

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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For Information

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 Nicole Sharpe

The Outer East Youth Summit & Activity Day took place on Tuesday 25 October at Temple Learning Academy and was a huge success. 51 young people took part in a Democracy Workshop followed by consultation activities to inform the Outer East Community Committee Councillors on the types of activities they should fund, giving young people a voice in their local community.

The Lord Mayor & Lady Mayoress attended the event to engage with young people and draw a free prize raffle. Five young people were the lucky winners of football league and rugby world cup match tickets which were generously donated by the Leeds Rhinos Foundation & Leeds United Foundation.

There were a wide range of activities for young people on the day including Zorb Balls from LCC Youth Services; Sporting Activities with Leeds Rhinos Foundation and Leeds United Foundation; A special guest appearance from Leeds United Mascot, Kop Cat; Photobooth from Getaway Girls; Themed Crafts, Biscuit Design & Hair Braiding delivered by Pop-up Pop-in; Drama Workshops held with Leeds Heritage Theatres; Nutritionist Sessions with Leeds Rhinos Foundation; and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service operatives with the Fire Truck. A variety of stall engagements also took place with LCC Safer Stronger Communities, LCC Youth Services, West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Youth Intervention, Temple Newsam Learning Partnership, Leeds Youth Voice & Child Friendly Leeds.

The Youth Activity online consultation survey was launched on 04 August 2022 and will remain open until the 31 March 2023. Following conclusion of the survey, responses submitted by young people will be collated and fed into a Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report for the Outer East Community Committee, which will, in principle, inform the Youth Activity Fund budget spend for 2023/ 24.

4. Community Safety: Champion Cllr Mary Harland

At the June 2022 Outer East Community Committee meeting it was agreed to separate the Environment and Community Safety sub group into two separate champion roles. A meeting has been held with the Community Safety Champion, Cllr Mary Harland, and sub group meetings will be scheduled for January and April 2023 imminently.

5. 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 43 and broken down by ward as follows:

- Cross Gates & Whinmoor: 13
- Garforth & Swillington: 4
- Kippax & Methley: 2
- Temple Newsam: 24

47 new cases were opened over the last three months and categorised as:

- Noise: 4
- ASB: 42
- Hate: 1

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

Positive action against a number of youths involved in stone throwing and general anti-social behaviour (ASB) accounts for a large proportion of the new cases opened following good use of CCTV by the case officer. Joint visits with West Yorkshire Police (WYP) saw prohibition notices and tenancy warnings issued to a large number of youths and their parents in relation to behaviour around the Langbar Children's Centre. Since this action was taken the number of calls for service have reduced considerably at this location.

Temple Newsam

As widely reported in the media, West Yorkshire Police have charged and summonsed to court 21 people accused of being involved in the violent disorder over the bonfire period in November 2020. As part of the joint plan of action Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) has also issued possession proceedings warnings to 15 tenants of council properties occupied by some of the above 21. The warning states the intention to consider seeking possession of the property in the event that they are found guilty of the charges.

Garforth & Swillington

Work has taken place with West Yorkshire Police and Housing to identify any problem addresses or persons of interest in relation to anti-social behaviour (ASB) caused by the use of fireworks. Initiated possession proceedings on a council tenant by issuing a Notice to Seek Possession against a tenant who had been identified as causing long term anti-social behaviour in the area. Partnership work has taken place with Social Services and West Yorkshire Police to help tackle nuisance caused by a vulnerable person in the area.

Kippax & Methley

Work has taken place with West Yorkshire Police and Housing to identify any problem addresses or persons of interest in relation to anti-social behaviour (ASB) caused by the use of fireworks. Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) case officers visited and issued a warning regarding a breach of an injunction that LASBT had obtained regarding a person who had been causing anti-social behaviour in the area.

6. Leedswatch

CCTV contributes towards Police enquiries as requests are made for footage which may not have been observed in “real time”. These incidents are not included in this update but can contribute towards arrests being made in the Outer East area.

Following the recent announcement of the new Full Fibre Network provider being awarded to BT, work will now commence to upgrade all CCTV cameras from analogue to digital. This will significantly improve the image quality and increased effectiveness of cameras in the wards.

The Surveillance Camera Commissioner is appointed by the Home Secretary to ensure that surveillance camera systems in public places keep people safe and protect and support them. Following changes to Data Protection legislation, a dedicated CCTV compliance team has been established within Leeds City Council to ensure that all CCTV systems are managed in line with the Commissioner’s recommendations and ensure there are no data breaches (this includes CCTV systems in all Leeds City Council assets including libraries, sports centres, council vehicles fitted with CCTV, etc.). The compliance team also work closely with Information Governance to assist in ensuring all system owners are compliant with their codes of practice, policies, and procedures.

Leedswatch will be reporting service updates to Community Committees six monthly going forward at June and December Community Committee meetings.

The table covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time from the 48 cameras located in the Outer East area between 14 September and 08 November 2022.

| Outer East Cameras incidents (14 September – 08 November 2022) | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| | Sept | Oct | Nov | Total incidents per category | |
| Alarm Activation | | | 1 | Alarm Activation | 1 |
| Animals | | | | Animals | |
| ASB | 10 | 16 | 1 | ASB | 27 |
| Cash In Transit | | | | Cash In Transit | |
| Drugs | | | | Drugs | |
| Enforcement | 1 | 3 | 1 | Enforcement | 5 |
| Fire | 1 | 3 | 1 | Fire | 5 |
| Health & Safety | | 2 | | Health & Safety | 2 |
| Police Operation | | 2 | 1 | Police Operation | 3 |
| Public Order | 3 | 3 | | Public Order | 6 |
| Road Traffic | 5 | 3 | | Road Traffic | 8 |
| Sexual Offences | | | | Sexual Offences | |
| Suspicious Events | | | | Suspicious Events | |
| Theft | 2 | | 1 | Theft | 3 |
| Travellers | | | | Travellers | |
| Weather | | | | Weather | |
| Metro | | | | Metro | |
| Total Per Month | 22 | 32 | 6 | Total sum of incidents | 60 |

7. West Yorkshire Police

Partners and Public can access Leeds East local priority updates, team contacts and news releases at: <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/my-neighbourhood/leeds/leeds-east>

West Yorkshire Police frequently post engagement and work conducted across the Outer East area on social media, please see below links:

- Twitter: @WYP_LeedsEast
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/WYPLeedsEast

Leeds East Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) hold several Partners And Communities Together (PACT) meetings, contact points and events across the Outer East areas. 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 community. To keep up to date with West Yorkshire Police events and meetings visit the NPT website which is updated frequently with new or upcoming events, meetings or contact points: <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/my-neighbourhood/leeds/leeds-east/events>

Serious and Acquisitive Crime Demand Data

| Outer East | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Burglary - Business and Community | 12 | 6 | 6 |
| Burglary - Residential | 43 | 46 | 3 |
| Robbery | 9 | 15 | 6 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 19 | 27 | 8 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | 23 | 24 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 106 | 118 | 12 |

| Cross Gates & Whinmoor | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Burglary - Business and Community | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Burglary - Residential | 16 | 18 | 2 |
| Robbery | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 3 | 15 | 12 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Grand Total | 35 | 47 | 12 |

| Garforth & Swillington | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Burglary - Business and Community | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Burglary - Residential | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Robbery | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | 6 | 9 | 3 |
| Grand Total | 22 | 16 | 6 |

| Kippax & Methley | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Burglary - