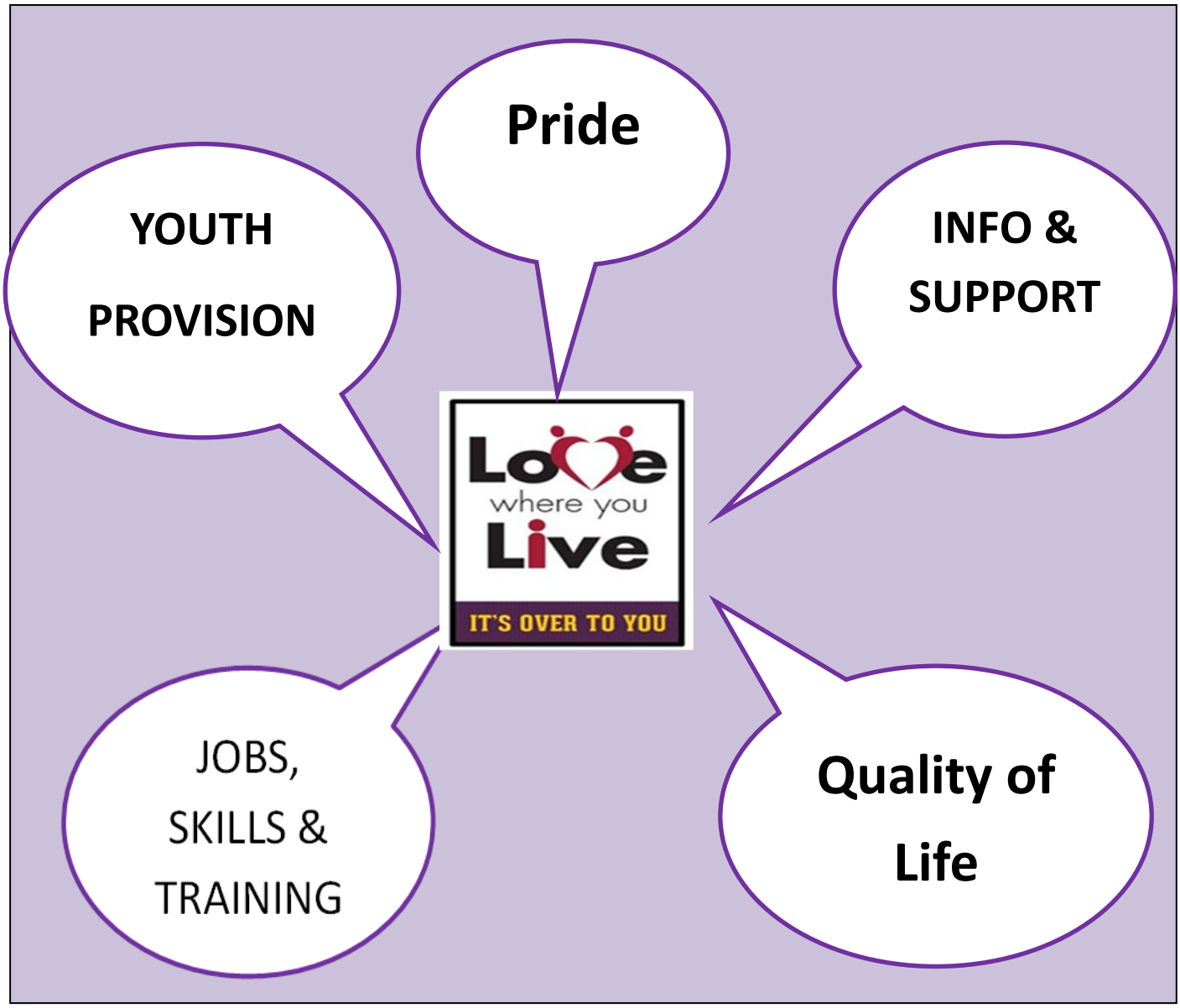
Dearne South Ward Alliance Performance Report

