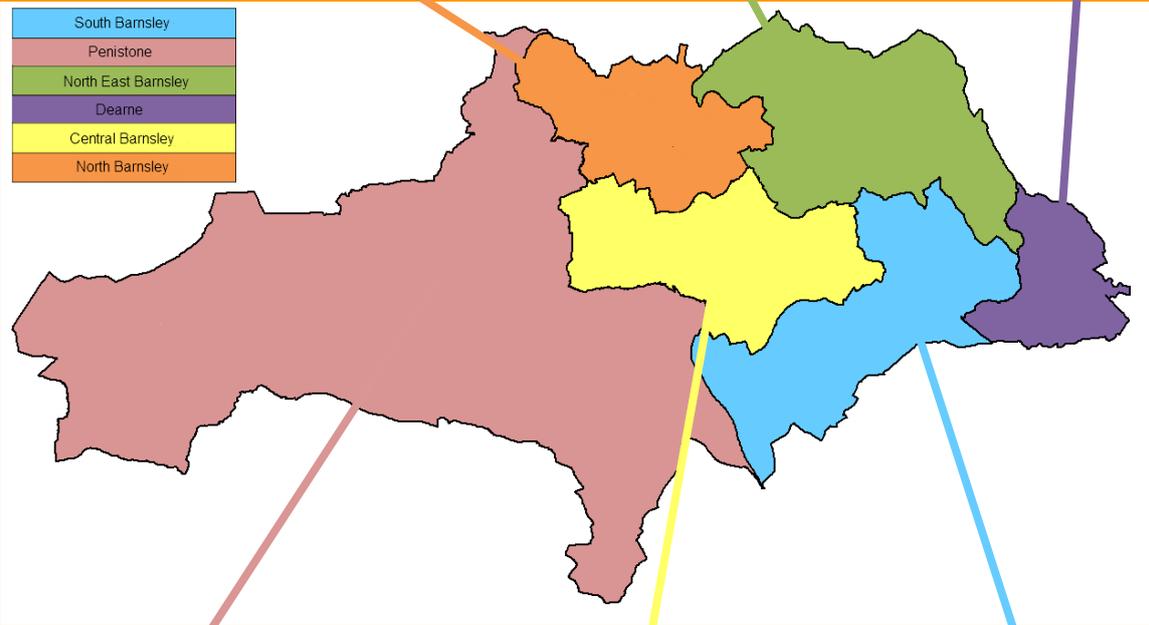


Stronger Communities Service 2018/19 Quarter 3 Narrative Report



Introduction

Welcome to the Stronger Communities Service 2018/19 Quarter 3 Narrative Report.

The following pages highlight, through case studies, the extensive work of the service in contributing to community development across the borough. There are many and varied examples of the types of initiatives that have increased community engagement and cohesion, intergenerational working, volunteering, lifelong learning and environmental improvements. All of the following are coordinated by the service and encourage involvement from organisations and the residents of Barnsley.

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CENTRAL Area

Central Ward

Bluebell Bank – Overcoming local objections through community engagement

PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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Having pride in where you live

The engagement project involved working with local residents in the Bluebell Bank area to develop a community group. It was initially designed to overcome local objections to the play area and bring residents together as a community. The project intended to tackle the hostility by some residents to the installation of a play area, which was also divisive for the neighbourhood.

This project encourages people to be happier and healthier through community engagement events, which have encouraged local people to volunteer and identify a way forward, including the Incredible Edible community garden which involves all ages and promotes healthy eating, outdoor activity and sustainable lifestyles.



Local residents, including children, took part in several activities including choosing new play equipment at the first event. Then local residents took part in fun activities and games with their children. The purpose of both of these events was to overcome hostility shown towards the Council by some residents, and generate community spirit and a new residents group.

The Area Team led this project with the involvement of residents, and played an important role in bringing residents together. Engagement activity focussed on the community working together, future possibilities for community events such as a summer gala on the park area and a community garden.

The project achieved two good community engagement events. These were followed up with meetings and the subsequent formation of a local community group. This project promoted working with communities directly, starting with one or two residents, and then leafleting the entire estate to promote a small scale engagement event and encourage people to come along in order to engage with them face to face. This direct approach worked in terms of addressing issues and getting people to engage in order to move forward as a community.

What is happening next is another community meeting, followed by a clean-up event in March, as part of the Great British Spring Clean initiative.



One learning point from the project is the need to keep the timescales tight between events and activities. This is not always possible but sometimes the momentum can be lost.

Some feedback received was:

“Thank you so much for arranging all of this.” (About the community engagement event.)

“Thank you very much for your time it was greatly appreciated” (Following the community meeting.)

“Thank you for all that you are doing in helping to establish a group and getting things moving.” (Following the community meeting.)

Stairfoot Ward

“Waltzing in a Winter Wonderland” Tea Dance *Benefits of Intergenerational Working*

**PEOPLE ACHIEVING
THEIR
POTENTIAL**

Outcome 6: Every child attends a good school and is successful in learning and work

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

**STRONG &
RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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The Stairfoot Ward Alliance and Barnsley Academy worked in partnership to deliver an afternoon tea dance for older residents of the ward. The school students and staff prepared and served an afternoon tea to over 70 local residents and other students performed a show dance for the audience. The school students also created all the marketing material for the event and made beautiful gifts to give out as small presents.



The Area Team had identified the importance of developing intergenerational projects. It was agreed that we would jointly deliver a Tea Dance that would have the joint benefit of bringing the community into the school and giving the school students an opportunity to develop and show case their skills.

The Ward Alliance funded the food, and used their local contacts to encourage people to attend. Berneslai Homes also contributed to funding small gifts and helped promote the event.

The three main aims of the project were to:

- Break down some of the barriers that exist between the school and the local community, and build better relationships.
- Allow hospitality students to put into practice the skills they were learning, and to showcase the talents of the performing arts students.
- Give an opportunity for older residents to come out and meet with others, thus alleviating social isolation.



The event was a huge success. The opportunities created by this project, for school students and local residents alike, have potential benefits which include: more engagement and people leading happier, healthier, independent and active lives; local volunteers promoting their group, contributing to developing volunteering and making the community stronger.

An unintended but fortunate spin-off from the event was that the school did a Shoe Box Appeal and asked the area team if they had any links with local charities. We were able to link them to the Churches Drop-in Project and the school made up over 100 boxes for local homeless and isolated people to enjoy over the Christmas holiday.

