More Money in Your Pocket. TH has a schedule for other orgs to attend throughout the year.</p> <p>MT has also shared other groups contact details with providers for a more targeted approach to engaging residents. This includes the Pavilion and the Coffee and Conversation Group at the Miners Welfare.</p>	MT to start liaising with groups and coordinating with service providers to look at other venues that will be suitable to host providers	MT
11. Current/Ongoing Ward Actions			
a.	<p>Worsbrough Local History Day 09/2023</p> <p>The History Days with coincide with the national Heritage Open days. The group have identified Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September.</p> <p>No further updates since last meeting</p>	MT to continue to facilitate working group meetings. WA members welcome to join the meetings.	MT/ planning committee
b.	<p>Telecoms Boxes Project</p> <p>Discussed under item 7</p>	MT to continue to develop project	MT
c.	<p>Environmental Working Group</p> <p>Notes circulated as part of WA papers</p>	MT to continue to facilitate meetings and share meeting notes	MT/ EWG
13. Upcoming Activities/ Areas of Focus			

a.	<p>Performance Review</p> <p>MT to produce performance review for next meeting. The review will highlight projects delivered by the WA, proportion of spend against each area priority and the impact the funding has had on the community and local groups.</p>	MT to bring report to next meeting	MT
b	<p>Action Plan/ Forward Planning</p> <p>The group agreed to facilitate a series of WA engagement events throughout the summer holidays. The events would provide an opportunity for the WA to connect with the community, review the Ward priorities and raise the profile of the WA. The events would also serve as Healthy Holiday sessions.</p> <p>One event per week over 5 weeks at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Green Park • Park Road Playing Fields • Bankend Park • Worsbrough Dale Park • Worsbrough Village 	MT to identify dates, liaise with venues/ any existing volunteers and circulate information to WA members to support the delivery of the sessions	MT/ ALL
14. AOB		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p>Creative recovery</p> <p>Creative recovery to be invited to next meeting to give an update on their project</p>	N/A	JC
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.</p> <p>All meetings are Thursdays, 5.30pm at Worsbrough Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th May • 6th July • 17th August • 5th October • 16th November • 14th December – SOCIAL 		MT