

# Ward Alliance Meeting



<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Thursday, 4th March @ 5.30 pm
<b>Location:</b>	Via Microsoft Teams

1. Attendees			
<b>Chair Person:</b>	Cllr John Clarke		
<b>CDO:</b>	Michelle Toone		
<b>Secretary:</b>	Andrea Greaves		
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Cllr Gill Carr, Cllr Jake Lodge, Allison Johnson, Ian Langworthy, Alison Sidebottom		
<b>Guest:</b>	Fiona O'Brien, Theresa Williams: Principle Town Project Officers		
2. Apologies			
Rev'd Adrian Bateman and Alan Littlewood			
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
	None		
6. Principal Towns		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Fiona O'Brien and Teresa Williams attended the meeting to give an overview of what of Principal Towns scheme is and how Worsbrough can benefit.</p> <p>Worsbrough has recently been included as one of the areas in the scheme and as such can access the funding available. There is no specific geographic location as the main focus so all businesses within the ward can apply for the shop fronts grant. Due to current restrictions, Fiona and Teresa have been unable to have face to face communication with shop owners which would be the usual method of promoting the scheme. Instead they have been posting information through business letter boxes. A couple of businesses have already been in contact – more are wanted.</p>	<p>Michelle to contact businesses from the hanging basket scheme with a request to share contact details with Terea &amp; Fiona</p> <p>The scheme can also be promoted on the Ward Alliance Facebook page.</p> <p>Ward Alliance representatives to promote through their own networks</p>	<p>Cllr Lodge/ MT /Fiona O'Brien Teresa Williams</p>

	<p>In addition to the shop front grants Principal Towns can also support the delivery of other projects that encourage footfall on the high streets/ business areas.</p> <p>This includes heritage walks. With this in mind it was agreed that the points of interests walk MT has been developing with Charlie Parker from the Worsbrough Industrial, Social History Group (WISH) will be done in partnership with Principal Towns.</p> <p>A map of West Street, High Street, Park road and Bankend Road will be developed highlighting the industrial heritage around the route.</p> <p>Teresa advised that as well as the map it might be possible to put physical markers and signage up, to further encourage people to walk and take pride in the area. Funding for this could come from the Principal town project.</p> <p>For more information on Principal Towns you can visit;</p>	<p>MT to continue to liaise with Charlie and invite Fiona O'Brien principal towns officer to next ward alliance meeting</p>	
7. Ward Alliance Budget 2020/2021		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><b>Total allocation remaining 2020/2021 = £7,686.75</b></p> <p><b>Ward Green Primary School – Scarecrow Trail: £500</b></p> <p>The aim of the project is for families to create a scarecrow based upon on a book character linking with World Book Day 2021. Families will then submit their entries. School will create a map of all entries and the scarecrows will form part of a trail in the local area which families can follow whilst out on their daily exercise.</p> <p>The money will be used to purchase prizes for families for creating the best scarecrows and taking part in the competition. The prizes will be vouchers for The Book Vault in Barnsley, therefore also supporting local business.</p>	<p><b>WA agreed to award money in full.</b></p>	<p>MT</p>
b.	<p><b>Engagement Fund = £1,721.84</b></p> <p>The hanging basket volunteer coordinators have requested a further £135 to cover a shortfall.</p> <p>The business model put forward in the WWA Grant application set out to generate an income of £195 from 39 existing sponsors by building in a £5 uplift per sponsor.</p> <p>There were actually 27 returners to the scheme + 1 new sponsor who does not require a plaque; and <b>income realised</b> was 28 x £5 = <b>£140</b> - Hence <b>shortfall £55 from business model</b></p> <p>Re: Cost of plaque for a new sponsor - this has increased from £25 to £28</p>	<p><b>Ward Alliance agreed to the additional funds. Moving forward the WA will work closely with the volunteers to look at the best way of managing the project and to agree and develop a sustainable delivery model for the future.</b></p> <p><b>Thanks be given again to the volunteers who are managing this scheme – they</b></p>	<p>MT/ Volunteers</p>