We have agreed to continue to work together on mutually beneficial projects. A local craft group who attended the event have agreed to come into the school to deliver some craft sessions in the new year. The school performance department have also agreed to do a performance at the Central Area Celebration event. And we are currently working on two joint projects, one to develop sports activities and one to develop environmental activities.



All the local residents gave glowing comments about the school's staff and students, they were all made to feel really special and enjoyed the event immensely. The school staff and students were really pleased that the event was so well attended and successful.

Worsbrough Ward

Christmas Workshops

PEOPLE ACHIEVING
THEIR
POTENTIAL

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

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A series of craft workshops were delivered over a 5 week period in the run up to Christmas, utilising the skills of volunteers that were initially engaged during the Tour de Yorkshire. The purpose of the workshops was to engage residents in the ward who were not already taking part in community activity, and might be lonely and isolated.

We also wanted to use the workshops as an opportunity to promote the venue, the Ward Green Baptist Church, and the existing activities already taking place to encourage local residents to attend. The Ward Alliance's priorities include both supporting community facilities, and older people.

The workshops gave local residents somewhere to go, something to do and also allowed them to learn new skills. Attendees of the sessions expressed an interest in getting involved in other community activity and some are now populating the activities run by the Church, independent of the area team and ward alliance.

A meeting with the attendees is set to take place early in the New Year to look at what other activities could be developed and how they can contribute to making the activities engaging and sustainable.



The workshops were delivered every Monday 10 – 12 over a 5 week period between November and December 2018. The sessions were attended by adults living in the Ward with 5 of these being of pensionable age. Each week attendees made a different Christmas themed craft such as cards, stockings, crocheted baubles etc. The activities were used as a hook to encourage people to attend so that the Ward Alliance and area team could engage with these residents and encourage them to take part in other social action projects in the future.



The Ward Alliance funded the workshops and used its networks to promote them including the use of Facebook, notice boards, leaflet delivery and promotion via Central council contracted providers RVS and other organisations working in the Ward. The CDO managed the project overall.

Five existing volunteers were brought together to use their individual skills to deliver elements of the project – all of whom are keen to help develop and deliver other activities across the Ward. Two new volunteers have been identified and project ideas are now being developed. The venue is in talks with the local school to jointly deliver an intergenerational event in the summer with the help of the Ward Alliance.

The project helped to develop the relationship between the CDO/ Ward Alliance and the volunteers at the venue which has resulted in the venue looking at other projects they can deliver in partnership with the Ward Alliance and the school.

All the attendees gave positive feedback about the workshops. Attendees enjoyed learning new skills and meeting new people as well as expressing an interest in becoming involved in other community activity including social action projects. The Ward Alliance / CDO will continue to work with the venue to deliver other community activity including an intergenerational activity in the summer in partnership with the local school.



DEARNE Area

Dearne Area Team and Railway Embankment Group

Progression of the Embankment Group

THRIVING & VIBRANT ECONOMY	PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL	STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES
Outcome 4: Strengthen our visitor economy	Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active	Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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Protecting our wonderful borough

The embankment group was developed a couple of year ago with the main purpose of turning a disused railway site, which had suffered from years of fly-tipping, into a place for the community to enjoy. The project was developed in order to bring life back into the disused embankment by clearing away the decades of litter and refuse.

As the site has developed it has become a beautiful space which, when finished, will be open to people across the borough in the hope of strengthening the Dearne’s visitor economy. Local residents have been involved in the project which has created a buzz around the area. The Dearne Area Team were instrumental in the co-ordination of this project, using local knowledge and identifying funding opportunities for the group.



The embankment project consists of members of the Dearne Area Team, Goldthorpe Primary School, Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership, local groups and residents, and the Local Environment Service and Housing Officer.

Each brought their own specialist knowledge in order to tackle the issues that have surrounded the area for decades. This included installing a water tank, and targeting the houses nearby in order to eliminate fly-tipping. Elected Members have also been involved in the clear-ups, and have

liaised with the community to increase local involvement.

The project has been successful in the reduction of fly-tipping and has creating a space for all of the community to enjoy. It was successful in bringing people together:

- Sheffield University were recruited to do a consultation exercise with residents of the Dearne.
- Henry Boot came on site to complete their annual ESV day.
- Staff from the Highways team also had an input by way of designing the pathway on to site.
- Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership have provided funds and their specialist knowledge around biodiversity and planting on the site.
- Goldthorpe Primary School have also been a key player in making this happen, and pupils who are part of the eco group have attended to plant the orchard.



On the site, two young brothers lost their lives whilst picking for coal during the miners' strike, so the group decided that they would like to do a memorial for them on site. The Dearne Area Team liaised with the family and brought in the current poet laureate, Ian McMillian, to write a piece for the memorial stone. The family have been consulted throughout the process and are thrilled with the memorial.

“My mum cannot thank the group enough for all of the hard work they have put in to make this happen.”

Other residents have also volunteered their time and donated trees to put on the site.

One thing learnt from this project is that the more partners that are on board with the project, the more successful the project will become. We also learned that when starting on this journey, it took more time to get the project off the ground than originally expected.

The group are still clearing the area and plan to do more planting early in the year. This will enable the group to have an open day in the summer, and invite everyone that has been part of the project to date. We hope to recruit more local volunteers in order to for them to become key holders on the site.



PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

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The Second Space Art project was about giving young people skills in theatre, script writing, and dance. It involved setting up a space for young people to showcase their new found skills. The project was designed to get young people involved in extra-curricular activities and bring life back to an unused space on the High Street.



Evidence suggests that young people who are involved in activities outside of the classroom are far healthier, independent and active. In an area where people are on low incomes, it is more difficult for families to prioritise finances to allow their children to participate in such activities. Therefore this project assisted in the development of young people.

Aimed at young people, families and communities, the project gave the skills and experience needed to succeed. The project requires regular activities to help raise their confidence and aspirations, and took place from April – October 2018. Thirty young people from the Dearne area participated in the activities and twenty six sessions were delivered over a six month period.



The Area Team assisted in brokering conversations between the other theatrical groups in the area, as well as assisting in their application to the Dearne Development Fund. The project worked closely with the Dearne Playhouse and collaborated with the wider community. The Co-Op, who own the building, granted the project a community licence which enabled the group to use the building free of charge.

The project received a very positive response, one main reason being that the biggest building on the High Street now has a new purpose. One of the learning points to come out of the project was that young people in the area are restricted from inclusion in activities due to lack of finances.

