

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

**Report to:** Inner East Community Committee:

**Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills,  
Killingbeck & Seacroft**

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**To Note**

## **Inner East Community Committee - Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

- 1.** To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
- 2.** This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

### **Main issues**

- 3.** Updates by theme

#### **4. Environment & Community Safety – Champion Councillor Asghar Khan**

##### **Community Safety**

##### LASBT Update

##### **Current Caseload by Ward**

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill = 34 active cases

Killingbeck & Seacroft = 19 active cases

Gipton & Harehills = 41 active cases

##### **Cases opened in the last 3 months by ward and type**

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill = 13 of which, 3 x Noise, 9 x ASB, 1 x DV

Gipton & Harehills = 18 of which, 4 x Noise, 13 x ASB, 1 x Hate

Killingbeck & Seacroft = 28 of which, 2 x Noise, 23 x ASB, 1 x DV

##### **Additional Information**

- Team Leodis (Police Officers working as part of LASBT) continues to operate in the Gipton area, concentrating on the problem of youths entering tower blocks to commit ASB and intimidating residents. As a result a total of 7 applications for partial closure orders have been submitted to Legal Services. These orders if granted, will effectively close off all the communal areas to anyone other than those who habitually reside in the block, their authorised visitors plus trades people, council staff etc.
- The bonfire period passed off relatively peacefully, an officer from LASBT supported West Yorkshire Police from the control room at Elland Road giving advice and assistance on civil powers and information from various systems.
- Two Officers from LASBT working in Inner East have received Chief Officer Commendations for their work. One for his outstanding contribution to partnership working, alongside Team Leodis in the Gipton area and another for going the extra mile and carrying out evening patrols alongside a PCSO in the East End Park area, a number of key actions were taken on their patrols over 3 nights, including the issuing of a Section 80 Noise Abatement Notice, having 2 abandoned vehicles removed and most crucially stopping and seizing 30 large bladed kitchen knives from a man selling these in the street in the Ascot Terrace area. He claimed to be a market trader but the officers were having none of it and the 7 boxes of knives were seized and removed thus preventing these getting into the wrong hands, especially the hands of young people and thus preventing more knife crime.

## Neighbourhood Policing Team

### Service Updates

Serious and Acquisitive Crime Demand Data:

| <b>Inner East</b>                 | <b>Sept - Oct 22</b> | <b>Oct - Nov 22</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Burglary - business and community | 11                   | 15                  | 4             |
| Burglary - residential            | 56                   | 50                  | 6             |
| Robbery                           | 22                   | 11                  | 11            |
| Theft from motor vehicle          | 41                   | 57                  | 16            |
| Theft of motor vehicle            | 35                   | 21                  | 14            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                | <b>165</b>           | <b>154</b>          | <b>11</b>     |

| <b>Burmantofts and Richmond Hill</b> | <b>Sept - Oct 22</b> | <b>Oct - Nov 22</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Burglary - business and community    | 4                    | 2                   | 2             |
| Burglary - residential               | 15                   | 15                  | 0             |
| Robbery                              | 9                    | 5                   | 4             |
| Theft from motor vehicle             | 12                   | 7                   | 5             |
| Theft of motor vehicle               | 17                   | 7                   | 10            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                   | <b>57</b>            | <b>36</b>           | <b>21</b>     |

| <b>Gipton and Harehills</b>       | <b>Sept - Oct 22</b> | <b>Oct - Nov 22</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Burglary - business and community | 5                    | 5                   | 0             |
| Burglary - residential            | 17                   | 17                  | 0             |
| Robbery                           | 9                    | 6                   | 3             |
| Theft from motor vehicle          | 25                   | 38                  | 13            |
| Theft of motor vehicle            | 11                   | 6                   | 5             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                | <b>67</b>            | <b>72</b>           | <b>5</b>      |

| <b>Killingbeck and Seacroft</b>   | <b>Sept - Oct 22</b> | <b>Oct - Nov</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Burglary - business and community | 2                    | 8                | 6             |
| Burglary - residential            | 24                   | 18               | 6             |
| Robbery                           | 4                    | 0                | 4             |
| Theft from motor vehicle          | 4                    | 12               | 8             |
| Theft of motor vehicle            | 7                    | 8                | 1             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                | <b>41</b>            | <b>46</b>        | <b>5</b>      |

Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Demand Data:

| Inner East                           | Sep - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Adult nuisance non - alcohol related | 13           | 17           | 4         |
| Alcohol                              | 5            | 4            | 1         |
| Fireworks/snowballing                | 1            | 18           | 17        |
| Littering/drugs paraphernalia        | 0            | 1            | 1         |
| Neighbour related                    | 17           | 8            | 9         |
| Nuisance car/van                     | 4            | 9            | 5         |
| Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike        | 35           | 21           | 14        |
| Youth related                        | 39           | 64           | 25        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                   | <b>114</b>   | <b>142</b>   | <b>28</b> |

| Burmantofts and Richmond Hill        | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change    |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Adult nuisance - non alcohol related | 6             | 4            | 2         |
| Alcohol                              | 1             | 2            | 1         |
| Fireworks/snowballing                | 1             | 10           | 9         |
| Littering/drugs paraphernalia        | 0             | 0            | 0         |
| Neighbour related                    | 3             | 2            | 1         |
| Nuisance car/van                     | 1             | 4            | 3         |
| Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike        | 10            | 10           | 0         |
| Youth related                        | 14            | 14           | 0         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                   | <b>36</b>     | <b>46</b>    | <b>10</b> |

| Gipton and Harehills                 | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|
| Adult nuisance - non alcohol related | 5             | 10           | 5        |
| Alcohol                              | 3             | 2            | 1        |
| Fireworks/snowballing                | 0             | 5            | 5        |
| Littering/drugs paraphernalia        | 0             | 1            | 1        |
| Neighbour related                    | 10            | 4            | 6        |
| Nuisance car/van                     | 3             | 5            | 2        |
| Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike        | 12            | 5            | 7        |
| Youth related                        | 20            | 24           | 4        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                   | <b>53</b>     | <b>56</b>    | <b>3</b> |

| Killingbeck and Seacroft           | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change    |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Adult nuisance non-alcohol related | 2             | 3            | 1         |
| Alcohol                            | 1             | 0            | 1         |
| Fireworks/snowballing              | 0             | 3            | 3         |
| Littering/drugs paraphernalia      | 0             | 0            | 0         |
| Neighbour related                  | 4             | 2            | 2         |
| Nuisance car/van                   | 0             | 0            | 0         |
| Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike      | 13            | 6            | 7         |
| Youth related                      | 5             | 26           | 21        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                 | <b>25</b>     | <b>40</b>    | <b>15</b> |

## **Environment**

### CNT Update

#### **Killingbeck, Seacroft, Gipton (TL- Carol Collins) (Service overview provided by Abi Bungay Area Manager)**

Carol Collins Team Leader (TL) has recently returned to work from long term sick. Carol is completing a phased return to work, where Carol and the team require my support.

Recruitment for the CNT is an ongoing piece of work and I'm hopeful it won't be long before any vacancies within the east CNT are filled. A job fair is taking place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November for the Assistant Charge hand vacancies the service is carrying. The purpose of a job fair is to promote the service, vacancies, and conger up interest from people who the service may miss.

Keep Britain Tidy purple bags continue to be proving positive and are being utilised by lots of community groups, litter free Leeds. They are a great way to distinguish between Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) Street cleaning and community litter picking. The CNT purchase the bags and distribute to groups on their request. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of the community groups complete in their own time. The CNT are keen to continue to work together to support the groups as best the service can. This work is ongoing.

Stephen Morton Environmental Action Officer who mainly concentrates his time in and around Killingbeck, Seacroft and Gipton he works with local businesses in relation to duty of care of their waste, commercial waste issues, domestic waste, litter problems, waste in gardens, and much more.