Date 2018 - 2019



Introduction

Thriving and Vibrant Economy

The Dearne South Ward Alliance also contributes to the Councils overall priorities of thriving vibrant economy, stronger resilient communities and citizens achieving their potential. The achievement of the outcomes is solely based on Ward Alliance applications

Outcome Indicators	Achieved to date
No of Ward Alliance applications	16
No. of applications that have received match funding	5

Stronger resilient communities

Outcome Indicators	Achieved to date
No. of adult volunteers	6
No. of young people volunteering	0
No. of new volunteers	3
No. of events hitting priorities through successful WA funding	30

Citizens achieving their own potential

Outcome Indicators	Target	Achieved to date
No of training projects		1
No of projects run by the Area Team & the Ward Alliance		5

The Dearne South Ward alliance applicants also contribute towards meeting Communities Public Health Outcomes which are also mapped to Barnsley Council's 2020 vision. The projects mentioned in the monitoring report contribute towards the following:

Improving the wider determinants of health	
Objective 1: improvements against wider factors which affect health and wellbeing and health inequalities	
1.06	Adults with learning disabilities and in contact with mental health services in stable accommodation
1.16	Utilising outdoor space for exercise and health reasons
1.17	Fuel Poverty
1.18	Social isolation
Health improvement	
Objective 2: people are helped to live healthy lifestyles, make healthy choices and reduce health inequalities	
2.11	Diet
2.13	Proportion of physically active and inactive adults
2.23	Self-reported well being
Healthcare public health and preventing premature mortality	
Objective 4: Reduce numbers of people living with preventable ill health and people dying prematurely, whilst reducing the gap between communities	
4.13	Health related quality of life for older people

Overview of groups, case studies and figures

The table below shows the groups that have received funding from the Ward Alliance that address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Dearne North Ward Alliance

Dearne North Ward alliance had a deficit in their previous budget from 2017/18 of -£493.31 which an additional £10,000 were drawn down to enhance the project deliveries against the area priorities giving a total spend of **£9,506.69**

Match funded projects against volunteer time:

Project	Allocation
Friends of Bolton on Dearne Ward Memorial	£500.00
Salvation Army – feed the dearne project * additional £250.00 added to 1st application	£500.00
Highgate FC	£500.00
Family Fun February healthy holidays initiative	£150.00

Non match funded projects:

Project	Allocation
Oral Health project	£235.00
Goldthorpe library – arts & craft sessions	£625.00
Bulky Rubbish scheme	£1000.00
Friends of Bolton on Dearne War Memorial	£500.00
Sloppy Slippers	£750.00
First Aid Training	£504.60
VAB online training	£150.00
Carers Xmas Lunch	£47.62
BMB met band tuba replacement	£212.10
PANDA	£460.00
Prospect Road Community Centre	£1022.40
Bulky Rubbish extension	£1000.00

Volunteer hours 172 in total x £13.51 per hour =£2,323.72 SROI

PRIDE IN DEARNE SOUTH

Friends of Bolton on Dearne War Memorial

To purchase a bench for members of the public to sit and remember the fallen and the members of our community that lost their lives in combat in 1914. Many residents and visitors come here just to have a moment and remember the lives we lost and the families that lost their relatives. A peace garden will be installed to enhance the area and encourage more visitors to come along.

Bulky Rubbish Scheme

Working with local housing associations, antisocial behaviour & enforcement teams to ensure referrals for larger items or individual/families that have no access to removal of their old furniture, white goods etc get disposed in the correct manner, which in turn will reduce the risk of fly tipping in the dearne. This initiative has proven to be extremely successful with a reduction on referrals into BMBC each year.

