



Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer East Community Committee

Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington,

Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam

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Outer East Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

- 1. To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Safer Stronger 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

3. Children and Families: Champion Cllr Michael Millar

The Each Community Committee has been allocated a Youth Activity Fund which it is responsible for administering. The Youth Activity Fund has been made available to provide local activities for children and young people aged 8-17 years across the city.

The Youth Activity Fund requires the engagement and participation of children and young people in the decision making and evaluation of the fund. Children and young people are involved in the funding process and advise Community Committees on the activities they would like to take part in, in their respective areas.

A Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey is now 'live' and young people can complete the survey by clicking the YAF Survey link, or alternatively, by scanning the QR code. The last day that young people can respond is the 31 March 2024.

YAF Survey link: https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/H5X5TG/

YAF Survey QR code:



4. Leeds Youth Service

Appendix 1 Leeds Youth Service Report provides information on core youth work highlighting key themes and activities for children and young people delivered by Leeds Youth Services.

5. Community Safety: Champion Cllr Mary Harland

Community Safety updates from Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT), Leedswatch and West Yorkshire Police are provided below.

6. Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT)

The current active case load for the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) in the Outer East area is twenty-four. Cases opened in the last 3 months by ward:

- Cross Gates & Whinmoor: 12 (1 Hate, 1 Criminality, 1 Sexual Behaviour, 2 Domestic Violence, 1 Noise, 1 Verbal Abuse, 1 Rowdy Behaviour, 2 Drugs/ Substance Misuse, 1 Threats/Abuse, 1 Misuse of Property)
- Garforth & Swillington: 2 (1 Criminality, 1 Noise)
- Kippax & Methley: 6 (1 Alcohol Related, 1 Drug/ Substance misuse, 1 Threats, 3 Noise)
- Temple Newsam: 4 (1 Criminality, 1 Misuse of property, 1 Drugs/ Substance misuse, 1 Threats/Abuse)

Key Updates and Information:

- No specific emerging trends or issues.
- The next ASB drop-in is the 6 March and is held on the first Wednesday of every month 13:00 to 14:00.
- The team have been working closely with West Yorkshire police (WYP) to take action on council tenants which have been involved and crime & Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the locality of their properties.
- The team have good working relationships with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and Housing Leeds colleagues.
- Youth nuisance remains a challenge, particularly around shops in Temple Newsam and Cross Gates & Whinmoor wards, the team are working with proprietors, security, Police and other services to identify and tackle those responsible.

7. Leedswatch

Updates are provided bi-annually with the next update due July 2024.

8. West Yorkshire Police

Appendix 2 West Yorkshire Police Report provides comprehensive information highlighting key themes and activities of work undertaken in the Outer East wards.

9. Environment: Champion Cllr Pauleen Grahame

Environmental updates from the Leeds City Council Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) are provided below.

10. Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT)

Appendix 3 Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Report provides comprehensive information highlighting key themes and activities of work undertaken in the Outer East wards.

11. Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion Cllr Jessica Lennox

Appendix 4 Employment & Skills Report provides comprehensive information highlighting key themes and activities of work undertaken in the Outer East wards.

12. Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr James Gibson

Appendix 5 Health & Wellbeing Report provides the Committee with comprehensive information highlighting key themes and activities of work undertaken.

13. Housing

Appendix 6 Housing Leeds Report provides the Committee with comprehensive information highlighting key themes and activities of work undertaken.

14. Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

Appendix 7 Housing Advisory Panel Report provides the Committee with comprehensive information highlighting key themes and activities of work undertaken.

15. Community Engagement: Forums

The Manston & Swarcliffe Forum meeting took place for Cross Gates & Whinmoor on 23 January 2024 with representatives from West Yorkshire Police and key services. Community forum meetings for 2024/25 will be scheduled in due course.

16. Community Engagement: Social Media

Appendix 8 Social Media Report provides the Committee with information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer East Community Committee Facebook page.

The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period. The report covers the period of September to December 2023.

Corporate Considerations

17. Consultation and Engagement

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

18. Equality and Diversity/ Cohesion and Integration

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.

19. Council Polices and City Priorities

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

20. Resources and Value for Money

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

21. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

22. Risk Management

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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

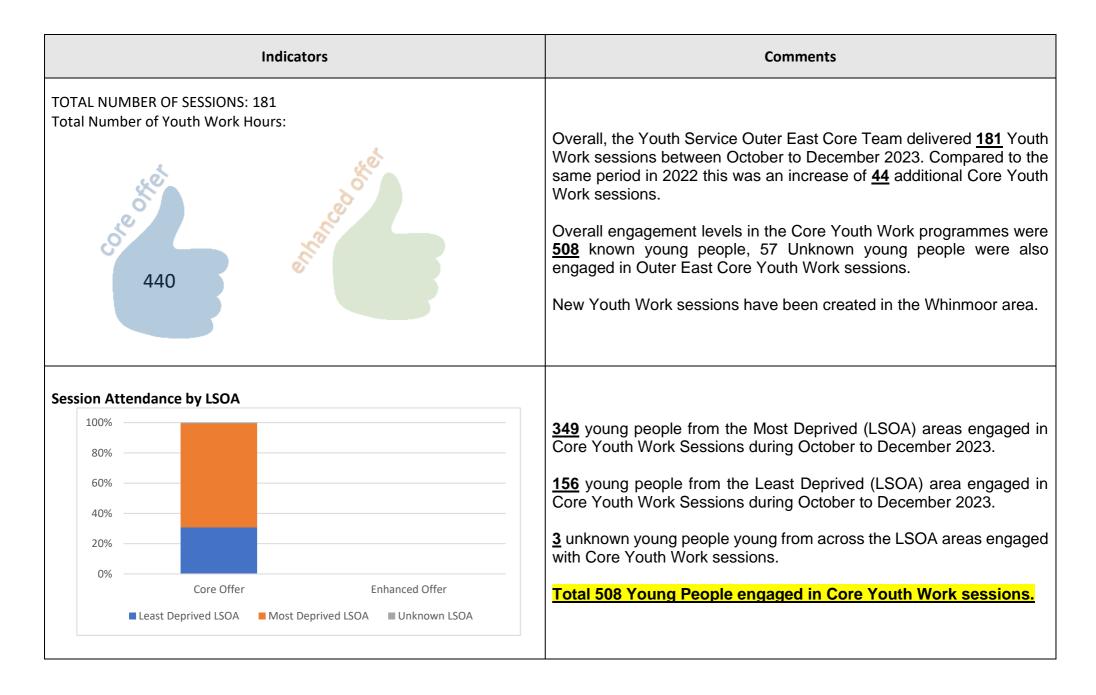
25. None.

¹ 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.

Appendix 1 Leeds Youth Service Report

The vision for Youth Work in Leeds – 'Making Connections' Report

Area	Outer East
Core Offer Team Leader	Glen O'Malley
Enhanced Offer Delivery Partner	
Date of Report	January 2024



Total Number of different young people attending youth work provision from each ward

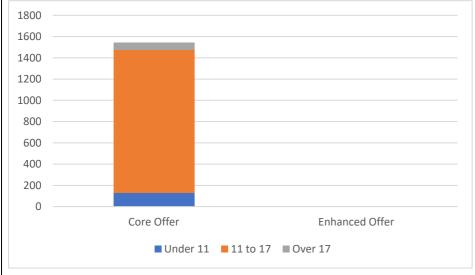
	Core	Enhanced	Core	Enhanced
Outer East				
CROSSGATES &	217			
WHINMOOR				
GARFORTH &	400			
SWILLINGTON	102			
KIPPAX & METHLEY	101			
TEMPLE NEWSAM	59			
Total	479			

The first Core column number refers to distinct Young People who attended provision within the Outer East who reside within the Outer East Wards. The second Core Column refers to the accumulative figure of session attendances. This is a welcome addition as it clearly highlights not just significant attendance levels, but through having the numbers side by side it emphasises the consistent level of engagement for the majority of Young People highlighted in the first column.

The numbers detailed for each ward are concerning, the number reflect only the young people living & attending Core Youth Work provision within the ward they live and within the ward the provision takes place at (they must be the same).

If a young person from Seacroft attended a provision in Crossgates & Whinmoor ward they are not counted.





The Youth Service Outer East Core team focussed engagement on vulnerable young people from the age of 11 to 17 years, during the October to December period the following level of young people engaged:

Under 11's - 43 Distinct Young People

11 to 17's - 449 Distinct Young People

Over 17's - 16 Distinct Young People

Young People Attending by ethnicity Wedge Area % Young People worked with this quarter % ■ White British ■ White Irish ■ Traveller of Irish Heritage Any other White backgound ■ Gypsy/Roma ■ White and Black Caribbean ■ White and Black African ■ White and Asian ■ Any other Mixed background Indian ■ Bangladeshi Pakistani ■ Any other Asian background Caribbean Any other Black background African ■ Any other ethnic group Chinese

During October to December 2023 period the Youth Service Outer East Core Team has engaged a good mix of young people from across the area, <u>36%</u> of participants engaged have been from different Cultures and <u>64%</u> of participants from White British. This remained the same as lat quarter.

