

Outer North East Wellbeing Fund monitoring reports

Project: Farmwatch Patrols January – December 2012	Total project cost: £6000
Lead organisation: West Yorkshire Police	Wellbeing Funding: £6000
<p>Since January 2012 the Land Rovers have been used by police officers from Wetherby & Harewood Police Team on a daily basis to reassure the farming and rural community through prevention and detection of the type of crimes which impact on those communities in particular. Offences of, burglary and theft from farm properties, poaching and related crop damage have been both detected and prevented.</p> <p>The following activities between 1st January 2012 & 31st December 2012 evidence police use of the funding which has ensured the privately sponsored Land Rover 4x4 vehicles have had fuel for patrol use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 men were arrested after a member of the public reported badger digging near Shadwell. Land Rovers allowed officers to encircle and arrest all suspects. • 4 men were detained in conjunction with Harewood House Security for shooting pheasants with air rifles at night. • Several Quad Bikes and off Road Bikes seized and formal seizure warnings given to drivers/riders and owners of those vehicles who have been caught riding on land in an antisocial manner. • Police have worked with Yorkshre Wildlife Trust at Hetchel Woods to reduce illegal bird injury and killing. The Land Rovers have allowed access to the area surrounding it. • Land Rover 4x4 vehicles have been essential to police deployments around The Badsworth & Bramham Moor Hunt to prevent unlawful sabotage when members are riding to hounds and drag hunting within the Wetherby & Harewood wards. These high profile events continued through January to February 2012 and again from November 2012 to year end. • Operation Bellweather - A North East Leeds wide policing operation which continues to deliver dedicated resources into areas which intelligence and crime pattern analysis have identified as being vulnerable to house burglary. Wetherby & Harewood wards have been supported by officers from other police areas as part of this operation. The Land Rovers have been used throughout the rural villages to combat burglars. The vehicles have significantly enhanced the ability of the police to reach and patrol these areas effectively • Operation Blossom - Rural crime patrols in the Wetherby & Harewood wards. This operation focuses specifically on farming communities and is mirrored by North Yorkshire Police along the county boundary to tackle crop damage and wildlife crimes associated with poaching together with theft and burglary around farms. During such a patrol, the Land Rover was used to arrest four men suspected of digging badgers at Harewood. The men have all pleaded guilty at court on 6 February 2013. The court has confiscated hunting dogs, a vehicle and equipment. • Four youths were caught trespassing near Barwick in Elmet by officers patrolling in a Land Rover. Poaching equipment was taken from them by the police. • Wealstun Prison at Thorp Arch - Regular patrols made around the perimeter of the prison and adjacent industrial premises to deter persons intent on crimes of fuel theft and delivery of illegal supply of drugs and mobile phone parcels over the fences and into the prison. Whilst this may not directly benefit the rural economy. Any visible police activity 	

which deters members of organized crime groups from visiting the area can only serve to reduce the risk of other crimes.

- Thorp Arch Trading Estate - Again regular patrols to the rear through the farmer's fields where suspects have before managed to enter the estate to provide undetected access to commit property crime, causing damage to crops and fences in the process. A trend which developed and has now ceased.
- Land Rovers continue to be used on re assurance patrols on the estates of Bramham, Becca, Harewood and Parlington as Game Keepers prepare for the game season following information about violent attack in a neighboring force on a game keeper who was employed by a rural sporting group.
- Two men were arrested for Going Equipped/Possession of a Bladed Article and conspiracy to steal diesel.
- The Land Rovers have also been used to tackle rural locations where information suggests drug dealing and illegal drug use was taking place. Several arrests have been made due to public information and officers being able to get within reach of those whom would usually make off and dispose of drugs when approached by an overtly marked police vehicle.
- Starting in early April 12 the Land Rovers were used as spotting vehicles working alongside LCC Environmental Enforcement to target those illegally collecting scrap and also fly tipping.
- In June 2012 Police officers worked with the National Wildlife Crime Unit to obtain and execute a search warrant under the wildlife and countryside act, one person was arrested and charged with 5 offences.