I have been working closely with the street crews to look at ways to smarten up service delivery and improve consistency. This piece of work will be under constant review where adaptations may be needed throughout. With the input, feedback, guidance, and support from the crews Charge hands between us we have devised a zonal way of working. The maps have only been in existence for a month or so. They are being closely monitored, and under constant review. A meeting is due to take place in November to discuss how the maps are going, and to see if any tweaks are required to improve service delivery.

The general census is the street crew are working hard to keep on top of street cleaning, where they do a great job. This is credit to the street cleaning team who work hard where their efforts don't go unnoticed. The team will continue to deliver the service to the best of their ability, even though they continue to face staffing issues, mainly connected to general sickness, annual leave and carrying vacancies.

To assist and help with future service overviews for the east CNT would it be possible for any direction in terms of the type of information you would like the service to provide you?

## 5. Children & Young People – Champion Councillor Katie Dye

### Youth Services Update

#### **Ensure the most vulnerable are protected**

We have continued to see a rise in numbers at our open centre-based provisions. This includes our Nowell Mount Youth Club (Tuesday evenings) bi-weekly Youth Clubs at Richmond Hill (Wednesday and Friday), bi-weekly Youth Clubs at the Bilal Centre (Monday and Friday) and Thursday night Youth Clubs at both the Denis Healey Centre and Henry Barran Centre. A particular point to note is that we are also really pleased that we can once again delivering a regular Monday evening Youth Club at Crossgates Community Centre.



The above pictures highlight just a few examples of Young People engaging in various discussions and activities. Our Youth Work Team blend the opportunity to have fun with a range of issue-based topics and interventions covering safeguarding, substance misuse, how to stay safe, what would make them feel safe in their local area, wellbeing, sexuality, healthy eating, peer pressure and bullying. The above images show Young People taking part in our healthy eating initiative, exploring the importance of being kind, making t-shirts with messages of how to stay safe and discussing what Young People expect from local Youth provision.

We deliver several detached and mobile sessions throughout the week to ensure we are not only able to engage with Young People and communities, but also address a range of local concerns highlighted by partners through ensuring our teams are present in targeted areas. Examples of this include incorporating the highways tower block as part of weekly programme following various updates via community safety and contextual MACE meetings, delivering detached work up to 23:00 to address the increasing concerns regarding youth motorcycle in Seacroft (Thursday evening) and in the Bayswater Area (Wednesday evening) following a rise in reports of Youth nuisance behaviour. There are also a range of examples of more short term pieces of work following information sharing and intervention requests from partners, an example of this would include diverting detached provision to Easterly Square (Weekly) following a request/intelligence sharing from LASBT East. As part of our detached programme, we have also partnered with local police officers to support the development of relationships between Young People and police officers within the local community.



Our weekly detached provision covers several areas across the East North East, covering key areas such as East End Park, Crossgreen, Lincoln Green, Ebor Gardens, the Bellbrook's, Coldcotes, Tesco (Seacroft), North Parkway, Rein Park, Boggart Hill, Killingbeck Asda, Killingbeck Meadows, Parklands Primary, Ashton Park, Harehills Park, Banstead Park, and the Bayswater's. This provision is key to highlighting presence within the local community whether workers are on foot or the mobile van. The locations mentioned are just some of our regular areas and this provision is continually reviewed and diverted as required.

We have also delivered a range of provisions (and established new provisions) to ensure we target those most in need. There is currently no better example of this than our weekly Inner East Girls Group. This group takes places at the Compton Centre but is accessible to all young women and girls across the East North East. This is highlighted following a recent referral from Seacroft and Manston Cluster, following initial contact a member of a Youth Work Team met with the Young Person (and parent) and explained what we could offer and how this could be of benefit. This Young Person now attends provision in all three wards within the Inner East. The group has delivered a range of activities from bracelet making and pottery design, all whilst discussing contemporary issues such a healthy relationships and peer pressure.



In addition to our regular weekly provision, we have also delivered a range of additional interventions as part of this project. Thanks to funding from the Inner East Community Committee, we recently took the group to Hollywood Bowl. To ensure the smooth running of the majority of our trips, we work with internal and external travel providers and in most cases make use of minibus. On this particular trip Youth Workers supported the group to attend using public transport, several of the group had never

used public transport and as such workers empowered the group to book tickets, pay for tickets and support the management of anxiety in large public spaces such as Leeds Bus Station. This session (and associated trip) provided several wonderful outcomes. This includes that fact that two of the girls who attend the group / trip have since had the confidence to attend a further trip with other Young People from the local community. Not only this but one of the Young Women is now attending a local football group, something that the Young Person referred to as unthinkable had we suggested this only a few weeks earlier. Having gained this increased level of confidence, we were then able to facilitate the group in attending a recent play at the city verities. The play was focused on healthy relationships and delivered in conjunction with the NSPCC, following the play the group were able to speak with the actors and further highlight the importance of this message. Our Youth Work Team have since been invited to meet with the creators of this programme and explore ideas for future projects. Finally, following the success of this group our team have been approached by the Safeguarding Lead at the Co-Op Academy regarding the mirroring of this project within the school setting and we look forward to sharing future updates with respect of this project.

### **Improving social, emotional, and mental health wellbeing.**

Social, emotional, and mental wellbeing continues to be a key focus across several of our provisions. Many of our sessions have focused directly on wellbeing, exploring what is meant by wellbeing, how we can maintain a positive wellbeing and what support is available should challenges be presented which impact negatively upon our wellbeing.



Our Nowell Mount Youth Club have recently explored the meaning of confidence and the impact of this on wellbeing and self-worth. When discussing this with Young People it became apparent that there was a huge amount of value in the elements and skills that made each Young Person unique. This resulted in our second 'Nowells Got Talent' where not only did Young People have the opportunity to showcase their talents, but they also got the opportunity to share experiences about past examples of peer pressure, bullying, and the challenges they had faced when being themselves. The talent show was the culmination of several weeks work based upon the importance of being yourself and importantly supporting others in this venture also. It was wonderful to see local PCSOs and Councillor Luke Farley attend the session and form a part of our judging panel

We continue to work alongside a number of partners, and this has (and continuous to) prove extremely beneficial when supporting both the physical and emotional wellbeing of Young People. Through our partnership provisions with LUFC Foundation and Saxton Gardens FC, we have been able to co-facilitate a range of opportunities for Young People to be physically active each and every week. The sessions are designed in a way that Young People can both access the Youth Club throughout the LUFC Foundation session (Nowell Mount) and also so that Young People attend the Youth Club directly after the Saxton Gardens Football for refreshments and space to relax and recover (Richmond Hill). Young People have repeatably reported on the benefit of this physical activity and how it helps them switch off from challenging days and issues. Sporting activities are integrated throughout our bi-weekly youth provision based out of the Bilal Centre in which we ensure that whilst Young People can engage in a range of activities this is constantly alongside a range of issue based work. Following a recent meeting with partners in Seacroft we will also be delivering sporting activities at part of our Dennis Healey Youth Provision (Thursday evening) as through delivering in partnership with LS14 Trust we have additional capacity to enhance the provision.

As a result of now having a full time worker within our B3 Team (covering Killingbeck and Seacroft, Burmantofts and Richmond Hill), we have been able to significantly increase the amount of one-one support that we are able to offer. This has resulted in several Young People receiving one-one support from a Youth Worker on a weekly basis. This has been essential for Young People who may not have the confidence (as yet) to attend one of our busier Youth Provisions as well as due to recent behaviours (and being under investigation) one Young Person was temporarily excluded from provision, one-one support was therefore essential for this Young Person to ensure continued support and continued engagement with the service.

Following the successful application to the Violence Reduction Unit, we are now delivering an East North East wide provision focussed on various risk taking and anti-social behaviours. This has seen numerous additional sessions in each of the three wards and whilst every session is different, there are several common factors, one of which is the association between various behaviours and the impact on the wellbeing of both self and others. Recent examples of this would include sessions focused on peer pressure, bullying, respect, and positive choice. Young People have been supported to reflect and recognise the impact their behaviour has upon themselves, their families, and the wider community.