Young People Attending by Gender









Male 298

Female 202

Withheld 7

Unknown 1

*We recognise how young people choose to identify may not be reflected above. These categories are the options available in Core+ and for DFE data purposes on statutory reporting for Local Authorities. We are actively looking at improving the way in which we record gender and identity.

The October to December period has seen a small increase in number of young people identifying as non-binary, this has been due to the change in recording on the Core + system which now enables young people to self-identify.

Young People who have shared they have a disability, accessing provision







C&YP with disability 5 C&YP with no disability 503 Not known 0

The October to December period has seen an increase in number of young people identifying as having a disability, this is partially due to Youth Workers undertaking training and re-registering young people on the Core + system.

A young person who is dyslexic attended one of the emotional wellbeing course sessions. The youth workers printed all the work sheets on yellow paper so the young person could access the work easier.

The group encouraged the young person to read out their work during the group discussions. The group were very supportive and didn't discriminate against them. The young person felt part of the group and enjoyed the course.

Young People who have shared they have Caring responsibilties







Unknown 0

The October to December period has seen an increase in number of young people identifying as being a young carer, after training for Youth Workers and a drive to register carers effectively on the Core + system.

Sessions by Priorities

		Primary	Additional
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	Help children & parents to live in safe, supportive & loving families	1	1
6	Ensure the most vulnerable are protected	2	3
4	Support families to give children the best start in life	1	3
4	Increase the number of children & young people participating & engaging in learning	26	21
4	Improve achievement & attainment for all	2	4
4	Improve at a faster rate educational progress for children & young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes	0	0
6	Improve achievement and close achievement gaps	1	1
4	Improve Outcomes for children and young people with SEN and/or disability	1	11
4	Improve social, emotional and mental health & wellbeing	37	71
4	Encourage physical activity and healthy eating	18	45
4	Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours	9	49
4	Promote Sexual Health	2	22
4	Minimise the misuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco	5	31
4	Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour	74	47
4	Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work	2	16
4	Improve access to affordable, safe and reliable connected transport for young people	0	0
	Total	181	225

The focus during the October to December period was the personal development & Well-Being of young people, locally this resulted in the following priorities being addressed:

The main priority during the October to December period was "Reducing Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour (74 key priority sessions, overall, 121 sessions) focussed on the issue.

The second priority addressed during the October to December period was "Improve social, emotional and mental health & wellbeing (37 key priority sessions, overall, 108 sessions) focussed on the issue.

The third priority addressed during the October to December 2023 period was "Encourage physical activity and healthy eating" (18 key priority sessions, overall 63 sessions) focussed on the issue.

Safeguarding / Early Help - 2



Core Youth Workers continue to support young people with Safeguarding & Early Help Plans, Youth Workers have been attending. Child In Need & Early Help partnership meetings.

Core Youth Workers continue to record Safeguarding concerns on the Core + & Mosaic systems (where appropriate) and reflect on caseloads during supervision with Youth Worker staff.

Core Youth Worker are regularly required to focus on their Safeguarding responsibilities during supervision, reviewing cases, ensuring they are aware of procedures & identify appropriate training or refresher training as required.

Youth Service Outer East Core Team continued the focus on ensuring the most vulnerable young people were able to access free food during the regular weekly sessions. The Youth Workers explored food options with group members enabling them to utilise their voice and influence decisions for the groups.

Leeds Youth Work Vision: Collaboration. Youth work will be valued and Participation and Empowerment. understood. Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity Quality, safety, and well-being Respect and positivity

How has Youth Work been delivered in line with Leeds Vision for Youth Work (500 Words)

Participation & Empowerment:

Youth Matter group members across the Outer East area have been busy participating in consultation for the October, December & February holiday programmes. The group members consulted their groups and contributed to the October Holiday programme. In November the groups were consulted for Christmas activities and decided on visits to the Leeds Playhouse to see Oliver, Leeds City Varieties to see Rock N Roll Panto & Stockheld Park for Ice Skating. Group members have also been working with Youth Workers to plan the February 2024 holiday programme.

The Temple Newsam Youth Matters Group is flourishing with attendance increasing to ten core members, the young people who attend each session on Wednesday have engaged in various issue-based work including: Knife Crime/Anger Bingo looking at how to manage emotions / epilepsy awareness. The sessions have been received well by the young people and one of the Youth Service volunteers delivered the session on epilepsy awareness.

Fire Fighting Sessions – Young people from across the Outer East area engaged in firefighting awareness sessions during the October Half term period, young people from Temple Newsam & Swarcliffe areas engaged in the full day sessions. The young people were engaged in physical & team challenges and focussed on the role of the fire Service. The sessions also focussed on Fire Safety, Fire Work awareness and the role of the fire service in the local community. In total 20 young people from across the two areas engaged in the two different days.



<u>Consultation</u> - Young people across the Outer East Core provision have been engaging with Youth Workers to complete the Youth Activities Funding and the Leeds Children's Poverty Consultations. The YAF consultation enabled the young people to identify how local funds would be spent on young people and the second enabled young people to highlight the main issues for a young person impacted by Child Poverty.

Inclusiveness, equality & diversity:

<u>Transition Groups</u> - Targeting the year six age group have reopened to help young people with health & well-being concerns including the development of social skills needed in the transition from primary to secondary schools. The weekly sessions allow young people to explore the transition, develop social & communication skills whilst also meeting older young people and developing positive relationships.

<u>Young Carers</u> – Following the July to September report the Outer East team acknowledged the number of young carers registered on the report did not appear to reflect the level of participation in sessions, the Core Youth Work team focussed on how this could be improved and requested young people who identify as a young carer to be reregistered. As a result, the Outer East core Youth Work team has seen an increase in young carers included on the report. Awareness sessions have also been provided to the Core Youth Workers to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities to Young Carers.



Quality, Safety & Well-Being:

<u>C Card – Sexual Health Awareness</u> – Youth Workers continue to offer the C Card Scheme across the Core Youth Work provisions targeting young people aged 13+, working with Leeds Sexual Health Service the local provisions offer young people the option to access sexual health resources including contraceptives, relationship advice, age of consent guidance, pregnancy & STI's testing. This service enables Youth Workers to develop trust & tolerance with young people enabling them to build their life skills.

<u>Personal Safety</u> - Youth workers have engaged young people in sessions around staying safe this has included discussion around electric scooters and bikes. The importance of lights and wearing something bright, youth workers had provided some snap bands to encourage young people to be seen. Another important discussion has been around not wearing headphones, having phones and electric gadgets out of view and being aware of the surroundings.

<u>Cooking Skills</u> - Young people have engaged in cooking programmes and worked with youth workers on programme planning, eating healthy on a budget where young people have learnt basic cooking skills & health & safety in the kitchen. The sessions enabled young people to recognise the health benefits compared to purchasing take aways. One group was engaged in a Bake-off style competition.

Collaboration:

<u>Partnerships</u> - Youth Service Outer East Core Team have been working with several partners to deliver sessions and enhance opportunities for young people, Leeds Health Watch, Yorkshire Housing, West Yorkshire Fire Service, Leeds United Foundation, local Councillors & Community Committees. The partnership work enabled the young people to explore additional opportunities whilst being able to recognise the importance these services have in the local community.

<u>Volunteers & Students</u> – Several volunteer and students have supported the delivery of Youth Work sessions across the Outer East area, Students from Leeds Beckett University & Leeds Health Watch engaged with young people around developing awareness of poetry & mental health issues. The local volunteers increased during the October to December period with three new volunteers supporting sessions. One of the regular volunteers also delivered an epilepsy awareness session.

<u>Yorkshire Housing</u> – Youth Service Outer East Core Team have been engaging with Yorkshire Housing to support young people, the YH staff engaged with Youth Workers to offer a community Christmas Grotto at the local Youth Centre, overall, the event was attended by 200 children, young people, parents, and carers. The Yorkshire Housing staff also provided a large number of Advent Calendars for the young people attending the local Youth Club.

<u>Health Watch</u> - Worked with young people to focus on the impact of mental health and what they liked about living in Leeds including the cost-of-living crisis, personal safety, transport etc. Three groups of ten young people engaged with the workers and feedback that they had really enjoyed the session and felt listened too.

