

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

**Report to:** Inner North East Community Committee  
(Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay)

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for consideration

## **Inner North East Community Committee – Update Report**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
2. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

### **Main issues**

#### **Updates by theme**

#### **Employment and Skills: Cllr Sharon Hamilton**

#### **Universal Credit**

3. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2022, in the Inner North East Community Committee area was 3,475. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (88%), the number of claimants remains high and continues to increase. There is an increase of 88 claimants in October 2022 on the previous month.
4. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Inner North East Community Committee area and by ward.

Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs								
	March 2020		June 2020		September 2022		October 2022	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,636	8.2%	42,762	8.4%	43,819	8.2%
Inner North East	1,814	4.0%	3,405	7.50%	3,387	7.5%	3,475	7.7%
Chapel Allerton	1,019	6.1%	1,753	10.5%	1,817	10.9%	1,856	11.1%
Moortown	355	2.5%	773	5.4%	722	5.1%	750	5.3%
Roundhay	440	3.1%	879	6.1%	848	5.9%	869	6.1%

*\*Rate shows the number of claimants not in employment as a percentage of the working age population*

### Employment and Skills Services

The table below shows the number of people supported by the Service from the Inner North East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2021/22 (Apr – Sept)	2022/23 (Apr – Sept)	2021/22 (Apr – Sept)	2022/23 (Apr – Sept)	2021/22 (Apr – Sept)	2022/23 (Apr – Sept)
Inner North East	580	823	108	131	145	217
Chapel Allerton	290	433	53	76	62	97
Moortown	142	179	29	33	40	55
Roundhay	148	211	26	22	43	65

### During April – September 2022

- 8,359 people accessed the Service, 823 of whom were residents from the Inner North East.
  - Supported 1,462 people into work, 131 of whom were residents from the Inner North East. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in, arts, entertainment and recreation, construction, health and care, ICT, digital and comms.
  - Supported 2,149 people to improve their skills, 217 of whom were from the Inner North East.
5. Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Job shops which provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents. Employment Hub Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to Leeds residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city.
  6. All Job shops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes Reginald and City Centre Community Hubs. There is a pop up Jobshop at Moor Allerton Community Hub on Thursday 9:00 – 17:00.

7. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobs fairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses. Please link to our accounts:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eandsleeds>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/eandsleeds>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/eandsleeds>

8. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit:  
<https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>
9. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit:  
<https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>
10. The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models which include face to face, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.
11. Between September – December 2022, in the Inner North East, , 12 courses were delivered at 4 venues. 215 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line.
12. For the Academic Year 2022/23 in the Inner North East, 36 courses are also planned for online delivery, city-wide. In the Inner North East, 23 courses, including ESOL and English, are planned at 5 different venues. 36 courses are also planned for online delivery.
13. A Celebration of Learning Festival is planned for 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Carriageworks, for adult learners (and their children), to recognise everything they have been through during the last 2 years including personal achievements and home-schooling.
14. Developing Your Health and Wellbeing, a pre-employability, work readiness, health and wellbeing programme which aims to help people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment.

15. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>

16. Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers focuses on narrowing inequalities taking the strengths and limitations of the Lincoln Green Employability Project, expanded to a one system approach across the sector adapting recruitment methods and building on the good practice models in the system. The programme aims to engage with, recruit and develop a diverse workforce from disadvantaged or underrepresented communities in Leeds to improve access to long term career opportunities, work experience, volunteering, education, and training in the sector. Since September 2022, 169 people have attended the assessment sessions. 41 have achieved a qualification, and 35 people have been supported into work. 38 people are being supported to improve functional skills to achieve the required level to move into employment within the sector.

17. Between April – December 2022 Employment and Skills supported:

- 287 new businesses including recruiting new staff, providing support for staff facing redundancy, developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.
- and attended careers events and parents' evenings and delivered Apprenticeship awareness sessions, engaging with 7,674 young people, 367 parents and carers and 282 teachers.

### **Delivered Events**

18. Financial Inclusion Event took place on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 on the Mobile Community Bus at Wykebeck Valley Primary School and at Lidl in Gipton. The event aimed to help local residents maximise their income and assist in managing their debts and utilities. Housing Leeds, Yorkshire Water, Credit Union, Employment and Skills and Jobshop staff were present and supported residents accessing the event.

