Priority Neighbourhood Worker Project – Six Month Update

This is a six month update report of the Priority Neighbourhood Worker project from September 2011 to March 2012. The post is employed by Health for All on behalf of the Outer South Area Committee but is directly line managed by South East Area Support Team and located in the South East Area Support Team Offices within the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre in Leeds.

1. Neighbourhood Improvement Plans

Since the last Priority Neighbourhood Worker (PNW) report in September 2011, two Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIP's) in the Asquith and Ingles and Springbank and Moorlands in Morley North have started. Residents Associations who are in the Supported Area Status continue to receive support from the Priority Neighbourhood Worker, and the Priority Neighbourhood Worker Project is now a shared resource between the Outer and Inner South Area Committee.

Subject: 'Asquith and Ingles Neighbourhood Improvement Plan'

Date: 22nd June 2011-16th April 2012

Evaluation Report

Executive Summary

The Area Committee identified several priority neighbourhoods via National Statistics on deprivation and recurring issues for example anti-social behaviour.

As well as consultation with Ward Members in Ward Based Briefing, local residents, agencies and organisations. From these identified neighbourhoods, the Area Committee agreed to a programme called (NIP's) Neighbourhood Improvement Plans. Neighbourhood Improvement Plans are in place to tackle issues within Neighbourhoods and build capacity amongst residents.

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to evaluate the 'Asquith and Ingles Neighbourhood Improvement Plan' by documenting, planning, delivery and feedback from all parties we hope to learn from the experience and inform future Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

Background

Asquith and Ingles in Morley North was identified as one of the Priority Neighbourhoods to receive a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan. Each Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) has a Steering Group which monitors the process and delivery of the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan. The NIP Steering Group main aims for the Asquith and Ingles are:

- To improve community engagement
- Support community safety projects
- Provide activities for children and young people
- To address environment issues

The Steering Group is made up of Councillors, Local residents and Partners who work within the NIP area.

Aire Valley Homes

Aire Valley Homes

Aire Valley Homes Morley Elderly Action

Morley North Children's Centre

Asquith and Ingles Neighbourhood Improvement Plan. (NIP) **Steering Group Membership:**

- Councillor Leadley Chair of NIP and Ward Councillor
- Councillor Gettings Ward Councillor
- Councillor Finnigan Ward Councillor
- Baljit Kissy
- Paul Bracewell
- John Scales
- Carol Law
- Louise Walker
- Glen O Malley
- Leeds City Council Youth Service Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team Julia Macgregor
- Gillian Austerfield Asquith Primary School
- Joy Norman •
- **District Nursing** • Sue Holdsworth
 - Job Centre Plus
- Nicky Ramsden Groundwork

NIP Process

The Asquith and Ingles NIP Steering Group was launched on Wednesday 22nd June 2011 and finished on Monday 16th April 2012. During this period the Steering Group met monthly at Asquith Primary School. An area profile was produced and the Steering Group made the decision on how to consult with residents within the NIP Boundary. A budget was allocated for the NIP and an Action Plan for the area is developed.

Boundary Area

The following is a list of streets included in the identified NIP Area.

- Asguith Drive
- Deansway
- Asquith Avenue
- Deanfield Avenue
- Ingle Grove

- Ingle Crescent
- Ingle Avenue
- Woodlands Drive
- Horsforth Street
- Deanfield Garage
- Ingles Court

The NIP boundary area includes Deanfield Garage, Ingles Court Sheltered Housing Complex, and a parade with two shops; a fish and chip takeaway and newsagents. Situated just out side the boundary area is Asquith Primary School and Morley North Children's Centre.

Budget

Asquith & Ingles NIP Budget	Budget
Completing questionnaire	£20:00
Printing costs of questionnaire	£138:00
Youth Service Mobile Session	£870
Groundwork Junior Warden	£500
Printing Leaflets	£32:00
Community Event	£985
Total	£2,545

The Neighbourhood Improvement Plan was supported with additional funding received through Extended Services, The Leeds City Council Youth Service and Asquith Primary School who provided match funding for projects.

Consultation

The Asquith and Ingles consultation questionnaire was produced and delivered to every household within the boundary area. Reply consultation boxes were place at Asquith Primary School, Morley North Children's Centre, Morley Elderly Action and Morley Town Hall. Aire Valley Homes located their mobile office on the estate for an afternoon to consult with local residents. 31 responses were received in total.

