

April to
June
2023

Penistone Area Council Performance Report



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



Sustainable



Growing















Healthy



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	£ 10,590 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 Supporting Young People	£40,000 £40,000	August 2023 August 2024	Various In progress	
	Principal Towns	No cost to PAC	Ongoing	BMBC	

	Outcome indicator	Q1 Apr-June 2023	Last year 2022/23	Year 2021/22	To date
	Clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	14	77	58	297
	Young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	56	9	76	712
	People who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	53	132	299	793
	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	19	111	156	502
	Community groups supported	16	48	56	717
	New community groups supported	2	7	3	67
	Community car scheme journeys	127	381	126	1542
	Adult volunteers engaged	96	629	680	4145
	New volunteers	3	150	123	1093
	Residents and young people receiving advice and support	111	931	571	3301
	Residents referred to health and advice	0	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)	£12,165.60	£48,123.45	£48,765.60	£407,779.34
	Volunteer opportunities created	100	76	509	2052
	People achieving a qualification / accreditation	5	0	5	157
	People receiving training	6	49	103	1164

Clean, Green and Tidy Service

Twiggs



53 volunteers supported

339 volunteer hours supported

52 rubbish bags filled

10 community groups supported

1 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. The contract is now into a final 6 month extension ending at the end of September 2023 and now provides a team of 4 to the area two days per week on a rotational basis to ensure all groups can still be supported

Highlights

10 (Target 10) Groups and parishes supported. This has included both Twiggs led initiatives and demand from groups

- Groups worked with this quarter included: Spingvale community gardens, Wildflower bed management at HB+ and with Team Green Moor, Watermeadows park with clearance and bulb planting for next spring displays. Royd community gardens working with GXO logistics providing volunteer support as part of their corporate social responsibility, Silkstone care group and TPEG successful clean up at Wentworth Way industrial estate.

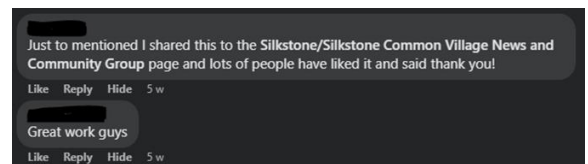




- Twiggs have proactively worked on a total of 36 projects this quarter in various locations across both wards working with volunteers if available. Projects have included path clearance along Roughbirchworth lane and Cawthorne village, hedge cutting and clearance in public seating areas at Howbrook, Gilbert Hill, Hoylandswaine, memorial clearance at Hood Green, and litter pick and clean ups in the Market Barn area (where volunteers unfortunately are still not forthcoming)
- 2 (target 10) activities working with businesses this quarter. This has seen a downward turn in engagement from businesses in the area in spite of attempts to continue to engage. Penistone leisure centre new staff have been engaged and work planned to maintain the area outside with volunteers. GXO logistics provided volunteers to support with Royd community gardens who have been struggling to recruit volunteers and Spar continues to be a major contributor of donations to support both volunteers and groups. A successful event was held with TPEG at Wentworth way industrial estate further attempts were made to engage with businesses there such as McDonalds for the future.



- The team supported 2 schools (achieving the target) this quarter with a number of activities. 2 Highly successful days with Hoylandswaine Primary School creating a wildlife habitat and woodland path where 32 pupils were actively involved in learning about conservation and making a positive impact on their school environment. 14 pupils from Penistone Grammar teamed with Springvale Gardens in activities to create wildlife habitats and support with greenhouse and polytunnel maintenance
- Volunteer numbers have fallen this quarter with only 53 against a target of 150 and down from the last quarter of 163 adult volunteers. This comes in spite of a higher number of proactive activities from the Twiggs team this quarter. It is becoming clear that volunteers are more likely to be maintained through regular group activities.
- The Twiggs team continue to receive positive feed back for work across our area through social media posts and the team continue to be appreciated by areas where this is just one volunteer such as Bromley Sprout House Well.



Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people

Age UK Barnsley



903 interventions

255 people helped

31 volunteers worked with

499 volunteer hours

127 community car journeys

£10,905 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.