Our Violence Reduction Unit sessions will continue until March 2023 and will take place weekly until this time in the form of centre based, detached and offsite (OnTrak – Bradford) provision.

### **Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours**

Positive decision making is something which was integrated throughout our programming in preparation for the recent period which included Halloween, Mischief Night, and Bonfire Night. Local PCSOs have attended several sessions, and this has been a fantastic addition to the programming. Not only is this an opportunity for officers to raise awareness of the implication of poor choice and risk taking behaviour, but it continues to cement positive relationships between Young People and local officers.



This work which has been underway for several months proved to be invaluable in what has historically been a challenging period within the Inner East. The Youth Service was a key partner in the preparation, planning and delivery of diversionary activity throughout the period 31/10/22-05/11/22. Funding from Gipton and Harehills ward members allowed the enhancement of significant amount of provision during this period and following the recent partnership debrief meeting it has been great to see the impact and overall success of this diversionary work.

We have seen a direct correlation between Young People who have been encouraged in various forums to share their voice and the positive impact this has (and continuous to have) on positive informed decision making. Young People have also benefitted from having an increased level of ownership with respect to the sessions they attend. We recently had Councillor Luke Farley attend our Richmond Hill provision and explore what resources Young People felt would improve the provision. This was followed up by Young People putting together a small grants application to cover the costs of a number of resources which they felt would further improve the provision. Young People were supported to complete all aspects of the application and this was subsequently submitted to the communities team. Young People were extremely pleased that the funding has been awarded and are looking forward to putting the resources to good use. The below images highlight both the

supporting letter and letter of thanks which were 100% created and finalised by Young People from the local community.



## Thankyou!

In addition to the above, we would also like to place on record a huge thankyou to both individual and collective support we have received from Inner East Ward Members. We have received a range of support which I have briefly summarised below (the individual funding reports will contain more specific detail) but I felt it was important this was noted at this point.

Due to Gipton and Harehills Ward Members funding £4000 towards the rental costs of the Bilal Centre, we can run a highly attended bi-weekly provision in the heart of the community. As highlighted previously this enables the delivery of range of sporting activities alongside constant issue based work and preventive workshops. Councillor Farley has played a key role in building relationships with Young People from across Burmantofts and Richmond Hill. Young People from both our Nowell Mount and Richmond Hill Youth Clubs have thrived from the process of applying for funding, receiving confirmation of success, and ensuring the purchase of some fantastic resources. The funding received from the whole Inner East Community Committee for a range of trips has been greatly received and appreciated by Young People from all areas. Thus far we have delivered eleven trips including Barnsley Metrodome, Hollywood Bowl, City Varieties and Skelton Grange Activity Centre. In addition to this we have held a football tournament and celebratory BBQ and already have further trips booked in the form of two more trips to Skelton Grange, activities at Herd Farm, and a Christmas pantomime.

This year we made two changes with regards Youth Activity Fund applications in the Inner East. The first been that this was an Inner East wide application rather than individual wards. This has been really productive as not only did it allow for Young People from all areas to attend the provisions, it also meant that when he got the inevitable last minute cancellation from one or two Young People, we could immediately fill this space due to having the reach of all three wards to call upon. The second change was that our plan was to deliver this over the course of 22/23 and not 'just' a summer programme offer, this has been incredible beneficial as not only did we deliver a range of trips in the August (Summer Holidays), but we have also delivered trips in October 22 half term with further trips scheduled for the Christmas Holidays and February 23 half term. It has also allowed us to maximise reach of Young People, for example we recently took a group of Young People from our Crossgates Youth Club to Skelton Grange activity centre. Had we solely delivered trips over summer this would not have been possible due to this group not yet been established.



We are currently putting the finishing touches on the Inner East Wellbeing pack project which will commence on 05/12/22 and we look forward to sharing the impact of this across several communities.

Finally, we are really excited to play a role in the planning and delivery of the Inner East Youth Summit alongside safer stronger communities and Councillor Dye. We will be incorporating the Youth Activity Fund Questionnaire in January 2023 and we can't wait to capture the voice of Young People from across the Inner East.

## 7. Health & Wellbeing – Champion Councillor David Jenkins

### Public Health Update

#### **Winter vaccinations**

The national campaign in support of the seasonal flu and Covid vaccination programmes has launched and downloadable assets are available from the Campaign Resource Centre. More than 10 million people have now received their Covid autumn booster in England, with 50% of those 65 and over getting their flu jab, helping protect against serious illness throughout the winter.

Key messages are as follows:

- COVID-19 and flu spread more quickly in winter and can cause serious illness. If you're 50 years or over, you are eligible for a free flu vaccine and a COVID-19 booster.
- If you are pregnant, flu and COVID-19 can cause serious harm to you and your baby. So, make sure you get your free flu vaccine and COVID-19 booster. Many young children can also get a free flu vaccine.
- If you have certain health conditions, you are more at risk this winter and will need the flu vaccine and COVID-19 booster.
- If you're 50 years or over, have certain health conditions or are pregnant, you should have the flu vaccine and COVID-19 booster. Many children are also eligible for a free flu nasal spray vaccine.

#### **Covid update**

The autumn booster programme is focused on protecting those who continue to be more at risk of severe Covid. People aged 50 years and over, those in care homes, and those aged 5 years and over in clinical risk groups are being offered an autumn booster. Those at greatest risk are being invited first. Individuals are being asked not to contact their GP practice for an appointment unless they have received an invitation.

Key messages are as follows:

- Continue to wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitiser.
- Although it feels like life is returning to normal, Covid is still with us.
- The virus spreads easily when people are together in enclosed spaces such as on public transport or even indoors at home.
- Getting up to date with your vaccinations is the best defence against infection, to keep yourself and your family healthy.
- The medical professionals at the vaccination clinic will be happy to answer any questions you have about the vaccines. You can read more on [the NHS website](#).
- Visit [Walk-in vaccination clinics](#) for a full list of your options across Leeds.

#### **Covid toolkit**

A Covid toolkit is available with assets and copy for social media. You can access the content [here](#), in the folder titled Covid-19 vaccine information and resources.

## Useful Covid links

Covid information is available via the following links:

- General info about Covid-19 vaccines is available [here](#)
- Information on the Autumn booster programme is available [here](#)
- Further information including autumn booster FAQs is available [here](#)

Regular covid community pop up clinics take place in the community if you would like more information please contact [chetna.patel@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:chetna.patel@leeds.gov.uk)

## Flu update

Cases of flu have started to climb, indicating that the season has started earlier than normal. This is leading to increased pressure on emergency departments, with rates of hospitalisation rising fastest in children under five.

The flu vaccine is being offered free through the NHS to help protect groups most at risk of getting seriously ill. Vaccination is important because more people are likely to get flu this winter as fewer people will have built up natural immunity during the Covid pandemic. People who get flu and Covid at the same time are more likely to be seriously ill.

Information on eligibility can be found [here](#).

The vaccine is available at:

- GP surgeries
- some pharmacies – available to those aged 18 or over
- some maternity services if you're pregnant

A list of pharmacies offering the flu vaccination is available [here](#).

Leeds City Council is offering free flu vaccinations to the following members of staff:

- front-line care staff in Adults and Health and Children's Services
- any members of staff who work directly with the public, for example at Hubs

LCC colleagues can make an appointment for a vaccination by using the [electronic booking system](#).