The Action Plan

During the second meeting the NIP steering group devised an Action Plan which consisted of the following key priorities.

- Community Engagement
- Community Safety
- Activities For Children and Young People
- Environment

The Priorities were then addressed through a project or action and the information is recorded onto the NIP Action Plan, then at each of the NIP meetings each project or action is discussed and updated.

The following is a summary of achievements from each of the priorities identified.

Community Engagement

Residents Association.

A leaflet was designed and delivered to every household within the NIP boundary to advertise the residents meeting held on the 18th January 2012 at the Arkle Pub.

Groundwork, Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team and Aire Valley Homes attended and 4 local residents. After discussion it emerged that residents did not have any neighbourhood issues and seemed mainly interested in getting involved with volunteering opportunities. Contact has been made with these residents to see if they are interested in supporting the community event in June 2012.

Community Event

As part of the NIP it was decided to hold a community open day to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. The event took place on Saturday 16th June 2012 from 11am -2 pm at Asquith Primary School. The event was was lead by Asquith Primary School and supported by local parents and partners on the NIP steering group.

The event was advertised on the following websites: Extended Services, Aire Valley Homes and Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team and a leaflet was delivered to every household within the NIP boundary.

The project received £985 from the NIP budget.

The activities organised on the day included:

- A Football Tournament
- Crown Parade
- Various displays stands
- The Neighbourhood Policing Team crime prevention information
- The Police Dog Handler
- Extended Services
- West Yorkshire Fire Service attended with a fire engine
- Dance performance.
- Groundwork's garden games
- Morley Elderly Action
- The Morley Exotic Animals
- Face painting
- Donkey rides
- BBQ/ Strawberries and cream

Budget Breakdown

Community Event	Budget
Exotic Animals Gildersome	£300
Donkey Rides	£250
Dance Show	£25
Football (medals and refreshments)	£50
Jubilee Crown Parade (Prizes)	£20
Gazebos (3 @ £60)	£180
Printing Costs (Filers)	£100
Banner	£60
Total	£985

Community Safety

During the NIP meetings it was raised that older people living on the estate had complained of noise nuisance with neighbours. As a result the Noise Nuisance and Neighbourhood Policing Team Leaflet were delivered with the consultation questionnaire.

The consultation results highlighted that the estate was now a lot quieter than in previous times with few incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded and a much tidy environment.

Residents did comment that young people did hang around the area but this was often not linked to anti-social behaviour. It was noted by the steering group that during the summer months young people did congregated on the Asquith Primary School field but the installation of CCTV cameras and a visual presence of PCSO's had helped reduced the number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported.

Speeding was raised as a community issue from the consultation results especially around Asquith Avenue and Ingle Avenue with people exceeding the 20mile speed limit. Highways informed the steering group all possible restrictions where now in place and advised the steering group to raise with the Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team.

A project was developed between Asquith Primary School and Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team as part of the NIP where children from Asquith Primary School became Junior Traffic Wardens for the day.

Children issued parking tickets to cars parked illegal outside of the school and got the opportunity to learn how to use the (SID) Speed Indication Devise with Police Officers. The second part of this project involved children designing posters around road safety. The posters will be displayed around the school aiming to educate on the dangers of speeding.

Traffic Calming Project

Highways are conducting a traffic survey for areas identified where speeding traffic is an issue.

Activities For Children's and Young People

Morley Cluster

The Morley Cluster holiday provision had a successful uptake from targeted areas this included the Asquith and Ingles estate.

Leeds City Council Youth Service

Results from the consultation raised a lack of activities for young people and a request for more activities to be arranged within the area.

The steering group agreed to provide funding towards the Youth Services Mobile Provision for one evening per week. Sessions have been a success with up to 12 young people in attendance; these include young people identified as NEET.

Feedback from young people attending the sessions has been positive and numbers of young people attending increasing on a weekly basis.

Environment

The consultation raised complaints regarding properties with overgrown hedges on the estate. This issue has now been resolved by Aire Valley Homes.

As part of the NIP the Morley Elderly Action Gardening Scheme leaflet was delivered to older people within the boundary area. 1 older person took up the scheme.

Paul Spandler from the Locality Team attended the meeting in November 2011 and noted concerns over fly tipping on Dawson Hill. The NIP boundary area will also be provided with signage and stickers to address the issue of dog fouling on the estate. The Dog Warden Service has been made aware of hotspot locations via feedback from residents and partners.