Highlights

- There have been 21 new referrals this quarter coming from social prescribing, SY fire service, social services and other medical professionals. All of these are seen individually by social inclusion workers. From these 3 now have volunteer be-frienders, and a further 6 are being matched. Other referrals are to groups activities, aids and adaptations, adult social care, councillor, safeguarding and other Age UK services such as shopping, handyperson service and Dial-a-ride
- 30 established active volunteers in this quarter with 1 new volunteer all supporting through be-friending or support to groups
- Information and advice 9 new clients and also continued with follow up work from previous quarters with a further 10 clients. Benefits is the most popular enquiry with estimated gains of £40,167 including one of £10,905. Highest demand from is from Penistone West.

Outputs	Target	Actual
Number I&A Service Users	10	19
Community Car Journeys	75	127
Number Volunteers <i>Existing, active volunteers</i>	40	31
Number of new volunteers; <i>Includes befrienders/good neighbours/car drivers</i>	No target	1
Increase in Wellbeing	+4	No figure this quarter
Decrease in Loneliness	-2	No figure this quarter

- Community Car Scheme continues with 2 volunteer drivers, delivering 127 journeys.
- Men in Sheds continues to attract 25 members, averaging 9 per week for 15 hours with 4 new this quarter. Projects include planters, bird boxes and restoration of the bench outside the GP surgery in Penistone. Extensive work on the premises has also taken place. Promotion has been made via an interview with Radio Sheffield to explain the purpose of a Men In Sheds project.
- Groups continue to be popular in particular Millhouse green lunch club, New Inn pub lunch group and the new Boardgames group. However attempts to create a meet and greet group at Crow Edge have not be successful in spite of advertising , transport offers and a sloppy slipper event (only 3 turned up) Other self sufficient groups , Pilley , Wortley, Weavers court are still continuing although membership fluctuates.
- Links continue with U3A and regular referrals are made to various groups
- Age UK staff continue to support the Happy Vibes café on a fortnightly basis numbers are low as some service users have moved into care, Plans are in place to try and promote this more widely as it has a positive effect for those living with dementia and their carers.
- A successful intergeneration activity was organised this quarter in support of the Kings coronation. Young People from Greenworks Plus based in Silkstone invited members from the Happy Vibes group and Penistone Board Games to join them celebrate
- The Supporting Older People in the Penistone Area (SOPPA) group held a successful event on May 10th to provide information on services and activities for older people. Those who attended said they found it useful and services valued the opportunity to network.



Other additional support to this contract from Age UK (not funded by this contract providing added value)

Digital Inclusion – 1 new client from this area in the quarter receiving digital device support and a referral to digital champions

Cost of living assistance -Clean and tidy project

This project has been completed this quarter. It has seen us identify **39 people in the area** who would benefit from the packs.

They **included 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.

Help Home From Hospital

This saw AUKB commissioned to support older people home from hospital after an overnight stay and offer ongoing support to anyone that didn't meet the Adult social care threshold for ongoing support. Such as social inclusion, to put in place a meal delivery, aids and adaptations referral, I&A advice and day services where appropriate.

36 people from this area received the service.

Barnsley Older People Physical Activity Alliance (BOPPAA)

- **NEW** Healthy Bones FaME class has started at St.John's Community Centre
- **NEW** Healthy Bones Class at Hoylandswaine Church Hall
- **NEW from end of July Pilates/Wellbeing programme at Lower Coates Farm, Silkstone Common**
- Penistone.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
- Equanimity – Healthy Body, Healthy Ageing, Thurgoland Village Hall
- Equanimity – Nordic Walking, Cannon Hall
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Affordable shopping service

This service was set up after receiving feedback from many of our clients regarding how difficult they found it to do a weekly shop. Transport was an issue as was carrying their groceries. Online shopping wasn't an option as they didn't feel competent to do so. The Project Officers offer 3 parts to this service.

- Assisted shopping. Where they will transport the client and support them around the shop.
- Shop and drop. The client is contacted and a list provided. The Project Officer then does the shop and drops it off at their home.
- Online shopping assistance is also offered.

13 people accessed the service this quarter.