Respect and positivity:

White Ribbon Campaign - All groups were provided with information and encouraged young people to support the White Ribbon Campaign, talking to young people about this very important campaign. Having these conversations with young people will provide an understanding of the issues this campaign supports. Youth Workers provided different campaign aspects to discuss such as women and girls feeling safe in there local areas while out running. It was established that young women and girls don't feel safe in parks alone while boys and young men do mostly feel safe in these areas.

<u>Employment Support</u> - A young person from Holbeck area approached Core Youth Workers to ask for support with their Curriculum Vitae and how they access college courses, the young person had been experiencing some mental health issues whilst at school and as such didn't always attend. Youth workers supported this young person to attend a meeting with the pathways service. (Had previously not attended appointments with Pathways) the Youth Worker followed up with discussion around next steps and encouraged attendance at follow up meetings.

Youth work will be valued and understood:

Youth Work Conference - Youth Workers from across the Outer East Core Team participated in a celebration of Youth Work event in November 23, the celebration at Leeds Metropolitan University enabled Youth Workers to develop awareness of other services available for young people and to celebrate the good work being delivered across Leeds. The Outer East team also consisted of five volunteers at the celebration event.



<u>Issue Based Work</u> – Youth Workers from across the Outer East team have been engaging young people in a range of issue-based work during the last quarter, vaping, hate crime, road safety, epilepsy awareness, alcohol awareness, national recycling week & World Mental Health Day. The group members explored the issues in an informal learning environment with aspects of fun included where possible.

What has gone well and why? Contributing Factors (500 Words)

The examples above of Core Youth Work Activities along with the details in this section are testament to the good work of the Youth Service Outer East Core Youth Work Team undertakes with young people across the Outer East area.



<u>Championing the voice of young people</u> – The Youth Matters & YpmyG groups across the Outer East area have been extremely active working with local councillors to focus on Youth Summits, local light switch events, explore local priorities and working with Youth Service management to recruit Advanced Youth Work Practitioners. These groups have enabled the group members to be active members in their local areas.

Anti-Social Behaviour Work – Youth Workers from the Core Youth Work Team have been engaging with partners to identify hot-spot area and young people identified as being engaged in unacceptable behaviour. Utilising both detached & mobile sessions locations have been visited and young people engaged in discussions regards their actions / behaviours. Two young people who were causing ASB in the community had meetings individually with Youth Workers to discuss their behaviour, actions and consequences and since the meetings took place, the young people are now positively attending and engaging in two sessions a week and their behaviour has improved.

October Half Term – Youth Service Outer East Core Youth Work team have worked with local young people to create and deliver a diversionary holiday programme for the October Half term period. Young people were able to participate in Scare maze events at Yorkshire Scare-fest, bowling at Escape, swimming at Barnsley Metro-Dome & Flamingo Land Theme Park.



<u>Halloween Events</u> – A Halloween event was delivered across the Outer East area by the Core Youth Work team and several local volunteers & senior members, the "House of Madness" event provided a diversionary activity with a challenge. The scare maze were created by the Youth group members and Core Youth Workers focussed on participants and their contributions. Overall, 75 young people participated in the event with many providing very positive feedback. The local volunteers & senior members contributed to the planning, designing of costumes, applying make-up, staffing the events and being part of the Scare Maze Characters.

<u>Bonfire Period / Fire Safety</u> – Youth Workers from the Core Youth Work team offered additional activities over the Bonfire Weekend, some Youth Work sessions remained open later, additional mobile & detached sessions were provided and on Saturday 4th November over 50 young people participated in a full day trip to Flamingo Land for a fun day that included an evening Firework display. This additional work contributed to a reduction in young people related Anti-Social Behaviour across the Outer East area with reports for Service calls being lower than previous years.



Health – Vaping - An ongoing issue with young people is vaping, more and more young people are starting to vape from a very young age. Youth Workers have designated sessions in all areas to raise awareness on vaping and the effects nicotine has on the body. Young people discussed why they vape and the census is that young people are vaping because of the flavours that the vapes are. Young people that vape have said they do not smoke cigarettes because they do not like the small or taste of them, but as vapes have nice flavours they use them. Additionally young people have been very stressed with exams and used vaping to relax. Discussions took place about finding different relaxation techniques and new things to do to relax other than vaping. Youth workers were pleased to discover that local shops around Belle Isle don't sell Vapes to young people, however the flip side of this is that young people are visiting the City Centre to buy vapes and then hanging around in town.

Active members of Society - Young people from the YpmyG voice & influence group / senior member volunteers had a visit from the ward Councillors. The group members have been hard at work planning for the Christmas light switch on event. The group were approached to run a stall at the event to promote the youth club and to raise funds for the light switch on committee and the youth club Christmas party. The group researched various games and activities suitable to do at the event and decided on a "Pick a Stick" game. The group made the game from scratch and with the help of the 3 Ward Councillors made all the game prizes. The prizes ranged from chocolate sweets, Christmas baubles filled with chocolate coins and Elf rubber ducks! The Ward Councillors also visited on the day of the light switch on and chatted with

the young people who also helped run the stall. A brilliant experience for the group to start with an idea and see it through to the finished product.



What has not gone well and why? Contributing factors? (500 Words)

<u>Mobile Provisions</u> – The age and level of maintenance on the 2008 vehicles is causing a number of sessions to be cancelled, regular maintenance and repairs means vehicles are spending a lot of time off the road, this frustrates both staff and young people who are keen for sessions to be delivered.

<u>Halton Moor Kicks</u> - The Leeds Utd Foundation KICKS Programme in <u>Halton Moor</u> has temporarily been suspended due to weather conditions and there is the hope that it will re start as the lighter nights and better weather draws in. Young people have been informed and they understand though they did enjoy the session.

<u>Behaviour of young people</u> - Youth workers have been responding to reports of Youth ASB in Whinmoor this had consisted of young people hiding and throwing stones at traffic. Youth Workers have witnessed this behaviour first hand and had challenged young people. Some young people haven't responded positively to the challenge. Youth workers will continue to challenge this type of behaviour with young people.

<u>Gang Culture</u> – Youth workers are coming across more difficult situations while dealing with local gang culture and at times have been challenging for staff, Youth Workers are working with local partners to explore options and responses to address evolving situations.

Compliments and Feedback (500 Words)

1 - Health Watch:

Hello Deeta and Glen

Just to say a huge thank you for enabling us to come to the Youth Group on Friday, as always, we came away humbled, inspired and in total awe of the work you do there. An official thank you will come from Cllr Venner as Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, but just wanted to email you today. And huge, big thank you to the young people that spoke with us, inspired us and who made us feel so welcome.

I have tweeted a couple of my pics profiling your work, but if you had any pics you could send over that would be brill too.

Many thanks again and if ever we can support Swarcliffe in any way please say.

2 - West Yorkshire Police:

As a result of your chat with the group I was approached by several the above mentioned actually apologising for their part and behaviour, looking at the problem-solving updates from over the weekend there have been no further, similar issues which is a nice change – so once again thank you!

3 – October School Holiday Feedback:

"My kids loved the scare houses thanks for taking them – I was too scared to!" – parent of siblings accessing YAF October half term trip to HallowTween scare event at York Maze.

"Thank you for the Leeds Utd match tickets, my kids were over the moon with them!" – parent of siblings using Leeds Utd Foundation complimentary tickets who attend Kippax Kicks

"Thank you for all that you and your team do" – Cllr Lewis and Cllr Harland regarding the diversionary work delivered in the run up to and during Halloween / Mischievous Night / Bonfire Night period in the KM/GS wards.

4 - Cooking Sessions:

Parents have given positive verbal feedback to youth workers about the love food project, some of the feedback from one of the parents:YP really looks forward to attending the project. He has enjoyed learning how to make new things. He's a very fussy eater but because he's
spent time cooking for everyone, he has also tried the meals. As a family we all look forward to seeing what meal he brings home for everyone.
Everyone has enjoyed eating the different meals and trying foods that we would not normally cook. He was really upset he couldn't come this
week as he was poorly. Thank you for dropping the pizzas off even though he couldn't come this week

"We made cookies by ourselves!"

5 - Core Youth Work Sessions:

I was really worried about x attending the youth group, but she loves it and the new friends she has made has helped her so much at school: amazing thank you - Parent.

"Loved the air hockey tournament and I won a prize" – Young Person.

"I can't believe this is free, especially playing on this pitch! – parent of young person attending Kicks on the 4G pitch

"Oh, that was so funny, I've never been to a panto before thank you" – young person on YAF trip to City Varieties Pantomime.

