

Ward Alliance Meeting



Date & Time:	Thursday, 4th February @ 5.30 pm
Location:	Via Microsoft Teams

1. Attendees			
Chair Person:	Cllr John Clarke		
CDO:	Michelle Toone		
Secretary:	Andrea Greaves		
Committee Members:	Cllr Gill Carr, Cllr Jake Lodge, Rev'd Adrian Bateman, Allison Johnson, Ian Langworthy, Alan Littlewood, Alison Sidebottom		
Guest:	Laura Dixon, Neighbour Engagement Officer for Central Area Sarah Davey, New Community Development Officer for Central Area		
2. Apologies			
Ian Langworthy, Alison Sidebottom sent apologies.			
3. Declarations of pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interest		Action/Decision	Action lead
	None declared.		N/A
4. Notes of Last Meeting		Action/Decision	Action lead
	Agreed as a true and accurate record	All	AG
5. Matters arising		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><u>Bankend Friends Small Sparks Funding £150</u> To supply 230 children at Bankend Primary School with selection boxes as a Christmas gift. This was a great success and well received.</p>	None	N/A
	<p><u>Ward Green Primary School Ward Alliance Funding £500</u> To purchase 8 Christmas trees that will be decorated by each of the year groups. Trees were decorated by the pupils. At the times of this meeting, the trees were still on display.</p>	None	N/A
	<p><u>Seasonal Wellbeing pack for older residents</u> Cllr Jake Lodge, Cllr Gill Carr, Alison Sidebottom and Andrea Greaves distributed the wellbeing packs to residents at Elm Court and Maltas Court. Residents were pleasantly surprised, and feedback was positive. However, residents were not aware of the Ward Alliance</p>	<p>MT to propose project to help raise the profile of the Ward Alliance and help promote the various projects and initiatives the WA deliver</p>	MT

	<p><u>Mill Academy</u> The build of the wooden shelter, which will provide more opportunities for outdoor learning in all weather conditions. The Ward Alliance were able to provide an amount of match funding and it's fantastic to see the project come to fruition.</p> <p><u>Anti-social behavior and criminal activities</u> Cllr Lodge has been meeting with South Yorkshire Police. Currently there are no more disturbances been reported. Officers have been engaging with locals, which seem to make a difference and having a positive impact. Bernslei Homes has planned to install CCTV's in hot spots to tackle anti social behaviour. The Cllr's are meeting monthly with several residents. Michelle is also in contact with the communications team at South Yorkshire Police.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Signage on how to report crime to be designed and displayed in the community. MT to liaise with BMBC communications, police and Berneslai Homes</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>MT</p>
6. Ward Alliance Budget 2020/2021		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p>Total allocation remaining 2020/2021 = £8,886.75</p> <p><u>Worsbrough in Bloom - £1,200</u> Following the successful launch of the sponsored hanging basket scheme in 2020, it is hoped to extend the project to wider areas of Worsbrough and at the same time respond to the interest generated within the community to sponsor a future hanging basket. 39 baskets were installed last year on Park Road Worsbrough Bridge (31) and Worsbrough Village, (8). It is hoped to extend the scheme to purchase a further 31 brackets to be installed on identified lamp posts on Vernon Road, West Street and High Street. Brackets purchased will remain the property of Worsbrough Ward Alliance. Cllr Lodge raised concerns whether the spending would be justified given the current situation.</p>	<p>WA agreed to award money in full under the proviso that funding will remain the same and not increase, and the expectation that the group will become self sufficient like other community groups in the ward.</p>	<p>MT</p>
b.	<p>Engagement Fund = £1,721.84 No applications received.</p>		<p>MT</p>
c.	<p>Environmental Fund = £320 No applications received.</p>		<p>MT</p>
6. Community Pantry/ Healthy Holidays		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p>Community Church Pantry</p> <p><u>Pantry</u> New applications to join the pantry are coming in weekly. Not everyone who signed up attends the pantry every week.</p>	<p>MT to continue to support the development of the Com,munity Panty and keep the Ward Alliance informed of progress</p>	<p>MT</p>