Handyman and gardening services

Our gardening service can be accessed for garden maintenance such as lawn mowing and hedge trimming.4 People from this area accessed the service.

The handyman service can put up curtain rails, help move/build furniture and other basic DIY tasks. 2 People from the area accessed this service.

Elizabeth activity & care centre and Ken Littlewood wellbeing suite

The wellbeing suite offers the services of a hairdresser, nail technician, massage therapist and foot care specialist.This is done in a clean, safe environment where even the most anxious of client can be put at ease. The Elizabeth Centre offers more intensive support to our clients as they move to that stage of their lives. A free day is offered in the centre to all prospective new clients.

Barnsley Citizens Advice

56 people supported (39 target)

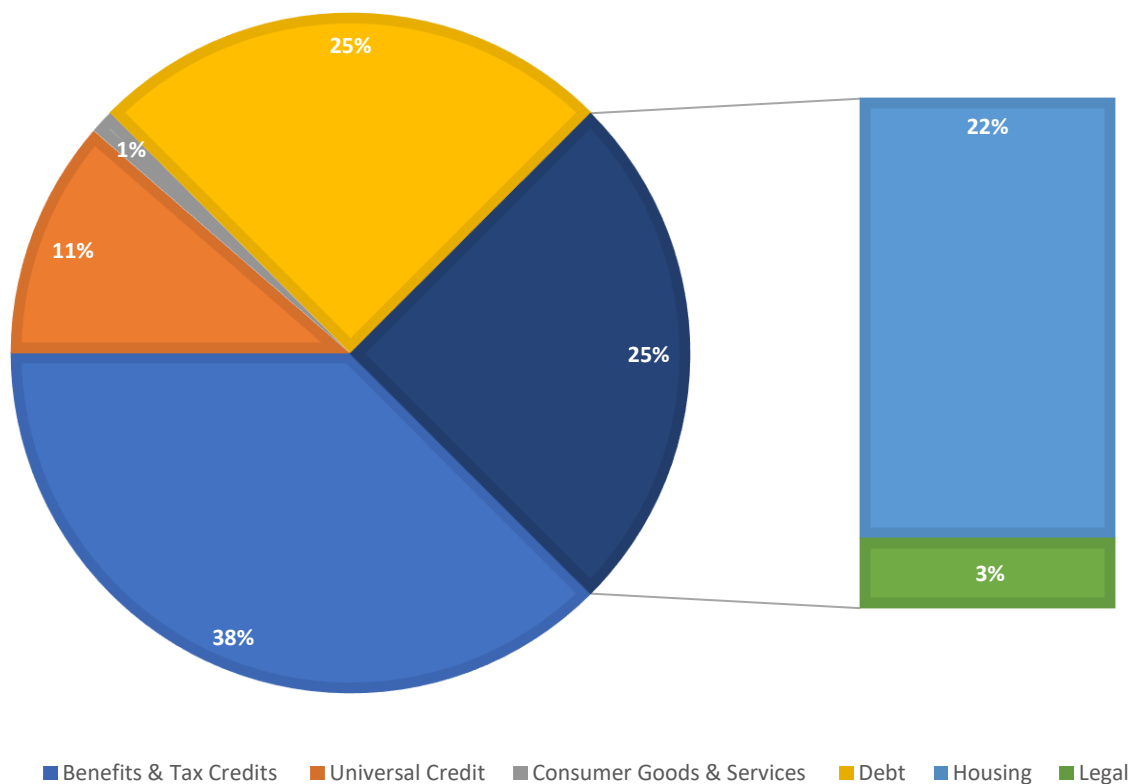
£19,750 of debt managed this quarter (£1.1m since project started in 2019)

£40 of benefits claimed (£247k 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 first quarter of the new contract for CAB in the Penistone area.