Have the plans and priorities for the last quarter been achieved? What are your plans and priorities for the next quarter? (500 Words)

• Last Quarter Priorities:

- To continue supporting young people impacted by the cost-of-living crisis, offering free food at Youth Work sessions, linking into local sessions at reduced rates and by offering discounts during school holiday programmes. Sessions will also focus on healthy eating and alternatives to take-aways. Achieved See Love Food Project & Cooking Skills Sessions Above.
- Core Youth Work team currently developing a diversionary programme during the October School Holiday period, working with local Youth Matters groups an enhanced programme will be delivered. <u>Achieved – See Youth Matters Above.</u>

- Halloween & Bonfire Period, Core Youth Work team have several additional work elements planned. Sessions with West Yorkshire Fire
 Service planned to develop knowledge of Fire Fighting and the dangers around fires & fireworks. During the Bonfire weekend the Core
 Youth Work team is looking to offer some late-night youth work sessions, detached sessions, diversionary activities with the aim of
 diverting young people's interests into positive activities. Achieved See Fire Fighting Above.
- Core Youth Work team has organised several Halloween events to focus the attention of young people into positive activities, the House
 of Madness events are a local scare fest targeting young people to participate in a safe scary event. <u>Achieved See House of Madness</u>
 Above.
- To maintain engagement levels in outdoor sessions during the dark nights, working in partnership with Leeds United foundation the
 outdoor sessions require more focus to ensure the provisions can continue. Outdoor sessions with minimal or no lighting require Core
 Youth Workers to arrange portable lights and have cover available for poor weather conditions. Achieved.
- To continue supporting young people with mental & sexual health concerns and to ensure sufficient support is available up to and
 during the Christmas period. Achieved Support offered on a one to one basis and via social media information.

What are your plans and priorities for the next quarter?

- To focus on maintaining the sessions in the Outer East area having had an Advanced Youth Work Practitioner relocated.
- To develop a diversionary holiday programme that is accessible to vulnerable young people during the February 2024 Half Term period.
- To develop a residential experience for young people from the Temple Newsam & Swarcliffe Wards.
- To provide young people with to access to regular educational & recreational activities through Youth Work sessions to ensure their leisure time is used positively.
- To focus on the development of more senior members & volunteers in the Outer East area.
- To promote the Leeds United Kicks session across the Outer East area and hope that Coaches are available via Leeds United Foundation.



Appendix 2 West Yorkshire Police Report

Outer East Community Committee Neighbourhood Policing Teams - Service Updates

NPT Wards Crossgates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam & Halton.		
Date Updates Provided	23 rd February 2024	
Meeting Date	05 th March 2024	
Meeting Time	18:00 – 20:00 hrs	
Venue	Temple Moor High School, Field End Grove, Selby Road, LS15 0PT	

Serious and Acquisitive Crime Demand Data

Outer East ward areas, yearly crime comparison tables for January – February 2023 vs 2024

Outer East Crime Category	Jan - Feb 23	Jan - Feb 24	Change
Burglary - business and community	5	7	2
Burglary - residential	34	42	8
Robbery	8	12	4
Theft from motor vehicle	7	10	3
Theft from the person	3	1	2
Theft of motor vehicle	16	16	0
Grand Total	73	88	15

Crossgates and Whinmoor Crime Category	Jan - Feb 23	Jan - Feb 24	Change
Burglary - business and community	1	2	1
Burglary - residential	17	10	7
Robbery	2	3	1
Theft from motor vehicle	2	1	1
Theft from the person	0	0	0
Theft of motor vehicle	3	2	1
Grand Total	25	18	7

Garforth and Swillington Crime Category	Jan - Feb 23	Jan - Feb 24	Change
Burglary - business and community	2	0	2
Burglary - residential	2	6	4
Robbery	2	0	2
Theft from motor vehicle	0	0	0
Theft from the person	1	0	1
Theft of motor vehicle	3	5	2
Grand Total	10	11	1



Kippax and Methley Crime Category	Jan - Feb 23	Jan - Feb 24	Change
Burglary - business and community	2	4	2
Burglary - residential	7	14	7
Robbery	2	4	2
Theft from motor vehicle	1	3	2
Theft from the person	0	1	1
Theft of motor vehicle	5	2	3
Grand Total	17	28	11

Temple Newsam and Halton Crime Category	Jan - Feb 23	Jan - Feb 24	Change
Burglary - business and community	0	1	1
Burglary - residential	8	12	4
Robbery	2	5	3
Theft from motor vehicle	4	6	2
Theft from the person	2	0	2
Theft of motor vehicle	5	7	2
Grand Total	21	31	10

Serious and acquisitive crime demands increased across the Outer East ward areas, with an overall combined increase of fifteen crime occurrences, in comparison to the same period reviewed in 2023.

Burglary-residential occurrences presented the largest increase in demands across the Outer East ward areas, presenting with a combined increase of eight additional offences. This category was followed by Robbery occurrences, with four additional recorded offences combined in comparison to the previous year reviewed.

The Crossgates and Whinmoor ward was the only ward to present with an overall reduction in serious and acquisitive crime demands, in comparison to the previous year with an overall demand reduction of seven occurrences.

Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Demand Data

Outer East ward areas, yearly anti-social behaviour comparison tables for January – February 2023 vs 2024.

	Jan - Feb	Jan - Feb	
Outer East ASB Call Category	23	24	Change
ADULT NUISANCE NON - ALCOHOL			
RELATED	3	6	3
ALCOHOL	0	1	1
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	2	0	2
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0	0	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	1	0	1
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	8	2	6
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	17	23	6
YOUTH RELATED	15	17	2
Grand Total	46	49	3



Crossgates and Whinmoor Hill ASB Call	Jan - Feb	Jan - Feb	
Category	23	24	Change
ADULT NUISANCE - NON-ALCOHOL			
RELATED	1	0	1
ALCOHOL	0	1	1
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0	0	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0	0	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	0	0	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	0	1	1
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	6	14	8
YOUTH RELATED	5	4	1
Grand Total	12	20	8

Garforth and Swillington ASB Call	Jan - Feb	Jan - Feb	
Category	23	24	Change
ADULT NUISANCE - NON-ALCOHOL			
RELATED	0	3	3
ALCOHOL	0	0	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0	0	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0	0	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	0	0	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	2	0	2
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	1	0	1
YOUTH RELATED	1	1	0
Grand Total	4	4	0

Winney and Mathley ACD Call Category	Jan - Feb	Jan - Feb	Chamas
Kippax and Methley ASB Call Category	23	24	Change
ADULT NUISANCE - NON-ALCOHOL			
RELATED	1	1	0
ALCOHOL	0	0	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	0	0	0
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0	0	0
NEIGHBOUR RELATED	0	0	0
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	4	1	3
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	7	5	2
YOUTH RELATED	4	4	0
Grand Total	16	11	5

Temple Newsam and Halton ASB Call Category	Jan - Feb 23	Jan - Feb 24	Change
ADULT NUISANCE - NON-ALCOHOL RELATED	1	2	1
ALCOHOL	0	0	0
FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING	2	0	2
LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA	0	0	0



NEIGHBOUR RELATED	1	0	1
NUISANCE CAR/VAN	2	0	2
NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE	3	4	1
YOUTH RELATED	5	8	3
Grand Total	14	14	0

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) demands presented with a slight increase in demand, with three additional calls for service overall, across the Outer East during the period under review and in comparison, to 2023.

Nuisance motorcycle and quad bike calls for service remain prevalent in the Crossgates and Whinmoor locality and remains a local priority for the ward. This ward presented with an increase of eight calls for service year on year, largely attributed to nuisance motorcycle demands.

The Garforth and Swillington, Temple Newsam and Halton ward areas anti-social behaviour demands remain stable, with no overall demand change year on year.

The Kippax and Methley ward, was the only ward to present with reduced anti-social behaviour demands year on year.

Current Local Priorities Outer East:

Partners and Public can access Leeds East local priority updates at: <u>Leeds East | West Yorkshire Police</u>

Community and Policing Priorities are reviewed frequently and will be amended in line with community concerns, raised issues at Police and Community Together (PACT) meetings, identified risks and information obtained from local policing analysis.

We will frequently share news updates on Social Media channels, Community Alert and via the West Yorkshire Police Website.

Ward Area - Leeds East wide - set February 2024

The Leeds East wide local priority has recently changed to the following:

To address serious and organised criminality, whilst disrupting and pursuing offenders who cause harm to the communities we serve.

Update

Following the introduction of Operation Dieselcrest in July 2023 and the local
priority set in October 2022, to address anti-social motorcycles, vehicular nuisance,
and associated criminality across Leeds East ward areas there has been a
significant reduction in nuisance motorcycle and quad bike calls, in comparison to
the previous year overall. The local priority across Leeds East Neighbourhood
Policing Teams, has now been changed to focus on targeting Serious and



Organised criminality, with a targeted emphasis on Urban Street Gangs (USG's) and Organised Criminal Groups (OCG's).

