

Subject: Killingbeck and Seacroft Neighbourhood Management Update: April 2013 – September 2013.

Update on Neighbourhood Improvement Plan priorities:

1. Reduce Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

- The area has seen a 24% reduction in crime year on year, with 268 fewer victims of crime.
- Two Operation champions have been held, one on Foundry Mill Street and one on The Rein and surrounding streets. Both operations targeted hotspot areas of Crime, Burglary and ASB, motorbike crime and alleged drug dealing. A further aim of the operation was to raise awareness of the forthcoming changes through welfare reform and promote the help and advice available, also to promote credit union whilst and advising of the pit falls of using high interest lenders and load sharks.
- Funding and support given to off road motorcycles to respond to calls relating to nuisance motorbikes
- A burglary reduction action plan is in place for Killingbeck and Seacroft, activities conveyed from this initiative include :-
 - Identify and manage individuals at risk of becoming involved in burglary through tasking and link in to diversionary activities and agencies.
 - A partnership approach to supporting vulnerable victims and repeat victims
 - A partnership approach to supporting vulnerable children and families through the guidance and support model
- Improve standards of security across all tenure types in identified hot spot streets, including environmental surveys and referrals to CASAC.
- South Seacroft has seen lots of recent drugs issues and 9 warrants have been issued with several arrests been made with bail conditions not to enter Foundry Mill Terrace. Police have removed 10 motorbikes/ Cars from people in the area.
- A full programme of youth summer holiday activities put in place throughout the ward funded by INE AC and Seacroft and Manston Cluster.

2. Promote Physical and Emotional Wellbeing.

- The newly established Seacroft Health improvement group has identified the following as priority issues and will be working with partners to address:-
 - Childhood obesity
 - Healthy cooking on a budget
 - Adult mental health
 - Child sexual exploitation
 - COPD
- A two week play scheme has been funded for vulnerable children aged 5 – 8 identified through social services and SMART team.
- Two groups are running in Seacroft to support vulnerable people
 - Vulnerable men's group
 - Active and Inclusive
- A "Mums the Word" group meets once every three weeks at Crossgates Children's Centre. The group made up of and run by young people who are teen parents or

pregnant. The group is run in partnership between igen Connexions TIAG, Children's centre staff and Youth Service.

- A LS14 Surviving and Thriving partnership approach in place to consider improvements in the community for recovery of addiction and mental health related illness
- Items of second hand furniture donated from Boddington Hall distributed to vulnerable members of the community , i.e. single beds , fridge freezers , microwaves

3. Increase resident's influence and community cohesion.

- Seacroft Gala saw 2500 residents attended the event.
- Well attended Community Leadership Team, with guest speakers relevant to the NIP priorities
- A newly formed Neighbourhood Planning group is now in place, consisting of members from the CLT
- Operation champions used to promote the methods of reporting crime and anti social behaviour.
- Property safety information has been disseminated to residents on projects such as 'it only takes a minute' and 'how do they afford it'?
- 40 students visited the Holocaust museum. The purpose of the visit is to improve community cohesion , to promote inter-racial harmony , whilst evidencing the consequences of the holocaust
- A package of family fun days held within the ward over the summer period :-
 - Two held at DHC throughout the summer , one by the church and one by the by young people involved with the NCS Social Action Project
 - Kentmere Children's centre
 - Crossgates Children's centre and Seacroft Seaside at Manston Park
 - Cross Gates Youth Opportunities ran a summer camp from 29th July - 1st August, 2013.
- Several play schemes ran across the summer holidays :-
 - Denise Healey ran for 4 weeks
 - Kentmere CC / Out and about ran for 2 weeks
 - A play scheme for vulnerable children ran for 2 weeks
- Well attended community bingo sessions held at DHC every two weeks
- 85 young people attended a "Seacroft's Got Talent" event held at Denis Healey Centre
- **Increase employment and economic viability, reduce NEETS and persistent absenteeism.**
- Seacroft opportunity shop opened in June 2013. To date 30 people have attended of which 2 have entered a volunteer programme, 2 have gained work experience, and 1 has obtained full time employment.
- East North East Homes Leeds has employed 12 apprenticeships.
- O.I. L launched in Seacroft to deliver :-
 - motor mechanic training for young people for aged 11 to post 16 – term time
 - Building a youth bike in summer holidays
 - Building a Go Kart

- Multi - Agency Guidance and support groups in place to ensure consistent support for the most vulnerable young people who are NEET or persistently absent from school.
- ON Street project, A joint initiative funded through Seacroft Manston Cluster, Killingbeck and Seacroft well-being , Community Safety, NHS and West Yorkshire Police to address :-
 1. Attendance Support and Challenge – Daily referrals made direct from Schools to the mobile team and supported by WYP have worked with 130 individuals
 2. NEET and Not Known - NEET and Not Known Sweeps are organised by IGEN and supported by Cluster partners. The Sweeps take place once per month.
 3. Bus Stop Project - 157 young people have accessed the health bus mainly for the C Card scheme
 4. Hotspot Detached - interaction has been made with 142 young people

4. Improve the Local Environment

- Community clean up days held on Kentmere Approach and The Rein
- Environmental Improvement Zones are in force on Black Shops, Boggart Hill shops, Monkswood Hill shops and Dib lane.
- In excess of 200 black wheelie bins have been distributed to the residents of Ramshead crescent
- A walkabout with residents of Ramshead Crescent lead to a multi – action clean-up day including :-
 - cutting back of communal areas
 - removal of fly tipping and black bags left in the area
 - Ramshead woods identified for clean up in the Autumn
- 200 Responsible dog owner leaflets distributed to Seacroft Green TRA members

Additional Resources

- A variety of projects have been funded through Community First funding to the total of £15,355 including get cooking!, Ice Pop Media club, DAZL dance and Street works soccer
- The profit generated from the bingo sessions has wholly funded the four week play scheme at Denis Healey Centre
- At least twelve volunteers are now working on projects within the community

Challenges

The review of a number of key partner services are on-going at the same time, the outcomes of these reviews, changes to service delivery and how this impacts with partner agencies and service delivery in the communities all pose a challenge for the future

The delivery of the youth contract money and how this will be devolved across the ward.

The need to ensure that usage of buildings is maximised and alternative management models are considered and implemented to meet the financial challenges faced whilst ensuring that community and resident needs are met

Asset review and how this will change delivery of some services

Focus for next six months

The development of Neighbourhood Planning for the ward, extending the membership to make the process more representative of the community, including the business community

The immediate focus will be to improve Economic Activity in the ward. This need is evidenced by the impact welfare reform changes is having in the ward and the 2012 Neighbourhood Index data that highlights ,that three of the ward SOA's perform below the City average in this domain, with high claimants in Job Seeker Allowance, Incapacity and lone parent benefits.