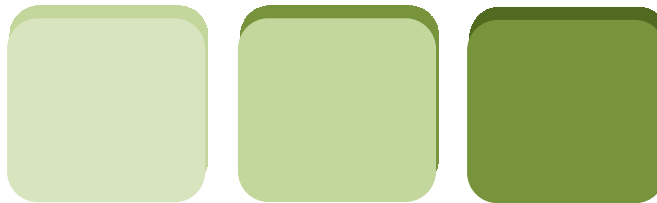


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Dearne Area Contract

Twiggs Clean and Tidy Team

Creating a Cleaner and Greener Environment in Partnership with Local People

Quarter Two Report

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Part A - Section 1

A. Social value objectives

	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Year 1 Totals	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Targets	Actual
No of jobs created & recruited to:	3	3	0	0	0		0		3	
No of apprenticeships created & recruited to:	1	1	0	0	0		0		1	
No of volunteers involved in community environmental projects	0	73	5	10	5		5		15	
No of work experience placements provided	0	0	2	1	2		2		6	
% of spend achieved locally	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%		90%		90%	

B. Outcome indicators

Outcomes:	Thriving and vibrant communities									
	Strong and resilient communities									
	Citizens achieving their potential									
Outcome indicators	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		Year 1 Totals	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Targets	Actual
Volunteers recruited to Twiggs event	5	73	5	4	5		5		20	
Twiggs social action events	1	3	1	1	2		2		6	
Total number of volunteering hours	15	205	15	16	15		15		60	
Total number of steering group meetings	1	2	1	1	1		2		5	
Number of Community groups supported at events*	2 per ward	18	2 per ward	13	2 per ward		2 per ward			
Other local events supported	2 per ward	2	2 per ward	2	2 per ward		2 per ward		8	
Targeted areas are clean, safe, well presented, and welcoming physical environment *	10	10	10	10	10		10		Case studies pictures within report	
Local residents educated about the impact of littering	10	73	10	24	10		10		40	
Reduction in litter and dog fouling *									5% decrease in complaints	
Residents / community taking responsibility for areas*	2 per ward	2	2 per ward	2	2 per ward		2 per ward		16	

Schools educated about the impact of littering *	0	1	1 contact per term per 6 primaries & 1 senior	1	1 contact per term per 6 primaries & 1 senior		1 contact per term per 6 primaries & 1 senior			
Local businesses worked with *	6	8	6	6	6		6		24	

Businesses -

St Andrews Square, we were worried that the efforts and relationships made may be lost due to us pulling out of the area on a regular basis, the initial positive feedback was due to our regular presence and obvious improvements.

We have made new contacts and are still contact with the following businesses: Collingwood pub, Tan and Tone, Hot and Tasty, Co-op, Carrfield lane sandwich shop and station house who we know are active in assisting. We will be pushing for more business participation in the Dearne North over the next quarter.

Steering group attended 26/01/2016

Work experience -

Kieron is currently unemployed and came to us for several days where we managed to put him between all of our teams.

Kieron is a possible candidate for an upcoming apprenticeship position we have here at Twiggs, it was a good way to see how the clean and tidy team works with our existing apprentice Harry.

We are also in the process of going directly to secondary schools to offer work experience positions to the current years' leavers, in the past a big emphasis has been made by the schools on gaining placements but over the past 18 months this has dropped off entirely.

Other events- Our team joined in with a group of school children at the Planting Event at St Andrews Square, although the weather wasn't ideal we still managed to plant up the raised planters with bedding plants and encouraged the children to get involved.

C. Activity Intervention Target

	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Total
Litter picks completed	60	91		76					
Areas targeted for clean ups		22		35					
Number of waste collected		243		209					
Number of impact of littering sessions completed	2	2	1	1	2		2	7	
Number of hours in Dearne North	477	477		396	477		477		
Number of hours in Dearne South		477		396					
Fly tipping, hazardous waste and enforcement issues fed in		12		5					
Number of joint projects with established community groups	2	11	2	13	2		2		
Number of provider social action events	3	3	1	1	3		3	10	
Added value (jobs found proactively by Twiggs)		45 areas 164 litter picks		32 areas 60 litter picks					

PART B: Section 1

Social Action Projects - Outcomes and Evidencing

Nicholas lane, Goldthorpe

This footpath on Nicholas lane was identified by our team as a possible event due to the highly visible location on the main road. The road is not only the main road between the two villages but is used frequently due the tip and recycling centers but it is also used due the location of the primary school. We wanted to use this event as a showcase for the local residents to see that a team (us) along with volunteers are making a difference on smaller scale projects.