- Multiple actions were taken to address the previous local priority, and several news releases and updates were circulated whilst the local priority was in place. These actions included the implementation of Operation Republic alongside North Yorkshire Police, working alongside Leeds City Council who secured a city PSPO Public Spaces Protection Order. In addition, fourteen Community Protection Notices were issued, a total of four two-years Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions obtained and one five-year Criminal Behaviour Order. Multiple motorcycles and quad bikes were seized during the targeted focus and proactive patrols. We will continue to address reported demands through deployments of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and dedicated Off-Road Bike Team.
- News releases were previously published, during the period the local priority was in place and can be accessed via the below links:
 - 1. <u>Police forces join together to tackle illegal car meets | North Yorkshire Police</u>
 - 2. <u>Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Week sees city-wide Public Space</u>
 Protection Order comes into force (leeds.gov.uk)
 - 3. <u>Fourteen Vehicle Licences Immediately Suspended During Road</u>
 Safety Operations, Leeds East | West Yorkshire Police

Ward Area - Crossgates and Whinmoor

- To address reports of anti-social behaviour involving young people, with a particular focus on the White Laith Shops, the Bus Terminus, Naburn Approach, and the Co-op on Swarcliffe Drive
- To continue our focus on addressing the use of stolen and off-road motorcycles driving illegally and in an anti-social manner in Swarcliffe, Stanks, Whinmoor and Crossgates.

Updates:

To address anti-social behaviour and incidents of damage across the locations identified, we have provided an increased and visible presence across the areas affected and utilised the FIRST Leeds 'Trojan' bus to deploy to the locality. A problem-solving approach has been adopted working alongside First Leeds, West Yorkshire Police Safer Travel Team, LASBT and Youth Services. Officers have deployed in plain clothes, gathering evidence, and identifying individuals involved in the anti-social behaviour, to disrupt and prevent any offences which have previously led to the cancellation of bus services, causing a detrimental impact particularly on the elderly, disabled and vulnerable. A local news release was circulated on the 5th December 2023, to encourage parents, carers, and guardians to speak to young people regarding acceptable behaviour and how such behaviour



impacts the community. You can read the release at: <u>Local Priority Update: NPT Responds To Anti-Social Behaviour At Whinmoor Bus Terminus, Leeds | West Yorkshire Police</u>

- Several young people have been identified as being involved in repeat incidents of anti-social behaviour, referrals were submitted to the Leeds City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team. As a result, nine young people have been issued with Anti-Social Behaviour advisory letters and parents have been issued with parent advisory letters and some have been issued with tenancy warnings, regarding their child's involvement in such behaviour. Behaviour will be monitored and should the young people continue to be involved in such anti-social behaviour, further enforcement action may be taken.
- We have liaised with Leeds City Council Youth Service in our Community Safety
 multi-agency tasking meetings, who continue to engage with young people across
 the site and ward. They have implemented a targeted youth provision on
 Wednesday afternoon, for those identified as being at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour across the Naburn's and continue to provide a significant amount
 of excellent and effective work with young people across the ward, at their wellattended youth provisions programme.
- We continue to focus on the issue of stolen and off-road motorcycles being used across the ward area. Officers have worked alongside the Leeds District Off-Road Bike Team resulting in significant gains in terms of vehicle seizures, recovery of stolen motorcycles and arrests.

Ward Areas – Garforth and Swillington, Kippax, Methley and Villages – set February 2023

Lead Sergeant: PS 0801 Collett

Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 3826 McAleese and PC 2484 Jenkins

- To address public concerns of youth anti-social behaviour, drugs misuse and alcohol misuse across public park areas with a particular focus on Barley Hill Park, Garforth, Glebelands Park, Garforth and Rocket Park, Millennium Village, Allerton Bywater.
- To target and address multiple road safety concerns including speeding and parking offences across the ward areas.

Updates:

We have continued to conduct multiple targeted high visibility and plain clothes
 Operations across Barley Hill Park, Main Street, Garforth and Fiddler Close and
 Lane, to address reports of anti-social behaviour and suspected drugs
 use. Following the last review whereby officers identified several young people



involved in anti-social behaviour and a community resolution was issued, youth related anti-social behaviour has declined across the wards. We continue to monitor and deploy across the locations, at this time.

- As part of our ongoing commitment to address road safety concerns, we have
 delivered road safety lessons in schools and conducted multiple schools parking
 patrols, with advice given to parents regarding safe parking. On the 27th
 November 2023, we released our Road Safety Matters Local
 Priority update highlighting multiple road safety deployments, alongside West
 Yorkshire Police Roads Policing Unit, neighbouring forces, and partner agencies,
 resulting in multiple arrests, vehicles, drugs and weapon seizures and enforcement
 actions taken. You can read more at: Local Priority Updates For Garforth,
 Swillington, Kippax, Methley and Villages | West Yorkshire Police
- Since the last local priority update, we have focused on schools parking issues
 across the ward following raised concerns from schools and the public highlighting
 dangerous and bad parking. On the 2nd February 2024, PCSO's deployed at
 Great Preston Primary School, which is part of the School Streets programme,
 whereby parking time restrictions are in place. The deployments resulted in several
 tickets being issued, for dangerous and illegal parking and followed on from
 previous warnings issued.

Ward Area - Temple Newsam and Halton - set August 2023

Lead Sergeant: PS 1125 Bell

Lead Area Problem Solving Officer: PC 1438 Mortimer and PC 687 Campbell

- To address road safety concerns and road related offences, across the Temple Newsam and Halton ward with a particular focus on Temple Newsam Park and The Springs Retail Park.
- To address reports of urban street gangs and organised criminal groups involved in the supply of drugs and serious violence, particularly across the Wykebecks and Halton Moor sections of the ward.

Updates:

- As part of Operation Anthenmill the dedicated youth violence engagement officer continues to conduct proactive diversionary patrols, to engage with identified young individuals and divert them away from criminality.
- In line with Operation Doleedge, we have executed several misuse of drugs warrants, across the ward. A news release was published, in October 2023 and can be accessed at: <u>Three Arrested Following Operation Doleedge Misuse of</u> <u>Drugs Warrants In Halton Moor, Leeds | West Yorkshire Police</u>



- Since October further warrants have been executed across the ward, resulting in arrests, drugs and property seized. The updated news release published on the 15th January 2024, can be accessed at: <u>Three Arrested Following Operation</u> <u>Doleedge Misuse of Drugs Warrants In Halton Moor, Leeds | West Yorkshire</u> <u>Police</u>
- Multiple Road Safety deployments have been conducted across the road resulting
 in arrests, vehicle seizures, motorists issued with traffic offence reports or reported
 for summons, weapons, drugs, and cash seized. A local priority news release has
 been published to highlight the actions taken and can be accessed at: Road Safety
 Local Priority Updates Four Arrested and Ten Vehicles Seized, Temple Newsam
 and Halton ward. | West Yorkshire Police

Events and Meetings:

Did you know Leeds East NPT, hold several PACT meetings, contact points and events across the Neighbourhoods we serve?

PACT meetings and contact points are an opportunity for the public to attend and speak with their local Neighbourhood Policing Teams, about any concerns or issues within the local communities.

You can keep up to date with our events and meetings, on our NPT website at:

Events and meetings | West Yorkshire Police

Please note this website is updated frequently, so it is beneficial to keep monitoring the page for any new or upcoming events, meetings or contact points.

Community Alert:

Community Alert which launched in 2019, has been updated to include a new range of benefits.

The system allows the Police to provide updates to the community on incidents, crime prevention and topics that matter to the local community.

For more information and to sign up visit: https://www.wypcommunityalert.co.uk/

We also recently shared the new look Leeds East NPT Newsletter via community alert, the Newsletter is also being delivered in the communities. The next edition will be circulated in September, via Community Alert.



Contacts:

There are several different ways you can contact the Police and obtain updates, from the Police listed below.

Contact Us

In an emergency dial 999 and non-emergency dial 101.

#ClickB4UCall

Did you know that you can use the below online methods, to contact West Yorkshire Police?

Local Crime Tracker

The Local Crime Tracker allows people to find out the status of an ongoing investigation or contact details of the officer in the case, using their crime reference number. https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/crimetracker

Online crime reporting

You can call 101 to report non-emergency crimes, but there are also ways to report certain crimes on the West Yorkshire Police website.

There are dedicated forms for reporting anti-social behaviour, nuisance bikes and hate crime.

Report Online at: https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it

101 Live Chat

Members of the public can have a two-way conversation with a member of the Customer Contact Centre using the Live Chat System.

