

Your Community Charter

Our Promises To You

Dear Residents

On behalf of your local Area Committee, I am very pleased to introduce the first ever community charter for our area.

YOUR COMMUNITY CHARTER

This charter sets out our promises to you for the year ahead and provides information on some of our achievements last year. These are additional things that will be done in your area in response to priorities identified by residents and local Councillors.

YOUR AREA COMMITTEE

We are a formal local committee of Leeds City Council. Membership is made up of the 12 councillors covering the Wards of **Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South** and **Rothwell**. The various neighbourhoods these cover are shown at the bottom of the page. The 12 councillors are:

Ardsley and Robin Hood: Councillors Jack Dunn, Lisa Mulherin and Karen Renshaw

Morley North: Councillors Robert Finnigan, Bob Gettings and Thomas Leadley

Morley South: Councillors Judith Elliot, Terry Grayshon and Shirley Varley

Rothwell: Councillors Stewart Golton, Steve Smith and Donald Wilson

We have a local budget to help deliver on our promises to you. See the back page for how we spent this last year.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY ACTION

The Area Committee promotes a small grants scheme that can provide up to £500 towards community projects. If you are involved in a local community group and want to deliver activities in your area, we would very much like to hear from you.

I hope you find this community charter informative.

Yours

Chair of the Outer South Area Committee

COVERING COMMUNITIES IN THE WARDS OF ARDSLEY & ROBIN HOOD,
MORLEY NORTH, MORLEY SOUTH AND ROTHWELL

FOOTER SWOOSH: East & West Ardsley, Tingley, Thorpe, Lofthouse, Robin Hood, Carlton, Churwell, Drighlington, Gildersome, Morley, Rothwell, Woodlesford, Oulton

2010-2011 Outer South Community Charter

Our Promises for the Year Ahead**We will**

Suggested Charter Theme (ADP Theme)

Things to do (Culture)

- Support the improved condition and running of Outer South Community Centres, providing additional support to other local community facilities where needed.
- Provide funding to support a broad range of 'out of school' activities for 5-19 years olds that complement the need in the area and at necessary times, supporting the increase of meaningful contact with children and young people in libraries.
- Offer a 'Small Grants' scheme for local community groups to support Area Committee priorities, including sporting and cultural activities.
- Promote and support a range of community based events (including Morley Literature Festival, Community Fun Days, Rothwell Carnival, and Competitive Music Festival, Horticultural Show, Christmas events, Beer Festival and St Georges Day) for all our residents.
- Ensure that good quality outdoor space is available for use by residents for local events, sporting and recreational activities. Including maintaining 'Leeds Quality Park' standard at three parks (in Scatcherd, Drighlington and Springhead).

Clean & Green (Environment)

- Target the enforcement of law on environmental crime offenders and publicise successful prosecutions. We will develop and monitor solutions to tackle environmental priorities.
- We will also dedicate council funds from the 'Small Grant Scheme' to allow local community groups to improve their local environment, providing skips for community 'clean ups'.
- Coordinate a range of neighbourhood 'crime and grime' initiatives including 'Operation Champion' and 'Environmental Pride', improve street cleanliness, the provision of allotments, affordable warmth schemes and work to provide ways for green spaces to increase rain saturation.

- Fund a Site Based Gardeners scheme to help manage and maintain Smithy Lane Rec, Lowry Road (Ardsley and Robin Hood), Lewisham Park, Hembrigg Park (Morley South) Drighlington Common/Park, Churwell Park (Morley North) Shayfield Recreational Ground and Woodlesford Recreational Ground (Rothwell).
- Launch Conservation Area Audits in Morley, Rothwell, Oulton and undertake final audit in Woodlesford to conserve and protect our local environment.