BARNSLEY CITIZENS ADVICE 95 ISSUES DELT WITH THIS QUARTER



Highlights for the quarter

Activity/Intervention	Q1 Apr - Jun 2023	
	T	A
Number of client contact via telephone, e-mail & video appointment	39	56
Client contacts via face to face	6	0
Improved health and wellbeing	65% report improvement	
Debt managed	£8,750	£19,750
Benefit gain	£3,000	£40

- The service has continued to provide support via telephone, e-mail and website which does enable a great number of contacts, and appears to be a preferred method for many in the Penistone area.
- The actual number of enquiries has exceeded the target (39 per quarter) as a result. From the 56 contacts, 95 issues have been dealt with, of which 33% were benefits, 10% Universal Credit, 22% debt, 19% housing, 7% health & community care, 3% utilities, 3% legal, 1% consumer, 1% relationships & family and 1% other issues.
- Although it looks like many are direct benefit enquiries, this tends to be people who could be claiming benefit but aren't so may be initially seeking debt advice.
- Housing issues have been on the increase this quarter with increases in interest rates leading to higher mortgage and rental costs. .
- CAB are seeing a number of clients seeking food vouchers along with requests for help with energy costs. As they are part of the food bank project they can organise food parcels, but will then ensure fast track for debt advice support. Food vouchers can also be issued and CAB are supporting families with vouchers for school uniforms as necessary
- 29% of clients presented with a disability or long-term health condition during this quarter.
- The area manager has been working with CAB to look at returning to face to face delivery in the Penistone area. There is potential for space at Penistone Library for this to be offered once a fortnight, but with the service continuing to offer the non face to face support alongside this. This is unlikely to start until the next quarter so will be monitored as part of the quarter 2 performance reporting

DIAL Barnsley

36 enquires made

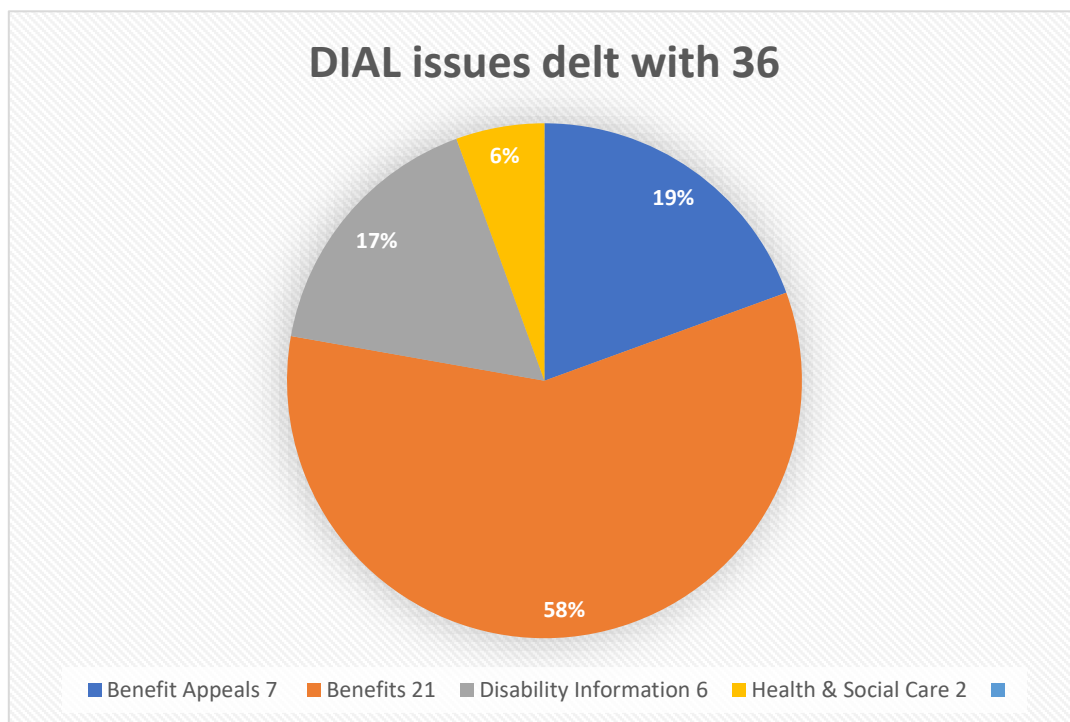
£62,840 benefits claims supported

50 hours of volunteer involvement

For every £1 invested in the project £14.72 returned to the area



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



Project Highlights

- **78** residents given telephone advice *not funded by Pensitone Area Council
- **36** residents attended outreach
- The total **actual** amount of unclaimed benefit income generated through the service to date is **£109,179**
- For every **£1** invested from the Penistone Working Together Fund the project, including matched funding has brought **£14.72** into the area