The benefit of this system is that a Contact Centre Agent can provide assistance to several people at the same time, rather than being engaged on one phone line, and for quick queries, it is an ideal way to beat the queue.

https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/101LiveChat

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Ask the Police

West Yorkshire Police has recently signed up to askthepolice.uk which offers answers to frequently asked questions to the police. Residents are urged wherever possible to check on the website or mobile app first to see if they can get an answer to their question without needing to contact the police: https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/ask-the-police

Social Media Accounts

Did you know we also hold accounts on Facebook and Twitter, where we frequently post our engagements and work conducted across the Neighbourhoods we serve? You can:

'Like' us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/WYPLeedsEast

'Follow' us on Twitter - @WYP_LeedsEast

We hope the information assists in providing detailed information on how to contact the Police, keep up to date with meeting and events, receive messages and keep up to date with our local news updates.



East Leeds NPT

Appendix 3: Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team Report



Outer East Community Committee Update Date: February 2024

An overall summary of Garforth, Swillington, Kippax and Methley, Cross Gates, Whinmoor & Temple Newsam wards.

	Cross Gates and Whinmoor	Temple Newsam
Bulky Item Collection	142	138
Flytipping	39	51
Enforcement Flytipping	28	18
Litter Complaint	11	3
Road Sweeping	7	2
Overgrown Vegetation	4	8

	Garforth and Swillington	Kippax and Methley
Bulky Item Collection	144	182
Flytipping	11	22
Enforcement Flytipping	8	17
Litter Complaint	3	4
Road Sweeping	3	4
Overgrown Vegetation	3	6
Ginnel Clearance	1	0
Ginnel Clearance	4	2

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, (CNT) service update.

Key Updates & Information:

• Due to the current financial situation, the citywide CNT service is expected to lose on or around 34 vacancies, 17 of those before April 2024 and the next 17 by the end of April 2025. This is due to CNT having to save £1.2 million. A full review of how our service areas operate will also be undertaken. The aim will be to minimise as much as possible the impact on the day-to-day cleanliness of streets and neighbourhoods; with the priorities remaining to empty litter bins, clear and investigate fly tipping, remove offensive graffiti, and ensure streets are swept to reduce the risk of flooding. Resources will continue to be focused in those areas where the need is greatest and in support of corporately agreed priority neighbourhoods. The review will also look at how residents and local groups can be better supported in community led action to keep their neighbourhoods clean and green.

- Due to two Team Leaders being on Long Term sickness absence, Mel Abbott _ Team Leader for South is overseeing Lee Hayward's Outer South ward areas and Jack Priestley
 5 Day South Chargehand has been successfully appointed into a 3 month honorarium position covering Diane Otley's Outer East wards.
- If you have any unwanted items that are not suitable for donation and you cannot get to a Recycling Centre, you can book in a free unwanted items collection (bulky collection). If you live within the Leeds council tax area the service can collect up to 5 items per collection, with a maximum of 4 collections per year. Bulky collections are relatively high in the above ward areas which shows the system is well used by residents.
- The team would encourage any environmental issue to continue to be reported in the normal way via the online portal or by emailing at ENEaction@leeds.gov.uk or SSEaction@leeds.gov.uk dependant on ward area.
- Environmental Action Officers continue to provide updates on specific cases where Ward Members are involved, for any additional queries, please contact Mel Abbott - South Team Leader: mel.abbott@leeds.gov.uk or Jack Priestley – Outer East temp Team Leader Jack.priestley@leeds.gov.uk

Our workforce continue to work exceptionally hard in difficult circumstances to deliver essential street cleansing services in the area.

Appendix 4: Employment & Skills Report

Date: 31 January 2024



Universal Credit

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of November 2023, in the Outer East Community Committee area is 4,011. This is an increase of 113% since March 2020, pre-pandemic levels, and an increase of 39 claimants on the previous month.

The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Outer East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		October 2023		November 2023	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	48,825	9.4%	49,108	9.4%
Outer East	1,882	3.7%	3,972	7.8%	4,011	7.8%
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	645	4.7%	1,329	9.7%	1,340	9.8%
Garforth & Swillington	234	2.0%	553	4.7%	566	4.8%
Kippax & Methley	354	2.7%	819	6.3%	831	6.4%
Temple Newsam	649	5.0%	1,271	9.9%	1,274	9.9%

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

Employment and Skills (E&S) Activities and Provision

The table below shows the number of people supported by the E&S Service from the Outer East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing	g Services	Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2023/2024 (Apr – Dec)	2022/2023 (Apr – Dec)	2023/2024 (Apr – Dec)	2022/2023 (Apr – Dec)	2023/2024 (Apr – Dec)	2022/2023 (Apr – Dec)
Outer East	412	558	126	117	175 [°]	184
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	180	195	56	47	69	58
Garforth & Swillington	56	109	20	18	46	48
Kippax & Methley	40	53	21	7	14	16
Temple Newsam	136	201	29	45	46	62

During April – December 2023

- 9,799 people accessed the Service, 412 of whom were residents from the Outer East.
- Supported 2,457 people into work, 126 of whom were residents from the Outer East. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in construction, health and care including childcare, manufacturing, ICT, digital and comms.
- Supported 2,975 people to improve their skills, 175 of whom were from the Outer East.

Leeds Employment Hub

A single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops which provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to <u>all</u> 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 colocated within the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city. Further funding has been secured which will see the role of the Advisors continue until at least March 2025.

All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes Seacroft and City Centre Community Hubs. The Community Hub Mobile schedule stops include: Friday 9:30am to 11:30am Mickletown Community Centre, Methley and Friday 09:30am to midday Windmill Health Centre, Swarcliffe.

Community Learning

Community Learning provision 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 includes face to face within a community setting, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.

Between April - December 2023, 3,554 people started an Adult Learning course. There were 559 courses delivered at 118 venues, in addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line. In the Outer East area, there were 5 courses delivered at 4 venues, 169 people had started a course.

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

Employment & Skills had a full Ofsted Inspection from 11th – 14th December 2023. The Community Learning provision was graded Outstanding across all areas, the first Local Authority to achieve the Outstanding judgement since the new Education Inspection Framework (EIF) commenced in September 2019. The inspectors found:

- That adult learners gain valuable skills, which often transform their lives.
- They benefit from a highly ambitious curriculum that meets a diverse range of needs across the city, widens participation in learning, improves life chances and develops stronger communities.
- Subcontractors are carefully selected with expertise in community learning to enable them to meet the needs of specific local communities and groups, and to meet skills priorities.
- Subcontractors deliver highly effective, bespoke programmes to support the most vulnerable learners to access education.

The first event Community Learning Celebration Awards took place on the 18th July 2023 at Leeds Civic Hall. This event celebrated the accomplishments of all learners and tutors and embraced their future progression into further/high education, volunteering and/or employment.

Multiply

Multiply is the free, government funded, adult maths support programme, part of Levelling Up, Skills for Life. The programme is aimed at helping adults to improve their maths skills and boost their number confidence. E&S are developing and delivering courses and activities through partnerships with community organisations and other partners; to help people use numeracy to manage their money; for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children.

Delivered Events and Activities

- School and College Engagement and Delivery during July December 2023, delivered 55 activities to a total of 5,660 young people, 596 parents and carers and 129 teachers. This included 48 Apprenticeship Awareness sessions delivered at 27 schools to a total of 3,730 young people, 518 parents and 119 teachers. The sessions were delivered at the following schools in the East of the City:
 - Abbey Grange C of E Academy, Allerton Grange, Allerton High School, Bishop Young Academy, Boston Spa Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Corpus Christi, Mount St Mary's, Roundhay High School, Temple Moor High School Science College, The Temple Learning Academy, Wetherby High, Springwell Academy, Ruth Gorse Academy and Leeds College of Building.
- LCC Highways and Transportation Information and recruitment sessions delivered at Yeadon, Hunslet
 and Seacroft Community Hubs to help improve recruitment within the locality of their depots. The
 session provided an overview of vacancies and an opportunity for attendees to talk to Highways
 employees. Support provided by Employment Advisors with applications for the roles or seeking
 alternative employment. Engaged with 22 customers.
- Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers 19 Information and Assessment Sessions
 were delivered from July to December 2023. 197 people engaged in the sessions of whom 82 were
 referred to pre-employment courses, 23 referred into We Care Academy and 68 were referred for
 Numeracy and Literacy support via Community Learning.
- **Security Recruitment Event** at the City Centre Community Hub held on the 27th July 2023. Advisors engaged with 53 customers and DWP for a Sector-Based Work Academy Programme (SWAP) Fair on 27th September 2023.