19. Leeds Digital Careers Festival 2022 (LDCF22) took place week 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022, with support from Leeds based employers. Workshop sessions were delivered within the Priority Neighbourhoods at Community Hubs and Leeds City College, which connected people with live digital opportunities, information, and guidance, approx. 100 people attended. Presentations were also held at 12 schools across the city, to 1,269 young people from years 10, 11 and post 16. A careers event was held at Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 with 51 digital employers and training providers participating, approximately 1,700 people attended.

20. Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF) a weeklong festival of activities took place 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 with a Creative Skills Showcase event held at the Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The event, sponsored by Channel 4, 4Skills and Leeds City College, aimed to inspire young people to consider a career in creative skills and provided a platform for industry experts to deliver presentations and take part in topical panel discussions. A total of 63 employers, training providers and SEND support participated at the event, 2,200 people attended. Artforms Leeds, Leeds 2023, Grand Futures Leeds and Leeds Cultural Education Partnership attended the event as Friends of the Festival.

### **Planned Events**

21. Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF) will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena to mark the start of National Apprenticeship Week, 97 employers and training providers have booked to exhibit. Publicity for the fair commenced in January 2023 and includes a mailing to parents of Leeds young people in years 10 - 13 and the NEET cohort. A series of sessions have been offered to secondary schools and colleges to help prepare students to get the most from the event.
22. Jobs fairs are planned to recruit for a range of posts within Leeds City Council at the following Community Hubs:
- City Centre, Merrion House, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 8LX on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023
  - Armley, 2 Stocks Hill, Armley, Leeds LS12 1UQ on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023
  - Dewsbury Road, 190 Dewsbury Road, Leeds LS11 6PF on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023
  - Compton Centre, Harehills Lane, Harehills, Leeds LS9 7BG on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023
23. Reducing Re-Offending in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority an event is scheduled for Spring 2023 to support the children of current serving prisoners at HMP Wealstun and aims to raise employment and education aspiration levels of the children attending. A Construction event (w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023) will be held at HMP Leeds aiming to encourage employers to engage in recruiting prison leavers and to increase the number of prison leavers offered employment in the construction industry.
24. Community Engagement Employment and Skills and Leeds City College have partnered to create a questionnaire, which will help to shape activities and information sessions to benefit the local communities, focusing on employment and skills.
25. SEND Next Choices, getting ready for adult life event will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. Young people who have special educational needs and disabilities will be able to attend with their teachers, parents

and carers and find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, support agencies and benefits available in Leeds.

## **Health & Well Being: Councillor Eileen Taylor**

### **OCTOBER 2022**

#### **WINTER FRIENDS SCHEME TO BE LAUNCH TO STAY SAFE DURING THE WINTER**

26. Winter Friend scheme recruits' volunteers who are friendly and helpful member of the community who assist the elderly or the most vulnerable with day-to-day tasks from gritting a neighbour's path when it gets icy to sharing local knowledge or a warming winter recipe! They are thoughtful and approachable volunteers – sensing when someone needs a bit of support and offering a hand without expecting anything in return.
27. A leading doctor in West Yorkshire is calling on people who haven't yet had their flu and Covid vaccinations to come forward as soon as possible. There are significant pressures locally and nationally across the system, with recent figures showing one in every eight hospital beds being used by someone with either Covid or flu.
28. Almost two thirds of those eligible for a Covid booster in West Yorkshire have had the jab since the rollout started last autumn. However, that means there are still over 400,000 people at increased risk from the virus who have yet to get protected.

#### **Flu and Covid**

29. Key messages continue to focus on safe behaviours:

- Get boosted with Covid and flu vaccines
- Stay at home and avoid close contact with others if you're not feeling well
- Wash your hands regularly
- Let fresh air in if you're meeting indoors

#### **Household Support Fund Leeds – Cost of Living Grants**

30. Forum Central launches grants to support individuals in hardship over winter. Grants of up to £1,000 and £5,000 are being administered by Forum Central and distributed to organisations who support Communities of Interest including cultural diversity, people with mental health difficulties (including Young People), learning disabilities, physical and sensory impairment and older people. There is no deadline – applications will be assessed weekly until all funds allocated. All grants must be spent by March 2023 and there is still funding available.