Added Value

- Matched funding contributed during the period to date **£2,440.50**
- **4** Penistone clients have received advice from our Warm Connections Team

Project Outcomes

- **81%** of residents reported feeling less anxious as a result of speaking to our advisor
- **83%** of residents reported feeling more able to deal with their own affairs

Analysis of Benefit Income Gain

Period	Actual	No of claims awaiting decisions/ not known
Quarter 1	£46,339	9
Quarter 2	£62,840	29
Quarter 3		
Quarter 4		
Total	£109,179	

Breakdown of Enquiries

No. of residents accessing alternative provision

Month	Qty
April	13
May	13
June	10
Total	36

Targets

Activity/Intervention	QTR 1 Jan to Mar 2023		QTR 2 Apr to Jun 2023	
	T	A	T	A
No of people accessing the advice service	46	34	46	36
No of volunteers supporting the project centrally	2		2	
No of volunteers supporting the project locally on site	1	1	1	1
No of hours volunteers support the project	60	50	60	50

The service continues to support clients with significant health needs, and the majority of enquiries are for Personal Independence Payments although wider benefits are considered as part of assessment.

Although a telephone service and on-line enquiry support continues to be offered for the Penistone area, the funding provided by PAC supports the half day face to face appointments delivered in Penistone town hall.

Addition services also available from DIAL include the warm connections advice which can be delivered via home visits. These are increasing as people have become more in debt with energy bills

Adult Singing Workshop

Angel Voices

Singing workshops for adults to improve health, wellbeing and confidence

12 month project started January 2023





Project highlights

Activity/Intervention	Quarter 1 Jan - March		Quarter 2 April - June	
	T	A	T	A
Number of people attending singing sessions	10	8	12	8
Number of Workshops	4	5	4	5
Number of volunteers	4	2	6	2
Events		1	1	
Exams				



Quarterly updates

The workshops for the adults began in January and after a slow start of just 4 attendees, it has grown now to an established regular cohort of attendees

Tried different times and places as people requested weekend evenings and weekdays afternoons – the most successful at this moment is the 1:30 start at Cawthorne Village Hall. This time seems to suit retired people, or those whose children are at school and the 3pm finish suits them for collecting.

With the ones who attend regularly there have been successful workshops, demonstrating improvements on vocal techniques, confidence building, and many have already in a few weeks gone on stage and sang solos and sang in groups joining Educational Singers in their events.

Work is currently taking place on the singers to do their own event and they will be singing at the Penistone Area 10 Year Celebration in September at Wortley Hall.

The preparation for the exam is coming on well and it is expected that this will be taken towards the end of the year and a lovely supportive group has been established as a result

A volunteer has been enrolled who is on a gap year and she has been assisting and supporting singers, giving demonstrations and will be in September heading to Birmingham Conservatoire to study opera

Examples of Adults benefitting from the workshops

Case A

This man and wife joined us from the start of the workshops with absolute zero experience in singing. Both extremely nervous and no confidence they waited until the others had left and then got up and bravely sang a song each. They then started to practice their chosen songs and scales in different rooms of the house and became part of the Penistone Arts Week production at The Penistone Paramount where they joined in the songs from the musical 'Les Miserables'



Case B

This lady joined our workshop after taking a break from her singing to raise her family. She missed it very much but didn't have the confidence to join a group as she felt she couldn't sing or perform as she used to. She has gained the confidence now to sing a solo now in the upcoming show in October at The Penistone Paramount and is looking forward to being entered into the ABRSM singing examination.

Case C

This young lady has gone from strength to strength since joining the workshop having no confidence at all but in the possession of a lovely voice, she would only sing at home. She joined us and took up the offer to sing in the That's Entertainment production at The Penistone Paramount for the Arts Festival where she sang and rapped at a solo from the musical Hamilton. She was so nervous she almost didn't go on stage but with support she went on and did an amazing job, she has also gone onto singing at The Sing For A King event in May where she performed Mr Blue Sky by Post Modern Jukebox, this version is extremely complex and has a big range which needs a bigger performance and Case C went on stage with the confidence she has gained and had a huge reception from the audience.