Safe Neighbourhoods (Thriving Places)

- Increase information provided to residents on financial inclusion and support available through community engagement activities.
- Promote and deliver a range of intelligence led crime prevention and community safety projects. Help organisations to reduce targeted crime and anti social behaviour, including taking action to tackle under age drinking, drugs and burglary reduction (Tasking Partnership).
- Provide funding to support a broad range of 'out of school' activities for 5-19 years olds that complement the need in the area in priority neighbourhoods, that will act as diversionary activities to reduce Anti Social Behaviour.
- Invest in physical measures that help reduce crime. Police Community Support Officers will also hold drop in surgery sessions in Morley and Rothwell Libraries.
- Library Services will work together with schools to consider the potential of libraries as facilities to deliver 'Extended School Services'.

Community Life (Harmonious Communities)

- Support resident and community groups to enable them to have a greater role in influencing the delivery of local services.
- Deliver targeted work such as 'Neighbourhood Improvement Plans' and 'Supported Areas' in our priority neighbourhoods to help the most in need.
- Continue to engage with residents directly through police organised 'Partners and Communities Together' (PACT) meetings and share the results of this work.
- Provide small grants up to £1,000 for voluntary and community groups to deliver local activities for all our communities.
- Complete a series of 'Prevent Programme' activities to challenge extremist views and build cohesive communities which work together.

The Local Economy (Enterprise and Economy)

- Deliver basic computer and internet training 'Learn in the Library', also promoting jobseekers advice and support sessions available from Library Services.
- Support the Morley Town Centre Partnership and Town Centre Management. Develop a way forward for Town Centre Management in Rothwell.
- Support the 'Investment Partnership for South Leeds', encouraging private and public investment into Morley and Rothwell town centres.
- Implement the next phase of the regeneration scheme at 'Morley Bottoms'.

Learning for All (Learning)

- Work with partner organisations to deliver basic computer and internet training 'Learn in the Library', a range of vocational NVQ learning programmes and a range of informal and vocational learning programmes (targeting ages 16-19 years).
- Deliver learning projects in 'priority neighbourhoods' in our communities, funded through the 'Informal Adult Learning Fund' and 'Skills for Life' learning programmes for residents who are most in need.
- Support Children's Centres to better promote their services.
- Deliver 'Count me in' in partnership with Yorkshire Bank, Book Start, Family Clubs and online Literacy Game. We will encourage young children and their parents/carers to join the library by signing up to the 'Bookcrawl'.
- Roll out the 'summer reading challenge' to ensure primary school age children are encouraged to keep reading throughout the summer holidays.

Healthy Living (Health and Well Being)

- Support the work of organisations and community groups that help vulnerable people to adopt and maintain a healthy lifestyles through exercise and healthy eating, including at community centres in our area.
- Fund an Outer South Garden Maintenance Service Scheme to support the vulnerable and elderly with maintenance issues.
- Improve access to and take up of physical activity, promoting under 16's and Over 60's free swim sessions. Support referrals for 'health check programmes' and 'healthy lifestyle initiatives'.

- Increase access to affordable warmth schemes (Including health through warmth), and take up of technology and equipment to support people to live independently at home.
- Provide funding to support a broad range of 'out of school' activities for 5-19 years olds which includes sport camps, active and creative programmes.
- Train key staff in the Youth Service and other organisations in the '3 in 1 sexual health training', so they can provide sexual health advice and support.

Getting Around (Transport)

- Help connect residents groups and highway maintenance teams where there are areas or streets of concern.
- Support Road Safety measures in Outer South communities where appropriate (including Speed Indicator Devices for example), while identifying and resolving priority parking issues.
- Ensure 100% of schools develop travel plans (Including 'Walking Bus' initiatives at local schools).
- Support initiatives that promote cycling networks and the Public Rights of Way network in the Outer South.
- Deliver a library mobile service and complete a city wide review of library service mobile provision.

These local promises form the Community Charter for 2010-11 for Outer South Leeds. The promises for action come top of minimum standards you should already be expecting from the council's city-wide services. For example – grass cutting, bin collections, litter bins, recycling facilities, graffiti removal, gritting and street cleaning.

Please visit www.leeds.gov.uk for more information on each of these services. For more details on the '10 point Policing Pledge' please visit www.westyorkshire.police.uk

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Last year, you said...

At events we held, you told us that the top 3 priorities for additional activities were:

1. More for young people to do
2. Tackling local crime issues
3. Environmental improvements

We did...