31. The Household Support Fund (HSF) is a Central Government fund, provided to Local Authorities to support individual households with access to food and fuel over the winter period. A priority of this fund will be to support people with food and fuel costs. For example, fuel meter top-up cards and payments or the provision of energy efficient equipment.
32. Alongside Leeds Community Anchor Network and Leeds Food Aid Network, Forum Central will be distributing a proportion of this funding to third sector partners to enable this support to reach those most vulnerable. In order to work quickly, a rolling grant programme will be available.
33. Mentally Healthy Leeds is looking to talk to people about how the cost of living crisis is affecting them, in particular people on low incomes. This research is designed to capture the real impact this crisis is having on vulnerable people and inform future service provision. As a small thank you participants can enter a prize draw for a £50 shopping voucher. As well as online (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CR2HRPZ>) and paper questionnaires we are keen to come along to groups and events to talk about this with people in person. If you have any questions or would like to suggest a group or event to reach out to then please email [quenbyh@touchstonesupport.org.uk](mailto:quenbyh@touchstonesupport.org.uk). Please share this widely to try and reach as many people as possible, the deadline is 3rd March 2023.

#### **Free therapy sessions for those who care for others.**

34. There are six free therapy sessions on offer with the possibility of another six free sessions after consultation with the client and therapist if you are experiencing feeling difficult to cope with after caring for others during the Covid-19 epidemic. There is also an opportunity to have an initial informal wellbeing 'chat' with a counsellor if you are unsure.

The key messages are these:

- If you work in a health and care organisation, or care for others, have volunteered during the Covid-19 pandemic or work for a third sector organisation active and again looking after others during the coronavirus epidemic in West Yorkshire and are experiencing feelings that are difficult to cope with. Mental health workers are here to support you now and find the extra help that is right for you. The service is completely free and confidential, wherever you work, and offers advice and support that can help with a range of issues. The Hub is for everyone – including volunteers.
- The staff support line operates every day, 8am-8pm and is staffed by trained listeners. Call free on 0808 196 3833.

- You can self-refer for one-to-one therapy. Referrals are actioned within one working day and a first appointment will be offered for within a week. This is our self-referral page <https://wystaffwellbeinghub.co.uk/support-for-me/self-referral>.

### **Community Safety: Councillor Mohammed Rafique**

35. Current caseload in Inner North East -15 active cases.

36. Chapel Allerton - Long standing noise nuisance case on Grange Avenue – a person has been found guilty of breach of abatement notice, fine + costs of £1,550 and forfeiture of his stereo equipment. A good result which will hopefully finally give the local community some respite.

37. Roundhay – dealing with some young men breaking into properties, they have now been arrested and currently still under investigation. LASBAT are linking in with the Police to look at possible civil actions if no charges are brought. Case officer is visiting the youths with the Police.

38. Moortown Park – LASBAT have met with the Chair of the Park Committee. He has been advised to encourage all residents to report any damage/ASB. LASBAT have arranged for the PCSO's and Youth Services to make regular visits to the park to try and engage with the youths concerned.

### **Leeds 2023**

39. The LEEDS 2023 year of Culture was launched at “The Awakening” event held at Headingley Stadium on 7 January, attracting national and worldwide media attention. The programme for the first season of the year has been announced <https://leeds2023.co.uk/whats-on> with seasons 2 and 3 to be announced later in the year.

40. The signature event MY LEEDS 2023, funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, involves the appointment of a Neighbourhood host for each ward. The Neighbourhood Hosts are participating in a paid training scheme during which they will:

- Develop their skills in community engagement, event management and producing.
- Design and deliver a community grants scheme.
- Collaborate with their community and co-create activity in each ward across the summer.
- Acts as a community ambassador, creating opportunities for people in their ward to engage with LEEDS 2023.



41. Neighbourhood Hosts are currently working for six hours a week, which includes their time spent in training and this reduces to three hours from September. The Neighbourhood Host scheme has been designed to increase the capacity for hyper-local community engagement in each of the wards, and to create opportunities for people across the city to participate in activity as part of the Year of Culture. Each host is supported by an Anchor Organisation, an organisation based in their ward/nearby ward, providing mentoring and guidance along the way. Elected Members are invited to support the Neighbourhood Hosts and their community by:

- Sharing with the Neighbourhood Host their knowledge of the ward and experience engaging with communities.
- Sharing possible opportunities for engagement with ward members.
- Making introductions, where appropriate, to members of the community who could further support activity.