Case D

This gentleman has been a semi-professional singer back in the 80s and still loves to sing but found he didn't have the range or control he once had. He was suffering from a congested throat and with the advice we have given him he has a bigger range, and he now has much wider choice of songs and his general health has improved.

Through our breathing techniques and vocal warmups, he went back on stage in March after just a couple of sessions and sang in the "Les Miserables" section of That's Entertainment production at The Paramount Theatre for The Arts Week.

He is currently working on singing at The Paramount Theatre on our two productions SOS to the World and 21 Chester Place where he will have a solo and be playing a character from the Adams Family Musical

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 and some delivered over a 9 month period in line with academic year

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





This is the final evaluation of the project for 2022/23. The project established 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.

Total delivery 2022/23

<u>Group</u>	<u>No of pupils in group</u>	<u>No of Sessions offered/given</u>
Year 7 Transition- Mixed	7	9
Year 8 - Girls	4	7
Year 8 - Boys	5	7
Year 9 Organisation - Mixed	5	6
Year 9 Risky behaviours - Boys	6	6
121s - Sept 22 Mixed	4 then 2	12
121s - March 23 Mixed	4	10
Total individual pupils seen	39	57
Total no of engagements after cancelled sessions (9) and pupil absences		220

The final term focussed on more one to one work as well as group work with Y9 pupils and in particular a group of boys referred specifically by the school having been identified with risky behaviour

Y9 issues with young men

anti social behaviour - Shoplifting – arson – firearms – drugs – alcohol – vaping –bobby knocking aggression – fighting – issues in school – broken promises – health – parents in prison – family estrangement

The group of young men sent to us had had issues with several different forms of anti social behaviour and had been subject to police interviews

these were a great group of young men who had found themselves in trouble

they opened up to the team and spoke openly about issues that had led them to anti social behavior

we discussed at length alternatives to all the issues discussed and spoke at length about aspirations and how they see their futures

the group often felt let down by the school

two of the young men helped an elderly resident and were mentioned in the local newspaper – this was lovely to be able to take back into school to show them

the peer support within the group was fantastic

Issues supported in the one to one sessions

These continued as in previous terms and picked up on some of the following issues

- **Estranged families** – these included issues with siblings /step siblings –
 - Biological fathers coming back into the life of one young woman and the issues this caused her and her family –
 - paternity issues –
 - conflicting relationships -conflict with parents who work full time and doesn't spend quality time with children - they feel all they do is chores around the home -
- **Lack of Confidence** – this included public speaking especially having to speak in the classroom
 - worried about parents / friends views – friendship groups
- **Challenging behaviour in school** – this all linked back to issues happening within the family unit

Outcomes

During the last term the project suffered from some communication issues within the school and teacher strikes leading to reduced numbers of those anticipated at the outset. In spite of these set backs positive outcomes have been achieved for all the young people participating in the sessions with Ad Astra, through a variety of techniques:

- positive affirmations regarding behaviour and attitude -
- Understanding 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
- making more realistic expectations
- the young person's perspective had changed so this made life less anxious
- Linked emotions to sports analogies to help young men recognise links to mastering a skill and sorting out coping mechanisms
- spoke to school about how staff may be able to offer feed back about academic levels etc –
- one young woman needs additional support although she is improving weekly and managing her emotions well
- Improved group dynamics and more tolerance for different individuals
- Relating actions to real situations and Regret for actions

Penistone Grammar School

Supporting 50 students with a level 2 qualification in peer mentoring

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



This is the final summary of the 9 month project which was about aspiring for the future and developing a culture of peer support within the school.

Outcomes of the project

Peer mentoring programme

- 40 students from years 8-10 started on the one-day training session on peer mentoring. Delivered in school but with the assistance of volunteer medical students (in their third year of training to become doctors).
- Peer mentors began mentoring from February half term.
- 40 pupils from years 8-10 successfully completed training and received accreditation in the RSPH (Royal Society of Public Health) level 2 mentoring qualification, and have been able to provide peer support to others within the school with low level mental health issues as part of a wider initiative within the school to help improve pupils' mental wellbeing.