- **Black Young Professionals** event held at the Infinity Works office in Leeds on 6th September 2023, 25 people attended. The team promoted upcoming events and support for finding employment in Leeds, the aim was to encourage a diverse audience to consider digital and creative careers.
- A tech careers information session was delivered at Leeds Maximus office on 6th September 2023. This session provided information to 15 employment advisors and team members to let them know about tech career options and entry routes to help support their customer groups into sustainable employment options in the tech sector.
- The Leeds Digital Careers Fair (LDCF) 2023 took place on 26th September 2023, at the Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at those new to a career in tech and digital. 4,000 attendees were given an opportunity to engage with a range of tech training providers and employers to find out about the diverse career opportunities available, plus attend interesting talks and demonstration sessions.
- Virtual Careers Expo (LDCF) as part of Leeds Digital Careers fair, a virtual careers expo was launched on 26th September until 31st December 2023. This was an immersive platform for young people to access careers and skills information and opportunities in Leeds, with a focus on our emerging sectors. A mini roadshow also took place at 3 higher education venues to showcase the virtual careers expo to students and encourage sign ups, allowing more students access to the emerging sector careers information.
- Leeds Tech Careers Launchpad 3.0 Getting Hired in Tech took place at BJSS office in Leeds City Centre on 20th September 2023. Guest speakers from BJSS, Glean and NHS LTHT joined the session to provide guests with knowledge and tips on getting hired in tech roles. 40 people attended.
- **Reducing Re-Offending:** Jobs Fair was delivered at HMP Wealstun 28th September 2023. 7 organisations attended with Advisors engaging with 60 prisoners to offer support on their release.
- **SEND Employment** Forum was launched by E&S on 17th October 2023 at the City Museum. 100 people attended and covered:
 - How to help young people with additional support needs take their first step on the career ladder
 - Pathways to employment, including supported internships
 - How you can help to build an inclusive workforce across the city
 - How to sign up for a supported internship
- **UK University Search Jobs Fair** held at Elland Road on 17th October 2023. 480 young people aged 15-19 attended. Delivered a presentation on benefits of doing an Apprenticeship to approximately 180 of the attendees.
- **Refugee Jobs Fair** held at the Civic Hall on 7th November 2023, 71 refugees and migrants attended, with lots of previous experiences and transferable skills.
- The BIG Social Care Jobs Fair was delivered on 15th November 2023 at the Bridge Community Church, Burmantofts. The event was co-ordinated in partnership with We Care Academy and provided information and opportunities for people interested in accessing roles within the care sector. 304 visitors attended. 27 employers provided opportunities offering interviews, collected CVs and distributed applications form. Employers included Children's Residential, private care homes and Adult Social Care. E&S Advisors also provided support. 10 job offers were made on the day.
- Leeds Creative Skills Festival returned to the Leeds first direct arena on 20th November 2023 with exhibitors showcasing opportunities in the creative and cultural sector. The event offered the 3,081 visitors a chance to speak to 63 exhibitors including training providers, colleges and universities who offer creative courses; talk to employers; attend interesting speaker sessions to learn about creative careers, skills and pathways; and also offered interactive activities. 9 Leeds schools block booked students and were sent the targeted LCSF23 presentation prior to the event.
- Jobs Fairs Community Hubs working in partnership with DWP delivered the following:
 - Youth Jobs Fair at City Centre Hub 27th October 2023.
 - Jobs Fair at Kirkgate Market 20th October 2023.
 - Over 50's Jobs Fair at City Centre Hub 22nd November 2023.
- Have a Go Fortnight as part of the national Lifelong Learning campaign, local partners delivered taster and have a go skills sessions from 6th November 2023 to 17th November 2023. The focus was on digital and other priority sector skills as part of the fortnight of activities, aiming to encourage adults to undertake further learning to help progress their career. 4 skills taster sessions took place with 26 people attending the in-person and on-line sessions.
- **EME (Elected Home Educated) Community Forum** held on 23rd November 2023 at Civic Hall, attended by parents/carers and young people to gain a better understanding of various opportunities available to them in Leeds. Offered support and guidance for post 16 options through E&S.

Planned Events and Activities

- Social Care Recruitment Events, in partnership with We Care Academy, will take place at Vale Circles on 19th January 2024 and East Recovery Hub on 24th January 2024. The events will support the recruitment to Support Worker and Case Officer roles across the city. Advisors will be attending to support delivery.
- Careers in Catering recruitment information and interview sessions planned for 24th January 2024 at City Centre Community Hub to support promotion of kitchen assistant posts in schools across the city.
- Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair will take place on 5th February 2024. Visitors can find out more about Apprenticeships and meet with providers and employers. Over 100 organisations have booked stands to exhibit at the event and approximately 6,000 visitors are expected on the day.
- Smart Works Jobs Fair at Leeds Beckett University Students' Union planned for 8th February 2024. This event will provide information on vacancies, Apprenticeships and supported internships to all attendees.
- Migrant Access Project 8 week facilitated training programme for migrants new to Leeds, starting January 2024. The advisors will attend the event taking place on 9th February 2024 at Compton Community Hub with guest speakers sharing information about their services.
- Connecting Communities to Health and Care Careers fortnightly Information and/Assessment Sessions will be delivered at sites across the Priority Wards and City Centre Hub. The sessions will continue to support recruitment to roles within the Health and Care sector, including Adult Social Care, Children's Residential Practitioner and Administrative roles. Additional Community Learning provision will also be in place.
- Reducing Re-Offending a planned pilot to offer support to prisoners due to be released into Leeds
 from HMP Wealstun will be offered early in the new year. Advisors will establish contact with the
 identified group prior to release to enable support in accessing employment and training opportunities
 when resettled.
- **Digital skills bootcamps with UA92 and Microsoft** on-line and Tech North training centre. Working with UA92 and Microsoft to support 2 digital skills bootcamps to be delivered to Leeds residents, to upskill them in areas of Cloud and Data. On completion of the 10-week bootcamp, graduates will be supported to gain employment in the tech sector.

Employer Engagement

Within the last year the Service has supported 385 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.

E&S provides a school brokerage service 32 businesses provided activities to approximately 1,680 young people at 6 events. The events included a careers fair, 4 mock interview sessions and an employability session.

A Business Sustainability Event was delivered on How to Build a Greener Future, in partnership with Leeds Beckett University and West Yorkshire Combined Authority E&S delivered the first Business Sustainability Breakfast Event in Leeds with over 20 businesses signing up to attend. Guest business speakers included Dawn O'Keefe, Co- founder and Director at Shine and Jannice Dye, HR Manager at C-Capture shared their green journey experiences to date and plans for the future. Businesses attending the event found out about a range of support options available:

- Measuring their environmental impact, understanding how climate change might affect their operations and taking steps to improve energy efficiency or flood resilience measures.
- Ensuring they attract, develop and retain a greener, healthier and inclusive workforce.
- Accessing research and academic expertise to enhance their business.

The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter that provides information and resources to support businesses' workforce needs across the city, also including the upcoming sustainability breakfast events, Leeds Inclusive Employers Network and T-Level support. The newsletter will be published every 2 months to approximately 5,000 subscribers. To find out more please visit: www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com

Further Information

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: linktr.ee/eandsleeds

Facebook: <u>facebook.com/eandsleeds</u>
X (Twitter): <u>twitter.com/eandsleeds</u>
Instagram: <u>instagram.com/eandsleeds</u>

LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/employment-and-skills-leeds-city-council/

YouTube: youtube.com/@employmentandskills

Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds

For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: employmentskillsleeds.co.uk

Appendix 5: Health & Wellbeing Report

February 2024



Winter Messaging

Whilst exposure to cold weather can affect anyone, some people are particularly at risk.

A reminder of the key messages:

- check on family, friends and neighbours who are at higher risk of becoming unwell
- Check the weather forecast and the news
- Make sure you have sufficient food and medicine
- Take simple measures to reduce draughts at home
- Heat the rooms you spend most time in, to 18°C if you can
- Keep bedroom windows closed
- · Wear multiple layers of thinner clothing
- If you're eligible, get vaccinated against flu and Covid
- Get help if needed. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

A winter comms toolkit is available which includes public and workforce facing copy and assets for social media, bulletins etc. The toolkit is available here.

Cost of living support

The Leeds City Council Cost of Living page signposts to support and advice on everything from welcome spaces to seasonal health advice.

You can find out more here.

Flu and Covid update

Recent data from UKHSA shows that flu rates have continued to increase and Covid rates have stabilised, following recent decreases.

The Covid vaccination programme has now ended. The flu vaccination programme closes on 31 March.

There is further information about seasonal vaccinations and winter health here.

There is further information about the flu vaccine here.

Measles

There is an increase in cases of measles, with outbreaks in the West Midlands and London. Further outbreaks will spread to other towns and cities unless urgent action is taken to increase measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination uptake.

You can read more here.

HIV: launch of community grants programme

National HIV testing week started on 5 February and encourages people to take advantage of free, quick, confidential tests, which are available across Leeds as well as ordering online tests, available here.

A community grants programme has been launched to support communities and residents living with HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and viral hepatitis as the city marks one year on from becoming a global fast-track city.

Information about the grants programme is available here.