42. The Neighbourhood Hosts and anchor organisations for wards in the Inner North East Community Committee area are:

- Chapel Allerton – position vacant, supported by Leeds West Indian Centre
- Moortown – Zhora Mohammad supported by Meanwood Valley Partnership
- Roundhay – Nick Wayne, no anchor organisation in place

43. The **community grants scheme** was launched in early February. Designed collaboratively by the Neighbourhood Hosts, the community grants scheme will support participation in one of the 33 My Leeds activities being produced across the summer. Residents are invited to apply for a community grant via the LEEDS 2023 website. All grant proposals will be considered by a panel of Neighbourhood Hosts and the funds will be allocated accordingly. The grants are open to anyone over 18 with a UK bank account, and LEEDS 2023 are hoping to receive a high number of applications from a diverse range of people and organisations. Elected Members' support in sharing the opportunity across their wards would be greatly appreciated.

44. Across season one, LEEDS 2023 is encouraging communities and schools to take part in **Waking the Artist**, a city-wide exhibition of art by people of Leeds. Community groups are invited to take part by making art and creating a display in their local library, community space or window. Communities can lead their own art-making workshops or are able to book a free facilitator or resource pack to support their engagement. Display labels and more information is available at: <https://leeds2023.co.uk/take-part/waking-the-artist>

### **Opportunities for schools**

45. Every child and young person of school age in Leeds is getting the chance to take part in the Year of Culture. LEEDS 2023's **creative learning programme** features free activities for learners in all key stages, including classroom resources, facilitated workshops, participatory activities, and opportunities for learning outside the classroom. With links to the curriculum, the programme supports teaching across a variety of subject areas and helps learners develop their creativity. Learning resources for schools can be found on the LEEDS 2023 website <https://leeds2023.co.uk/creative-learning>

46. Over 1500 learners and 20 schools engaged through the ballot for The Awakening, including participation in Leeds Artists Show. Spring term will see over 2300 pupils across 40 schools take part in facilitated workshops, including an **interschool slam poetry competition, Common Wealth theatre, and Leeds Young Film**. The following schools have either participated in an activity or are already booked onto an activity in the Spring term:

- Al Kauthar Girls Academy, Authors Abroad
- Bracken Edge Primary, Leeds Artist Show
- Chapel Allerton Primary, Leeds Cultural Heritage
- Holy Rosary and St Anne's Primary, Leeds Artist Show
- Allerton Grange, Authors Abroad
- Allerton High, Authors Abroad
- Cardinal Heenan High, Authors Abroad
- Carr Manor, Leeds Cultural Heritage
- Moor Allerton Hall Primary, Off the Curriculum
- Roundhay St John's Primary, Leeds Artist Show

47. In addition, LEEDS 2023 is encouraging and enabling schools to take part in **The Wild Escape** in partnership with Leeds Museums & Galleries, which will see children across the city engage with museum collections, learn about conservation, and create their own art.

48. A major LEEDS 2023 signature event is planned to take place in July 2023 in the Roundhay ward and this will be announced as part of Season 2 later in the year.

### **Community Hubs Update**

49. All Community Hubs and Libraries across Leeds are 'Warm spaces' this initiative is to provide a warm welcome with free hot drinks and games where residents can spend some time with company.

50. Community Hubs are collaborating with Zero Waste Leeds on the Winter Coat appeal and are drop off and collection points for redistribution of winter coats/fleeces.

### **The Reginald Centre Community Hub and Library**

51. Weekly events taking place at the Reginald Centre:

- Every Monday Local Medical Practice Coffee Morning 10am-12pm to combat social isolation.
- Chapeltown and Harehills Law Project attend every Monday 9-1 to give support to local residents with advice on welfare and benefits
- Men's Health Unlocked Monday 11am-3pm opportunity for males to drop in and discuss any general health issues or concerns