The footpath itself is a link to the holly Grove estate and is used as run for school children in the morning and dog walkers to get to the opposite field and eventually onto Phoenix Park.

We tested the market at short notice in order to analyse the effectiveness of our current social media presence and that of the Dearne are network such as the existing groups.

The weather wasn't in our favour that day but it did manage to calm a little towards the end, helping us to collect just over 18 bags of litter along with other miscellaneous waste and we were also able to cut back several sections of shrubbery that was obscuring the pathway.

We had 4 volunteers to assist with our team that day and so 16 man hours were spent that morning in making the footpath so much more pleasant. As we completed the footpath ahead of schedule we also managed to pick the top side of Nicholas lane along with the field entrance cleared an approximate half ton of silt from the wall bottom and reintroduce this back into the environment.

This event gave us the ability to also identify works for a later date on the tarmac path at the perimeter of the holly grove estate and the embankment on Nicholas lane itself, which has in the last few weeks been started on. We also reported a section of fencing that was missing and allowing off road vehicles access on the green spaces and Phoenix Park which we know is an ongoing concern.

During our next event in this area we are going to target and involve the local school to make this a target spot and educate the local children.



Section 2

Case Studies

1. Highgate Lane



This area was reported in through the area team as a litter issue.

The entrance into the field is well used but had been left unmaintained for some time. The grass and shrubbery had overgrown limiting the access and creating an area that was a magnet for litter.

Not only did we manage to collect over 16 bags of litter from here, we also strimmed back the area cut back shrubbery and reclaimed the access in.

An Immediate transformation and well received by the public, we had 3 residents and 1 gentleman with a family compliment and comment on how well the area now looks and feels.

We have been back passed the area several times since and the litter although some does still end up on and around the field is down to just a few pieces.



2. West Avenue



An area we discovered whilst litter picking close by and attended to.

The path and entrance onto the park to the bottom of West Avenue, was severely overgrown and made the path difficult and impassible at one point. Being close to the park we saw a young women with a pushchair trying to navigate the path and being forced onto the road.

Although not busy with traffic we knew the public would benefit. We took a little time after litter picking the surrounding streets to cut back and reclaim the footpath it's now not only a useable footpath again but looks smarter and attracts less litter.



3. Thurnscoe Park

Working alongside Pauline and the volunteers at Thurnscoe Park is a mutually beneficial project. The park get the time and expertise from our staff but we also take the opportunity to train our apprentice Harry in correct horticultural practices.

In the last quarter we have worked with around 10 unique volunteers many of those returning week on week. The volunteers along with ourselves have spent an estimated 380 hours not including the amazing work Pauline continues to carry out.

With our help this quarter we have managed with the regular upkeep including litter picking and shrub rationalisation but also managed to create a rose garden by removing a few intermediate trees clearing the ivy growth and digging over the ground, this area is to be planted in the coming spring months.

As part of the parks mission to achieve a high status in the Barnsley in bloom I have worked closely with Pauline to try and overcome some of the barriers that stopped the park from attaining a higher marking. One area in particular was composting.

We have created a recycled composting area that should be able to accommodate most of the parks composting needs. Local residents donated pallets to form the structure and with funding secured the park bought in stakes to hold them in the ground. Thurnscoe Park now has a 4 bin composting system that can compost green waste and a bin dedicated for the large amounts of leaf fall that covers the park in the autumn months.

The Thurnscoe park volunteers also attended our event on Nicole's lane showing that the sentiment is well appreciated and precipitated.



Section 3

Proposed Future Activities for the Next Quarter

Organised events

1. Thurnscoe- Rainbow Centre. We will be carrying out works to help the community Centre in restoring the grounds Friday 4th March 11am a we are joining the Thurnscoe park group in a 'Clean for the Queen' event
2. Highgate allotments- assisting in the leveling and surfacing of the access road to make the corridor safer for visiting groups.
3. Bolton on Dearne- Saturday 5th March 10am. Mansion Field Entrance on Ingsfield Lane- assisting the Bolton development group in tidying the local park. This coincides with the 'Clean for the Queen' weekend.

Events not yet confirmed

- a. Work with Dearne Highgate Primary School - Details obtained to contact regarding involvement in the Spring and to include educational aspect
- B. Carrfield Primary Academy - Details obtained to contact regarding involvement in the Spring and to include educational aspect
- C. The Scouts - Maintained contact from the First Quarter, and arrange educational volunteering event
- D. We have contacted ASDA and obtained details of who to contact once an event has been set up. They may be able to offer volunteer support and/or refreshments.
- E. Cranwell court- residents to assist in a shrubbery litter pick- TBA once we have confirmation of council tree work scheduling (Andy Nixon) and the possibility of resident adoption if practicable.