

April to
June
2021

Penistone Area Council

Performance Report









Penistone Area Council
Penistone East, Penistone West

Working Together for the Penistone Community

Area Council Priorities



These services address the priorities and deliver the outcomes and social value objectives for the Penistone Area Council.

Priority	Service	Contract /Grant	Contract end date	Provider
	Clean, Green and Tidy	£100,000 per annum	Funded until end of March 2022 option to extend further 1 year	Twiggs
	Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people	£70,000 per annum	Funded until December 2021	Age UK Barnsley
	Debt advice service	£12,118 per annum	Funded until March 2022	Citizens Advice Barnsley
	Information and Advice service	£10,136 per annum	Funded until January 2023	DIAL
	Working Together Grant Supporting Young People	£40,000	July 2022	Various
	Principal Towns		Ongoing	

	Outcome indicator	This Quarter	This year 2021/22	Last year 2020/21	To date
	Clean & tidy activities which involve businesses	12	12	14	160
	Young people making a positive contribution to the design/ maintenance of their local environment	7	7	2	614
	People who feel they have the opportunity to influence the design and maintenance of their local environment	7	7	22	326
	Apprentice and placements created and recruited to	1	1	1	4
	People taking up work experience placements	0	0	0	31
	No of young people engaged in volunteering	10	10	13	684
	Activities which involve young people under the age of 18	12	12	2	242
	Community groups supported	16	16	86	613
	New community groups supported	0	0	3	57
	Community car scheme journeys	4	4	4	858
	Adult volunteers engaged	225	225	138	2,768
	New volunteers	26	26	40	841
	Residents and young people receiving advice and support	142	142	761	1930
	Residents referred to health and advice	21	21	76	114
	FTE jobs created and recruited to	1	1	3	23.5
	Local spend (average across all contracts)	95	95%	95%	95.4%
	Volunteer hours contributed (£ value)	£10,850.40	£10,850.40	£13,668.52	£309,574.89
	Volunteer opportunities created	111	111	150	1578
	People achieving a qualification / accreditation	0	0	0	152
	People receiving training	14	14	52	1027

Clean, Green and Tidy Service

Twiggs



189 volunteers supported

398 volunteer hours supported

899 rubbish bags filled (593 purple bags)

17 added value projects delivered

Tool Bank supported 30 households

This contract provides a service to help maintain a clean, green and tidy environment in the wards of Penistone East and Penistone West. The emphasis is to work with the community; incorporating volunteers, local businesses, parish councils and local schools to empower and enable a sustainable approach. In spite of restrictions due to the pandemic, the contract has continued to provide a supportive service for community groups and parish maintained areas, finding different ways to work with volunteers within COVID guidelines as well as identifying specific projects across the patch to maintain the appearance of the Penistone area.

Highlights

12 (Target 10) Groups and parishes supported. Activity increasing as restrictions start to ease from the pandemic with some groups now feeling more confident to come together. Groups worked with this quarter included: Ingbirchworth volunteer group, Hoylandswaine Church community group, Penistone Archives, Thurgoland Parish, Silkstone Care group, Tankersley Parish Council, TPEG, Marketeers, Water Meadows Park group, Springvale Community gardens, Royd Community gardens, HB+ Hoylandswaine, Team Green Moor





16 individual projects (target 5) – Twiggs taking initiative in the area. These have been particularly beneficial during pandemic restriction periods working on areas such as clearance of moss, leaves and overgrown areas for safety from footpaths, in areas around Penistone town, Ingbirchworth Hoylandswaine, Silkstone Common and Howbrook. Where possible the team has also worked with volunteers to reveal seating areas, and help maintain incredible edible beds in various locations including Windermere Road and outside the town hall.