Dearne Area

First Aid in the Community

THRIVING & VIBRANT ECONOMY

Outcome 2: Increase skills to get more people working

PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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The project provided First Aid training to local people to assist in volunteering at events, and to help care for other individuals in their own families. The Dearne Ward Alliance action plan highlighted First Aid Training as a priority to help local people with their training needs. After completing Food Hygiene, First Aid was the most required in the Dearne community. The Dearne area has sustainable groups who are delivering events all year; the project helped to make them even more sustainable as they were able to provide their own First Aid instead of buying the service direct.

Having further qualifications in First Aid also helped with upskilling the Dearne volunteers, which increased their confidence and has taught them to be more safety conscious within the community. They can share their experiences and assist in any accidents or injuries by knowing how to apply First Aid, and be the first contact on site should any accidents occur.



The Dearne Area Team's aim is to raise aspirations for a safer and better educated community. Raising volunteer aspirations and their confidence will help to develop enterprising behaviour which is the foundations for tackling health, deprivation and social concerns.

This training assisted the local volunteers in the Dearne area to support each other and get to know like-minded people in similar situations to themselves. The training helped individuals to learn new skills which would benefit them and people in the community. They now have the confidence to assist a patient until emergency services arrive if necessary.

There were 11 individuals who enrolled on a three day training course, all had different

understandings of what first aid was and how to address certain situations. The trainees learned how to perform CPR, use an automated external defibrillator, bandage injuries, and control blood flow; also knowledge of what's in a first aid kit, and how to use the contents.

The Dearne Area Team was significant in the delivery of this project, with the Adult Education Training Officer, Sally Dobbs, delivering the training itself. The Dearne Area Team Community Development Officer (CDO) took responsibility for co-ordinating the project by booking the venue, ensuring the catering was completed and delivered on time, helping to set up and clear up at the end of each session, and supporting the trainees each day with any concerns they had.



In addition, the Dearne North & Dearne South Ward Alliance provided the funding for the room, the training to help the students with the course work and refreshments for the full three days. A local business in Bolton on Dearne provided the catering each day (keeping the money locally spent), and also had the room given for free as it was more local to people attending.

The training was a huge success, and all the trainees passed. This will help any events in the community with First Aiders, saving money on outsourcing. Over the three days, the learners worked effectively together in pairs and small groups. They all contributed well in discussions and gained confidence. They supported each other and were thorough in their answers to questions. They showed respect to each other as well as the residents within the complex.



The course itself is highly regarded within the workplace – the skills involved are not only how to recognise that a casualty is ill or injured, but also how to treat that casualty safely. The qualification will be useful if anyone needs to be treated by a qualified first aider, either when they are volunteering, or at any other time. This qualification can also be useful if any of the volunteers continue to work/offer their services within the Council out in the community.

The Dearne Area Team CDO supported and encouraged attendees to be present and enrolled the trainer, who engaged effectively with her students and helped them feel comfortable and secure in their workload. The residents of Heather Court were happy to let us use their facilities as this was good for keeping it local and providing easy access. The Dearne Area Team published a Facebook article asking for attendees. There was no charge for the course, as upskilling local people helped the Ward Alliance meet the Town Spirit #AchieveIt and #LiveIt objectives.

Overall, the learners thoroughly enjoyed the course and said that they had 'gained confidence' and would be 'happy to carry out first aid' when it was needed. They also commented on how 'relaxed' they felt on the course and that it was delivered in a 'friendly and relaxed atmosphere'. Comments also were made on how it was assessed, such as *"I like how it was assessed as it was not as intimidating as it used to be"*. They also mentioned that they 'enjoyed the buffet' which was an added bonus but I do feel that providing refreshments encouraged some learners to attend!



The main learning points were to make sure the location is suitable (which in this case it was spot on), that the students feel comfortable, and that you get the right trainer. Some training can be difficult to endure for three full days, however with the right person leading and training it can be made interesting and enjoyable, and that's exactly what feedback came back. This also ensures that any future training will be a success with people coming back for more.

NORTH Area

Darton East Ward

Darton Primary School Eco Council



The Area Team were invited by Darton Primary School to meet with the teacher, Mrs Beth Smith, who is in charge of the school's Eco Council. The Eco Council is made up of two representatives from each year group, who meet regularly to plan projects within the school and local community, totalling twelve pupils from Reception Class to Year 6, and a teacher.

The Eco Council had identified some outside areas of the school where they would like to create raised beds, planters and a pond/wildlife area. Beth was keen to do something within the local community, so we arranged for the Eco Council to join the Twiggs North Area Clean and Tidy team on a litter pick in the local area. This was designed to educate the Eco Council on littering and the impact it has on the environment and local community. It also helped build and strengthen the working relationship between the area team and the school.

On the day of the litter pick, the Eco Council cleared up four streets around the school. The pupils were extremely keen and thoroughly enjoyed doing something for their local community. Even though the litter pick happened during school hours, the pupils volunteered to give up some of their school day to go out litter picking. By working with the Eco Council and educating the young people about volunteering, it is hoped that it will encourage them to go out volunteering in their local communities with their families. The Eco Council is very active and by getting out in the fresh air doing projects, it is encouraging them and helping them get healthier and more active.

The initial contact and meeting with the school and the Eco Council was done by the Area Team. This meant that advice and support could be offered about volunteering activities that the school could get involved in within the local community.

The pupils really enjoyed their time litter picking and felt extremely proud of what they achieved.

Following on from the litter pick, I have put a local community group in touch with the school, and the Eco Council have been out bulb planting in the local park with the community group.

Overall, the project has formed a new working relationship with Darton Primary School. Darton Primary School is aware of the North Area Team, what we do and the support and advice we can offer. They are also aware of the Ward Alliance and that there is funding available to support them with their projects.



Both Darton Primary School and Twiggs have commented how much they enjoyed the litter pick and that they would like to do more projects in the future together.

It is hoped that we will work together on more projects within the local community and school as the Eco Council have lots of great ideas. The Area Team will also be providing support about applying for Ward Alliance funding.

Darton West Ward

Local Volunteer Saves Christmas!

PEOPLE ACHIEVING
THEIR
POTENTIAL

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

STRONG &
RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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Each year the Voice for Darton hold a Christmas Event in the Parish Hall. This involves a craft fair, serving hot drinks and singing Christmas carols. However, this year forces were against them and they were unable to hold their usual event. A number of the members were disappointed with this and therefore decided not to hold a Christmas event this year.