Groundwork Junior Wardens Project

The Groundwork Junior Wardens Scheme received funding through the Asquith and Ingles NIP budget for £500; the rest of the funds were provided through Extended Services and Asquith Primary School. The sessions have been well attended by young people aged 5-12 years.

Information Leaflets provided through NIP

- Noise Nuisance
- Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team
- Residents Meeting
- Community Event

Subject: 'Springbank and Moorlands Neighbourhood Improvement Plan'

Date: 19th July 2011-18th May 2012

Evaluation Report

Executive Summary

The Area Committee identified several priority neighbourhoods via government statistics on deprivation and recurring issues for example anti-social behaviour. As well as consultation with Ward Members, local residents, agencies and organisations.

From these identified neighbourhoods, the Area Committee agreed to a programme called (NIP's) Neighbourhood Improvement Plans. Neighbourhood Improvement Plans are in place to tackle issues within Neighbourhoods and build capacity amongst residents.

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to evaluate the 'Springbank and Moorlands Neighbourhood Improvement Plan' by documenting, planning, delivery and feedback from all parties we hope to learn from the experience and inform future Neighbourhood Improvement Plans.

Background

The Springbank and Moorlands estate in Rothwell was identified as one of the Priority Neighbourhoods to receive a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) Each NIP has a Steering Group which monitors the process and delivery of the NIP.

The NIP Steering Group main aims for the Springbank and Moorlands estate are:

- To address priority issues for children and young people living within the boundary area of NIP.
- To provide an additional social activity for older people.
- To engage with residents from priority neighbourhoods.
- To address environmental issues.

The Steering Group is made up of Councillors, Local residents and Partners who work within the area.

Springbank and Moorlands Neighbourhood Improvement Plan. (NIP) Steering Group Membership:

- Councillor Gettings
 Chair of NIP and Ward Councillor
- Councillor Leadley
 Ward Councillor
- Councillor Finnigan
 Ward Councillor

- John Scales
- Aire Valley Homes Ann Minke Morley Elderly Action
- Morley Elderly Action Carol Law
- Gillian Lowrey
- Gildersome & Drighlington Children's Centre **Gildersome Primary School**

Gidersome Primary School

- Mr Kurth
- Mark Scott
 - **Extended Services** Helen Kerr
 - Glen o'Malley Leeds City Council Youth Service
- Kelly Reid Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team
 - Morley Neighbourhood Policing Team Thomas Doolan
- Lesley Gettings **Gildersome Parish Council**
- Joy Norman Neighbourhood District Nursing Team •
- Philip Turner **Birthfield Primary School**
- Felicity Lawson St Peter's Church
- **Gildersome Baptist Church** David Newton
- Michelle Stokoe-Marshall Bruncliffe School

NIP Process

•

The Springbank and Moorlands NIP Steering Group was launched on 19th July 2011 and finished on 18th May 2012.

During this period the Steering Group met monthly at St Peter's Church. An area profile was produced and the Steering Group made the decision on how to consult with residents within the NIP Boundary. A budget was allocated for the NIP and an Action Plan for the area is developed.

Boundary Area

The boundary area for the Springbank and Moorlands Neighbourhood Improvement covers 7 streets: Spring View, Springbank Avenue, Springbank Crescent, Springbank Road, Church Avenue, Spring Avenue, Moorland Avenue.

Springbank and Moorelands	Budget
NIP Budget	
Printing consultation	32
Printing residents leaflets	32
Promoting NEG Funding	174
Proposed for training for volunteers	600
Donkey Sanctuary Project	1000
St Peter's Luncheon Club	150
Room Hire/Refreshments	50
Bottle bank Project	28
Allotment Project	934
Total	3,000

Consultation

For the consultation a questionnaire was designed by parents at the Gildersome and Drighlington Children's Centre and delivered to every household within the NIP Boundary. 69 responses were received in total and the questionnaire focused on the following topics Training, Transport, Communication and social activities.

The priorities of Community Engagement, Children and young people, Community Safety and Environment emerged from the questionnaire results. The results from the consultation influenced the priorities identified on the Action Plan.

The Action Plan

During the first meeting the NIP steering group devised an Action Plan which consisted of the following four key priorities.

- Community Engagement
- Children and Young People
- Community Safety
- Environment

The Priorities were then addressed through a project or action and the information is recorded onto the NIP Action Plan, then at each of the NIP meetings each Project or Action was discussed and updated.

The following is a summary of achievements from each of the priorities identified.