Farm Watch continues to be a thriving network of residents across Wetherby & Harewood wards. The privately supported Land Rovers are a visible embodiment of that bespoke policing provision which is made possible by private sponsorship and local authority funding.

Project: Troughs, tools and trugs February – October 2012	Total cost: £925
Lead organisation: Slaid Hill in Bloom	Wellbeing Funding: £925

The new half moon hanging baskets put up last summer and autumn at the shops were a great success. The extra two forks and hoes purchased have been well used and six extra trugs enabled all the volunteers to have one for carrying equipment or filling with weeds. The sharpening of edgers and shears is essential and the lawn mower is like new having had its annual service. The newsletter has been delivered to the whole neighbourhood, which was a useful exercise in informing people of activities, but no new volunteers came forward, although there were some donations.

Project: Promoting Partnerships	Total cost: £11573
Lead organisation: MAECare	Wellbeing Funding: £1423
Intergenerational activity at Allerton Primary School	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thirteen volunteers assist children to read at Allerton Primary School' • Focused reminiscence session in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee, this included three reminiscence sessions held at the school with older people and children, discussing life in the 1950s. A celebration event was held at the school involving ten older people and over 	

thirty children.

Intergenerational work at Allerton High School

- Cooking session involving eight year 8 students and eight older people.
- Strawberry Tea celebration event attended by 40 older people;
- Christmas Party 75 people attended.

MAECare are represented on the Alwoodley Cluster and are exploring intergenerational work with Highfields Primary, Wigton Moor Primary and Shadwell School.

Work with East North East Homes

- Monthly Wii session at Moorhaven Court attended by 6-7 residents;
- Planning partnership event on the Leafield Estate;
- Strengthening links with East North East Homes staff, attended Moortown Housing office staff meeting and local tenants and residents group.
- Referred one MAECare member to East North East Homes for support.

Providing additional social and learning opportunities:

- Developed art class at Moortown Methodist Church, in partnership with Leeds College of Art, attended by 6-8 older people;
- Monthly singing group delivered in partnership with Moor Allerton Care Centre, attended by 12 – 15 older people. This has now moved to Moor Allerton Social Club where about 10 people attend.
- International Day of Older People event in partnership with voluntary sector organisations aimed at celebrating diversity. The event was organised with ABA¹ and Sikh Group and 50 people attended.
- Supported Older People to attend consultation events.

Project: Golden Acre Carpark	Total cost: £30,000
Lead organisation: Leeds City Council	Wellbeing Funding: £1000

The visitors car park improvement project at Golden Acre Park is now complete. The works that have been carried out are as follows:

- Resurfacing of parking area with Bitumen hard surface
- Installation of speed calming humps
- Line marking of designated parking bays
- Installation of 'Skipton Gravel' within parking bay gullies

This project has improved parking provision, making the car park a safer and more accessible facility, which will help improve the aesthetics of Golden Acre Park and hopefully increase visitor numbers and enjoyment.

There were no major issues with the tangible delivery of this project and since the project has been completed the Estate Management and staff at Golden Acre park have received many positive comments on the car park improvements

¹ Association of Blind Asians

Project: Memory cafes, socials and carers' support	Total cost: £3,400
Lead organisation: WISE (Wetherby in Support of the Elderly)	Wellbeing Funding: £3400

Our Memory Cafes both at Boston Spa and Collingham are held on a monthly basis and are well attended and well received. We have various entertainers, speakers and crafts and everyone enjoys these socials.

Our Singing group is a wonderful uplifting afternoon with around 25 people attending each month, both memory loss sufferers and their carers, this groups goes from strength to strength each month, we have a musical practitioner taking us through our paces and it is so uplifting and enjoyable.

Our Gentle seated exercise group is held monthly at one of our local care homes, it is open to both residents and non-residents, most of them have memory loss but seem to enjoy the exercises and especially the music.