- Zumba session takes place every Monday 5.30-6.30pm
- Citizen's advice bureau appointment based every Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 1pm
- Police drop in weekly on a Wednesday 10am to 12pm
- Story and rhyme time every Wednesday 10.30am to 11.30am
- Stay and play every Wednesday 11.30am to 12.30pm
- Leeds Health Awareness Wednesday 10am-3pm Starts shortly
- Chess Club takes place every Wednesday from 5.30-6.30pm
- Money Buddies weekly on a Thursday 1pm to 4pm very well used due to cost of living crisis.
- claiming DWP and other benefits.
- Men's Self Advocacy Pop Up every Thursday 10am-2pm
- A Yoga session takes place every Thursday 6.30pm to 7.30pm
- A Youth Group session takes place 5pm-7pm every Friday

### **Ongoing Project Work**

52. Leeds City Council welcome hub for Ukrainian arrivals to Leeds. Working collaboratively with internal and external key stakeholders to offer a warm welcome to Ukrainian refugee arrivals.
53. We are a warm place and have a social table where customers can come in and do an activity such as complete a jigsaw, play a board game and general discussion. Hot Drinks are also available.

### **November 2022**

54. Reginald Centre has soft launch a new Wellbeing Pod, in partnership with NHS services.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Book Crossing – free comics giveaway in partnership with Thought Bubble festival.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Saturday family film club – screening of *The Red Turtle*, linking in with Book Crossing.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Hosted 2 x illustration workshops by illustrator Emily Ormerod, exploring different approaches to character/creature design and helping children create their own magical mammals and awesome amphibians – it will be positively beastly! Delivered in partnership with Thought Bubble Comic Convention. 2 x school sessions for classes from Bracken Edge.
  - Throughout November- Feel Good Factor hosted cost of living Workshops on Tuesdays in the public area at Reginald Centre.
  - 25<sup>th</sup> November- Winter Festival Event a variety of activities, performances at Reginald Centre with Santa in Attendance. A great turnout of approx. 150 local residents.

## **December 2022**

- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Librarian-led Healthy holidays sessions linking into STEAM skills with festive themed craft and storytelling session based on Matt Haig's *A Boy Called Christmas*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Saturday family film club – Christmas Special screening showing *The Polar Express*.

## **January 2023**

- 12.01.23 Lego Club 3-5
- 18.01.23 Easy Readers 10-11
- 24.01.23 Voluntary Action Leeds – pop up
- Fortnightly Digi drop ins, Mondays, 1 – 2pm: Need help to use your tablet, smartphone or computer to try something new, say hello or get tech savvy? Come along with your device or use a library PC and talk to our friendly librarians who will help you get started. Learn how your device can help you improve your health, access library services to read eBooks and magazines online and even save you money. This is a free event, no booking required
- Nest Steps with Digital course – 3 week course aimed at those with some experience in basic digital skills, looking to develop.
- 28th Jan – Saturday family film club
- Arrival of new mini Playbox to support Wellbeing pod and Story & Rhyme, allow children and families the opportunity for high quality creative play (with opportunities for speech and language and maths development) using everyday objects, that can be replicated at home. Designed by Playful Leeds in partnership with Leeds Libraries.

## **Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library**

### **Weekly events**

55. Weekly Storytime and Rhyme time at Moor Allerton. Story and Rhyme time is led by the Customer Service Assistants. Average attendance is 45.
56. Weekly Digi drop ins, Mondays 1,.30 – 2.30pm: Need help to use your tablet, smart phone, or computer to try something new, say hello or get tech savvy? Come along with your device or use a library PC and talk to our friendly librarians who will help you get started. Learn how your device can help you improve your health, access library services to read eBooks and magazines online and even save you money. This is a free event, no booking required.

## **November 2022**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Fostering Pop Up. A fostering advisor & foster carer ambassador was on site offering advice and guidance.

- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Matthew Bellwood local history project launch at Moor Allerton. Matthew Bellwood is a storyteller who has been working with a local school in Moor Allerton, charting the history of King Lane. Panels are currently being designed to display the project. These panels will be installed at Moor Allerton Hub.
- Long Covid Group attending every Tuesday between 2-3pm.
- BIPC Start up workshops. Every Wednesday in October and November. Attendees to the event have access to free support to start or grow their own business.
- Chess Club in partnership with Chess in Schools and Communities. Fortnightly on a Wednesday 3:30-5pm. This fun and friendly club will be welcome to players of all ages and abilities. Free event, no booking required.