## Heathy Start Events

Families continue to struggle with the cost-of-living crisis and having access to Healthy Start vouchers. Public Health, LCC, ZEST and the NHS (Childhood vaccination and immunisation team and Oral Health Team) are continuing to promote the Healthy Start vouchers and the benefits of healthy eating. The Healthy Start Scheme is now provided on a digital platform which is impacting on families who have no access to digital equipment. These events are to support people to apply and provide health information focusing on families. At the last event in November over 60 people attended

More information is provided here: [How to apply – Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)  
For more information on HS contact Esther Bissell [esther.bissell@zestleeds.org.uk](mailto:esther.bissell@zestleeds.org.uk)

## School Learning and Cost of Living Markets

Following on from the 5 spring/summer wellbeing sessions in the local schools the Inner East Public Health Localities team alongside Learning Partnerships held the first school event; over 20 organisations including financial support, jobs and skills, health and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations attended

as well as the COVID vaccination nurses to provide the vaccine. Parents were given free goody bags with hygiene products and household cleaning items as well as an opportunity to talk to organisations regarding the services and activities they provide. Children were given materials to make money boxes as well as fun activities of face painting and balloon modeller. Hot Soup was served by Feel Good Factor with the recipe and ingredients given to parents to make at home.

The first event was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Bracken Edge School with over 90 parents attending, feedback from both organisations and parents was very positive. The next event will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> December at Brownhills Academy 2pm-4 pm with more to follow over the winter months. These events have been funded by Public Health, Health Protection team and Learning Partnerships. For more information contact [tina.leslie@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:tina.leslie@leeds.gov.uk).

### **Stay Well This Winter Grants**

Stay Well This Winter Grants, funded by LCC Public Health, aim to support a range of community-based projects that target help for vulnerable people in Leeds who are the most susceptible to the adverse effects of cold weather. Grants between £500 and £2,500 were available for local and city-wide community projects, with £5,000 for exceptional citywide projects. Funding has been awarded to four organisations delivering in the Inner East including; Zest, Richmond Hill Elderly Action, Space 2 and Leeds Irish Health and Homes. For more information please see: <https://www.leedscf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Grants-Awarded-2022.xlsx>

### **Better Together Health and Wellbeing Service**

In response to the cost of living crisis our Better Together providers will be expanding their service to provide cost of living activities and offers focused around food provision and fuel poverty. These include; the creation of warm spaces, the distribution of wellbeing packs (including food items) and the development of a food pantry.

### **HATCH LCP Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) sub group**

The Hatch Local Care Partnership DVA subgroup working alongside the Safeguarding and Domestic Violence Team are offering a free 3-hour training session on Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) and how to become a DVA ambassador.

This training is for volunteers attached to organizations who would like to increase their awareness around Domestic Violence and Abuse and be able to sign-post any disclosures appropriately. Volunteers will need to be attached to organization to ensure you have the appropriate support should it be required. **Volunteers who do not receive supervision from an organization will not be suitable for this training session.**

The training session will take place on the **23rd Nov - 10am - 1pm.**

If you fit the criteria, please send one email per attendee to Safer Leeds Safeguarding and DV Team [SaferLeedsSafeguardingandDVTeam@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:SaferLeedsSafeguardingandDVTeam@leeds.gov.uk) stating your name, organization a short description of your role and whether you are a paid or un-paid worker.

**\*\*Please note: This session is not for professionals.** Professionals who require training should request to be added to the DVA Professionals Module Training mailing list for a full list of courses via [SaferLeedsSafeguardingandDVTeam@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:SaferLeedsSafeguardingandDVTeam@leeds.gov.uk).\*\*

[The Hatch LCP meeting had their second workshop on DVA and invited speakers from organisations who work with male victims of DVA and young people. The meeting also discussed the white ribbon campaign and 16 days of action which starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. We are encourage people to take part in White Ribbon Day and make a difference towards ending violence against women and girls for more information follow the link here: White Ribbon UK](#)

[The social media campaign is also available contact SaferLeedsSafeguardingandDVTeam@leeds.gov.uk several organisations will also be hosting events during the 16 days.](#)

For further information on the DVA subgroup please contact Chetna.

### **ROMA Women's Health and Wellbeing Group**

This group was set up with Public Health funding and continues to go from strength to strength. The aim is to inform educate and empower ROMA women to achieve better health outcomes for their families with support from different services coming in to talk to the group.

### **City wide update:**

#### **Public Health (Primary care and Localities Team) collaborative workstream response to the Cost-of-Living Crisis with a specific focus on Fuel Poverty and Winter wellbeing:**

*Cold weather brings an increased risk of mortality in some older people and those with long term conditions. There are two issues, preventing cold related exacerbation of illness and reducing the burden of increased cold related healthcare demand. Key groups of concern are low-income families, older people, people with living respiratory and cardiac conditions.*

**The Approaches:** *Identifying those at greatest risk of increased GP appointments and hospital admissions in the cold weather and impending cost of living crisis. Working in a targeted areas to offer non-medical support to people with increased risk of isolation.*

*There are currently two workstreams which have been developed to support people in a targeted area and Primary care:*

**Workstream 1 – Primary care.** A systematic data extraction workstream that will work within Primary Care to extract high risk patients using read codes from clinical reporting systems at Practice level. The reporting structures are available citywide for all Practices on both clinical systems to use and target patients at increased risk of worse health outcomes and increased usage of healthcare over the winter. We have additional funds to support some PCN's and Practices based within the Leeds 10% most deprived communities. The reports capture Long Term Condition Read Codes of concern:

- Diagnosis of COPD/suspected COPD + admission to A&E in last 12 months
- Children with asthma + steroids within 12 months + A&E admission
- Over 18 with 2 or more exacerbation of COPD + prednisolone prescription

The workstream has been piloted in Armley by working in collaboration with Linking Leeds, (Leeds social prescriber service), the social prescriber based in the PCN has developed a pathway to support general practice to find, contact and support their patients. A named person will contact those registered patients with one of the listed conditions highlighted in the report via a letter, followed by a supportive phone call from the Practice.

An offer of person-centred support will be discussed using a 'what matters to me' approach. A referral into Leeds Care and Repair Fuel Poverty scheme is made if patients have discussed this as a concern and they fit their eligibility criteria. Care and Repair would conduct a home assessment and offer a holistic package of care which will include existing care and repair services; energy advice and equipment in addition to the distribution of required home energy appliances, known to reduce home energy consumption. In addition, there is an offer of financial support via the Green Doctor for meter top-ups. There is also an opportunity for further referral into food pantry's, food banks and local and city-wide support services.

This pilot has been tested and the project is now ready to be rolled out city wide. The reports and templates are available on the clinical systems for all Practices in the city; an expression of interest letter has been distributed to the remaining 7 PCN's in the area. Funding is available for PCN's and Practices at £15 per eligible patient.

**Workstream primary care training** – A training package has been developed for primary care colleagues to update them on the Leeds winter wellbeing offer. The training will include information on how to support patients at increased risk of illness due to cold homes and to mitigate potential increases in access to primary care for cold and Col requirements. The webinar will offer bespoke training from the data quality team at the ICB Leeds to talk through the clinical systems and reporting methods and template function to ensure all information is captured within the clinical systems. The training will be offered over 3 lunchtimes and is available for all the PCN workforce and wider system working colleagues.

## **Workstream 2 – Identifying a wider group of individuals via previous Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) data lists and creating a network of support to help people stay warm and well at winter in Chapeltown PCN**

Several means of identifying this cohort have been problematic, creating an evolving workstream. Public Health are working with Health Partnerships Team to create a one door network of VCS partners operating in Chapeltown PCN. Together this network will provide a holistic offer of care to residents, removing the requirement of all services recording demographic data and the story of the individual. Partners include: Chapeltown CAB, Bramley Baths, Recovery Runners, TVC, UK Counselling Network, Feel Good Factor, Space 2, Black Health Initiative and Flourishing Families.

Work to create one referral form and pathway linking up all services is underway. Public Health will act as fuel poverty champion in addition to conducting an informal training needs assessment with the partner organisations to assess knowledge of fuel poverty. This will include embedding a fuel poverty offer within their respective services.

