

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Inner East Community Committee:
(Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft)

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Inner East Community Committee - Update Report

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.

Updates by theme

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champions Councillor David Jenkins & Councillor Asghar Khan

COVID-19 Vaccination

3. The NHS is continuing to work hard to vaccinate as many people as possible via the approved vaccines which are, Pfizer BioNTech, Oxford AstraZeneca and Moderna. The vaccines are free of charge and only available through the NHS.

COVID-19 Vaccination Delivery

4. As well as the vaccination centre at East Park Medical Centre, the vaccinations centres at Infinity and Bilal Centres have been a huge success. The updated leaflets to distribute to community members is now available for collection, so if you would like physical copies of the leaflets to distribute in the community these are available at the Bilal Centre on Wednesdays between 10am and 4pm or Fridays 2 – 6pm. A link to the leaflet is here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/j808843515beli6/AACmgOUPSj-aY-drNwUkYAvya?dl=0>

COVID-19 Vaccine Community Clinics

5. The aim of the COVID-19 Community Vaccine Clinics is to increase uptake in the 10% most deprived areas of Leeds and to address barriers for communities who live in the area. Public Health Primary Care and the Communities Team have worked closely with Bevan Nurses and Better Together providers to identify and deliver vaccines in local settings which includes mosques, schools, community hubs and local voluntary sector organisation's locations.
6. The focus of the clinics is based on the latest data and community intelligence and promotional materials are developed by the Clinical Commissioning Group Communications Team. Interpreters have also been accessed to help the communication process for those who have needed support. Having the clinics in local settings has enabled communities to ask questions and to access the vaccine. This has been very successful with over 50 people having had their vaccines. The community vaccine clinics will continue to run next year where vaccine uptake is low.

Winter Wellbeing and COVID-19 Community Clinics

7. Several events will be held in December in local schools including Harehills Primary School, Hovingham Primary School and Shakespeare Primary School to address winter wellbeing. Information stalls will be provided alongside a vaccine clinic, to help families through winter who may be struggling with food, financial support and fuel poverty.

Vaccine Hesitancy Leaflets Working with Faith Leaders

8. Public health has developed COVID-19 vaccine leaflets focusing on issues raised by faith organisations. The leaflets feature information on some of the myths and barriers that have been raised by local communities and has positive statements provided by faith leaders and National Health Service staff.
9. The leaflets have been translated into 13 languages including English, Slovak, Punjabi, Bengali, Arabic, Urdu, Tigrinya, Romanian, Amharic, Czech, Farsi, Kurdish and Polish and have a QR code on the back which you can scan that provides a verbal translation of the leaflet in that language.

10. The Public Health Resource Centre can send the leaflets internally to hospitals, GP surgeries, health centres, clinics and some buildings that have an NHS service based there via the shuttle bus. With regards to external organisations, you can either collect from The Public Health Resource Centre between 10am to 3pm, or they can post to you directly. Please contact Public Health Resource Centre directly to order copies and take advantage of this valuable resource: phrc@leeds.gov.uk. The link to the leaflet is here: [Why we think you should say yes to the COVID-19 vaccine - NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group \(leedsccg.nhs.uk\)](#)

Winter Planning

11. Public Health takes a life course approach and aims to increase the effectiveness of interventions throughout a person's life. It focuses on a healthy start and targets people at critical periods when they are more vulnerable to the effects of cold weather e.g. pregnancy and older age. Cold weather presents risks to certain groups listed below and living with COVID-19 can add and pose additional risk to those who are clinically and socially vulnerable, including:

- pregnant women
- people living with frailty
- people with long term conditions
- those who are extremely clinically vulnerable
- children under the age of 5

12. Details of some of the ongoing campaigns that Public Health are involved in are as follows below.

13. **Becoming a Workforce Winter Friend** - anybody working or volunteering in Leeds is encouraged to familiarise themselves with the 9 evidence based, high impact interventions to support their colleagues, service users, friends and families stay safe. The short 15 minute animation is [available to watch here](#) and is being refreshed for 2021, due to be launched mid-November. It includes information and signposting for Influenza vaccines (being updated to include COVID-19 too), checking medications, keeping your home warm, physical activity, hot food and drink and social connectedness.