Local volunteer Paul felt frustrated with people's lack of enthusiasm so decided to find a way of hosting a Christmas event for the local community. Paul is extremely passionate about making Darton a better community to live, work and visit. He enjoys bringing the community together.

Father John allowed Paul to use Darton Church for the event. He also helped to curate the event. The Voice for Darton group were instrumental on the evening, handing out programmes, and serving tea and mince pies.

The Darton College school choir gave a number of performances on the evening, and Darton Primary School Glee Club gave a performance on the evening. Outreach Christian Centre also did a performance. Local volunteers read poems on the evening and also one volunteered to be Santa, and Darton Co-op kindly donated the mince pies for the event.

St. Helen's Ward

Healthy Holidays Project

THRIVING & VIBRANT ECONOMY

Outcome 4: Strengthen our visitor economy

PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL

Outcome 7: Reducing demand through improving access to early help

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

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This Healthy Holidays project was a borough-wide initiative that formed part of a government pilot. The project was aimed at providing fun activities and healthy food to children in the St Helen's Ward who are in receipt of full school dinners.

The Healthy Holidays project was set up to address the issue of ensuring that children in low income families, and in receipt of free school meals, would continue to receive meals, rather than going without over the extended summer holidays. The project was delivered entirely by volunteers and was run in a record four venues across the Ward.

The project worked with Fare Share Yorkshire, a company which receives surplus food donated from businesses and helps to distribute it to where it does the most good. Their involvement helped to raise awareness and allow more businesses and organisations to both contribute to and benefit from the network.

The Healthy Holidays project was as much about preventing issues as it was about addressing current ones. By young people participating in the project, they learned to try new, healthier foods, potentially changing some of their eating habits as well as ensuring they had good quality meals throughout the holidays. These might not have happened without this project.



In addition to healthier eating, the project also introduced a range of activities for the children to take part in. Some of them were learning based, some were all about having fun and socialising. The events helped to draw more families together and forge links with organisations and each other.



The project could not have taken place if not for the overwhelming amount of volunteers who showed up to run the sessions, cook the food and facilitate the overall project. The volunteers were involved in planning the sessions, coordinating the delivery of the food, and arranging the activities, including gathering the materials needed. In addition, they had to keep accurate records at the end of each session to pass on to the Government to evaluate the success of this project.

The North Area Team were significant in the delivery of this project, with the Area Manager taking responsibility for coordinating the delivery plans between the various venues and gathering in each of the evaluation reports that give a bigger picture of the projects success. In addition, the St Helen's Ward Alliance provided a small amount of funding to help with the delivery of some activities.



The project was an overwhelming success in all but one venue. One venue in particular was so successful that it pulled more families into the activities than any other venue in the Borough. It was also selected from all the venues to feature on Regional TV and came across as very positive.

The project as it was delivered in St Helen's was firmly planted in the new way of working, with the actual delivery of the project activities. Each venue was organised and delivered by volunteers and partner organisations. The Ward Alliance provided the funding, but volunteers made it a reality. The Area Teams only facilitated the delivery plans and helped collate the figures.

Feedback from the joint meeting was incredible. As noted above, the Borough provided the biggest success from all of the pilot areas, and at least one of the St Helen's locations held the biggest successes out of the Borough.



The biggest learning point to come out of the project was that monitoring needs to be more organised. The evaluation requirements were very extensive, and ended up being quite daunting to complete. A significant amount of time needed to be spent to rectify statistics.

However, the overall outcome of this pilot project has convinced the Government that it is worth investing in for the future and is expected to run again in 2019, possibly in wider areas of the UK.

Old Town Ward

YMCA Fleets Orchard



The YMCA worked with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Barnsley College to empower young people to design, plant, and maintain a third community orchard in Barnsley. The project was designed to complement the Fruitful Communities Project – a national initiative with Learning Through Landscapes and YMCA.

The Fleets area is in the middle of talks to have a huge transformation into a natural habitat and become a key feature in Old Town. One of the major challenges is the engagement of the local community, and inspiring them to work and nurture that area, a current source of anti-social behaviour and dog-fouling.

The planting of the Fleets Orchard was the first step in changing how people see and use that area, not only by planting and maintaining these trees, but by having them as functional fruit trees that the local community can use once established.

The project's aim was to equip young people with the skills and confidence needed to transform green spaces and help improve their own health and wellbeing. It was also designed to help young people engage with the local community and encourage them to assist in improving the local environment and living a healthier life. By the provision of fruit trees in the area, and subsequent

work to encourage the community to use them, it is envisaged that people will start to eat a little bit healthier and make changes in their lifestyle that will help people to live a great life and avoid unnecessary illnesses brought on due to poor diets.

The factor above also feeds into the 'happier and healthier lives' priority, but in addition, the young people involved in this project reported feeling more engaged with and accepted by the local community. The community and the young people from Barnsley College gained important knowledge and skills, hopefully inspiring them to go on and do more for their community.

The young people involved learned about growing fruit and the value of orchards, they visited Cannon Hall's walled garden to see a local orchard in action, researched fruit growing and garden design and planned the orchards in detail. They then planted the trees and have identified a key schedule of maintenance and care for them to ensure they continue to thrive for years to come. Members of the community were also encouraged to give some assistance whether it was to supply water to the trees or getting more hands on!

Given that the YMCA have undertaken significant youth work as a commissioned service in the North Area, the Area Manager had a keen interest in the development and delivery of this project. The Community Development Officer for Old Town also attended the final phase of this project to help support volunteers and publicise the outcome of the project as a means to lend credence with future development of the Fleets area.

Nationally, 6,000 young people from YMCAs gained new horticultural/arboriculture skills, and will demonstrate a heightened awareness of the role of trees and forests in relation to climate change, livelihoods, biodiversity and sustainable global development. Approximately 12 of those were young people from the Barnsley area. The project placed the young people at the very core of the activities surrounding the project. Without them, the entire project would not have been realised. It will also form a significant leverage to drawing in money to transform the Fleets area into a local nature habitat.

The Area Team indirectly helped with the project as it was part of a commissioned service delivery, and they assisted in the promotion of the finalised project as part of a portfolio for future development work of the area.

The overall feedback received has been positive. The young people from YMCA felt more engaged with and accepted by the local community, and Dan Jarvis MP was delighted with the project, as it assists his goal of developing more forests in the North. He attended the completion of the project and lent his support to the project.