## **Universal Training and Development Offer – Warm Spaces, Fuel and Food Poverty**

A briefing has been developed that will be shared at an open invitation webinar. This is being advertised through Leeds LCP networks. The webinar will explain the universal offer of warm spaces, food and fuel poverty work and services available, in addition to available resources.

### **Further information on the above workstreams please contact:**

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Georgia Blaney, [georgia.blaney@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:georgia.blaney@leeds.gov.uk) – Workstream 2 – PCN Chapeltown

## **Sexual Health survey**

We are currently consulting with people in Leeds on their views on sexual health services in the city. We have a live survey that we'd like people living in Leeds to fill in. We are very keen to get many people's views, so any support you can give in sharing the survey will be very much appreciated. Those that fill in the survey and submit their email address will be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 voucher.

We are also doing separate workshops for most at risk populations; therefore, this survey is a general survey for the public in Leeds aged 16 and over. We would be really grateful if you could please share this far and wide amongst your staff, service users and any other contacts you have. I have also attached a poster which we would be grateful if you can print and advertise, it has a QR code for the survey.

Have your say on sexual health services in Leeds for a chance to win

Your feedback will help us to design services that better meet the needs of the people in the city. If you're a Leeds resident or you're living in the city whilst studying, please complete the survey [here](#).

**There are twenty £25 e-vouchers up for grabs for those taking part.**

## **NHS health check local consultation**

5 December, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Location: Leeds Civic Hall, Banqueting Suite

Organised by LCC Public Health, this event is an opportunity to support the Leeds review and offer insight for future delivery. The invitation is open to stakeholders, partners, private and voluntary sectors and is an opportunity to explore how we deliver a good NHS health check. The event will look at how to increase accessibility and reduce health inequalities and explore models of delivery. It is also an opportunity to network.

You can book online [here](#).

## SoundMind

Leeds Central Library

SoundMind runs throughout November at Leeds Central Library and is a programme of activities designed to promote positive health and wellbeing through music. The programme includes author talks, live music, instrument taster sessions and singing workshops.

You can explore the full programme [here](#).

### **West Yorkshire Improving Population Health Fellowship**

The Improving Population Health Fellowship programme aims to tackle health inequalities and make a positive difference to people's lives. They are now looking to recruit the following:

- 30 Health Equity Fellows
- 30 Adversity, Trauma and Resilience Fellows
- 5 Climate Change Fellows
- 5 Suicide Prevention Fellows

Applications open on 7 November and close on 9 December.

An information pack is available which includes details of each fellowship programme plus eligibility and links to the application form.

To request an information pack contact [verity.phillips3@nhs.net](mailto:verity.phillips3@nhs.net) or [caroline.andrews16@nhs.net](mailto:caroline.andrews16@nhs.net).

## Campaigns

### **World Antimicrobial Awareness Week**

18 to 24 November

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week is an annual global campaign that aims to improve awareness and understanding of anti-microbial resistance (AMR) and encourage best practice among the public, stakeholders and policymakers, who all play a critical role in reducing the further emergence and spread of AMR. The week is an opportunity to promote anti-microbial awareness and amplify national messaging and each day has a different theme.

You can find out more [here](#).

## Training and development

### **Leeds health and wellbeing training programme**

If you work with the community, or in a health and wellbeing role, the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Training Programme is perfect for you. The course covers the elements and theory of public health, enabling you to understand and deliver the challenging public health agenda. The programme is open to all those whose work involves improving the health and wellbeing of people and communities.

Starting in January, the course runs for half a day, once a month, over a nine month period. All workshops take place in person at the Public Health Resource Centre in Leeds.

An expression of interest form can be downloaded [here](#). Completed forms should be sent to [phforall@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:phforall@leeds.gov.uk) by 2 December.

For more information email [phforall@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:phforall@leeds.gov.uk).

### **Leeds health and wellbeing champions**

Are you passionate about supporting the health and wellbeing of your colleagues? This one-day course will equip you with the resources and tools needed to support your peers and signpost to relevant health and wellbeing services. It is open to anyone employed by a Leeds-based health and care organisation.

The course provides you with an in-depth understanding of factors that affect health and wellbeing, the knowledge and behaviours to support those in need, and skills to enhance your workplace health and wellbeing culture.

The course is free to attend and there are various dates throughout November and December.

You can find further information and book online [here](#).

### **Building vaccine and screening confidence for higher risk populations**

Vaccine hesitancy can present a risk to population health and negatively impact some of our poorest communities and risk groups. This training is focused on flu vaccinations, although the skills can be utilised for childhood immunisations, Covid vaccine, cancer screening and other health-promoting activities. People who come into contact with low vaccine and screening uptake populations are particularly encouraged to take part.

The workshops last 1.5 hours and there are dates up to 10 January.

There is further information and online booking [here](#).

### **Want to know more about**

These online sessions are for professionals and aim to improve awareness and practice around the subjects covered. They are free to attend.

### **Abortion services in Leeds**

22 November, 2.00pm to 3.00pm

There are safe and legal options for ending a pregnancy. In England you can legally have an abortion up to 23 weeks and 6 days of pregnancy. Protecting the rights of pregnant people to make informed choices has never been more important.

This online session is an opportunity to engage with termination of pregnancy providers in Leeds.

The session will cover:

- what is offered in Leeds for people who want to end their pregnancy or are unsure about their choices
- how the providers support the choices of pregnant people
- myths about abortion dispelled
- information on how to support pregnant people to access these services

There is further information and online booking [here](#).

**Start with people conference**

24 November, 10.00am to 4.00pm

This bi-annual conference is aimed at anyone working in health and care who has a passion to improve engagement with people and communities.

A key event for people involved in public engagement in the health sector within the UK the online conference brings together world-renowned experts and senior NHS leaders with practitioners who are delivering this agenda in the heart of their communities.

The theme for the event is trust: How do we ensure people and communities feel that they can trust the NHS?

There is further information and online booking [here](#).

**Public health taster session**

29 November, 10.00am to 12.30pm

This free taster session is designed to provide an overview public health and some of the key challenges within local, national and global health.

The session is aimed at people who are keen to understand more about the scope and breadth of public health. It will also inform what you can do to improve and protect health in your everyday practice. The session also covers career and development opportunities.

There is further information and online booking [here](#).

## 8. Locality Working Update

The revised Locality Working model was approved by Executive Board – 16th March 2022 and agreed to:

- Support the continued development of the Locality Working approach and endorse the evolving whole city approach to Locality Working around the more targeted, seasonal and responsive approach.
- Support the upscale of the Locality Working approach to increase the priority neighbourhood footprint in our most disadvantaged communities to cover all the 12 (1%) most disadvantaged neighbourhoods, whilst retaining a focus at the ward level in the city's 6 priority wards to enable greater impact and outcomes, through a collective focus to tackle inequality and poverty and build more thriving and resilient communities.
- Support work with Elected Members and Community Committees to explore how the role and responsibilities of Community Committees could be even further enhanced through the new Locality Working approach.

This has led to an expansion of focus from the existing Priority Neighbourhoods to include the additional 7 x 1% most deprived LSOAs and a review of sustainable activity within Lincoln Green, with its movement out of the 1%. Five of these new areas of focus fall within the Inner East Community Committee area.

Analysis of these neighbourhoods is now underway to understand both what the local data is telling us and what are the prevailing issues for these areas.

### Cost of Living

As with many national challenges, the cost of living crisis is having a disproportionate impact upon our most disadvantaged communities. It has therefore become a key driver for the Locality Working agenda over recent months.