14. **Winter Wellbeing Checklist** - to support winter friends and the wider workforce to have proactive conversations about winter, [Winter Wellbeing Checklists](#) are available for adults and for children and families. They are a useful tool to help those 'at risk' of illness due to cold weather access available key support and services.

15. **Vitamin D** - around one in five people in the UK have low levels of vitamin D, especially older adults, pregnant and breastfeeding people, infants and people with darker skin. Vitamin D is essential for good health as it affects people's bones, teeth, and muscles as well as mental health and immune systems. When the clocks go back on Sunday 28th October, we'll have shorter hours of daylight and the sunlight won't contain enough UV radiation for our skin to make Vitamin D. Public Health therefore

have developed a short animation to promote these key messages as part of their Public Health Winter Plan: <https://youtu.be/xWHAGS-26aE>

Healthy Start Programme

16. The Healthy Start Programme is to help pregnant women or those who have a child under 4. If you fit the criteria you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. As there is a low uptake of the scheme in the Harehills area a small subgroup is working on this programme to help raise awareness and promote the scheme to local families. For more information about healthy start programme please contact Esther Bissell: esther.bissell@zestleeds.org.uk For any further information please contact Chetna Patel: chetna.patel@leeds.gov.uk or Tina Leslie: Tina.leslie@leeds.gov.uk

Environment and Community Safety: Champion Councillor Denise Ragan

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

17. The team have been carrying out operations in the past 3 months relating to the Bonfire/Halloween period, which has always been challenging historically. The team have worked alongside other services to successfully keep streets clean and anti-social behaviour to a minimum.
18. There has been a particular focus to carry out de leafing operations across the area. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team have been paying attention to St. James Hospital as this area sees high leaf fall. The team have visited multiple times per week to ensure footpaths are safe for all users.
19. The service is planning in winter works within the areas which include vegetation works within their remit, looking at a Self Seeder Programme to carry on the work that has already been started this summer. Staff shortages affected the service but they are now looking at non priority work moving forward.

Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team

20. There are currently 113 active cases in Inner East, these are across a range of case types and locations but the prevailing type is currently youth nuisance with the emerging seasonal issue of firework misuse, with highlights in this quarter including:
- 2 further injunction applications against prolific street drinkers in Harehills.
 - Commencement of joint working/visiting with officers from the Selective Licensing Team in Harehills.
 - Completion of the Bonfire Night Action Plan for Harehills including the installation of a temporary camera on Harehills Road/jct. with Banstead Park.
 - Granting of Premises Closure Order to street locations in the Ascot Terrace, Aysgarths and Glensdales area of East End Park to combat youth nuisance and violence, fireworks misuse and drug dealing.

- 7 youth injunctions being sought to combat the anti social behaviour of the most serious offenders across the East End Park area.
- Team Leodis deployed to the Haslewoods area of Burmantofts to assist with follow on work from Operation Backway, looking primarily at subsequent tenancy enforcement work following the arrest and placing under investigation of 30+ individuals to majority of whom live in council tenancies.

21. Further work continues in and around the Seacroft Shopping Centre area as the team work with security and the Neighbourhood Policing Team to identify further offenders frequenting the area and causing nuisance and anti social behaviour and seek to add to those already banned from the area.

Community Safety/Police

22. Highlights in this quarter include the below.

23. **Bonfire Night** - there has been a positive reduction in firework demand from last year. The team were working heavily on bonfire/preparation since June, with some really effective partnership plans and diversionary work in the community. This is a real positive as the service saw no disorder within any East wards.

24. **Harehills Street Drinking** - consultation is underway with the community at the moment regarding street closures to reduce street drinking. The consultation period ends on the 29th November, from then Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team will get a date in court to present the evidence and hopefully get the authorisation.

25. **Ascots** – the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Ward were successful in a partial street closure of the area of the Ascots. This was following a considerable spike in demand in the area due to groups of youths gathering, causing anti social behaviour. The team have had a really positive feedback from the community and have seen a noticeable difference in incidents in the ward.

26. **Killingbeck & Seacroft** - There is still high demand at Seacroft Green Shopping Centre and this remains the focus for Killingbeck & Seacroft Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers. Referrals continue to be made to the Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team regarding the youths involved and already prohibition notices and anti social behaviour warnings have been given.