One of the key learning points was for future projects to feature frequent and effective communication between the agencies to ensure everyone knows the status of the project at every stage. Another key factor is that future work with Barnsley College students will need to feature early discussions with staff to smooth out any obstacles to their participation. Finally, the simple fact that the project was started later in the year meant that the orchards were planted in unpleasant conditions. Future work would be worth considering being undertaken in spring and/or summer.

NORTH-EAST Area

North East

Cudworth's Spectacular New Christmas Lights

THRIVING & VIBRANT ECONOMY

Outcome 3: Develop a vibrant town centre

STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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Last year the Cudworth Christmas lights came to the end of their lifespan. They became very dim and in some cases unusable; so last year it was decided that the lights would go up for the very last time. However, Cudworth Businesses and Community Together agreed with the Cudworth Ward Alliance to raise funds for new ones with the Ward Alliance offering a grant to help install the new lights. The cost to replace them of around £12,000 was beyond the funding available, unless the community could raise the funds needed. Increasingly Councils can only provide essential services, meaning that communities need to step in to become more self-sufficient, with local businesses at the fore.



Cudworth Businesses and Community Together worked hard over the summer months to raise the money needed. Their ambition and drive have helped them to raise over £17,000. This has meant that they were able to purchase thirty-two new motifs which were erected in time for the Cudworth Christmas Fayre on Saturday 24 November. Cudworth Businesses & Community Together was formed to make improvements to the village in a bid to entice more shoppers and visitors onto the village's wonderful high street, to promote local clubs and groups and to most of all raise community spirit.

Chris Fox, Chair of the Cudworth Businesses & Community Together group said:

"We stood with our collection tubs in the local Co-op, running raffles, had smaller tubs in our high

street's independent shops and had stalls at events like the Cudworth Tea in the Park. We even did a charity 'pub crawl' dressed up as Santas and a giant rabbit."

Sponsorship packages were offered to local businesses and families:

Package 1: £100 company logo will appear on the Visit Cudworth website

Package 2: £500 bought one Christmas motif with the sponsor's name on a plaque

Package 3: £1000 bought two Christmas motifs with the sponsor's name on a plaque

As part of their fundraising campaign, Cudworth Businesses and Community Together also launched a successful Crowdfunder campaign which raised £4,500 towards the lights and also included £2,000 from the Barnsley Boost, which is supported by Barnsley Council and Berneslai Homes. Local members also encouraged sponsorship from local companies raising a further £3,500.

The North East Area team played a crucial role in making connections, supporting Cudworth Businesses and Communities Together, the local councillors, the community and public agencies to work together – encouraging them to share ideas, issues and solutions, directing members to relevant support and guidance and spending time and effort to bring them all on board.

The Area Team had the following main areas of focus:

- To act as a point of contact for all aspects of community development
- Brokering and bringing together stakeholders
- Sign posting
- Spotting opportunities to help move the project forward
- Involving and encouraging the Councillors in their roles as Community Champions
- Helping to sort out problems and potential barriers
- Challenge where required

The Area Teams intervention enables Community Groups to thrive and grow, ultimately becoming self-sustainable.

The challenges were sustainability, critical and negative views of the project, brokering and bringing together stakeholders, and timescales.

Looking at the challenges, we believe that there are a number of key actions:

- The Area Team's role should be one of community oversight and regular contact with the neighbourhood leaders creating a positive environment.
- Volunteers should feel free to share ideas and experiences, encouraging them to own the project in future.
- Generating income and achieving financial sustainability is of great concern. Build reserves and don't over stretch the project.
- Accurate time estimation is an essential skill, list of all the tasks that you must achieve to complete the project then you can begin to estimate how long each will take.
- Don't reward negative actions with attention.

Benefits included community building, where the process, is as important as the results. The project brought different sections of the community together who wouldn't normally work together building healthier communities, and addressing what matters to them. During the Christmas period festive lights can make a contribution to the economic wellbeing of the town, it provides a significant feel good factor and is a tool in the marketing and promotion to increase visitor numbers, allowing the town to offer that additional attraction and compete more effectively against out of town competitors. This supports many small businesses, providing additional income to sustain them through into the following year. The Cudworth Business and Communities Together

group were active in a tangible project which will in time encourage the local community to be proud of their local area and achievements and to love where they live.

North East

Royston Pavilion – Volunteer It Yourself (VIY)

THRIVING & VIBRANT ECONOMY

Outcome 2: Increase skills to get more people working

PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL

Outcome 6: Every child attends a good school and is successful in learning and work

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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VIY worked alongside local volunteers and businesses to renovate and modernise a community facility, Royston Pavilion and Band Stand in Royston Park. This is an underutilised community asset. The aim of this project was to modernise a community building and develop it into a multi-use space for the whole community to access and utilise.

The old layout of the building was not user-friendly, resulting in the building only being used by a local sports club. The building needs modernising to generate a multi-purpose space to better meet the needs of the community and ensure it is used more frequently.

Volunteers working alongside VIY mentors have learnt new trade skills, with a number of young volunteers gaining an accredited award in painting and decorating which will assist them in seeking employment in the future. Partnership working with schools ensuring young people had the opportunity to participate in this project and learn new practical skills. People have volunteered in a local project taking pride in their surroundings. The development of this site will ensure this community space can be multi use and attract more members of the community to use it.

A total of 38 volunteers, young and old, took part in this project. The volunteers, under the guidance of the VIY mentors, took part in a variety of works including demolition, removing concrete benches, cladding internal walls, general labouring and painting & decorating.

The Area Team played an integral part in the success of this project. Not only was the team involved with the general overall management of the project, they were key to bringing people together. Brokering meetings between VIY and partners, managing the project's finances, ensuring all paperwork and monitoring was accurate and up to date, engaging and recruiting volunteers for the project, gathering quotes and photographs along the way.

This translates to an average of 14.6 volunteer hours committed to the project per person, with an overall total of 555 volunteer hours. 21 young people from two local secondary schools volunteered their time to learn new skills and give back to the community. 11 of these students also earned their way to a City & Guilds Entry Level 3 painting and decorating accreditation, which will go on their CV to boost their chances of finding work when they leave school.

The project brought together the local Mayor; the Wickes store manager, 21 students from two different schools and a range of other individuals all for the purpose of making a positive impact and creating a new and exciting community space.

Some of the feedback received included:

"The staff from VIY were great with the students, they were patient and had fun with them. Providing opportunities for young people, whilst improving areas of the local community is so worthwhile, I wouldn't hesitate to recommend the team".