Aspiring for the future

- External speakers were brought in to the school to help develop students' cultural capital (their knowledge of the wider world and developing skills beyond the classroom).
- Pupils have benefitted from diverse inspirational speakers from a range of backgrounds including Political leaders, authors and athletes who have challenged and informed pupils

Examples included:

Simon James Green, a renowned author who spoke to students on a range of topics including how to become an author, LGBTQ+ issues and anti-bullying.

Dr. Marie Tidball, (pic right) an ex-Penistone student who is standing as Labour candidate for the Penistone and Stocksbridge constituency. She talked about inclusive leadership, representation in public life and being future change-makers.

Miriam Cates MP who spoke to our politics students about life as an MP as well as being probed on some of the current issues facing the nation.

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



This 12 month project provides singing workshops for young people in the Penistone area, to support young people to achieve health and wellbeing outcomes for all those who participate. The project provides professional learning and accreditation as well as the experience of live performances. Volunteers support with project and live performances have been raising money for the local area and supporting local venues.

Quarterly Target updates

Activity / intervention	Quarter 3 April – June)	
	T	A
No of workshops delivered	1	6
No of young people attending workshops	18	46
No of new YP attending workshops	6	11
No of volunteers supporting	6	10
Funds raised through concerts		£455
Number of YP supported with additional health issues		
No of collaborations with other organisations in the community		4
Number of young people receiving training	5	5
Number of YP achieving qualification	3	5



We have held 6 Educational Singing Workshops in this quarter all of which have been very well attended and we have welcomed many new faces.

We have covered a lot in the workshops from advice on how to present oneself on stage to working on both solo and chorale songs for the ABRSM exams

We have been asked to work with other organisations during this term as we all celebrated the coronation of King Charles III

First being Oxspring Parish Council who invited the singing workshops to sing at their Oxspring Gala Coronation Picnic 7th May and The Darton Ladies Group who asked the singers of the Educational Singing Workshop to sing at their Sing For A King event the day afterwards 8th May

Both events were very well attended and the singers were well received with many wonderful comments from the organisers and the audience saying they could not believe both vocal abilities and confidence which was great to hear

We have been working on the next round of exams which were taken on the 26 27 and 10 July All had great feedback from the examiners and the 5 that took them received

Lauren age 16 Grade 5 Distinction

Amelia age 12 Grade 2 Merit

Maisie age 10 Grade 2 Pass

Jasmine age 13 Grade 3 Pass

Theo age 9 Grade 2 Distinction

Four of our Educational Singing Workshop members sang for the Mayor of Barnsley at his Civic Service on the 15th June at St Mary's in Barnsley

The mayor afterwards sent them each a handwritten card expressing the numerous compliments about them all and how they had enhanced his event.

We invited one of our singers from the workshop to attend and sing at our gigs (dinner dance for on night Mamma Mia the second Grease) at Horbury the manager gave him a booking for later this summer and he has since gone and gained more contracts and will be singing with us again very soon



We are in the throes of our next big event on the 1st October 23 at The Paramount Theatre in Penistone

SOS To The World Team Adam

21 Chester Place Team Debbie

This event is being attended by The Mayor of Barnsley and his consort, The Mayor of Penistone and a BBC singer who will be judges

This event is bringing much excitement and group chats are forming as the Teams battle it out

We have also been invited to sing at outdoor festivals in August and are preparing for those individual singers and their songs of which some now will be singing up to 10 songs in their own.

Our volunteers are growing and working fabulous together , they meet and greet, sign people in Bake cakes and buns for fundraising, serve drinks on workshop days, go for any shopping, print off lyrics and help with setting up & clean up

They help with raffle prizes and have their own WhatsApp group which people are added to as they join, they set this up and run it themselves

Case Study One

It is great pride that we announce our Theo Hills who joined us in December 21 went all the way through to the Battles on The Voice Kids UK we worked with Theo through this process and he wanted both Adam and myself there in London when he was filming but unfortunately my father was gravely ill and passed away during this time so we couldn't go, but we were calling and FaceTiming and supporting him every bit of the way.