Children and Young People: Champion Councillor Denise Ragan

27. In preparation for the planning for this municipal year's Youth Summit events, the Communities Team recently met with the Voice & Influence Team. At this meeting, the Voice and Influence Team offered their support to reflect on previous year's events and learning to inform future ways of working, however they expressed their concerns around staff reductions and service pressures, which would impede their ability to support the Youth Summits going forward.

28. They also shared concerns around bringing young people together from different schools/groups for a physical event, as there continues to be concerns over COVID-19 infection rates, particularly in schools and we continue to seek the latest advice on this matter, although the information from Public Health is that we still need to be cautious.
29. The plan is therefore to push back the Youth Summits into next year, to enable the Communities Team to hold further discussions with members of the Children & Families Sub Groups and Children's Champions, in light of this information, to explore options to inform future Youth Summit arrangements alongside the latest guidance regarding the safety measures that schools are putting in place over the following months.

Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion Councillor Ronald Grahame

30. An update was given from the Employment and Skills Team at the September Community Committee therefore the next update will be provided for the next meeting in March 2022.

Updates by Key Services

Priority Neighbourhoods

Cliftons & Nowells: Nowell Mount Community and Childrens Centre

31. On 28th October partners and local volunteers held a Community Open Day at the recently refurbished Nowell Mount Community Centre. The aim of the event was simply to invite the local community to come in and see the space and find out about the activities and services that are on offer. The event was well attended by the local community with a steady stream of people of all ages visiting throughout the day and into the evening. Local Councillors attended including an official visit from the Lord Mayor of Leeds.
32. The number and breadth of activities and services at Nowell Mount is steadily increasing. The activity programme is being developed in close consultation with members of the Nowells Community Group to ensure that activities are relevant and well supported by the local community.

Lincoln Green

Lincoln Greening: Roxby Close Community Garden

33. Mafwa Theatre have been working with women that have come through the asylum system, as well as women from the settled community, in Lincoln Green since 2018, involving them through drama. Mafwa approached the council earlier this year with an idea to identify an area in Lincoln Green for a temporary outdoor stage which could host a drama performance next summer. Following discussions with Housing Leeds the old play area next to Roxby Close was identified as a suitable location. After some

early exploratory discussions Housing Leeds are now working with Mafwa Theatre (and local residents) to develop a design for the space.

34. The design phase is still at an early stage but the ambition is to create a permanent space with planting where people can meet, play, eat and be used for outdoor events. It is hoped that a viable scheme can be brought forward and delivered by summer 2022.

Target Wards

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill: Halloween and Bonfire Period Youth Diversionary Activities

35. The Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Youth Partnership collaboratively explored preventative diversionary activities this year, with the aim to reduce anti social behaviour across the Halloween and Bonfire period. Youth partners worked speedily using funding from Leeds City Council to coordinate the following activities below for young people and local families.
36. **Detached outreach sessions** - Youth Services engaged with young people across Burmantofts & Richmond Hill leading up to and on Bonfire Night by sharing information on safe behaviour and other diversionary activities that were ongoing locally over the Bonfire period.
37. **Diversionary table tennis** - hosted by Pingpong4U offered 8 ping pong sessions leading up to and on Bonfire Night for young people. St Hilda's Church offered a free venue and refreshments were offered. The sessions were well attended and engagement with young people who attended will continue at other sessions and via Youth Services.
38. **Fun packed afternoon** - was arranged by DAMASQ for communities in Lincoln Green at Ebor Gardens Community Centre. DAMASQ arranged activities, food and drinks to attendees, creating an alternative option to engaging in local anti social behaviour. Children and adults had the opportunity to discuss their wishes for the future in terms of community activities and other social events. The event was well attended and enjoyed by local residents.
39. **Residential** - Youth Association offered a residential to a group of 10-12 young people from Bellbrooke's and a group of young people from the Nowells, aged 14-18. The objective of the residential was to help the young people to build relationships with other cultures within their community, to offer training to young men to look at toxic masculinity, how this can affect the way they act and feel and to try new things that they may not have experienced before. Youth Association arranged transport and an opportunity to stay away from home across the Bonfire period from Fri 5th Nov to Sun 7th Nov. The residential was well attended and feedback has been positive from attendees.

40. Post Halloween and Bonfire Night, the feedback is that across Inner East most residents were able to enjoy bonfire night safely, although there were a small number of isolated incidents that were managed by West Yorkshire Police and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, which is an improvement on previous years.