	<p>Membership is £3 per week and you can take away goods up to the value of £15 and members have access to essentials such as bag of potatoes, stew packs etc.</p> <p>The Pantry has also started selling toys as additional means to raise funds.</p> <p>There are restrictions currently around the offer of fresh food items however, the pantry is looking to expand in the future.</p> <p>The food items offered are of good quality and support a healthy and balanced diet.</p> <p>It is anticipated that referrals will increase April / May time when the furlough scheme comes to an end.</p> <p>Michelle is still waiting feedback from Fare Share about membership</p> <p>Michelle is working with Anne Moffatt from CVS to get all policies in place such as safeguarding to support the application to Fairshare.</p> <p>The Pantry is also looking to become a collection point for the Barnsley Food Bank.</p>		
8. Defibrillator update		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p>Defibrillator – Worsbrough Village Update</p> <p>Michelle has submitted the application form for planning permission to install the defib on the school room building adjacent to the church.</p> <p>As soon the consent has been received, Michelle will instruct Bernslei home to install the defib.</p> <p>The two wardens for the Worsbrough Village have been agreed</p>		MT
9. Environmental Activity/ Action Plan Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p>Environmental Working Group</p> <p>Due to lock down restriction no activities currently planned. Michelle is in communication with all members of the group and as soon lock down restrictions will ease, this will become priority.</p>		Working group/ WA Group MT
b.	<p>Healthy Holiday</p> <p>The area team are once again preparing for the delivery of the healthy holidays project during the February half term. We have been successful in securing funding from Good Food Barnsley to provide all the ingredients for two family favourite meals. As before the ingredients will be batched up into the specific measurements needed for each recipe to ensure lack of equipment/ utensils is not a barrier to taking part.</p> <p>We aim to support 50 families to have access to the ingredients and take part in the online cooking demos. If WA members know of any families that would benefit from taking part encourage them to contact Michelle. WA members can also compile own referral list, which Michelle sent out by email; deadline to return to form by Fri, 5th February.</p> <p>As part of the offer we would also like to provide each family with a small £5 fruit hamper – this would be accompanied with an activity pack themed around fruit and veg i.e draw your own super fruit and tell us what makes it super etc. This element</p>	All members in agreement.	MT

	will rely on Ward Alliance funding. The total amount of funding needed will be £250 - £300.		
8. Any Other Business		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><u>Priorities for 2021</u> Agreed in the meeting that the group's priority should be the covid recovery plan. Focus on mental health issues as a result of the imposed socially distancing, isolation and self-shielding rules. Especially younger people and elderly people affected by this.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge proposed to create a workshop to create an action plan. Look to get cricket club, bowling group, men in sheds, concert park involved.</p> <p>Also, see what grants Barnsley Council might offer.</p> <p>Rev'd Bateman said that is the hope that when lock down rules ease up, the church could organise coffee mornings again at the church hall.</p> <p>The Central Area Council is currently working on commissioning offer of on prevention of loneliness and isolation.</p>	Ongoing discussion at the next meeting	MT
b.	<p><u>Points of Interests Walk</u> Michelle met with Charley Parker from the Worsbrough Industrial, Social History Group to discuss points of interest walk. The idea is to develop route map in more detail around West Street, High Street, Park road and Bankend Road highlighting the industrial heritage around route. As well as the map it might be possible to put physical marks and signage up, and encourage people to walk and take pride in their area. Funding for this could come from the Principal town project.</p>	MT to continue to liaise with Charlie and invite Fiona O'Brien principal towns officer to next ward alliance meeting	MT
c.	<p><u>Principle Towns</u> Barnsley Council has allocated principal towns funding to improve local economies in the surrounding areas and help local high streets thrive. The dedicated investment program to support community-led projects in the district town and village centres. Barnsley Council will provide businesses a grant of up to £4,000 to improve their shop front in exchange for a £1,000 contribution from the business.</p> <p>This will nicely complement activities planned by the History Group.</p> <p>If any of the WA member know of a business who could benefit from this, please let Michelle know.</p>	Michelle to invite Fiona O'Brien to the next WA meeting.	Cllr Lodge
d.	<p><u>Area council update Cllr Clarke</u> Twiggs are continuing to support individuals and family units to litter pick and make environmental improvements. They have started up a tool bank are loaning out equipment to residents. They are also continuing to carry out their one day a week in the ward making improvements.</p>		Cllr Clarke
e.	<p><u>Family lives (supporting families with children under 2yrs)</u></p>	The contract continues to operate	Cllr Clarke
f.	<p><u>Youth Associations</u> The Youth Association have had a positive response from young people in the ward. Most recently young people took</p>	Cllr Clark to get in contact with the area	Cllr Clarke

	<p>part in re vamping the ward green skate park. They also supported the environmental workdays in October. Due to current restrictions, the association continues to engage with young people online. Incidents of anti social behaviour has declined over recent months thanks to partnership building.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>managers for more detailed information on everything the Area Council has commissioned to bring to next meeting</p>	
<p>9. Dates and times of future meetings</p>		<p>Action/Decision</p>	<p>Action lead</p>
	<p>The Ward Alliance agreed to continue to the six weekly schedule and to conduct the meetings via Microsoft Teams. There will be additional meetings in between with various working groups. Dates agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, 4th March @ 17:30 hr via Microsoft Teams 	<p>Invites sent out for all dates; members to check their outlook calendars. Please send your apologies to Andrea, cc Michelle.</p>	<p>AG</p>