Training and Development

Want to know more about... Just one more 14 March, 2.00 to 3.00pm

This campaign aims to encourage people to increase their vegetable intake by "just one more" portion per day.

The webinar is suitable for anyone who promotes healthier eating as part of their role including early years, schools, healthy holiday providers, youth clubs, workplaces, and community groups working with all ages.

You can find out more and book online here.

Want to know more about... Suicide prevention and unpaid carers 21 March, 11.30am to 1.00pm

Suicide is a complex and devastating event and leaves lasting impacts on families, friends and entire communities. Many factors can contribute to suicide including poor mental health, social isolation, economic pressures, relationship breakdowns and more. In this webinar you will hear the latest evidence on suicide risk in unpaid carers and explore the factors that put carers at risk. Drawing on the lived experience of carers, and recent deaths by homicide-suicide, the webinar will also consider steps that local authorities, third sector organisations and health and social care professionals can take to identify and support at-risk carers.

The session is suitable for anyone who works with carers in Leeds or anyone who is interested in suicide prevention.

You can find out more and book online here.

Appendix 6: Housing Leeds Report

Performance Information: February 2024



Garforth and Kippax & Methley Housing Office

Voids Levels (empty properties)

Demand for properties remains high across my management area, especially for houses. The Lettings Team have worked hard to reduce the number of ready to let properties and currently have just 3 property in the area.

We are finding that our more difficult to let stock is Retirement Life accommodation as there are several schemes across the area of a very similar property type.

Income Collection

Our rent collection figures at week 44 are:

Garforth - 96.06%

Comparing figures to the same week last financial year, collection has increased by 0.66%.

We are working closely with our residents to maximise their income, particularly through the costof-living crisis, by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.

We continue to make referrals to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting accounts and who are experiencing the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. Our Housing Officer (Income) is working with our more complex cases, linking in with support agencies, to ensure tenants receive advice on how they can maximise their incomes.

British Gas Energy Trust have offered LCC £200,000 of free energy vouchers, which is double the amount initially offered last year, we will use the vouchers to support our most vulnerable LCC residents to spend on their gas or electricity and help keep their homes warm through the winter months. The vouchers have been shared proportionately amongst the local housing teams based on the number of properties they manage; we have been allocated £7889 for our area.

We have also secured government funding via the Housing Support Fund to assist tenants in financial hardship and the Rothwell office has been awarded £10,914

ASB

Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for ASB who will risk assess every complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). The team have strong links with local police officers to share information.

There are 2 open ASB cases across Garforth and the surrounding villages which are managed by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader.

6 weekly partnership working meetings booking in with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases between the teams.

Annual Tenancy Check-in (ATCI)

We are currently carrying out Annual Tenancy Check-in's for customers who are deemed as a priority, such as customers with support needs or previous tenancy issues. We are also visiting residents who have not had an annual home visit for the last 3 years.

The Garforth Team have visited 71% of our tenants since April.

Environmental Actions Team

Quarter 3 Estate Walkabouts have been carried out. The main issues identified during the walkabouts is fly tipping. Housing Officers are ensuring they are reporting any fly tipping on the estate whilst carrying out their day-to-day duties. Teams have access to the Skill Mill scheme, where referrals can be made for ad-hoc estate improvement work. If any tenants or members do want to have a walkabout in their area just contact their Housing Officer who would be happy to arrange.

Swarcliffe and Halton Moor Housing Office

Voids Levels (empty properties)

Demand for properties remains high across my management area, especially for houses. The Lettings Team is working hard to ensure properties are allocated in a timely manner.

Referrals continue to be made for issues and waste/fly tipping, which is aimed to remove the items in a timely manner to ensure properties enjoy an appealing kerb-side appeal.

Current number of Ready to Lets are as follows:

Swarcliffe/Whinmoor – 6 Halton Moor/Osmondthorpe – 2 Total - 8

Income Collection

Our rent collection figures at week 46 are:

Swarcliffe -93.85% Halton Moor -92.49%

Comparing figures to the same week last financial year, Swarcliffe's collection has increased by 0.54% and Halton Moor has increased by 0.62%.

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There are 6 ASB cases across the Swarcliffe and Halton Moor areas which are managed by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader.

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Appendix 7: Housing Advisory Panel Report





Peter Greenwood, Housing Manager, will now cover this panel until the end of March when Housing Advisory Panel funding will discontinue resulting in the closure of all 11 HAP's across Leeds.

The Cross Hills TA is now fully formed. Constitution, Committee, Equal Ops policy and bank account in place. Regular meeting schedule will be decided soon. Cllrs Harland and Lewis were in attendance at their meeting on 13th February. The group would like to provide more activities, including gardening opportunities to all tenants at Cross Hills Court.

At the January meeting of the HAP one bid was approved:

- Providing two external litter bins at Sherburn Court.
- Two bids were deferred.
- Gardening equipment and outdoor furniture for Cross Hills Court (A smaller bid to provide a
 mini HiFi system for the communal room was approved outside the meeting schedule).
 Since the meeting several items have been provided free of cost and removal of a picnic
 bench which has decreased the cost by approx. £2k
- Cross Gates Good Neighbours. More info was requested on how many tenants would benefit and which areas of Leeds.
- Both of the above bids will be discussed again at the HAP meeting on 14th March.
- We also have a number of bids in the pipeline or submitted:
- Two new bin stores at Brooksbank Court. to improve recycling.
- East Leeds Comets would like a contribution towards equipment costs.
- Repairs to Primrose Lane footpath.
- Fencing around Fieldhead rugby club.

The panel have £20,424 available and the total costs approximate to £75k of the above projects, so the panel will have some difficult decisions to make at their next meeting,



SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM IMPACT

December 2023 - February 2024



New followers

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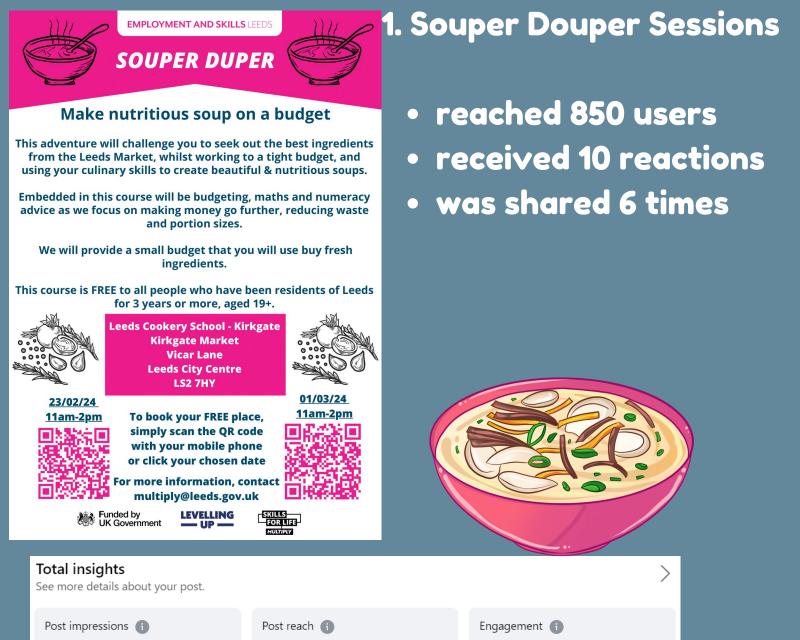
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1. Souper Douper Sessions

2. Home Energy Help

3. Wellbeing Day





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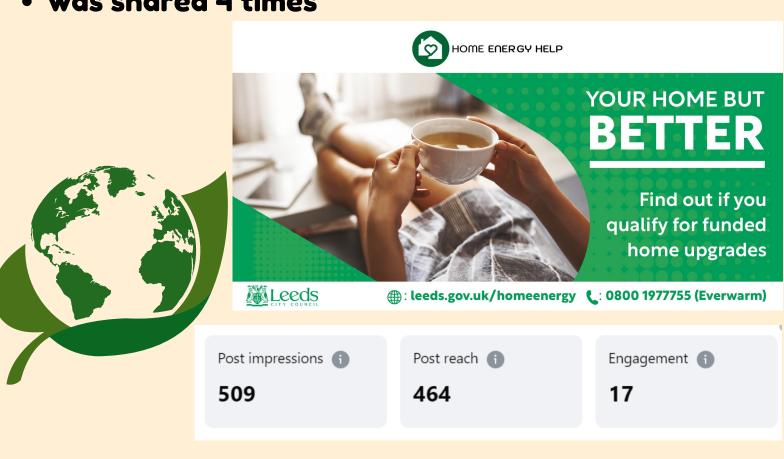
2. Home Energy Help

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- reached 464 users
- received 7 reactions

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was shared 4 times





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