214 items have been collected & disposed of

19 properties with 57 items from Goldthorpe

17 properties with 76 items from Bolton on Dearne

1 property with 1 item from Highgate

21 properties with 80 items Thurnscoe

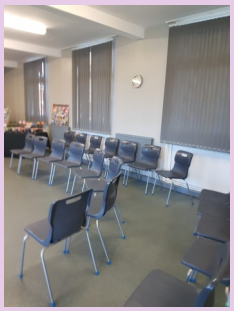
QUALITY OF LIFE

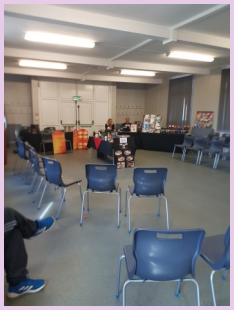
Salvation Army—Feed the Dearne

To purchase a large cooker to cater for the 84 families that are currently accessing food parcels from the Salvation Army, food banks are only held on Mondays with other sessions daily helping to learn the families/individuals how to cook basic food and taste foods they may never have tried. The salvation army volunteers wanted to make sure each individual using the army has a warm cooked meal if they needed it on entrance. Jackie is happy to help with her culinary skills and show people that you can cook on a small budget. The cooker has helped them cook larger portions and more hot food on the go.

Just a sample of some of the food that can now be served and eaten for families struggling with food & fuel poverty.

Prospect Road Community Centre





To purchase new chairs for the community groups to use their facilities and keep the centre sustainable by modernising the furniture and providing improvements all round.

Highgate FC

To enable a new football team to start for over 18's to purchase kits, training equipment, water bottles, bibs, cones & footballs.

YOUTH PROVISION

Panda

To provide young people resources to improve their lifestyle by teaching cooking/ indoor sports/craft sessions as well as a pamper session—full story in case study….

Barnsley Met Band

To replace tuba. The band plays all over Barnsley and have agreed to play in Dearne for 2 events in each ward. Some members of the band also live in the Dearne area.

Goldthorpe library – sessions through the holidays 8 sessions with over 16 children at each session (128 children in total for 2 hours play)

Youth Provision

2 Act Youth Theatre

To provide musical & drama workshops throughout the school holidays to ensure all the children in Dearne North can actively participate in fun and learning new skills building on their confidence and skillsets.

JOBS, SKILLS & TRAINING

First Aid Training – 12 individuals from the community took part in First Aid training from BMBC Adult education to enhance their skills and are now all understand and can work on First Aid in the workplace or in their volunteer capacity role. This will also add value to the community groups been able to call on someone to assist in local community events.

VAB online training—deferred until further notice from Lisa Phelan.

Case studies

Family fun in FEB

HALF TERM HOLIDAY FUN 2019

The event was “Meet a Creature” theme with a trained ranger educating children and allowing them to handle various creatures including a tortoise, tarantula, snakes and gecko. There were arts and crafts including bee house decorating, face painting and ping pong.

How many people volunteered towards the project: 10 volunteers supported the event.

How did the volunteer match directly contribute to the project?

Volunteers help set up the event in the morning, assisting staff with moving tables and chairs, preparing arts and crafts and making sure signage was displayed correctly. Volunteers prepared, cooked and served meals and refreshments for 226 people throughout the event, while other volunteers assisted with the activities including arts and crafts, face painting and Meet A Creature.

Were there any cash donations or In-kind contributions?

Wath upon Dearne Tesco in the Community donated the food and refreshments including pasties, peas, gravy, sauces, hot dogs, juice and water to cater for over 200 people.

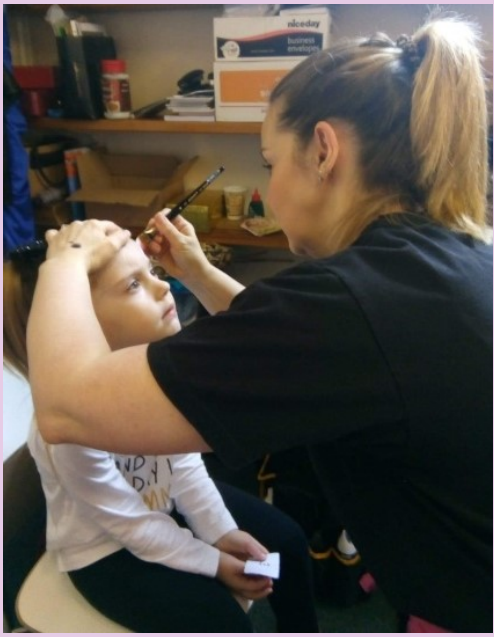
Local new face painting business “Arty Sparkles by Helen” volunteered her services for the duration of the event.