	<p>There are 10 plaques from existing sponsors which can be re-used to make signs for new sponsors. The reused plaque costs £23 so allowing a slight <b>surplus of £10</b> (10 x £2 credit)</p> <p>The remaining 30 plaques at £28 each plaques creates a <b>shortfall of £90</b> (30 x £3 price increase)</p>	<b>are doing a fantastic job.</b>	
c.	<b>Environmental Fund = £100</b>		MT
8. Area Council Update		Action/Decision	Action lead
	<p>Cllr Clarke provided an overview some of the current Central Area Council Contracts which included;</p> <p>Twiggs Clean and Green Team Citizens Advice Bureau DIAL Family Lives District Enforcement Young people and Youth providers</p> <p>A further tender is in the process for addressing loneliness and isolation – when this is finalised Cllr Clarke will provide an update</p>	Councillors to continue to update on Area Council contracts so the WA have a good overview of the offer and can look at ways in which the WA can compliment the work of the providers where appropriate	Cllr Clarke
9. Current/Ongoing Ward Actions		Action/Decision	Action lead
a.	<p><b><u>Worsbrough Community Pantry</u></b></p> <p>There are currently 30 members that have signed up, attending at least once. There are 13 active members who access this service on the weekly basis. Some members attend every couple of weeks – this is due to the benefits payment schedule and some weeks being better off financially than others. The pantry is still accepting new referrals. Anyone who has had a recent change to their financial circumstances and/ or are in receipt of benefits are eligible to apply. They must live within the Worsbrough Ward which covers Ward Green, Bank End, Worsbrough Dale, Worsbrough Bridge and Worsbrough Village.</p> <p>The steady progress of the project has enabled the Church volunteers to adapt to their new roles and develop their skills and knowledge.</p> <p>Still waiting for fairshare membership to make this pantry sustainable. Delay due to covid and increase requirement.</p> <p>At the last Central Area meeting Cllr Clarke asked about the wider borough food project. Confirmation that we can continue with our project. Cllr's to attend meeting in April with Rachel Payling to discuss further. MT to link in the with the goodfood network to ensure Worsbrough can tap into the</p>	<p><b>Michelle to purchase some signage to put outside the Community Church.</b></p> <p><b>Once Fareshare membership granted MT will promote the scheme more widely and do a targeted leaflet drop.</b></p>	MT/ Worsbrough Community Church

	<p>Brough wide resources and join up working where possible/appropriate.</p> <p>Cllr Lodge suggested new signage would help promote the provision and make it look welcoming and accessible.</p>		
b.	<p><b>Healthy Holidays</b></p> <p>It has been recognised that food poverty is an issue nationally and is not confined to just the school holidays. The area teams / Ward Alliances have previously delivered Healthy Holidays activities as a means to engage with the local community. Given that the issue of food poverty is deepening it was felt that the primary focus of Healthy Holidays activities should now be about food distribution. It was recognised that this goes beyond the remit/ resources of the area teams and other methods of delivery needed to be considered.</p> <p>Healthier Communities has since secured funding to deliver Healthy Holidays provision for a 6 week period. For the Easter holidays they will distribute Good Food boxes to families with children on Free School Meals. These boxes will replace the £15 vouchers previously given out. In addition to the food the boxes will also contain activity packs. In addition to the food boxes a grants scheme is in place for local voluntary and community sector groups to apply to to provide additional activities such as online workshops etc.</p> <p>Cllrs have asked for a further update with more details around the logistics of distributions and take up rate etc.</p> <p>MT is looking at ways in which we can still engage with the recipients of the boxes. A LIVE cooking session using the ingredients from the boxes with two cooks going head to head was proposed.</p> <p>MT also hopes to continue the delivery of Healthy Holidays provision for those families not on free school meals but who are also struggling. This is something for the May holidays.</p>	<p><b>MT to contact Bankend Friends to see if they would like to volunteer to help putting the boxes together / distribution.</b></p> <p><b>MT to look at ways to support families not on free school meals</b></p>	MT
c.	<p><b>Hanging Baskets</b></p> <p>The scheme is on track with all available baskets having sponsors. There is a waiting list for sponsorship which is being managed by the volunteers. The volunteers provide further updates at the WA Environmental working group. The next meeting is scheduled to take place next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm.</p> <p>Twiggs set up tool bank to address demand from general people in litter picking.</p>		<p>Working group/ WA Group</p> <p>MT</p>
d.	<p><b>Ward Alliance Member Promotion</b></p> <p>Great response from all members. All profiles to be posted on Facebook over the coming weeks.</p>		MT
<b>10. Priorities for 2021/2022</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
a.	Agreed to schedule an additional meeting for 18 <sup>th</sup> March to look at the existing priorities, determine if these are still	<b>MT to send out invites.</b>	MT

	relevant and where our areas of focus will be for the next 6 -12 months.		
<b>11. AOB</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
a.	<b><u>Transpennine Trail</u></b> Great work done by volunteers to litter pick along the trail. However, there is a lack of benches.Cllr Carr is aware that wooden benches sadly get damaged, metals ones' might get stolen. Would there be an option to install stone benches?	<b>Cllr Carr to contact SarahFORD, Rights of Way Access Officer.</b>	Cllr Carr
b.	<b><u>Pilot Scheme on Road Safety</u></b> Worsbrough Dale Cross Roads and Kingwell Park Road Junction identified as hot spots for Council intervention. There is a funding pot of £90,000 available across all 21 wards.	<b>WA members to think of hot spots that require intervention.</b>	Cllr Clarke
<b>9. Dates and times of future meetings</b>		<b>Action/Decision</b>	<b>Action lead</b>
	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April @ 17:00 hr via Microsoft Teams</li> </ul>	<b>Invites sent out for all dates; members to check their outlook calendars. Please send your apologies to Andrea, cc Michelle.</b>	AG