Stairfoot Ward Alliance Catch up meeting – 12th July 2020

This e-mail has been sent to all members of the Stairfoot Ward Alliance

Hi All

It was lovely to see all of you who managed to get on line. Sorry you kept getting kicked out Lisa, maybe next time.

Attendees: Doreen Gwilliam, Wayne Johnson, Andrew Gillis, Sarah Blunkett (the new Area Manager), Robert Stendall, Sian Peterson, Fiona Kouble, (Lisa Hammond tried to get on the video call but could not get the signal).

Just to let everyone know what we discussed:

- Welcome to Sarah Blunkett – One of the new Central Area Council Manager's who will be the link for Stairfoot. – Sarah has a job share with Lisa Phelan to take over Carol's role.
- Wayne welcomed everyone and we had a catch up about how things were going. And complimented Fiona on the work she had been doing over the lockdown with her social media presence.
- Healthy Holidays – The Central Area Team are going ahead with the Healthy Holiday Project: We are going to give a bag of groceries (enough for 2 family meals) to local families, this will include a couple of recipe cards and an opportunity to see one of the recipes cooked live. – Whilst this WAF application was accepted by SWA it may be that we do not need to use this as we have sourced other funding for this project. – Doreen will update the WA on how this project goes. Doreen asked if anyone had any links with families who may benefit from this project, (we are not concentrating on people on Free School Meals as they will be getting a food voucher from the schools). Doreen will send the information leaflet to: Fiona, Sian and Lisa to promote to any families they know who would benefit. The Family Centre may send some referrals and the Family Lives project may have some referrals also. Stairfoot will be delivering theirs from the Church building on the High Street in Worsbrough – A socially distancing pick up scheme will be enforced and for those families who are unable to pick up a delivery service will be arranged.
- Fiona spoke about the contemplation / prayer garden in the Church, giving people time and space to contemplate on the situation and some space to add to the prayer garden with their own ideas. It would be lovely to promote something creative that could be enjoyed by people in the ward. Could everyone have a think about what could work? Wayne suggested painting rocks and placing them on the trail. **(Just thought what about a bit of an art/poetry trail. Get people to send electronically a piece of art or poetry. I could print and laminate it and then put the work up in different parts of the ward. (At the end of the summer we could have a bit of a competition what was the most inspiring?) Lets talk about how this could work at our next meeting.**
- Sian spoke about organising a socially distanced bingo – The amphitheatre is a good location because it can hold a few people in safely. (Although the grass does need to be cut). – Open air Bingo in different parks in the area? We could do one in Kendray, One in Stairfoot, One in Ardsley and one in Aldham. – people would have to bring their own pens etc. – again lets talk about this at the next meeting.
- Robert spoke about the Stairfoot art Project. Robert and Wayne were on the interview panel and they interviewed 6 possible artists. It was agreed to hire 2: Doreen confirmed that a site meeting was held with both artists and they have been tasked to go away and come back with a plan for the next phase of consultation and some initial ideas: They will

work together on the consultation and will gather a virtual Steering Group meeting to discuss the next phase.

- Wayne spoke about the open air concert he gave to Bridie in Ardsley. Unfortunately it got cut short as he was disturbing a man who worked nights. Although a bit of a concert would be lovely to arrange, until all the social distancing measures have been relaxed then we may not be able to do anything like this. Fiona informed us all that she did not expect the Church to be open until September at least. Sian is having a meeting with her church to see what measures could be put in place to make it safe for everyone.
- As things are still uncertain, we have agreed to do another virtual Stairfoot Ward Alliance meeting in 2 weeks: Doreen will look for a slot in the calendar and invite all. If anyone has any suggestions regarding any of the above or any agenda items could you please contact Doreen. **Doreen's temporary telephone number is 01226 774883**
- **It was lovely to virtually see you all. Look forward to seeing you all again in 2 weeks**