"The project was so much fun. It was great being taught skills by the mentors like how to prepare an area before you paint it. I also really enjoyed meeting the mayor, and it was nice to see him come down to support".

"I made closer friends with the other volunteers on the project as we were working with other students who aren't normally in our class. It was also brilliant getting a qualification to go on my CV for the future".

"I struggle in school sometimes; I get bored easily and can't concentrate. My teacher asked me if I would be interested in trying something new and getting involved in this project. I thought it sounded a good idea so wanted to give it a go. It has helped me to socialise and make new friends working alongside people I have never worked with before".

The community group are continuing to make improvements to the building. They need to acquire new furniture and fittings to complete the renovation. Moving forward the community group want to utilise this community asset. Deliver more community engagement events and hire the space out to other community groups within the Royston Area.

North East Ward

ESV Elf Duties at Grimethorpe Community Farm

THRIVING & VIBRANT ECONOMY

Outcome 3: Develop a vibrant town centre

Outcome 4: Strengthen our visitor economy

PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL

Outcome 8: Children and adults are safe from harm

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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Grimethorpe Community Farm hosted a series of events during the festive period. One of the events was breakfast with Santa, providing vulnerable children and parents with the opportunity to meet Santa in the run up to Christmas. This is something that can be very expensive for low income families. Santa needed help from his elves to run the sessions.

The overall aim of the project was to encourage community cohesion and engagement with the farm. Volunteers who run the farm ensure that local children and adults have the opportunity to learn about animals and care for them, protecting this community asset for future generations. The farm provides a safe community space for all, ensuring they are safe from harm. Participating in the activities provided can help local people to be happier, healthier and more active.

Regular volunteers who run and maintain the farm planned these festive events and advertised for additional help for the role of elves to support Santa in his duties on the day. The role of Santa was also a volunteer. The event was advertised locally targeting those families most in need.

The North East Area Team used some of their employer supported volunteering hours to support this great community project. The team dressed up as elves and served breakfast to local children

and their parents. Part of our elf duties meant we helped Santa during the session, ensuring all children had fun and were able to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. We also supported the ground keepers in taking the children on a tour of the farm and meeting all the animals.

This not only was a great opportunity to support a local volunteer project, it allowed the team to engage with the community in Grimethorpe. It was also a great team building exercise, and allowed us to work together in a fun and interactive way whilst helping others.

The project provided local families with a fun festive activity in the run up to Christmas, giving participants a sense of community and Christmas spirit. Children were able to see Santa and tell him what they wanted for Christmas and receive a present, with no cost to families who may already be struggling financially. In total, 12 children benefited from the opportunity.

Another outcome was the positive impact on the North East Area Team. Our photographs and social media posts were a great platform for raising the area team's profile within the community and wider council. It was an innovative way of promoting local community activities, encouraging participation through seasonal activities to engage people into the farm during quieter times.



All the children and families had a lovely experience seeing Santa at Christmas time. The North East team received praise on social media and the wider council on what a great use of our ESV time it was. *“What good sports we were for dressing up and getting stuck in”*. Local volunteers will continue to develop innovative and exciting events in engage the community in the farm all year round.

SOUTH Area

Darfield Ward Alliance

Darfield Slipper Swaps

PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL

Outcome 7: Reducing demand through improving access to early help

Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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The Darfield Slipper Swaps was a project to exchange old, unsafe slippers for new ones, and provide advice and information from various service providers around keeping safe and well at home. A slipper exchange is also an opportunity for residents to have a cuppa and a chat.

The project aimed to address slips, trips and falls at home which are known contributors towards A& E admissions. It also tackled social isolation by encouraging people to stay and find out more about the activities on offer at the various community venues used for the project.



Providing a free pair of sturdy, well fitted slippers to prevent future accidents supports early help and reduces future demand on services. By providing advice and information, and encouraging people to attend local activities, this project contributes towards people remaining happier, healthier and independent and be more active. This project is a great example of asset based community development, enabling



community organisations and volunteers to work together to deliver a very worthwhile successful project.

Darfield Ward Alliance worked in partnership with an external organisation called Edlington Community Organisation (ECO), which was brought in to fund a launch event back in April 2018. ECO is an organisation based in Doncaster that had been successful in securing funding to deliver slipper swaps within Doncaster and surrounding areas and were keen to move into Barnsley. ECO has provided ongoing support to the Darfield Ward Alliance, with the delivery of their satellite sessions including the provision of signage and winter wellbeing packs.



Using Ward Alliance Funding, Darfield Ward Alliance complemented the launch event with the delivery of smaller satellite sessions during August and September 2018, with a final session taking place in January 2019. The satellite sessions were in all parts of Darfield and helped address the Ward Alliance priority of health and wellbeing. Representatives from the Ward Alliance supported the planning and delivery of the events, carrying out their Community Champion roles.

Volunteer support played a huge part in the success of this project. The sessions were fully supported by a number of community groups who provided volunteers and, in some cases, rooms free of charge, and by borough-wide service providers who attended the larger events with stalls to provide information and advice.

The Community Development Officer (CDO) negotiated links with ECO and brokered a meeting between them and Darfield Ward Alliance. This allowed over £600 to be brought into Darfield as ECO fully funded the launch event. The CDO offered support and direction for the Ward Alliance working group with the planning and delivery of this project and acted as overall project manager, as well as a point of contact for the community groups and service providers, co-ordinating attendance at the events as well as volunteer support.

A total of 5 satellite sessions have taken place to date with a total of 97 pairs of slippers issued. This project was also able to support the South Area Council Health Event delivered in November, providing the slippers and winter wellbeing packs. Here an additional 27 pairs of slippers were issued and 20 winter wellbeing packs distributed.

The sessions were supported by 17 volunteers (of which 7 were new volunteers taking on new or additional activities) providing a total of 64.5 volunteer hours. There were also 10 services providers offering advice locally on a whole host of issues.

This project is the best to date delivered by the Darfield Ward Alliance, with its success being largely down to the level of support from the Darfield Community Network. It is an excellent example of asset based community development, using the resources available to us locally to deliver something which addresses a real need. Support from the groups and their volunteers has been fabulous. The project has helped promote the work of Darfield Ward Alliance, build relationships amongst community groups, promote activities taking place within the community

buildings helping them to become more self-sustaining, and delivered a real localised solution to address a number of priorities.

Some of the positive feedback received from service providers includes:

"I have been able to broaden my network of contacts to do future events in 2019."