Community Engagement

Residents Meeting

On Saturday 5th November 2011 a residents meeting was organised at Gildersome Meeting Hall from 10am -12pm. The meeting was advertised on the Aire Valley Homes and Neighbourhood Policing Team Websites and each household within the boundary area received a leaflet. Ward Councillors, The Parish Council, St Peter's Church and Gildersome and Drighlington Children's Centre attended the meeting with 8 residents.

Volunteering Programme

Gildersome and Drighlington Children's Centre received £600 from the NIP budget towards a Volunteering Programme.

The programme designed by the Children's Centre encouraged residents to get involved with volunteering opportunities in their local community and covered training in group working, safeguarding and volunteering in the community.

7 parent volunteers completed the training are now are waiting CRB checks to start volunteering projects.

Attendees will now decide where to offer volunteering support and it is hoped that they will represent areas through the Parent Participation Panel and Aire Valley Homes Area Panel.

St Peter's Church Luncheon Club

It was raised by partners on the steering group that the older person's Luncheon Club at St Peter's Church did have a shortage of older attendees from within the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan boundary area.

As an incentive the steering group agreed to fund £150 towards free Luncheon Club trial places at St Peter's Church. This was for up to 10 older people from within and just outside the boundary area. A leaflet was designed and volunteers from St Peter's Church distributed leaflets. Aire Valley Homes provided addresses for older tenants within their properties for the leaflet drop.

Children and Young People

NEG Funding

Feedback from partners and statistics identified that children from within the boundary area are progressing at a lower level and not achieving academically. Links have been suggested that a low uptake of the Nursery Education Grant (NEG) funded places from within the boundary area is partly responsible.

A consultation with families (approx 14) all with young children was carried out at Gildersome Children's Centre. None of the families were aware of the NEG funding. NEG funding ensures all children aged 3 years and upwards have the opportunity to access a formal learning environment. The steering group agreed to support and match fund a campaign to promote the NEG funded scheme.

In Jan 2012 a leaflet was distributed within the boundary area advertising how to apply for NEG funding and the Children's Centre organised a number of open days in June 2012. The events will take place in both the private and statutory childcare settings within the area. A number of families from within the NIP area will qualify to access free childcare for their children age 2yrs and over.

The overall aim of the project is to encourage parent/carers back to work and give all children the opportunity to access early learning opportunities therefore narrowing the attainment gap.

The Children's Centre have met with local child care providers to encourage them, including Childminders to apply for status to deliver this free childcare for the most vulnerable children.

Supporting Families Project

Partners on the steering group raised concerns over children who live within the boundary area of the NIP that are currently none attendees at school.

The steering group wanted to look at ways to support getting the child back into education. A supporting families meeting was arranged to develop a working relationship between partners whereby information is shared about identifying families early who may have attendance differcuties. The supporting families group will link into the Cluster Care and Guidance meetings.

By providing comprehensive support to those who struggle with attendance more families will receive the right support. Computer systems have now been put in place to develop a working relationship with partners to share information on families requiring additional support and flag up any poor attendees early.

Donkey Sanctuary Project

The Donkey Sanctuary Project proposal was brought to the steering group in January 2012 by Gildersome Primary School. The project involves adopting two donkeys from the Elizabeth Svendsen Trust who are a UK based charity.

Children from Gildersome Primary School who live within the NIP boundary and who have been identified as having poor attendance will be offered the chance to be carers for the adopted donkeys. The role will involve getting up early in the morning to look after the animal's welfare. It is hoped that this would encourage children to show a commitment to attending school to carry out their duties as carers for the donkeys.

The following partners are supporting the project Gildersome Primary School, Gildersome Primary School Parent and Teachers Association and Aire Valley Homes.

The field planned to house the donkeys is situated next to Aire Valley Homes Sheltered Housing Complex 'The Grove' whose older residents are looking forward to the intergeneral work this project will bring to the community. Consultation results have shown residents are in support of the project. The steering group agreed to fund £1000 from the NIP budget towards project start up costs.

Additional to receiving funding through the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan Gildersome Primary School applied to MARS and received funding towards the cost of paddock fencing and a working party of staff to help construct the paddock.

A working group of parents who are going to support the project has now been set up and the project is now awaiting planning permission.

Community Safety

The Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Leaflet was delivered to every household within the NIP boundary to encourage residents to use and have knowledge of how to contact the Police.

The NPT continue to attend the Parish Council meetings and since the introduction of PCSO's within the area the general feeling is that community safety issues have improved.