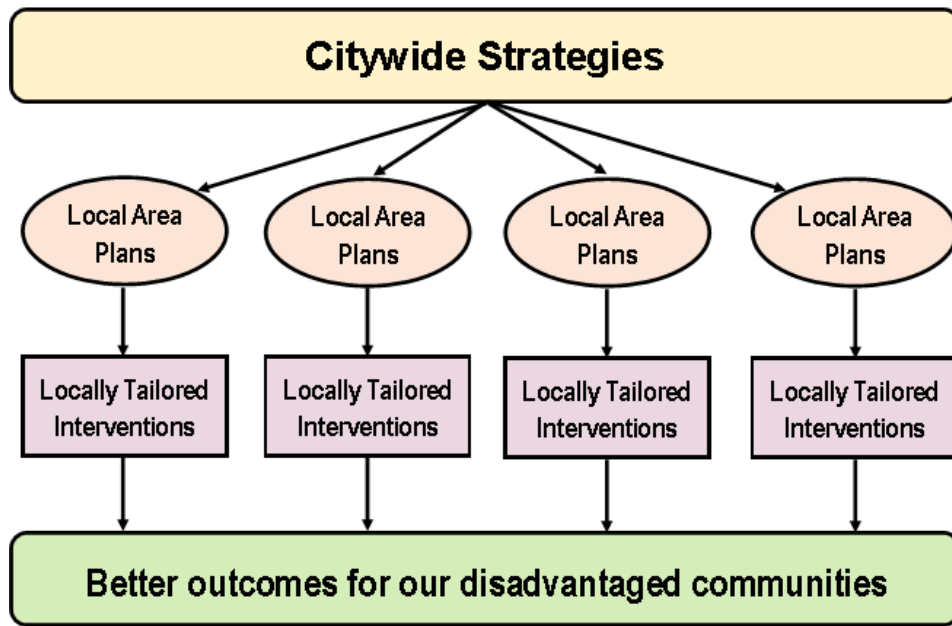
Work is underway to look at how Wellbeing and Youth Activities funding can be better supported to help target cost of living issues. Cost of living discussions have also been held in a number local partnerships and discussions have been held with our Community Anchor Networks, across the Priority Wards, to see how we can better join up and coordinate activities that support this area of work. Some examples of the types of project being delivered are included in the examples of Locality Working Activity, as detailed in the ward updates below.

### Local Area Plans and NIB Delivery Plan

As part of the refreshed Locality Working Framework, it was agreed to develop Local Area Plans (LAPs). These LAPs will articulate the Community Committee and Priority Ward Core Team, work programmes and will feed into the NIB Delivery Plan, with regular progress updates provided to the NIB and Locality Working Delivery Group. They will demonstrate how the NIB Delivery Plan is being translated locally in each of the priority neighbourhoods and priority wards and provide a more robust performance management framework and a mechanism for monitoring progress.

The NIB Delivery Plan is being reviewed alongside the development of the Local Area Plans, to ensure they link together. Work is also underway to connect and align the LAPs with the new Best City Plan and the 'Three Pillars' of Improving Health & Wellbeing; Inclusive Growth; and Zero Carbon.

The LAPs do not aim to create a new strategy for the city but will look to identify how existing strategies can be delivered at a local level, with the greatest impact.



Given the scale of the challenges these neighbourhoods face, LAPs are being developed to be multi-year plans that will be reviewed and refreshed annually.

The Local Area Plans (LAPs) are starting to come together, and preliminary activity is being identified and undertaken to start to address the issues identified.

#### What is the timetable for implementation?

- **March 2022** – Executive Board approved the new Locality Working approach.
- **June 2022** – New Locality Working approach commenced.
- **October 2022** – Local Area Plans (LAPs) are starting to come together, and preliminary activity is being identified and undertaken to start to address the issues identified.
- **October 2022 – June 2023** – Further work to finalise multi-year plans, including: Youth Summits; and Community Committee prioritisation framework.
- **October 2022 – June 2023** – Core Teams to be reengaged as part of LAP consultation, development, and approval.
- **November 2022** – First meeting of the Locality Working Delivery Group.
- **December 2022** – LWDG Workshop session to look at partnership contribution to LAPs.
- **June 2023** – Finalised, multi-year Local Area Plans agreed.

## **9. Burmantofts & Richmond Hill – Priority Ward**

### **Warm spaces provision**

Warm Spaces are places where people can gather for free in a warm, safe, welcoming place and maybe enjoy a hot drink and some company. The Council is working alongside voluntary, community and faith organisations to establish a network of Warm Spaces across Leeds this winter. These include libraries, community centres, community hubs and other places offering a warm welcome and free to use for anyone struggling to heat their home.

Some venues will also offer hot drinks, activities, and other services such as free Wi-Fi. Warm Spaces will be heated, safe and friendly places where people can comfortably spend time reading, studying or chatting with others.

In Burmantofts and Richmond in addition to the Council Hubs (Compton Centre, Burmantofts Hub) So far 12 other local organisations are offering warm spaces, these include

- St Hildas Church
- St Vincents, Touchstone (Cromwell Mount)
- Bridge Community Church
- Nowell Mount Childrens Centre
- Cross Green Growing Together
- Edmund House Club
- Newbourne Methodist Church
- Saxton Gardens Hub
- Complete Women CIC
- Meeting Point café
- Burmantofts Senior Action (Over 55's)
- Richmond Hill Elderly Action (Over 55's)

More information about the campaign and a map of warm spaces can be found here [Warm Spaces \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/warm-spaces)

### **Cost of living events**

Council services and third sector partners came together to deliver 3 Cost of Living events in the ward. The events were organised by the Customer Hub Team and took place at Compton Centre, Ebor Gardens Community Centre and St Hildas Church. Attendance from the public was good, events like these give people the opportunity for people to seek advice face to face which is invaluable. Services included, Money Buddies, Green Doctor, Housing Leeds, Employment and skills, Customer Access Team and Gamble Aware.

### **Bonfire night diversionary activities**

The run up to bonfire night can be a difficult time in terms of increased anti-social behaviour. This year a modest amount of funding was secured to put on some additional activities for young people to divert them away from ASB. Youth Service ran an extended Youth Club on bonfire night from Richmond Hill Community Centre, The Youth Association took a group of young people from the Bellbrookes away on a 2 night residential and Damasq delivered a family event on the Saturday evening from Ebor Gardens Community Centre. Whilst there were a number of reports of antisocial behaviour involving fireworks thankfully there were no serious incidents or major disorder.



## Christmas celebrations

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Councillors have allocated funding for two Christmas Trees with lights this year. The trees will be in Lincoln Green Square and East End Park. Councillors, local partners and staff from the communities team are currently pulling together some events to bring the community together in the run up to Christmas.

- Lincoln Green Square, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 4-6pm.
- East End Park, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 4-6pm
- East End Park, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 11am

We hope to have some carol singing, craft activities and maybe even a few mince pies!

## 10. Gipton & Harehills – Priority Ward

### Bonfire Night Period

The period between Halloween and Bonfire Night is traditionally one of the "busiest times of the year" for emergency services in Leeds; a period that has also seen anti-social behaviour blight Wards across the city. This tradition for disorder reached its peak in 2019, when lawless crowds in Harehills threw fireworks and bricks at emergency services on Bonfire Night. Thirteen people were subsequently convicted following the incident, with five people receiving prison sentences of up to 36 months.

Officers pledged to clamp down on violence and anti-social behaviour, with a focus on continuous improvement in the way that we work, building on the learning and ways of working from previous years. This has culminated in a seasonal year on year locality working response, with a strong emphasis on more integrated multi-disciplinary ways of working.

Many wards in city now have a task-finish multi-disciplinary team that activates in advance and operates over this challenging period. As an illustration in microcosm, this year in Harehills partners from statutory services such as the Police, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service work in collaboration with Ward Councillors, council officers from the Communities Team, LCC Youth Services, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, LeedsWatch and Active Leeds as well as local schools and community and voluntary sector groups (inc. Community Action to Create Hope (CATCH), Junior Sports Hub and Youth Association) to create a programme of operational activities in a bid to offset the anti-social behaviour and criminality that occurs over this period.