Debbie Abrames
Natwest Community Banker

"I was able to take referrals from people who had no alarms in their property at all."

Phil Carr
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Community Safety Unit

"I was able to meet the venue hosts and find out what other groups and activities are held in their venues and promote them."

Claire Beecroft
Live Well Barnsley



The final session will be taking place in January 2019, after which a closure meeting will take place to consider learning points. This project has provided both the required encouragement and enthusiasm for the Ward Alliance to go on and develop further projects.

South Area Team

Hoyland Remembers

STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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Several community groups including Woolley Wednesday, Owd Martha's Yard, Springwood Ladies, and businesses Snippers Hair Salon and The Allotment Deli, joined forces to commemorate the ending of the First World War by making 250 large poppies out of netting to attach to lamp posts. They asked residents to join in and help them make poppies that would include the names of the fallen, and hoped to make enough poppies to start at the Cenotaph and start spreading out towards the town.

Led by volunteer tutors, the group held fortnightly workshops for volunteers to attend to help make the poppies, which attracted members of community groups who attended together, and individual residents. The workshops were held from August through to the beginning of November 2018.

The crafting sessions engaged 12 new volunteers; their tasks included helping to demonstrate making poppies, setting up workshops, promoting workshops, and sourcing materials. The project was an innovative and new way of involving people of all ages in the Hoyland community and brought together community groups, businesses and individuals.



Groups got together to make poppies at their own meeting, for example Sparkles, the local brownie Groups, Mates of Milton, primary schools. Volunteers attended all of these groups to help cut netting, provide instructions and tuition.

The CDO helped the group to complete a Ward Alliance Application form and the group secured £208 to purchase materials. The area team helped to set up and promote the workshops by using social media and all of their contacts. The CDO provided the group with guidance on best practice and how to manage the project.

The project encouraged residents to get involved and also raised awareness of what is on offer in the area. Some groups have also engaged with new members. It encouraged social interaction

and sharing of skills. The project encouraged 12 new volunteers to get involved in leading and organising workshops, sourcing materials, and installing the poppies, including people who would not get involved in traditional volunteering. The project also provided local history lessons.

The project encouraged members of local business, community groups and residents to help form stronger and more resilient relationships, and brought about a feeling of community cohesion and pride. The whole community came together to make this project work, various groups and businesses donated money to purchase materials in addition to the Ward Alliance funding.

"I am loving coordinating community projects and my mind is already cooking up projects for the future. I can finally see the cohesion and collaboration coming together in Hoyland which was one of the things we found lacking in the Tour De Yorkshire in May".

Ward Alliance members have participated in poppy making workshops and really enjoyed them. Laurice Wootton - was very proud when she saw this on her way to work.

"Well done to everyone involved, was a privilege to be part of it." – A comment taken from Facebook.

"After such a wonderful meeting today, so many volunteers came together for this amazing community project. It's so humbling to be part of such a memorable and truly wonderful mark of respect for our lost soldiers."

The project was successful as it achieved everything it set out to, but could have engaged more people if some of the workshops had been held in the evening or 'twilight sessions'.

This was a one off project but if it was to happen again, more forward planning would be helpful with regards to (for example) funding and installation.



Jump Environmental Group

Christmas in Jump

STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Outcome 10: People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities

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The project was to promote the work of the Jump Environmental Group and encourage more participation from the community. The group wanted a new and innovative way to showcase their work and recruit more volunteers. They held a Christmas event called 'Carols round the Tree', and with the help of Community Equality Funding (£171), they hired Barnsley Metropolitan Brass Band to play carols outside the Children's Centre in Jump Village.

Jump Environmental Group is a small group of volunteers supported by the South Area Team and a local elected member. The group have taken part in regular litter picks and some small projects, but they now want to develop as a group and increase their numbers, bring residents together, and instil some local pride. The project allowed the group to promote their work and generated a lot of interest from the community, including the recruitment of a new volunteer.



All parts of the community came together to make the event happen. The club allows the group to meet monthly free of charge and lent chairs for the band. The Children's Centre bought the lights for the very first Christmas tree the village has ever had, as well as allowing them to place the tree on the Centre's grounds and use the grounds free of charge.

Barnsley Metropolitan Brass Band appeared at a reduced rate, negotiated by the CDO, and helped to obtain the necessary licences. St George's Church provided free refreshments and villagers donated tea, coffee, milk and mince pies. The group raised money to purchase the Christmas tree, and secured a discount by linking in with other community groups to bulk buy and split the overall

cost. The South Area Tidy Team helped three group members to install and decorate the tree.

The Area Team's role was to help the group to promote their event, and access funding through Barnsley Council's Community Equality Grant. The CDO acted as a broker for them to liaise with other community groups to obtain a discounted Christmas tree by allowing them to bulk buy.

The CDO assisted with project management and supporting volunteers to develop a plan for the event. The CDO helped the group to allocate tasks according to skillset and identify potential partners to help them deliver their project. They also brokered some meetings with partners which allowed the group to build up their own contacts and develop their skills so that they should be able to host a similar event in the future without too much intervention from the CDO.

The project allowed the group to speak to residents they may not have otherwise engaged with as they were able to promote the work they do in the village. One new volunteer was recruited who has promised to join the next meeting, and many residents have shown interest in the group and the work they do.

The project supported new ways of working with teams across the council, partners, and communities. The group have formed links with different organisations within Jump village. This is a great example of a small community group pulling a whole community together.

A band member stated that there was a *"great atmosphere and they would love to replicate the event next year."*

Some other feedback included:

"I think for our first event it went really well- many people told me that it was lovely".

"It was really lovely to be part of this in the village last night thank you to everyone who made it possible."

"What a brilliant achievement by Jump Community Environmental Group".

The group need to have contingency plans in place, the weather was horrendous and the group had to find solutions very late in the day. A contingency plan needs to be properly thought out and considered. The residents have asked for some similar activities to take place, so the group need to reconvene and make plans for the year ahead. They are now confident that they can hold very successful events.

Wombwell Dam Community Angling Club

Wombwell Woods Clean Ups

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Outcome 9: People are healthier, happier, independent and active

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Wombwell Dam is a fishing pond situated in Wombwell Woods. Over the years it had become neglected and overgrown. Once a beauty spot, it was blighted with rubbish and was a local hot spot for all manner of anti-social behaviour. The intended initiative was to do regular monthly clean ups in the woods, but eight months into the clean-ups, a volunteer who is also a keen angler spoke to the CDO about the possibility of forming a community group with a view to opening up the ponds to fishing again.