- 11 individual litter picks undertaken and a total of 306 large black bags of litter removed (increase amount from last quarter due to Great British Spring clean)
- Links have been maintain with 4 primary schools ; Silkstone Common, Hoylandswaine, Cawthorne and Silkstone Primary, as a result of the Christmas tree competition. A good way to maintain links whilst covid restrictions continue with schools.
- Although this has still been a restrictive period due to Covid (inevitably no new groups could be supported this quarter) the Twiggs team has continued to support the upsurge in independent volunteers through the tool bank scheme (as reported in the last quarter) and helped to support events as part of volunteers week and Great British Spring clean. Also 7 volunteers were trained in equipment usage at Team Green Moor Moor



Supporting Vulnerable and Isolated Older people Grants

Age UK Barnsley



547 of interventions

211 people helped

30 volunteers worked with

£18,636.80 estimated gains in benefits

LOT 1: Social Action and Volunteering

Supporting people one to one through volunteer be-friending, providing specific information and advice for older people, assisting with travel through the community car scheme, and connecting people through small scale activities such as walking for health.

Number of existing service users 1:1	24
Number of new service users 1:1	5
Number I&A Service Users	16
Community Car Journeys	4
Number Volunteers <i>Existing , active volunteers</i>	19
Number of new volunteers; <i>Includes befrienders/good neighbours/car drivers</i>	2



Highlights

- 8 new referrals this quarter coming from the social prescribing adviser, family, self-referrals and social services
- One volunteer received her five-year service award and others were given goody bags in recognition of their support to mark volunteers week in June.
- Two new volunteers have been successfully processed, have received their induction and are now up and running. Two further volunteers have come forward and have had an informal chat with the SIW and have been given application forms for submission
- Existing volunteers are now supporting service users face-to-face whilst following social distance guidelines through activities such as walking for health at Silkstone and Wentworth Castle Gardens

- Links have been made with Thurlstone Primary School following delivery of 48 bug hotels made by one of Age UK's service users (aged 88) , and the school is now participating in a letter writing scheme to some of the older service users. This will involve writing a letter, making a card or drawing a picture which will then be collected by the SIW and passed on to the relevant service users.
- Following the success of the Wortley Golf Club Collaboration, meals have now finished for the summer but there is still financial provision for a Christmas lunch, and this has now been booked for Wednesday 1st December
- 16 new service users received information and advice. All enquiries have been dealt with via telephone or email initially. The service has just restarted office visits or home visits for the most vulnerable. The total estimated gains through benefits for the period is £18,636.80 Type of advice given - Benefits 13, Social Care 3, Housing 1, Travel 4.
- The community car scheme is still only able to provide transport for essential journeys only, such as GP and other medical visits but needs to work within Covid 19 guidelines issued by the Public Transport Executive.



Lot 2 – Community Activities

The focus of this is to provide group based activities with an emphasis on achieving health outcomes, activities to engage men, activities to promote intergenerational relationships and creating opportunities where there are none in outlying villages.

Highlights

- Pilley Healthy Life group meetings resumed from 23rd June with the start of a 6 week programme of Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention. 11 members currently.



- Wortley St. Leonard's Church continues to open on Wednesdays between 11am and 1pm for private prayer. The Afternoon Social group will agree a date to re-start following the expected Government update on 19th July.
- Crow Edge, Carlecotes, Dunford Bridge there are plans to conduct a community survey to establish if residents are interested in a local group activities Once the survey has been carried out we will look again at setting up regular walks in the area and we will also consider how to address any other issues that are identified

- Cawthorne started visiting groups again to promote the Penistone Social Inclusion Project and re-establish contact with group leaders once the restrictions have eased. This will be a good time to start planning a new walking group using the Cannon Hall grounds.
- Thurgoland , Churchfields has been identified as having a group of harder to reach people and as a result we are planning an outside event (Neighbours Social Afternoon) in Aug or September
- Silkstone Walk for Health nicely gathering new members not only helping to improve health and mental well-being, but it is also proving to be a good social event, with people making new friendships