We held an Easter Musical matinee on Monday with around 90 people attending, it was a wonderful afternoon and around 30 people had made Easter bonnets. Please also find attached an activities sheet which is sent out monthly showing the activities we organise.

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for the grant funding it touches so many people in our area.

Project: Aberford C of E Playground Project April – May 2012	£20,240
Lead organisation: Aberford Primary School	Wellbeing Funding: £1000

The wetpour netball/multi-functional play pitch was installed during the 2012 summer holidays and is being used by all the school children for educational and play based activities. The play area is also accessed by wider community groups including Brownies and Aberford kids club. The children love the new play pitch and it is being very well used.

Project: Alderton Place allotments survey	Total cost: £1500
Lead organisation: East North East Homes Leeds	Wellbeing Funding: £500

A Planning Application to change the use of the site at Alderton Place to allotments required a study to determine any potential contamination/remediation works.

East North East Homes Area Panel are contributing £1000 towards the cost of the survey, with the Area Committee funding the remaining £500.

Work has commenced on site with Probation Services, to dig out the plots, and all the plots are let. By the time the site is dug out it will be a little late for any planting this year, but will be established for next year.

Project: Great North Road logs	
Lead organisation: Leeds City Council Environment Locality Team	Wellbeing Funding:

Large logs were purchased and put in place by the council to restrict access to two areas of land on Great North Road between Aberford and Micklefield. This project is to stop travellers and fly tipping, and improve the quality of the local environment. Since the logs were installed, one log has been moved by an unknown party which allowed limited access to the site, this log will be resited.

Project: Treetops Community Centre Volunteer expenses	£1020
Lead organisation: Leeds City Council Area support team	Wellbeing Funding: £1020
Monitoring information provided by applicant: In January 2012 new arrangements were put in place for a volunteer key holder who could open and close for groups who did not qualify or did not want to become key holders themselves. This arrangement was initially put in place for a temporary period until March 2012. It has worked very well, and both the ward members and person undertaken the keyholder duties were happy for the arrangement to continue. Therefore funding was set aside to continue this arrangement.	

Project: Moor Allerton Care Line Dancing & Music Therapy	Total Cost: £2,600
Lead organisation:	Wellbeing Funding: £500
Line dancing has been well attended, with weekly numbers varying from 27 to 36. The attendees have been mainly residents from Moor Allerton Care Centre (Yewtree and Rosewood Court) who have extra care needs or are living with dementia. 8 people attending the day centre who have dementia have also attended, plus about 8 people who are slightly younger with no disabilities, but who are interested in line dancing. 8 sessions were held and residents who were unable to join in with the dancing enjoyed watching and socialising. This has proved very successful, stimulating conversation particularly for those people with dementia. It helps to bring back happy memories and encourages mobility. The activity has also helped to break down barriers and provide a wider understanding of the condition of dementia. The music therapy sessions have also been well attended with between 18 and 26 people attending weekly. The therapist has stimulated and encouraged the participants so much that they are now hoping to sing and play instruments for a Christmas show. Volunteers, residents and staff have all got involved, and these sessions have been very beneficial for all involved.	

Project: Wetherby Community Annual Events	Total Cost: £3000
Lead organisation: Wetherby Town Council	Wellbeing Funding: £3000
Monitoring information provided by applicant: Refurbishment of Christmas lights and electrical work. The Wetherby Christmas lights were certainly enjoyed by residents and visitors to the town over the Christmas period. They brought the magic of Christmas alive to everyone.	

During the current climate it is even more important that we have attractions in the town and the lights and the many Christmas trees did bring people into town. The Christmas lights and trees provide the backdrop to the Christmas Carol Concert and the shopping experience in Wetherby. Wetherby needs these attractions in order to maintain a vibrant market town for the benefit of the whole community. The importance of having these lights in Wetherby is demonstrated by the large number of volunteers who organises these and maintain the lights over the festive period.