This integrated way of working takes a number of forms; primarily the bonfire planning meetings themselves ensure vital connections are made between key partners months in advance, where partners can work collaboratively to co-produce innovative local solutions. Examples include; pre-emptive visits are made by partners to schools, youth provisions, faith groups and radio stations (Fever FM) to warn of the risks in participating in ASB; outreach and diversionary activities are designed and put in place for the period to engage and dissuade young people from becoming drawn into any criminality; communication links are made between the frontline staff including the use of live Whats app groups to keep people informed of developments in real time and hotspot areas are targeted hardened and kept free of any debris by council services.



Positively, hundreds of children and young people from the Harehills area engaged with local youth providers and the diversionary activities over the key Bonfire Night period. Activities at CATCH and nearby Hovingham Primary School included music, pool, arts and crafts and gaming competitions. CATCH also partnered with the Active Leeds to put on a football tournament and roller skating sessions; both of which proved hugely popular. Leeds City Council's Youth Services and Junior Sports Hub also saw their diversionary activities packed to the rafters with local children and young people who were drawn-in by the offer of games, activities and even a late-night barbecue (despite the inclement weather!).



Cllr Salma Arif (Gipton & Harehills Ward) joining in some of the fun

## Ashton Park Consultation

### ASHTON PARK CONSULTATION

Come and share your thoughts on proposed plans for the future of Ashton Park on

**Wednesday 16th November**

**12:00 - 15:00**

Department for Levelling Up,  
Housing & Communities

A consultation exercise has been undertaken by the Parks and Countryside service in conjunction with Groundwork to garner residents' views on how best to improve Ashton Park in Harehills. Whilst the budget is modest, potential improvements include: plans to plant more foliage around and throughout the park; installation of new climbing frames and swing sets; re-painting some of the old equipment; installation of different coloured play matting; contouring parts of the ground.

More information on the consultation can be found via this online survey:

<https://yourvoice.leeds.gov.uk/ashton-road-play-park-refurbishment>

## Selective Licensing Schemes – Harehills

Both the Harehills and Beeston teams are working hard in their areas to cross the thresholds and make a difference to the lives of residents. As a result of this engagement, over 170 referrals to partners have been made including: financial, housing & health support as well as linking residents up with English language courses and employment and skills opportunities. The Harehills team have had encouraging feedback from tenants and owners. The three case studies below attempt to highlight some of the positive work taking place:

Further to a referral from the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Selective Licensing officers visited a flat in Harehills where they found that a disabled tenant had become housebound due to a faulty battery to their second-hand mobility scooter that had set on fire. Officers arranged for the disabled tenant to be moved to safer, more appropriate accommodation and for the landlord to carry out much needed fire safety works.

During a licence compliance visit, officers could smell gas in the cellar. The property was occupied by a young family from Romania who had not been into the cellar and so had not smelled the gas. The smell of gas was reported to Northern Gas Networks who attended the property within an hour and identified a gas leak from the meter.

As a result of compliance inspections, visual improvements are taking place at licensed properties. The photos – shown below – illustrate this change well.



## **11. Killingbeck & Seacroft - Priority Ward**

### **Seacroft Community Kitchen**

A new project has begun in Seacroft, focused on developing a local community kitchen, as well as working with the community to look at how to cook more efficiently. The project has been developed in direct response to the cost-of-living crisis and food insecurity and local conversations with residents. The project has been jointly funded by the Inner East Community Committee and Public Health.

The community kitchen project is being led by local people and offers a range of cooking courses for the Seacroft community, with a focus on cooking healthily and efficiently, using microwaves and slow cookers and batch cooking for the family. The project has built in sustainability with attendees having the opportunity to take home recipes and ingredients whilst being linked into the local food pantry with an additional offer to be gifted an appliance if required.

The project also has a strong social element, providing an opportunity for the community to socialise whilst cooking and eating together. Researchers from the University of Leeds are planning to support the project by evaluating the use of slow cookers and other appliances as an alternative to ovens.

### **Denis Healey Centre Mechanics**

A community-based project offering young people the opportunity to learn mechanics skills, and to ride motorcycles safely and legally has recently been established at Denis Healey Centre in Seacroft. The project has been very popular, and despite being in its infancy is already at capacity, with a group of 15 young people engaging weekly.

The project aims to divert local young people from motorcycle ASB, whilst still being able to focus on their motorcycle passion, in a safe and positive environment. The project is run by local people and has been supported with funding from the Inner East Community Committee and the Safer Streets Fund.

Three trips to Bumpy have been organised for December, which will offer young people the opportunity to ride safely and legally. These trips will provide a reward for the young people who have consistently engaged in the project.

Due to the project's popularity, the team are exploring how the offer could be expanded in the future, to enable more young people to benefit.

### **HUGO Bus Advice and Support**

Housing Leeds are taking a proactive approach to supporting local residents in Killingbeck & Seacroft. On the 30th November Housing Leeds, Benefit Advisors, Leeds Credit Union and the Green Doctors will be on the HUGO bus visiting different locations in the ward offering advice and support with rent and bills. There is an opportunity for confidential conversations on the bus which is equipped with wifi and if the project works well can be replicated in other areas.

## **12. Community Libraries/Hubs**

### **The Compton Centre:**

#### **Weekly sessions:**

#### **GRT/St Vincent's surgery.**

GRT drop-in surgery-Gypsy Roma Traveller Team continue to hold a drop-in surgery every Wednesday 10-12 to assist the EU communities with utilities, EUSS, School and DWP form filling Fresh Start-part of the GRT Team offer session for EU children not in school every Wednesday 10-12pm.

St. Vincent's Outreach session at Compton Centre- continue to hold an immigration surgery every Wednesday 10-12pm who link in with the GRT team.

#### **Grab a Jab**

Grab a Jab-NHS provide a drop in COVID 19 vaccination clinic Mondays, open to anyone ages 16+ , All doses available.

#### **Bat & Chat**

Bat & Chat session every Mondays 12.30pm & Thursday from 3.15pm. Anyone welcome to come learn how to play ping pong and have a chat, run by PING PONG 4U.

#### **Story and Rhyme Time**

Story and rhyme time is weekly on Fridays 10.30am – 11.30am, a fun interactive session for families with children under 5 years old. This is also followed on by a toy library session and play and stay each week where toys, crafts are currently available for the children to play with on site.

#### **Money Buddies**

Money Buddies Sessions every Friday 9am-12pm. This is a drop-in service where customer can access financial and debt advice and receive representation on specific issues.

#### **Leeds City Credit Union-weekly surgery**

LCCU run a weekly surgery-

#### **CAB drop-in surgery.**

CAB hold a weekly drop-in surgery. Pre booked appointments needed.

#### **ESOL Classes**

Leeds City College run ESOL classes for beginners and Advanced session every Monday.

#### **Youth Service**

Youth serve continue to run youth provision every Wednesday 4pm -6.30 pm. They also run a Girls support group on a Thursday 4pm -6pm.

**Leeds Pathways-** LCC Leeds Pathways support team who deliver a couple of weekly drop in sessions for young people at The Compton Centre.

**Grab a Jab-**Vaccination clinic runs every Monday from 9am till 12pm. First, second and booster COVID vaccinations for anyone eligible, 5 years and above

**Haamla Every Wednesdays** -Haamla is a unique service that provides essential support for pregnant women, and their families, from minority ethnic communities, including asylum seekers and refugees, throughout their pregnancy and postnatal period. It aims to improve access within maternity services, empower and inform women of the choices available during their pregnancy and birth, thereby improving their health and wellbeing.

**PACT-Community Safety Meeting-** This is an opportunity for residents of Gipton & Harehills to meet with Police and Partner agencies to discuss local issues and also set what the policing priorities are moving forwards-Tuesdays every 6 weeks.

**LCC Cleaning recruitment event-** Numerous cleaning opportunity available, Job shop staff were on hand to help with applications. Interview for the vacancies conducted by the cleaning team.