- Wentworth Castle Gardens Launch Walk -19 people attended the launch of the group walk which took place on Monday 24th of May, with 10 individuals from the Penistone area able to attend. We will continue our collaboration with Wentworth Castle and more walks will be planned during in the coming months.
- Penistone Men in Sheds with just 4 members in attendance they had a long discussion on how to re-start the project The 4 attending members didn't see any short term benefit in opening the shed until after restrictions are removed in July and if they are, then an open day in the current shed should be planned to assess the interest and perhaps get a feel for what new members would be looking for. Agree that a new shed is a priority to allow for more space.
- Tai Chi Penistone group sessions re-started on 2nd June and whilst numbers were low to start with, there have been some new members and there are now between 6 and 11 attending regularly. A 6 week course is also being delivered at the Healthy Life Group at Pilley
- Barnsley U3A some group activities have restarted since lockdown restrictions have eased and others are planning to restart soon, Age Uk continues to support and help promote these.

Lot 3- Creating and Managing Responsive Networks

The emphasis on this is to create a sustainable network of people and groups who support older and more vulnerable people in the Penistone area. The Supporting Older People in the Penistone Area (SOPPA) has been created to take this forward. Covid restriction have meant that the group still have had to meet virtually which has had a limited impact

The last SOPPA group meeting on 14th April had only 3 attendees. We will re-start face to face meetings as soon as possible and agree a plan to recruit new members. We will also agree a forward plan for the group and agree post Covid priorities.

Age Friendly Penistone

While it has been very difficult to take the local Age Friendly work forward at present, we have been reviewing the findings from the Penistone consultation and feeding these into the work across the Barnsley Borough. One of the issues that was raised was around the need for more seats in public places and there is now a target on the Age Friendly Barnsley Action Plan to provide 60 more seats. We now need to consider how Penistone can be part of this and benefit the Penistone Area. We will develop the forward plan and identify future priorities and actions. Liaise with Age Friendly Barnsley developments

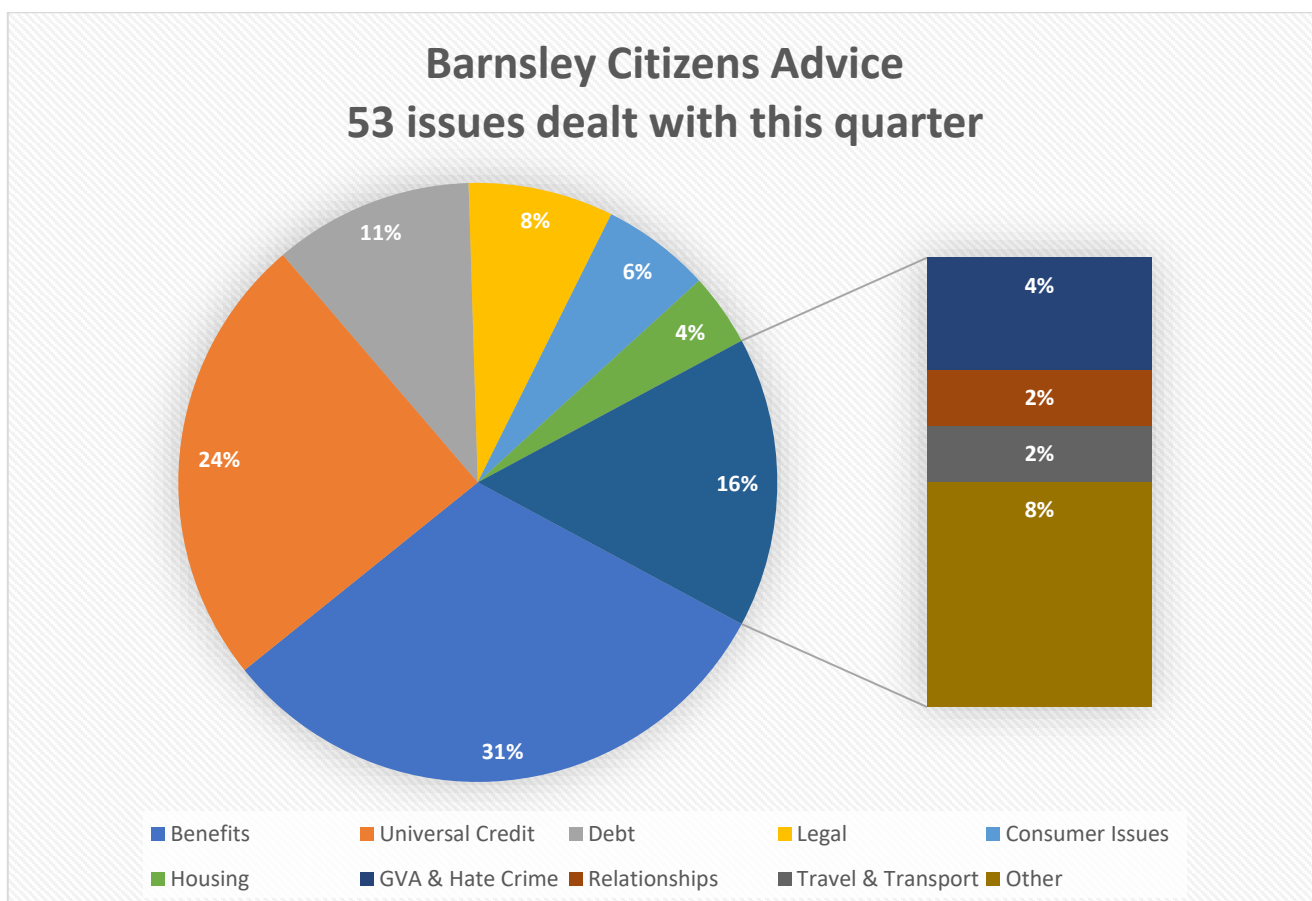
Following the next Government update on 19th July, we will put together a schedule of new regular and seasonal events and activities.