He has since gone onto gain a lead role in the national tour of The Full Monty where he will be working with stars from Emmerdale, Coronation Street and Eastenders

Theo is singing with us at the upcoming Festivals and is in Team Adam on the 1st October

Case Study Two

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He also sang a solo The Mayor of Barnsley at his recent Civic Service

He also has auditioned for a lead role in a production of Les Mis and has been singing with the BYC and having a very successful summer busking of which we advised him on his equipment

This young man who is autistic is growing from strength to strength and his school teachers have contacted his mum to say how wonderful his singing is and entered him a national school talent competition in June

He will be singing at the upcoming festivals and is part of Team Debbie 1st October

Case Study 3

This young lady has suffered with her confidence a lot due to the break up of her parents marriage She also was bullied at school and now attends college, her confidence was also taking a hit due to her studying A level music and being told a teacher at the college that she 'just a singer!'

We have shown her that being a singer is a walking, talking, breathing, happy, sad, instrument that you take everywhere and that is the only internal instrument and is totally irreplaceable

This really gave her a boost and she has gained top marks to the highest level in her first year.

She recently took her singing exam with us and gained a distinction with full marks on her two of her three songs

She is now wanting to sing more and recently went to the RNCM for an open day (which she was too nervous to do before) she love s it and is now working towards her Grade 8 which we will help her study in workshops showing others what is required

She is singing at the upcoming festivals and is part of Team Adam 1st October



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



- Girls Going Away Badge developed to provide a focus for activities to support with learning
- Going on guide camp, brownie pack holiday or rainbow sleepover is one of the highlights of Girlguiding, and the memories stay with girls for years. Many adults still recall the adventures and mischief of their time away with Girlguiding. With Covid, many girls have not had the chance for some years to stay away and have missed the skills, confidence and experience this builds for life.
- The badge enabled girls to start learning and preparing for being away and was undertaken in the months prior to the event planned at Kingswood as part of the preparation for going away.
- The residential event for up to 250 young women has been held at Kingswood outdoor learning centre making use of the outdoor facilities to challenge and inspire.

Still awaiting final performance details from the Girl Guides .



Area Team updates

April to June

- We welcomed our new part time CDO Joanne Smith (also part time with NE area team) to the team in June. Joanne works with Tanya to provide community development support.
- We welcomed and provided induction support to our newly elected member to the area Cllr Alex Burnett
- Tanya organised our local Penistone 10 year celebrations exhibition at the Penistone library, working alongside members of the Ward Alliance to promote our work in the community.
- Craig provided our clean green and tidy consultation which went out to all groups, parishes and other partners. The results were presented to members at their workshop in June. Results have now gone back out to all participants with explanation of next steps in the procurement process
- Tanya and Elaine attended Cannon Hall to establish links for volunteering and how the team could support them to improve the take up of volunteering opportunities there. A similar meeting is being planned at the request of Wentworth castle Gardens .
- Elaine attended litter and environmental crime strategy workshop – to develop a coproduced strategy for litter for Barnsley. Community group reps from Penistone area included HB+ and Cawthorne Parish
- The team started work on the 10 year celebration event planning taking place at Wortley Hall in September
- Tanya worked with the Ward alliance to plan and organise the summer activities for young people through the sports van and ramp up sessions
- Work has continued on the food options provision working with Good Food Barnsley including planning for the consultation event and visits to potential hosts. Also made links and visited Penistone Grammar to explain work in development and they shared their offer for support with cost of living [Cost of Living Support | Penistone Grammar School \(penistone-gs.uk\)](https://www.penistone-gs.uk/cost-of-living-support)
- Worked with Penistone library to enable CAB to restart f2f sessions – started August. Very low take up rate so far
- Supported Age UK with their SOPPA event
- The team set up the new YP grant funding and sent out information widely to invite interest
- Continued to work with BMBC assets team and Principal towns team to review plans for the building and look at potential interim spaces for the team and other staff in the building
- Links made to the Penistone traders group – council link Karen Tyas café crème