Feedback

The event was a great success with 226 attendees in total. We had lots of positive feedback about how fantastic the event was.

One mum said *“Oliver has been awake all night so excited to see the animals I would love to take him to the zoo but I don’t drive and money is tight and I don’t drive so having events like these on the doorstep is brilliant for the community”*

Social media insights - “kids absolutely loved it”



ORAL HEALTH PROJECT

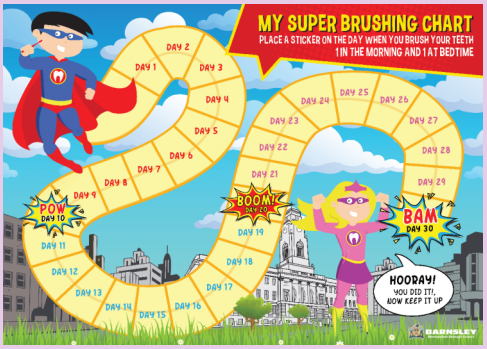
Following the Oral Health Promotion Stakeholder Event and the worrying figures for The Dearne, the Dearne Area Team decided to develop an Oral Health Promotion Project which would identify the most vulnerable groups in The Dearne, which would enable us to give out information, advice and free tooth-brushes and toothpaste.

The Ward Alliance funded The Oral Health Project and 500 toothbrushes and toothpaste were purchased. The Dearne Area Ward Alliance has been working with others, including Public Health, Schools, Station House Community Association, Children's Centres and at the Fun Days during the Summer Holidays. This project met two of the Ward Alliances priorities of "improving the quality of life by supporting those most at risk" and "children and young people"

Date	Venue	Number of Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
12th April	Station House Community Association	15
2nd July	Thurnscoe Children's Centre	16
3rd July	Bolton on Dearne Children's Centre	14
29th July	Summer Fun – St. Andrew's Square, Bolton on Dearne	40
14th August	Summer Fun – Goldthorpe Pentecostal Church,	75
21st August	Bounce into Summer – Goldthorpe Playhouse	130
28th August	Summer Fun - The Hill Playing Fields, Thurnscoe	80
	TOTAL	370

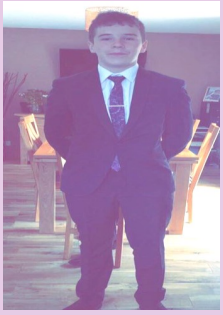
Change4Life booklets, Barnsley's Super Hero Tips Leaflet, "My Super Brushing Chart" as children who brush their teeth consistently for a month will be more likely to carry this on through the rest of their lives, and keep strong healthy teeth and gums well into adulthood. Barnsley's Packed Lunch Toolkit leaflets were also given out together with age appropriate toothbrushes and toothpaste, advice and information regarding dentists, how often to brush and the amount of toothpaste to use per brushing.

Many parents admitted that they didn't visit a dentist but that their children did; some children said that they only brushed once a day and many were unsure about the amount of toothpaste which should be used.