Barnsley Citizens Advice

- 27 people supported (264 since start)
- £6k of debt managed (£95k since start)
- £2k of benefits claimed (£164k since start)
- 40 hours of volunteer involvement







DIAL Barnsley

97 enquires made

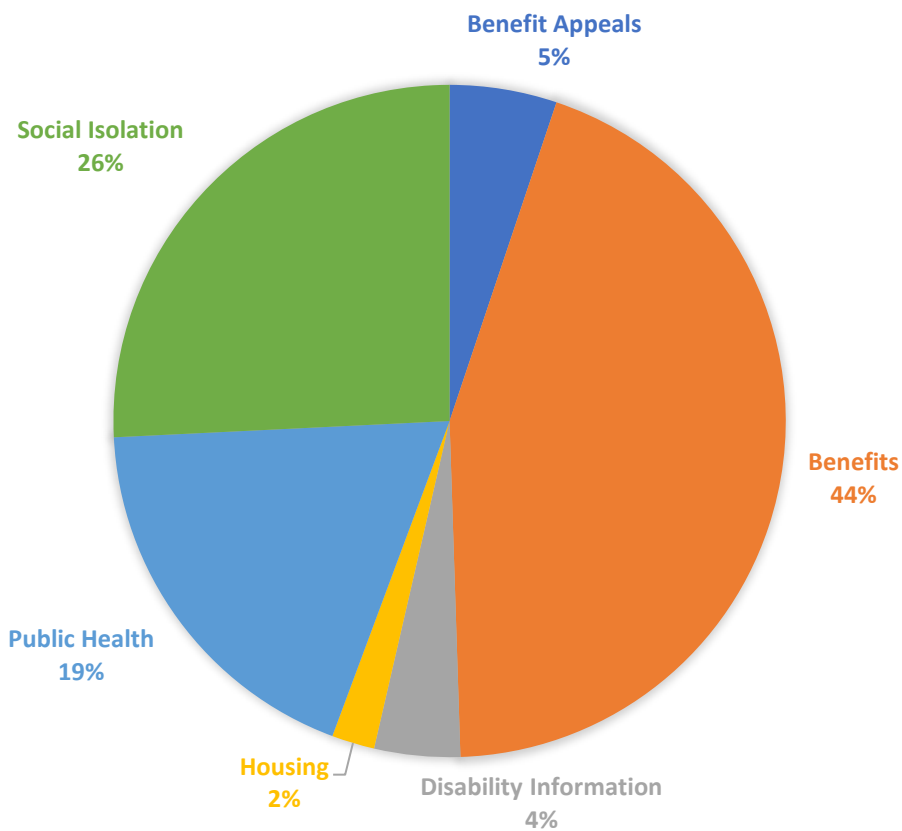
£39,492 benefits claims supported

50 hours of volunteer involvement

For every £1 invested in the project £12 returned to the area



DIAL Barnsley Issues Dealt With



Supporting Young People Grant Fund

This grant fund was set up in May 2021. All projects funded under this did not start to deliver until the end of June/beginning of July, with some starting as schools return in September. The first quarterly returns will be received at the end of quarter 2 (July-September).

Summary of projects funded:

Ad Astra – providing gender specific mental wellbeing sessions to pre-16 pupils at Penistone Grammar. Started promoting it via leaflets and with a couple of taster sessions before the end of term. From September will be working Monday and Thursday Lunch Times covering Y7 and Y10 on a Monday and Y8 and Y9 on a Thursday. Peer support model.

Penistone Grammar school – to provide mental wellbeing sessions with post-16 pupils from September to enhance educational achievement and prevent mental health impacts on later life chances

Penistone Girl Guiding – supporting young women through positive experiences and activities to enhance self esteem and wellbeing as part of a ‘Challenge’ Badge and local event

Angel Voices – community based singing workshops, culminating in community performance events to raise funds for charity . A number of successful workshops delivered at St Johns in Penistone over the summer with a planned first charity performance event to be held in the autumn

Penistone Leisure – Range of physical activities such as Teen Boxing (proving very popular so far having been fully booked over the summer), skating and a planned resilience bootcamp for September, also structured activities to support mental health (volunteers currently in training to run these).

Also for Young people from working together funds **Active Minds project Penistone FM** – to train a core group of young people in broadcasting skills who would then engage with other young people to provide their experiences and advise for others via podcasts. Trainees have been covering events over the summer period to learn new skills.



Penistone Area Team updates (April – June 2021)