Moorland Crescent Allotment

After the NIP consultation 8 residents from Moorland Crescent wrote to Aire Valley Homes with a request for an allotment site on Moorland Crescent.

Aire Valley Homes applied for planning permission and the project was approved by the LCC Leaders Panel. The steering group agreed to fund the testing of soil contamination out of the NIP budget.

As the residents were not in an existing community group is was agreed for the project to be set up under the Parish Council until such a time it becomes a constituted group under Aire Valley Homes.

Bottle Bank

During the NIP consultation residents requested a bottle bank on the site of Spring Avenue and Church Avenue. This resulted in a second consultation being arranged with residents within the boundary area to gather opinions from a wider group of residents about the possibility of a recycling bottle bank.

From the second consultation 56 responses were received in total with 36 residents in support of the project and 17 objections.

The steering group discussed the results from the consultation and agreed to pursue the project with a built in review.

Information Leaflets

As part of the NIP several leaflets were produced:

- Residents Meeting
- Social Activities Leaflet
- Luncheon Club Leaflet
- Bottle bank Consultation Leaflet

Supported Areas

John O' Gaunts Residents Association

Tracey Gilmore took up the position of Secretary with the John O Gaunts Residents Association after the AGM. Tracey has since been supported with the role with advice on minute taking, the organisation of meetings and applying for funding.

Tracey completed a Minute Taking Course at Voluntary Action Leeds and attended a Finding Funding Course in March 2012 and joined the Aire Valley Homes Tenants Scrutiny Panel.

The previous Secretary applied to the Area Committee Wellbeing Small Grants Fund for a grant towards a summer fair. Because of a change of committee members and lack of organisation the application had to be extended and the planned summer fair did not take place and a community clean up with BBQ was arranged at the Rose Lund Centre in it's place.

In November 2011 a Christmas Fair was organised and with the support from the PNW the group applied to the Area Committee Wellbeing Small Grant Fund to hold the event.

The Christmas event was supported by the young people who attend the John O' Gaunts Youth Service. Young people designed the leaflets and posters to advertise the fair and organised a hamper to raise funds for the tenants association.

Local residents from the Mother's Pride Teatime Club provided catering on the day and children received presents from Santa.

The TARA continues to hold monthly meetings at the Rose Lund Centre and Temple Lawn Sheltered Housing Complex. The Temple Lawn meetings have received better attendance from local residents and both meetings have strong support from partners. These include Ward Councillors, Aire Valley Homes and the Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

Skills of committee members have improved with additional training and support received. The PNW is in regular contact with committee members and provides advise, support and information beneficial to running the group

Temple Lawn Luncheon Club

The PNW supported the Temple Lawn Luncheon Club with an application to the Area Committee Wellbeing small grant fund and with drawing up a Safeguarding Adults Policy and Risk Assessment.

Wood Lane Teatime Club

The Wood Lane Teatime Club was set up with funding received through the Wood Lane 'You Choose' event. In 2011 the PNW supported the group with setting up its own bank account drawing up a constitution and policies.

Volunteers from the Teatime Club applied to ARISE in November 2012 and received £1,000 in funding towards rent and equipment.

Additional to this the Teatime Club have successfully recruited new volunteers to support the running of the club and seen new local families attend the sessions.

Wood Lane Tenants and Residents Association

The Wood Lane Tenants and Residents Association continue to hold monthly meetings between Royd's Court and Haigh Road in Rothwell.

The TARA has good links with partners, Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Team, Aire Valley Homes and Ward Councillors and produces a newsletter twice a year.

The group have not identified any training needs and limited to no support is required from the PNW. Contact is kept via email and telephone calls.

Tingley TARA Residents Association

The Tingley TARA has a full Committee and holds regular 6 weekly meetings that are well attended by local residents. Guest speakers have been invited to the meetings including Paul Spandler from the Locality Team and CASAC an organisation that address's community safety issues.

Due to a lack of support from volunteers the annual community event is no longer held and the committee have agreed to focus more on running meetings and projects.

The plans for 2012 so far include an Easter Egg Hunt and an activity day for 8-16 year olds. Larger projects the TARA are working on is a Community Garden. Funding towards this project has so far been received through UK Youth and Starbucks.

Sharna Ramsden Chair of Tingley TARA has joined the Community First Panel and plans to submit a proposal for funding towards the Community Garden on behalf of the residents association.