Selective Licensing

41. Selective Licensing Officers continue to process licence applications received for privately rented properties in the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill and Gipton & Harehills wards. Draft licences and final licences are being issued but unfortunately the process has been impacted by COVID-19, with compliance inspections being undertaken when circumstances allow. Complaints from the area continue to be dealt with as normal and instances of properties being operated illegally are being investigated. The first neighbourhoods in focus for routine compliance inspections are the Nowells and Ashtons, with door to door inspections commencing before the end of the year. Council services and partners have been invited to come together to agree a process for responding to referrals from the inspection team. This collaborative partnership approach is crucial in order to effectively respond to issues as they emerge.

Community Safety

42. Teams from Housing Leeds, Childrens Services and the Safer Stronger Communities are working closely with West Yorkshire Police to tackle several crime and community safety “hot spots” in the ward. The Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team secured a partial Closure Order following serious incidents of anti social behaviour and associated criminality across several streets in East End Park. The order was granted at Leeds Magistrates Court on 15th October under the Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and is now in place across the following street locations:

- Ascot Terrace
- Aysgarth Drive
- Aysgarth Close
- Aysgarth Place
- Aysgarth Walk
- East Park Drive
- East Park View
- Glensdale Mount
- Glensdale Road
- Temple View Place
- Temple View Road
- Temple View Terrace

43. The Team took action following extensive partnership work, including targeted patrols, multi-agency operations, dispersal orders and frequently raised concerns and reports from the local communities. Under the Closure Order, which has been imposed initially for three months, it is prohibited for any person to engage in the following conduct:

- Disorderly behaviour (abusive/threatening words/conduct to others)
- In possession of any controlled drug (other than a prescribed medicine)
- In possession of any firework or other explosive substance
- In possession of any offensive weapon/using any object as offensive weapon

44. Anyone breaching these restrictions will be asked to leave the area or be arrested but this does not apply to visitors, carers, family members, tradespersons, or emergency services. The partial closure order is just one example of the actions being taken to address ongoing issues in East End Park. Early feedback from residents in the area has been positive with a noticeable decrease in incidents and has given residents confidence that the Police, Council and partners are able to take positive action to address anti social behaviour and criminality.

Bellbrookes & Coldcoates

45. A series of meetings were held throughout the summer of 2021 in partnership with Canopy Housing and residents that live locally to discuss the presenting issues around anti social behaviour and environmental challenges. Two programmes of work have now been developed in a multi-agency approach involving the Safer Stronger Communities Team, Canopy Housing, Barca Leeds, Children Services, Youth Services, Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team, the Police and the Clean Neighbourhoods Team, to tackle these challenges. The next meeting is scheduled with residents in December to provide an update on the work completed.

46. Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team have responded to issues around speeding cars by reinstalling gates on the back streets, with funding secured via the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Tasking Budget to complete this work. A bench where youths were congregating has also been removed which has contributed to a reduction of youth anti social behaviour. Services have completed three multi agency action days where information has been shared with residents on how to report issues.

47. Youth Providers have increased detached sessions in the area engaging with young people supporting them to make positive choices about their actions and behaviours. Several families have been identified and offered additional help through Children's Services to ensure the right support is in place at home.

48. Calls for service and complaints to Canopy Housing from residents has decreased. This work programme will continue over the coming months to ensure longer term challenges across the Bellbrookes and Coldcoates are managed.

Heart of the Community Project

49. The Safer Stronger Communities Team in partnership with St Hilda's Church, Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team, West Yorkshire Police and Housing Leeds arranged three community weapon sweeps across Burmantofts & Richmond Hill in November. This is part of a wider project in discussion to explore ways in which we can increase knife crime awareness locally.

Active Travel – Increasing Opportunities for Cycling across the Inner East

50. Three storage containers are being installed at Shakespeare Primary School, Nowell Mount Community Centre and East End Park. The containers will be equipped with bikes that the local community can access. Active Leeds and British Cycling will deliver sessions from all three sites from learn to ride sessions, progressing to longer supported rides to build people's confidence.
51. These cycling "hubs" form part of a wider Active Travel Strategy which aims to increase opportunities for cycling across the Inner East. Funding for the project has been secured from the Inner East Wellbeing Fund, RERF and Active Travel Funding (Highways).