- Community Development Officers (Stephen and Tanya) continue with their re-mapping of community groups and venues for each of the Penistone wards. This is helping to re-establish contact with groups and support with pandemic recovery steps, with intensive support provided by the CDOs to many existing groups such as Penistone Leisure Centre, HBee+, TPEG, Penistone Archive group, Millhouse Green Institute resulting in a number of ward alliance applications. Our Neighbourhood Engagement Officer (Rana) has been providing specific Covid support and can offer dedicated resources to help with venue re-opening.
- The Area Team has administered the Supporting Young people’s grant fund providing support and advice to potential applicants for funding, supporting the panel and setting up 6 new project contracts for delivery from July 2021. The Area Manager is arranging for successful providers of projects for young people to receive free accredited training to provide mental health support for the young people they will be engaging with.
- The area team has continued to provide support to volunteer litter pickers, following a swift recent rise in demand, working with both Twiggs and Neighbourhood services to ensure smoother processes for volunteer enquiries, and has recently worked to promote the Great British Spring Clean (28/5-13/6) <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/home> with Twiggs in support of many of our local environmental groups.
- The team recently held a forward planning session and as a result has planned an intensive period of community engagement over the summer period as well as development work with the Ward Alliance, and promotion of volunteering in our area as part of Volunteers week (1-7th June) <https://volunteersweek.org/>
- Our neighbourhood engagement officer (Rana) continues to work closely with Public health to ensure that support continues to the Penistone communities as restrictions start to lift , all licence premises and other hospitality venues have been visited to meet timelines.
- The area team continues to work closely with the Principal Towns programme for Penistone as we work towards the next stages of development, meeting with representatives of the Penistone Town Council with wider engagement to follow.
- The team welcomed our new Elected member for the Penistone West Ward, Cllr Lowe-Flello to the Penistone Area Team as part of her induction to office.