### **Outreach pop up;**

Senior Customer Services officer from The Compton Centre, do an outreach 'Pop – up' Job shop at The Old Gipton Fire Station, who attends fortnightly on Wednesday's, promoting services of Community Hubs & Libraries and engaging with customers to help with Employment Support.

### **Secret Cinema Club**

Cinema club as resumed at Compton, the cinema club runs monthly 4pm till 6pm, Free event, with popcorn and juice, all welcome.

### **In Main library:**

#### **Knitting & Glow**

Your Space run a knitting & Crochet session weekly, free for all to join.

### **Manbassador**

A new local group for men run by ZEST-Men's health unlocked, men can come along meet other men locally and across the city, learn new skills, take part in a range of interesting activities, become part of the mens Health Unlocked Network, Help create a new magazine in Leeds. Group meets at The Compton Centre weekly.

**Free Comics Giveaway event** Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - Comics are a fantastic gateway to get people into reading. Because of their visual nature, they;

- are suitable for all abilities and ages
- overcome language barriers
- are accessible for people with low literacy skills
- develop creative interest in illustration and creative writing
- spark imagination in people to create their own Zines

### **Leeds Baby Bank**

Leeds Baby Bank continue to run a drop in service every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month. Leeds Baby Bank donate Nappies, wipes, toiletries, infant food by age, Leeds Baby bank also except donations of cots, prams, stair gates, Moses baskets, high chairs.

### **Healthy Start Event**

Wellbeing event for families and children- all welcome- held in Oct & Nov  
Free goody bags were given to all attendees

- Free fruit and vegetable Grab Bags
- Register for NHS Healthy Start Scheme (help to buy healthy foods)
- Fantastic stalls including:
  - Patient Ambassadors
  - School Flu Vaccines Team
  - Covid Vaccination Nurses
  - And lots more useful information for you and your family

**Health & wellbeing Blood Pressure Campaign**-as part of NHS & The university of Leeds a Health & wellbeing Blood Pressure pop up will take place through Nov to Dec 2022-customers can get advice on Health & Wellbeing, have their blood pressure taken to check for Hypertension.

**Cost of Living Event-Compton Hosted a Cost of Living Event where** partners/Stakeholders came together who are invested in supporting local residents to navigate the tough times ahead, to give assistance about monetary advice, heating, wellbeing, Housing, Benefits, accessing food/warm meals etc. Free raffle tickets were issued to every attendee to win a slow cooker.

**Warm Space-** Every Community Hub & library offer a warm space and a warm welcome this winter, Offering complimentary hot drinks and board games. We also aim to provide an additional layer of support targeted at those struggling with food, clothing and energy bills .

**Digital Skills Event workshop**-free for anyone who is interested in a career in the digital sector

**RL World Cup event - Salma Bollywood HAKA workshop for school class**

**International Mental Health day**-Sharon Ness-Patient Ambassador held a stall at The Compton Centre to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.

**Free creative writing sessions in Harehills-** facilitated by the current Leeds Playhouse poet in residence Suhaiymah Manzoor Khan.

**Journalism course- Community Reporter Course-** John Baron's fantastic offer of a 6-8 week free course to upskill the community reporting skills, plus some additional help to launch their own news to produce a free community newspaper for East Leeds.

**In Creatorspace at The Compton centre:**

**In Children's library:**

Short Film Screening - Leeds Animation Workshop/ Scalarama Festival

**Seacroft Community Hub and Library**

**Weekly sessions-**

**Registrars** –run weekly, pre booked appointment only.

**Better Leeds Communities** to start Debt and Financial advice surgery 9.30-12.30 Friday's  
Attended team meeting to talk about what they can offer, can also advise on benefits and housing.

**Story and Rhyme Time**

Our very popular story and rhyme time is held every Thursday at 10.30am – 11.30am its interactive for children under 5 years old.

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – **Read Easy** coach Ruth will start using the space at Seacroft to meet with clients on a 1-1 basis helping them to read and write.

12<sup>th</sup> September – **Leeds Digital Careers Festival** – various bookable work shops throughout the day.

12<sup>th</sup> September – **SPACE2 – consultation 'pop up'** with activities/games. Talking to residents to find out what activities/courses they would like to see in the Seacroft area.

12<sup>th</sup> September - One You 'pop up' Stoptober campaign, 10-12pm

Digital Drop-ins returning Sept/Oct alt weeks on Tuesday 10.30-11.30

5<sup>th</sup> October –**LCC Cleaning recruitment event**- Numerous cleaning opportunity available, Job shop staff were on hand to help with applications. Interview for the vacancies conducted by the cleaning team

**Digital121 Drop-in** 'Get online. Get connected.' Fortnightly Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am 13th, 27 th September and 11 th October 1 st , 15th, 29th November and 13th December Seacroft Community Hub & Library Need help to use your tablet, smartphone or computer to try something new, say hello or get tech savvy? Come along with your device or use a library PC and talk to our friendly librarians

who will help you get started. Learn how your device can help you improve your health, access library services to read eBooks and magazines online and even save you money. This is a free event, no booking required

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**Outreach Pop up:**

Senior Customer Services officer from Seacroft Community Hub & Library do an outreach 'Pop – up' Job shop at The Old Gipton Fire Station, who attends fortnightly on Wednesday's, promoting services of Community Hubs & Libraries and engaging with customers to help with Employment Support.

**Crafts@Seacroft**

New craft/knitting/crochet group in collaboration with Stroke Association to get those recovering back out in the community to meet new people. Tuesday's 1.30-3.30

4 ladies attended, previously part of the craft group run at Central Library, but fed back Seacroft is much more convenient for them and "free" as Central have started to charge. They will also be inviting others along from Central to the Seacroft Group.

One of the ladies was knitting scarves and hats for Street Angels to give to the homeless.

Also the college are interested – in working with the group as they are planning a fashion show next year.

Potential to put a funding bid in with the Communities Team for any resources needed.

**Fostering pop** up on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. A fostering advisor & foster carer ambassador was on site offering advice and guidance

**Family History Group**-Librarian led. fortnightly -using Ancestry on our public pc's. Free for all to attend.

**Lifelong Learning week-** The sessions will take place during Lifelong Learning week (7-18 Nov) with a focus on digital skills but also to provide generic information on Adult Learning as a whole.

**Cinema Club**

Monthly cinema club on an evening has resumed. These screenings will be supervised by staff who work at the hub.

The aim is providing a safe environment for young people on an evening where they can meet new friends and familiarise themselves with other events and activities in the hub.

**Burmantofts Community Hub and Library**

**IPad lending Scheme**

The eligibility criteria is that the resident/customer lives in Burmantofts or Richmond Hill area and are digitally excluded for any reason.

The customer will loan an iPad in a case and charger along with 5g of data a month for 3 months. Each month a member of the team at Burmantofts Hub will check in with them to see if they need any help or assistance digitally or would like to be referred to any partners for online assistance.

**Digital drop in session**-every fortnight-Librarian led-Free to all.

**CAB drop-in surgery.**

CAB hold a weekly drop-in surgery. Pre booked appointments needed.

**BRH Neighbouring Policing Team contact point** started at Burmantofts Hub- their community contact points to be held every 3 weeks from 10am-11am Thursday mornings.

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### **13.Community Engagement: Social Media**

**Appendix 1** - Provides the committee with information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner East Community Committee Facebook page, along with the 3-ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages. The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period of time.

The report covers from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### **Corporate Considerations**

### **14.Consultation and Engagement**

The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information detailed within the report.

### **15.Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion, and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

### **16.Council Polices and City Priorities**

Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
- Best City Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

## **17. Resources and Value for Money**

Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

## **18. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

## **19. Risk Management**

Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants can deliver the intended benefits.

## **20. Conclusions**

The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

## **21. Recommendations**

The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

## **22. Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

None.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.