



## Outer West Community Committee Review of the year 2014/15



### Dates for your diary

- Wed 7th Oct 2015
- Wed 9th Dec 2015
- Wed 2nd March 2016

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### About your Community Committee

The Outer West Community Committee is attended by councillors and local residents from Calverley & Farsley, Farnley & Wortley and Pudsey wards.

The role of the Committee is to improve local service delivery and ensure resident voices are heard.

They also invest their 'Wellbeing' funding and Youth Activities Fund monies in community projects across the three wards.

In this update we'll look at last year's achievements and highlight some of the fantastic

community projects supported by the Committee.

Local residents are welcome to attend the meetings, see 'dates for your diary' for more information.



Outer West Community  
Committee meeting

## Children & Young People

Ward Members, stakeholders and local residents met with young people in an interactive dragons den like workshop exploring activities that children and young people would enjoy. The workshop helped inform decisions made about commissioning projects through the Outer West Community Committee's Youth Activities fund. A number of key themes emerged including engaging with young people in a setting that they are comfortable with, using social media to publicise activities, and providing a mechanism for young people to put forward ideas and represent their community.

The Area Support Team have partnered with colleagues to work directly with young people from

the Outer West area to design a new youth activities offer. A Youth Activities commissioning round has recently been undertaken.

Some innovative ways have already been adopted to engage with young people; through Youth Panels, School Councils and Pupil Voice Groups. Children in these groups consult with their peers around activities and then meet to help plan and advertise provision. One example used in identifying projects is the use of graffiti walls that gave young people the opportunity to provide feedback and suggest future activities.

Top and middle  
*Feedback and consultation walls*



Bottom  
*OW YAF project: sports event*

## Social Isolation

The Outer West Community Committee held a workshop on 'Social Isolation and Older People' in Pudsey earlier this year. Colleagues focussed on challenges facing services in supporting older people who were living alone and feeling isolated due to poor mobility, being widowed or as a result of relationship breakdown. A wide range of stakeholders engaged in the events as well as statutory services providers including local neighbourhood networks and voluntary sector organisations. A key theme that emerged was the need to identify mechanisms for identifying socially isolated community members and then ensuring they were supported

to access local services and engage in community programmes to improve their health and wellbeing. Actions being explored include putting together guidance for frontline services and organisations to be able to recognise signs that point to isolation and to take steps to engage and refer Individuals to key services. This links to encouraging the development of 'social connectors', building on the Patient Empowerment model that was developed in partnership with the Leeds West Clinical Commissioning Group in 2013/14, which has seen over 300 patients sign up to provide support to issues like social isolation.

Following the social isolation workshop a project was developed with Hawthorn Surgery in the form of a walking football club for over 50's. This has been running for 42 weeks with wellbeing funding support of £2,564.52 from the **Outer West** Community Committee. The project has allowed older residents to rediscover the joys of playing football again through a sport that makes the basic elements of a match accessible to them by slowing the game down. This project enables patients over 50 to take part in sport that is safe, enjoyable and improves their health. The project has a particular interest in attracting hard to reach residents.

## Employment & Skills

The Outer West Community Committee held its first themed meeting on delivering actions which drive business enterprise, the local economy, and quality learning and employment opportunities.

The discussions focused on how local businesses, Economic Development, Employment & Skills and the Community Committee, working together, could deliver practical, meaningful and realistic actions for the Outer West. The meeting received valuable feedback from the local businesses that attended on

*I have been involved with The Board Room Local programme which has been extremely interesting and provided a useful insight into the issues currently faced by several local businesses. I believe discussing issues raised in this confidential forum has greatly benefitted all parties taking part and provides an excellent networking opportunity.*

**Chris Pratt,  
Managing Director,  
Gaunts Ltd**

how best to attract new employers to the area and improve infrastructure to grow existing businesses. The meeting also explored how to link local employment opportunities to local people and the initiatives available to help businesses to grow and develop. Opportunities were identified to better promote the Outer West as a place to visit and encourage local and wider citizens to come to the area for leisure and recreational facilities.

Following on from this meeting Members created a Business, Employment and Skills Sub group, which would look into taking this piece of work forward. Some emerging key actions include; supporting local people into employment and providing support to schools around opportunities for apprenticeships, more mobile library / pop up facilities in areas where there are no services such as Farnley and Wortley and revitalising our high street offer and supporting businesses to ensure issues are resolved easily and fluidly.

£10k funding support from the Outer West Community Committee). This model provided proactive engagement with small businesses on an area basis. This initiative pulled together a menu of activities aimed at local businesses and proactively engaged with businesses for mutual benefit. SME's represent the lifeblood of local areas; offering both local employment and vital services to local people, therefore capacity building via a business brokerage model was required to sustain businesses that were struggling to understand and access the support that is available to them during this difficult economic climate.

The programme has to date reached over 300 small businesses and marks a step change in Business Support delivery, which has been welcomed by the stakeholders of the programme.

*Ahead Partnership  
Business Support Local  
Award Ceremony*



# Community Committee Wellbeing Grant Funding

Here are some of the projects funded by the Community Committee in 2014/15

Youth Activities Fund 2014-15	£45,852
Small Grants & Skips	£7,246
Summer Bands	£ 3,000
Pudsey Christmas Lights	£8,000
Farsley Christmas Lights	£5,000
Calverley Christmas Lights	£1,000
Farsley Festival	£2,500
Farsley in Bloom	£3,500
Calverley in Bloom	£2,500
Farnley in Bloom	£1,000
Site Based Gardener	£12,004
Nature Corridor - FOPH	£1,950
Off Road Bikes	£1,195
Burglary & Number Plate Theft	£3,000
CCTV maintenance & Monitoring	£30,000
Pudsey Wellbeing Centre	£7,900
Business Support Local - Phase 2	£10,000
Cow Close Community Corner	£19,768
Community Development Worker	£15,872
Commemorative brochures of the 1st World War	£5,000
The Real Boy, Domestic Violence Project	£2,350
Pudsey Bowling Club, lounge refurbishment	£4,540
Leeds Gate G & T Project	£7,000
<b>TOTAL Wellbeing spend</b>	<b>£202,618</b>



## **Breeze—Easter 2014**

*Mini Breeze on Farnley Park was one of the first projects Outer West Community Committee (then Area Committee) had funded. There was a total of 732 attendees at this event. This day was more than the usual Mini Breeze event, this was more of a community day as other community service providers were invited. Services invited were: Armley Juniors Project 4 Young People, Farnley Children's Centre, Healthy Living Network, Brownies. There was a variety of inflatables for the children and young people, arts and crafts activities, den building and the BAM Van where children could make their own music CD. Feedback was fantastic from both parents and young people.*

**For more information on how to apply for Wellbeing funding please email [west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk) or call 0113 3367856.**



## **Breeze October 2014**

*As a result of one of the fun days being cancelled due to poor weather conditions, we took 24 children and young people to Herd Farm over 2 days in the October holidays. The activities ranged from Jacob Ladder, Assault Course, High/low ropes. The children and young people had a fantastic time and over the day we saw their personality and confidence grow.*