### **December 2022**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Story and Rhyme time Festive Special. Attendees joined the festive story and rhyme time. The event included a visit from Santa and Christmas crafts for all ages.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Lego Christmas Event – ‘Twas the Build Before Christmas. Festive themed event to promote upcoming launch of Lego Clubs across city (in Jan/Feb 2023).
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Hearing Aid Clinic. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. This service is a drop in and is facilitated by Leeds Hearing and Sight Loss Service. This enables customers to have their hearing aids serviced and repaired free of charge.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Beginners Table Tennis Session with a qualified coach. The free event was aimed at children aged 5-16 years of age.
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### **January 2023**

- Relaunch of hugely successful Chess Club, fortnightly, run in partnership with Chess in Schools and Communities. Around 20 children attended club on 11th Jan.
- Manor Wood class visit – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **Chapel Allerton Library**

- We are a warm place and have a social table where customers can come in and do an activity such as complete a jigsaw, play a board game and general discussion. Hot Drinks are available.

## **Weekly events**

- Story Time Every Thursday 10.30-11.30 this continues to be hugely popular with up to 60 adults and children attending every week.

## **November 2022**

- Nov 21<sup>st</sup> – Digital Drop In 10.30-11.30 – 1 person attended.

## **December 2022**

- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> – Digital Drop In 10-30-11.30 – 2 people attended.
- 16<sup>th</sup> December A Christmas themed Story time took place where Santa and his Elves were present, and presents were handed out to the children. This was very well received by Children and Parents alike. It was followed by an Arts and Crafts session for the children.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Lego Christmas Event – ‘Twas the Build Before Christmas. Festive themed event to promote upcoming launch of Lego Clubs across city (in Jan/Feb 2023). Very well attended and received event, with around 25 children and grown ups in attendance.

## **January 2023**

- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Jan – Chapel Allerton Primary School Nursery 1.30pm: introduction to the library, librarian read a few stories, explained ready steady readers and how to join. 26 kids and 4-5 adults.
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – School visit from Gledhow Primary School. They visited for an induction and to support students at the school who are reluctant readers in year 6. There were up to 10 children attended.
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> – Lego Club 3.30 – 4.30pm. Sold out but walk ins available.
- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – Digital Drop In 10.30-11.30am.

## **Oakwood Library**

- The library is a warm place and have a social table where customers can come in and do an activity such as complete a jigsaw, play a board game and general discussion. Hot Drinks are also available.
- Weekly Storytime takes place every Monday 1.30pm-2.30pm.

- The library had a special Xmas Story Time on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December where gifts were given out to children.
- Digital Drop ins and Lego Club are due to start shortly.

## **Neighbourhood Centre Update**

57. Chapeltown Rd and Chapel Allerton businesses were all visited by the neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator before Christmas. The visits provide the chance to speak with businesses about any problems they face and opportunities they may wish to realise. Of course, all businesses are finding the going tougher than they would wish but sales were ongoing and only one sole trader spoke openly about needing to consider closing if their number of customers did not pick up. As a footnote to that point, trade did improve compared to last year's figures, so the majority of businesses are hanging on – for now. The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator spoke with LCC Marketing and as a result they managed to extend their pre-Christmas "Visit Leeds" campaign to promote some other main district centres including Chapel Allerton. It was presented so that people were encouraged to use their local centre, wherever they may live. Information to help business areas and develop partnership working between the public and private sector continues to be circulated to businesses wishing to receive it in Moortown, Chapel Allerton and Roundhay.

## **Consultation and Engagement**

58. The Community Committee has, where applicable, been consulted on information detailed within the report.

## **Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

59. All work that the Communities Team are involved in is assessed in relation to Equality, Diversity, Cohesion, and Integration. In addition, the Communities Team ensures that the wellbeing process for funding of projects complies with all relevant policies and legislation.

## **Council Polices and City Priorities**

60. Projects that the Communities Team are involved in are assessed to ensure that they are in line with Council and City priorities as set out in the following documents:

Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30  
 Best City Plan  
 Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan  
 Children and Young People's Plan  
 Safer and Stronger Communities Plan  
 Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

## **Resources and Value for Money**

61. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

### **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

62. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

### **Risk Management**

63. Risk implications and mitigation are considered on all projects and wellbeing applications. Projects are assessed to ensure that applicants can deliver the intended benefits.

### **Conclusions**

64. The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

### **Recommendations**

65. The Community Committee is asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

66. None.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.