Christmas Tree Bauble Hanging Community Event

52. Elected members in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill have funded two Christmas trees. One is to be erected in Lincoln Green Square and one in East End Park. The Christmas trees will be in place from the beginning of December, with two community bauble hanging events being arranged so that the local community can be involved in decorating the trees.

Gipton & Harehills

53. Every year over the Halloween and Bonfire period wards in Leeds suffer violence and anti social behaviour during what is one of the busiest times of the year for emergency services in the city. Harehills in 2019 saw lawless crowds throw fireworks and bricks at emergency services on Bonfire Night. Thirteen people have now been convicted following the incident, with five people receiving prison sentences of up to 36 months.
54. Beginning its origins in Harehills several years ago, officers pledged to clamp down on violence and anti social behaviour, with a focus on continuous improvement in the way that we work, building on the learning and ways of working from previous years. This has culminated in a seasonal year on year locality working response, with a strong emphasis on more integrated multi-disciplinary ways of working.
55. Many wards in the city now have a task-finish multi-disciplinary team that activates in advance and operates over this challenging period. As an illustration, in Harehills partners from statutory services such as the Police, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service work in collaboration with council officers from the Safer, Stronger Communities Team, Youth Services, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Youth Justice Service and Active Leeds, as well as local schools and community and voluntary sector groups to create a programme of operational activities in a bid to offset the anti social behaviour and criminality that occurs over this period.
56. This year, in light of the postponement of all Leeds City Council bonfires in 2021, the Safer, Stronger Communities Team was allocated the task of upscaling this offer and helping to ensure that the cost savings were redistributed into providing divisionary

activity across Leeds. Given the tight timescales this proved a challenge but the programme of activities proved comprehensive. Post Halloween and Bonfire Night, the feedback is that the majority of residents were able to enjoy bonfire night safely as there were only a small number of isolated incidents that were managed by West Yorkshire Police and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Harehills Problem Street Drinking

57. A multi-agency partnership in Harehills relating to problem street drinking was established in late October 2020 to progress the issues associated with problem street drinking in and around Harehills' main arteries. Members of the partnership include Elected Members from both the Gipton & Harehills and Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Ward, officers from the Safer, Stronger Communities Team, Leeds Anti Social Behaviour, Licensing, Public Health, the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, the Police and representatives from community and voluntary sector group including Touchstone and Forward Leeds.
58. Focus is being given to disruption, which includes enforcing the existing Public Space Protection Order and serving four injunctions on the more troublesome street drinkers. In tandem to this approach, there is also a concerted effort to engage with this cohort of drinkers to address their needs around addiction. This work has proven challenging for the partnership given the obvious tension between balancing the support for individuals who are addicted to alcohol and the concerns of the wider community who are suffering as a result of their actions. A constant pressure for the partnership is allowing the space and time for the outreach work to pay dividends whilst demonstrating to residents that this issue is being taken seriously via enforcement activity that reduces unacceptable levels of anti-social behaviour.
59. Looking forward, the partnership wants to continue momentum. Ward Members from both Gipton & Harehills and Burmantofts & Richmond Hill therefore have committed to fund the Touchstone outreach for another year (with group sessions for this cohort starting at a local café, with 12 people attending on the 3rd November). Colleagues in the Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team, along with the Police and the Safer, Stronger Communities Team are currently in the process of securing legislation that will mean even greater legal powers to enforce against problem street drinking. The 'Closure Order' approach, currently being piloted in Armley, is now hoped to be extended to Harehills. Given the limitations of the current Public Space Protection Order it is widely felt by the partnership that the Closure Order (which makes street drinking a criminal offence in a designated area) will give the partnership that balance of support and challenge it requires.

Killingbeck & Seacroft

60. Over the recent period of Halloween and Bonfire Night, internal and external partners worked together. Third sector organisations delivered a wide range of diversionary activities, some of which were funded by the Inner East Community Committee. One activity included a group of young people attending Killingbeck Fire Station, alongside LS14 Trust and Seacroft Community on Top. They worked with West Yorkshire Fire

and Rescue Service to learn about the dangers of fire and fireworks and how important it is to keep safe, in a fun and engaging way. The mixture of diversionary activities and the efforts of all involved contributed to the success of both nights.