Once Upon A Prom

Which Corporate Priorities does this contribute to?	• People Achieving Their Potential • Strong & Resilient Communities • One Council
Which of the Town Spirit headings does this meet?	• Love It • Live It
Brief description of the project/ initiative	The project aims to ensure that school leavers in our areas have the opportunity to attend their school prom, regardless of their parents' financial circumstances. The project offers an affordable, alternative option to buying expensive prom wear by offering a hiring service at an incredibly low cost, which simply covers the cost of dry cleaning the outfit.
What was the project/initiative designed to achieve? What problems or issues did it intend to tackle & why?	Prom attire can be very expensive to buy, the average price of a dress being several hundred pounds, and suits less than £100 are hard to come by. This expense can put extreme pressure on a family's finances, particularly for families who already have struggling finances. This project offers prom wear to hire at a small charge to simply cover the cost of dry cleaning. For referrals from IDAS and students in certain circumstances identified to us by school staff this fee is waivered and their outfits are free of charge. This project aims to prevent families getting into financial difficulty from purchasing expensive prom wear that they can't necessarily afford, due to social pressures on both parents and children. There has been some suggestion by staff in some schools in our areas that children misbehave at school so that they aren't allowed to attend their prom, so that to their peers it seems the reason they aren't there is because they are not allowed rather than because their parents can't afford for them to attend. By offering this affordable option, we hope that this project will discourage such behaviour as students will know they will have access to affordable prom wear.
Which Corporate Outcomes does this contribute to?	People are happier, healthier, independent & active People volunteering & contributing towards stronger communities
How does this project/initiative help to meet these Priorities & Outcomes?	People are happier and healthier mental as this projects softens the social and financial pressures of prom that can cause stress and anxiety for both children and parents. Knowing that they have access to a huge selection of excellent quality prom wear at an affordable price will be a huge weight off of their shoulders at a key point in their lives whilst they focus on their GCSE exams. This project attracted a number of new volunteers in a number of "unusual" volunteer roles. A retired seamstress offered free minor alterations and completed a number of repairs on dresses we otherwise would have been unable to save. We held a fashion show event at Astrea Academy Dearne where 4 local Make-Up Artists and Hairdressers volunteered their time, skills and stock to get the models ready for the show. We also had volunteers assisting with appointments, taking photos of the stock etc.

Who took part? What did they do, when, how and why? 	The Dearne Area Team trialled a similar project in 2018, which was accessed by several students from the North East area. This is why for 2019 we decided to collaborate and deliver the project on a larger scale in both areas. Firstly, the CDO's and Area Managers from both teams met to discuss the evaluation and learning points from the previous year in the Dearne, and to confirm funding for the year ahead. The CDO's then met to develop an action plan. They met with the schools in each area to promote the project and discuss ways in which we could work together in school. We then held a fashion show launch event at Astrea Academy Dearne where 30 students modelled our stock, volunteer hairdressers and make-up artists assisted in getting them ready, and we opened our diaries to book the first lot of private appointments. We held a "pop-up shop" event at Outwood Academy Shafton, where Y11 students were invited to have a look round our stock in the morning where they then made individual appointments for the afternoon to try on dresses and suits on their own or with friends. In this session alone, which was supported by a new volunteer, 8 students hired an outfit with us. Following this we held a number of private appointment events on evenings and weekends between March-July, using social media as our main tool for promoting the project and taking bookings, as well as taking referrals from IDAS and our local schools. We were invited to Outwood Academy Shafton's prom breakfast event as a thank you, as we had kitted out over 10% of their students for prom. We will now evaluate the project and take this back to the Ward Alliance and Area Council for discussions, comments and learning points for the future of the project.
What did the project/initiative achieve? What impact (intended or unintended) did it have? Include outcomes/outputs achieved 	We approached local businesses for donations and put pleas out on social media, and have received an incredible amount of support and donations from the local community. One local business donated 42 brand new dresses, another 16, and another business in Sheffield donated 8 suits and tuxedos. We have received over 300 dresses, 150 suits and a number of shoes and jewellery donations from the community, with a number of businesses across Barnsley and the surrounding area acting as drop-off points, including every branch of Co-op Funeral care in the Borough. We contacted many local beauticians and hairdressers to build up a collection of prizes such as free hair, make up, nails etc. for the prom, and did a prize draw for everyone who hired their outfit with us. In the end 35 students hired their prom wear with us for their prom night.
Did the project/initiative support & promote new ways of working with other BMBC services, communities or partners? How did it do this?	The project enabled us to build good relationships with our local high schools and local businesses that have supported the project. We have promoted their businesses on social media, attracting them more business and many have already stated they would like to be involved in the future.
What feedback have you had about the project/initiative? Please include quotes from participants etc. if available	"Absolutely fantastic ladies, very patient and helpful. Amazing value for money, highly recommended" "I was really nervous initially, but I found a perfect dress eventually. The people were really lovely and made me feel comfortable. I can't wait to wear my dress, thank you for helping us" "Brilliant friendly, warm service, the ladies helped bring my daughter out of her shell and got her to try on more dresses and ones she wouldn't usually try. She was very shy to begin with but left happy, laughing and with a beautiful dress she wouldn't usually go for. Cannot fault them at all" "Thank you ever so much for Jade's dress, she looked like a princess and had an amazing time thanks to you. We cannot thank you enough for how you have helped our family, we will never forget it thank you so much"