We delivered many local actions last year to address the priorities you helped us set.

Here are some examples:

We worked with different local organisations to provide extra activities for over 4,000 children and young people throughout the year, including targeted opportunities during school holidays, across the Outer South. Activities (for ages 5 – 19 years) which included Trips and Courses, Youth Work sessions at local centres including detached mobile provision, a range of Multi Media, Music, Dance and Creative Arts, Sport Camps in Rothwell, Morley, Tingley and Drighlington, Term Time Clubs, healthy cooking and craft exercises.

We worked with a number of organisations and council departments to tackle concerns about crime, environmental issues and anti social behaviour, including 'Operation Champion' exercises in Morley and Rothwell. This involved organisations working together with a high presence and intensity (including West Yorkshire Police and local residents), to target local crime and issues over targeted periods of up to three days.

We held two Participatory Budgeting exercises in Lofthouse and Rothwell which by consulting with the community, gave power to local residents to set priorities for directing funding to local projects. Residents were then invited to vote at locally arranged 'Decision Days' for the projects they wanted to see delivered in their community.

We have funded these improvements & activities from our local budget:

Morley and Rothwell Town Centre Management	£52,731.00
Parks & Countryside Service - Site Based Gardeners Project	£46,182.50
Outer South Garden Maintenance Scheme	£40,000.00
Priority neighbourhood support	£36,270.26
Morley Literature Festival October 2009	£15,000.00
Neighbourhood Policing Projects (Security Marking Kits, Tackling ASB)	£9,995.00
Area Conservation Audits in Morley, Rothwell and Oulton	£9,000.00
Outer South Annual DAZL Dance Programme	£8,000.00
Lofthouse Brass Band 'On The Slide' - Tuition and instrument purchase	£7,891.00
Extended Children's Services - Out of School Activities	£7,500.00

Outer South Youth Service - Diversionary Activities	£6,500.00
Summer Sports Camps	£6,250.00
Oulton & Woodlesford Design Statement	£5,600.00
Lofthouse Parish Cemetery - 'The Graveyard Shift' Environmental Project	£4,993.26
Mini Breeze events in Ardsley, Morley and Rothwell	£4,000.00
Wood Lane Teatime Club	£4,000.00
Wood Lane Mobile Youth Project	£3,819.00
Wood Lane Junior Wardens Scheme	£3,500.00
Rothwell in Bloom Floral Displays	£2,004.00
Out of hours Dog Warden Patrols in targeted locations	£1,958.00
Community skip provision	£1,940.00
New Wood Lane Estate benches, supported by Rothwell TARA	£1,600.00
Mothers Pride Teatime Club	£1,500.00
Wood Lane Police Cycles - for the Neighbourhood Policing Team	£1,500.00
The Children's Project - John O' Gaunts Giraffes Club	£1,250.00
Gildersome 'Birchfield Buddies' Summer Playscheme	£469.86
Two 'Operation Champion' crime initiatives (delivered in Morley and Rothwell)	£308.00
CAPITAL projects to be included	

Small Grants – £5,500

The Area Committee runs a Small Grants Scheme from its local budget. It is aimed at local community and voluntary groups who wish to deliver projects that benefit the area. Grants of up to £500 can be awarded.

Last year money was given to 11 organisations, benefiting the following projects:

Denshaw & Newland Resident Association	Children's Play Area - Denshaw Estate
Woodlesford in Bloom	Woodlesford in Bloom 2009
Rothwell Competitive Music Festival	Rothwell Competitive Music Festival 2009
John O' Gaunts Tenants & Resident Association	Community Fun Day
Tingley Tenants & Resident Association	Community Fun Day
East Ardsley Primary School	Gardening Club
Newland & Denshaw Resident Association	Play Area Equipment
Fitness, Fun & Friendship Group	Exercise For the Elderly
Thorpe Community Group	Christmas Tree
Friends of Springfield Park	Springfield Mill Park Environmental Improvements
Redbarn Residents Association	In Bloom and Easter Celebration

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