Urban Arts Project at Denis Healey Centre

61. An exciting project which has enabled young people to learn graffiti art skills has been taking place at the Denis Healey Centre, with The Northern Mural Co. and Seacroft Community on Top. The project, which was funded by the Inner East Community Committee, has enabled young people between 8 and 16 to learn new skills and socialise by providing them with the opportunity to work with artists on a joint mural together which will be situated outside of the local community centre.

Migration and Prevent Training

62. LS14 Trust have worked closely with the Safer, Stronger Communities Team, including Localities, Migration and Prevent Teams to deliver an engaging training session for local professionals, including third sector organisations and volunteers. The training which was held at Chapel FM offered knowledge on the key terminology used in relation to migration and worked to dispel some of the myths that are commonly seen in the media. The training also offered knowledge on far-right extremism.

Community Hubs/Libraries

63. All sites are fully COVID-19 secure and are operating customer service, Jobshop and libraries across the city. Details are provided below of activities and events that have and are due to take place at the hubs and libraries.

The Compton Centre Community Hub and Library

64. **Healthy Holidays** - run throughout the summer holidays and up to 50 children attended daily, getting involved in a range of culture and sport activities. Fresh fruit and hot cooked meals were provided each day.
65. **Thackray Medical Museum** – a pop up stall at The Compton Centre to promote the museum to the local community on the 1st September.
66. **Gypsy Roma Traveller Team** – drop in surgery every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm, to assist the European communities with utilities, EUSS, School and DWP form filling.
67. **European Union Digital Support Session** – the Gypsy Roma Traveller Team hold an EU Digital Support Session every fortnight to assist with emails, getting customers to gain access to their Universal Credit journal and much more.
68. **Fresh Start** - for EU children not in school every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm.

69. **St. Vincent's Outreach Session at Compton Centre** - hold an immigration surgery every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm.
70. **Leeds Baby Bank** - drop in serve every 2nd Thursday of every month. Leeds Baby Bank donate nappies, wipes, toiletries and infant food. Leeds Baby bank also except donations of cots, prams, stair gates, Moses baskets and high chairs.
71. **Grab a Job** – the NHS provide a drop in COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic from 10am to 12pm on the Thursdays Leeds Baby Clinic attend to link in with families. These drop ins are open to anyone ages 18+, with first, second and booster jabs all available.
72. **Ping Pong sessions** - Bat & Chat every Friday.
73. **Money Buddies** – funding has been secured for a Money Buddies surgery to begin at The Compton Centre Hub, providing the community with free confidential advice on financial wellbeing and energy advice an assisting with form filling.
74. **HUGO Bus** - in partnership with We Care Academy, the HUGO bus will be able to offer additional guidance to those looking to access health and social care employment opportunities. Those attending the sessions will be able to access support in applying for posts through the Jobshops or at those venues where we are not near a Jobshop, an Employment and Skills advisor will be in attendance.
75. **Digi Drop in** - Librarians offer a drop-in session every fortnight.
76. **GamCare Surgery** - at Compton every Tuesday. GamCare are a charity who offer counselling to anyone affected by problem gambling, including family member
77. **Hal-Lego-Ween Lego-Session** - ran by Librarians to Join in for some bloodcurdling builds in the October half term. There was Lego potions to mix, spells to cast and haunted houses to explore!

Seacroft Hub

78. **Healthy Holidays** - run throughout the summer holidays and up to 70 children attended daily, getting involved in a range of culture and sport activities. Fresh fruit and hot cooked meals were provided each day.
79. **Seed Library** - The Seacroft Climate Action Hub has started distributing free seeds via shops and community centres and also distribute via Seacroft Hub. They offer a free plant and seed library, where spare seedlings, plants and packets of seeds are left for anyone to take or exchange.
80. **Digi Drop in** - Librarians offer a drop-in session every fortnight to help with how to use your tablet, smartphone or computer to try something new, say hello or get tech savvy.

81. **One You Leeds** - attended Seacroft Hub with tips, information, support and encouragement throughout this Stoptober for anyone that wanted to stop smoking.

82. **Money Buddies** - have a surgery at Seacroft Hub providing the community with free confidential advice on financial wellbeing and energy advice and assisting with form filling.

Cross Gates Library

83. **Healthy Holidays** - run throughout the summer holidays and up to 12 children attended daily, getting involved in a range of culture and sport activities. Fresh fruit and hot cooked meals were provided each day.