SLOPPY SLIPPERS

The aim of this project is to reduce the number of people experiencing falls and to address the serious consequences of falls when they do occur and is aimed at those aged over 65 due to the disproportionate number of falls in this age.

Preventing people from falling and suffering from fragility fractures, as well as ensuring services are integrated, patient centred, well organised and evidence based in line with national standards, are key challenges for Barnsley Council, Public Health and NHS Barnsley.

The early intervention of the sloppy slipper project will go some way to reducing the number of falls and will reduce the impact a fall can have on health, well-being and independence. It will also reduce pressure on Health and Social Care services saving Barnsley Council and the NHS money by preventing hospital admissions and preventing an increase in already over-stretched social care services to someone after having a fall.

The Dearne Area Ward Alliance has been working with others on a project which offers people over the age of 65 an opportunity to exchange old, ill-fitting slippers for a new, fitted pair, with a Velcro fastening to reduce the risk of falls. This project met one of the Ward Alliances priorities of "improving the quality of life by supporting those most at risk".

It was decided to take the slippers to the monthly Unity Club Older People's Health Event, Cherry Tree Court Assisted Living Facility and Bfriend Thurnscoe.

144 pairs of slippers in various sizes for both men and women were ordered from Wyndsor Shoes at a cost of £1022, which were added to the 14 pairs left from the last "Sloppy Slipper Event" making a grand total of 158 pairs of slippers to be distributed.

Older People's Health Event, The Unity Club, Goldthorpe

There are between 70 and 80 people, of both sexes, who regularly attend The Unity Club event every month in the age range 55-85 + some, but not all, of whom will fit the criteria for falls. Many of the people who attend have limited mobility, use crutches, walking sticks and other walking aids, and openly admit when asked that they have slippers that are slip on, do not have backs or fit properly.

We gave out 71 pairs of slippers to men and women and received 42 pairs of used/worn slippers in return, some of which were in a terrible state. With the help of the Goldthorpe Development Group Volunteers these slippers were tried on to make sure that they were a good fit.

Some comments from recipients of slippers were:

"Do we have to pay for them?,

No, Dearne Ward Alliance have funded them - Ooh, Thank-you to the Ward Alliance

"They are very comfy"

Cherry Tree Court, Goldthorpe

Cherry Tree Court is an assisted living complex with 61 flats, housing men, women and couples of all ages and mobility. The Aids and Adaptations team were kept very busy fitting and swapping worn ferrules on walking sticks and crutches.

We gave out 43 pairs of slippers and received 23 pairs of worn out slippers back, again some in a really bad state. Most of the residents found the event useful and enjoyed the free refreshments.

Some comments from residents of Cherry Tree Court were:

"Lovely event"

"Got to talk to some nice people"

"Lovely Slippers – cosy and warm"

Bfriend Project, Thurnscoe

The Bfriend project now has 3 drop in social sessions per week in The Dearne, at Goldthorpe Library, The Rainbow Centre and St. Andrews Square Community Centre. When the groups were asked about slippers Goldthorpe had not started and St. Andrews Square didn't want any so we attended the session at The Rainbow Centre along with Health Checks who carried out various health checks on the members.

We gave out 14 pairs of slippers in total with only 4 pairs being returned. These were well received and information and advice was given about ill fitting slippers and rugs in homes.

Comments received from attendees:

"Great Idea and lovely slippers"

"What a good idea, thankyou"

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