The project aim was to form a Community Angling Club made up of local people who had a keen interest in angling, and who wanted to restore and protect the wildlife and fish at Wombwell Dam and promote the sport at all levels. The community group would maintain the banks and keep the surrounding area litter free. A regular presence by the volunteers would also deter anti-social behaviour. A licence has been granted to the Community Angling Club by the Forestry Commission who manage the ponds, and the fishing of the ponds can now start up again.

The project provides the opportunity for people to get out and about and enjoy this local beauty spot. Over the past few months there has been an increased number of visitors to the site who have remarked on the improvement to the area. During the coming months, there will be organised family activities in the woods and family fishing days on the ponds.

A number of the volunteers are retired and being involved in this project has enabled them to keep active and enjoy the social interaction of being a member of a group. This project wouldn't have gone ahead without the volunteers taking ownership of the ponds, setting up a management committee, and organising clean-up days. Having a regular presence in the area has reduced the incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Twelve volunteers have formed a management committee, officers have been elected and a bank account has been opened in the group's name. Five volunteer water bailiffs have been appointed from the committee. The water bailiffs will be the main point of contact for members of the public. They will be responsible for taking fees from anglers. The volunteer water bailiffs are to shortly receive training from the Angling Trust.



A start up grant has been received from Ward Alliance funds to pay for signage around the ponds and tools, and a constitution has been adopted. The Management Committee have set up the rules of the club and set membership fees for the anglers at a very affordable rate. Public Liability insurance has been sourced from the Angling Trust.

The role of the CDO was to make contact with the Environment Agency to seek advice on how to set up an Angling Club, and to set up an initial meeting with the Forestry Commission and interested volunteers. The CDO also liaised with the Angling Trust on best practice, guidance for volunteer water bailiffs and public liability insurance. They worked with volunteers on setting up a committee, forming a constitution and continue to support the twelve volunteers in their roles, with more volunteers helping out on clean up days. Support was also given by the CDO to apply for a "start-up" grant from the Ward Alliance Fund. Future development includes supporting the group with planning a launch event in the spring. Links have been made with the Dearne Valley Landscape Partnership to seek advice about ensuring the safety of wildlife habitats in the future.



Setting up a community angling club was the result of regular clean ups in Wombwell Woods, involving volunteers and supported by the South Area Tidy Team. The project has promoted effective partnership working and enabled volunteers to take ownership of the project. This project promoted new ways of working with external partners eg. the Forestry Commission and the Angling Trust. The latter will continue to offer this support, signposting the group to relevant support agencies.

Comments from a dog walker:

"I had stopped going round the ponds because it had become such a disgrace. The ponds are now looking fantastic I really enjoy walking round them now. The guys (volunteers) are doing a marvellous job!"

"I can't wait for the warmer months when all the fishing pegs are full." – A volunteer.

This project provided valuable learning for the CDO. When a volunteer presents a project idea, the question is often "where do I start with this", and the journey isn't always an easy one. Volunteers are very eager and often want things done yesterday, so a CDO has to explain how the process works, while keeping them enthused in the idea and staying on course.

Issues regarding illegal dumping will continue to be monitored, and a launch event of the Wombwell Community Angling Club is being planned for March or April. Other plans include introducing fees for fishing, which would allow the group to become sustainable in the future, and

will help to self-fund improvements, such as additional fishing pegs and restocking of the ponds.

PENISTONE Area

Penistone Area Council

Bumping Spaces



Penistone Bumping Spaces was established in 2016, and aims to create an inclusive environment for people to get support. The group run a community lunch every week as well as a number of special events, including a Christmas Day Lunch. When their initial funding ended their aim was to become a sustainable independent group.



The group provide an inclusive space for people to support each other regardless of age or disability. Bringing people together also provides an opportunity for service providers to support the group. Bumping Spaces regularly have 30 people attending their community lunches and are supported by Tesco and Penistone Round Table. The group was established thanks to funding from the Penistone Area Council, as part of a Doncaster based project called the People Focussed Group. When this funding ended, the Penistone Area Team then advised the group on options for becoming independent and sustainable. Once the group had been formally constituted and secured their own bank account they successfully applied to the Penistone Ward Alliance to support the delivery of the Christmas Day Community Lunch.

The group are now successfully functioning on a volunteer model with financial support as and when needed for special projects from different sources. The Christmas Day Community Lunch was attended and delivered by 30 volunteers contributing 90 hours volunteer time (equivalent of £1,215.90). The Penistone Ward Alliance provided £278.04 funding. The project has established a

new independent group able to work with different partners, organisations and funders. It is hoped the group will continue to grow and deliver exciting inclusive projects for the Penistone community.

Penistone Area Council

Wortley Community Hub

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St Leonard's Church in Wortley has ambitious plans to become a community hub for the village. Volunteers from the PCC and local groups have been working hard to develop plans and deliver changes to the building and churchyard. Wortley doesn't have a school, library, community centre or village hall, so options for local groups to meet and develop has been a problem for the village. The PCC carried out a community consultation in 2017 which identified a community space as a priority for the village.

The project is a great example of local people highlighting a local problem and developing practical and realistic solutions. Volunteers are coming together to both plan and deliver the necessary changes with support from the Penistone Area Council and Penistone Ward Alliance. The project has been led by the PCC but new groups such as a 'friends of' group have been established to support the project. So far plans have been submitted to and approved by the Diocese of Sheffield to create space within the church and improve accessibility and facilities.

Outside the church, 'Len's Friends' have been working on the history of the churchyard and clearing overgrown areas. Len's Friends have also been supported by the Penistone Area Council commissioned 'clean and tidy' service.



The Penistone Area Team were able to advise strategically in the early stages of the project then assist with funding advice, some of which was provided by the Penistone Ward Alliance. The Area Team have also established links with other projects such as Penistone Arts Week, for which St Leonard's will be a venue hosting a children's art exhibition and live music events.

This is an ongoing project which is being completed in phases as grants and fundraising progress. The first phases of interior works, part funded by the Penistone Ward Alliance, will be completed in early 2019. This involves moving pews and installing a projector and drop-down screen.

The project provided a new opportunity for Twiggs - Penistone Clean and Tidy Team to work with volunteers in Wortley. The next stages are continued physical work inside and outside the church, alongside the development of new groups to use the facilities. These include groups for art, local history and a coffee morning.