Very limited support for this group is required as this is one of the strongest TARA in the Outer South. The TARA has good attendance from all ages in the community and works well with partners. Meetings are organised and limited support is required with running projects.

Thorpe

The Thorpe TARA currently does not have a full committee due to the resignation of one of its committee members. Meetings continue to be organised at the Thorpe Community Centre to encourage residents to get more involved.

It is essential that new committee members are recruited for this TARA and a plan of action is developed to increase the attendance at meetings from the local community. A meeting has been arranged with existing committee members to identify a way forward. A few residents have expressed an interest in becoming committee members and this will require following up.

Work continues on encouraging groups to make full use of the Thorpe Community Centre and it has been suggested that a partnership group should be set up to oversee the running and organisation of the centre.

Northfield and Hopefields

The Northfield and Hopefield TARA has a full committee. Roles include President, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Project Officer and Committee Members.

The group advertises it self well in The Rothwell Record and the 'Local To You' magazine and each month a full page article is written by Ray Whincup.

A Christmas party was held in 2011 and the committee continue to invite guest speakers to each meeting. Examples include Neighbourhood Watch, The Locality Team, Leeds Federation, and Highways.

The TARA has worked in partnership with Parks and Countryside on the Copley Lane Community Orchard Project. On Sunday 20th November 2011 the association celebrated with an Open Day where children brought bug hunting kits and residents got the opportunity to get involved with fruit tree planting. The day also saw demonstrations on how to care for the orchard by Leeds Wildlife.

The PNW offers limited support to this group but was recently contacted by the committee regarding the co-ordination of meetings and records of the meeting. As a result the PNW has been supporting the Secretary with her role for the group.

Newlands and Denshaws TARA

The Newlands and Denshaws TARA continues to run well and held a successful Christmas party in 2011. Project plans for 2012 include its annual Community Day on the 2nd June 2012 which will link into the Jubilee Celebrations.

Steven Pearson Chair of the Committee attended the Aire Valley Homes 'Better Together Event' on 16th March 2012 at the John Charles Centre. The event enables resident associations to come together to get to know each other and share ideas and experiences.

Asquith and Ingles

A residents meeting was held on the 18th January 2012 at the Arkle Pub. The meeting had a low attendance from local residents and it was agreed to not arrange another meeting.

Parents from Asquith School offered volunteering time towards the Queens Jubilee at Asquith Primary School on Saturday 16th June 2012.

Springbank and Moorlands

A priority of the Springbank and Moorlands NIP was to establish a residents group for the area. A residents meeting was organised at Gildersome Meeting Hall on Saturday 5th November 2011 and 7 residents attended in total.

The residents were then invited to a meeting held at Gildersome and Drighlington Children's Centre with the aim of getting a group of residents to represent the area 1 resident attended from the NIP area.

The Volunteers Training Programme a project funded by the NIP budget started on February 21st 2012 at the Children's Centre. The programme was attended by 8 parent volunteers who will support the Childern's Centre services and groups.

Allotment Group

In January 2012 John scales Housing Officer from Aire Valley Homes brought a letter written by 7 residents from Moorland Crescent asking if unused land on Moorland Cresent could be turned into an allotment site.

The project went to the NIP Steering Group for discussion and partners allocated the allotment project with £935 from the NIP Budget. A planning application has been submitted to Leeds City Council and that is now awaiting a decision.

It was agreed by that the Parish Council will act as an umbrella organisation for the allotment project until the group is established and constituted in its own right.

Oakwell and Fairfax

After several attempts to engage with local residents and set up a residents group it was decided to not pursue a group because of a lack of attendance at meetings.

Harrops and Askey TARA

In August 2011 the PNW attended the Youth Services mobile provision to talk with residents within in the Harrops and Askey's area about setting up a residents association.

A number of residents expressed an interest in joining a residents group and agreed to meet on regular bases at Woodkirk School in Morley.

In December 2011 residents officially took on committee roles and registered the TARA with Aire Valley Homes. A constitution and policies were drawn up by the committee and bank account opened.

The TARA continues to hold monthly meetings at Woodkirk School and plans for 2012 include a community outing and clean up. The PNW continues to attend both the committee and residents meetings as this TARA is newly established.

John Mckee has since attended the Aire Valley Homes 'Better Together' event on 16th March 2012 and delivered a presentation on the day about setting up a new Tenants and Residents Group. John is also now a member of the Tenants Scrutiny Panel at Aire Valley Homes.