



South Area Better Together Service

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Who We Work With

Local older people

Area council teams

BOPPAA

Local businesses

Community groups

Volunteers

Schools - intergenerational projects

Age Friendly Barnsley



Delivered

One to ones - 250 over the two years.

312 local older people attending groups each week.

New groups set up - 21

Community groups supported - 38

Intergenerational projects - 14

Events - 26 across the 4 wards over the 2 years.



Information & Advice service

£81,343.88 Benefit Gains for the South Area.

This has been achieved through the support of a specialist advisor one day per week.

Pension Age only - full support.

Includes benefit checks, housing advice, blue badge, wills, care packages, home energy checks and so much more.



Key Milestones

- ▶ Service started 1st September 2021.
- ▶ Community groups established in all four wards.
- ▶ Established community car scheme.
- ▶ Increased awareness about the service.
- ▶ Events have taken place in all wards.

BOPPAA

- ▶ Barnsley Older People Physical Activity Alliance.
- ▶ Increases physical activity opportunities for older people across Barnsley to improve strength and balance.
- ▶ SIOs refer service users in the groups.
- ▶ BOPPAA groups in the south include:
 - ▶ Walking groups
 - ▶ Tai Chi
 - ▶ Falls Management Exercise Classes.



Events and Celebrations

- ▶ 26 events attended over the 2 years including:
 - ▶ Winter Warm events
 - ▶ Jubilee parties
 - ▶ Age Friendly celebrations
 - ▶ Christmas parties
 - ▶ Summer Galas
 - ▶ Intergenerational events
 - ▶ King Charles Coronation
 - ▶ Dementia Awareness Week
 - ▶ Many more!



Key Challenges

- ▶ Mobility and transport.
- ▶ Volunteer recruitment.
- ▶ Reaching the most isolated/vulnerable people.
- ▶ Receiving appropriate referrals.
- ▶ Improving confidence to get service users out.

Volunteers

Total active volunteers: 23

1,317 hours of volunteering
across the 2 years.

Social value of: £21,089.66

115 Community car journeys

Recruitment



Next Steps/Focus

- ▶ Volunteer recruitment drives.
- ▶ Strive to reach the most isolate and vulnerable in the community through Eyes On The Ground.
- ▶ Identify gaps for new social groups to expand the offering in communities.
- ▶ Continue to work with service users one to one to build confidence and reduce loneliness / isolation.





Recent Events





Any Questions?