84. **One You Leeds** - attended Crossgates Library with tips, information, support and encouragement throughout this Stoptober for anyone for anyone that wanted to stop smoking.

85. **Story & Rhyme Time** - resumed on the 19th November with 13 children and babies attending the first session since before COVID-19.

Whinmoor Library

86. **Healthy Holidays** - run throughout the summer holidays and up to 20 children attended daily, getting involved in a range of culture and sport activities. Fresh fruit and hot cooked meals were provided each day.

87. **Halloween Even-Halloween Machines** - Librarians ran a session on how to be creative with junk and a lot of imagination to create Halloween Machines. Children joined the session to build their own ghost hunting device, make a broomstick or a powerful spell casting wand!

Jobshop update

88. Leeds City Council Jobshops are a FREE support for anyone who is looking for employment. The team are based within various Community Hubs across the city and support with everything from making a CV, applying for job vacancies, preparing for a job interview and more. They have a wide knowledge of where to look for vacancies and are skilled at supporting with Leeds City Council or NHS job applications. The team can also support with looking for an apprenticeship, or how to access training courses that can help improve skills.

89. Customers wishing to access the support don't need to book an appointment as they can just visit the Jobshop and have a chat with a member of the team about the support they need. Anyone who is looking for work can access the support the Jobshops give. They don't have to be unemployed or on benefits as they support anyone, even those who work part time, may be on zero hour contracts, or even working full time and want to find a new job.

90. The Jobshops also provide a one to one support programme where, if eligible (over 18, live in Leeds and have the right to work in the UK), a member of the team can work intensively with someone over a 6 month period to help them find employment. Over the last quarter the Jobshops in the Compton Centre & Seacroft Hub have seen a steady number of customers coming back in to access support

Housing Advisory Panels

91. The Housing Advisory Panel total budget for 2021/22 of £45,115.41, with the total spend for the year to date being £9,705.

92. The Housing Advisory Panel meetings are taking place regularly to consider the funding of environmental and community projects and services that benefit Housing Leeds tenants. The Housing Advisory Panel is represented by two ward members, Councillors Kamila Maqsood and Cllr Denise Ragan.

93. The team has reduced from 11 to 10 Tenant Engagement officers across the city. Housing Managers continues to support the Housing Advisory Panel by attending meetings to provide up to date information about rent, voids and annual home visits performance data, so panel members are clear about what is happening in their area. Performance information is put in context both with issues affecting its communities, in relation to citywide data and key performance indicators. These reports indicate performance in Inner East Leeds continues to be on track.

94. Working in partnership with the Inner East Community Committee continues to be an important objective for the Inner East Housing Advisory Panel, to ensure tenants and residents benefit from this joint working approach in the range of projects funded. The Inner East Housing Advisory Panel and Community Committee work carefully to make the best use of available funds, get value for money and use money wisely to benefit its communities.

Housing Leeds Funded Groups

95. There are 6 groups in Burmantofts that Housing Leeds provides grants to. Of these Saxton Gardens has received an increase in its grant this year to cover the costs of maintaining their community room bills. Spring Close Gardens is dissolving and Connect is currently inactive due to illness.

- Connect
- Cross Green Growing Together
- Saxton Gardens Residents Association
- Nowel Community Group
- Spring Close Garden
- Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Group

96. In Gipton & Harehills there are 3 groups in receipt of the Housing Leeds Grant.

- Pembroke Community Group

- St Augustine's Tenants and residents Association
- Denbighs Social Club

Your Voice Leeds

97. Your Voice Leeds is a bespoke consultation tool currently on its trial year with Housing Leeds. Many of the projects are Housing Leeds focussed but there are plans to incorporate more departments of the council onto this one platform. Inner East currently have 3 projects on Your Voice Leeds which can be found here:

<https://yourvoice.leeds.gov.uk/>

98. Your Voice also has a number of citywide consultations including:

- **Shaping Leeds City Councils Budget** – your funding priorities?
- **How are we doing?** - your thoughts on the Your Voice Leeds tool.

Community Engagement: Social Media

1. **Appendix 1** provides the committee with information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner East Community Committee Facebook page, along with the 3 ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages. The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period of time.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

3. 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

4. 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

5. 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

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

Risk Management

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

Conclusions

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

10. 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.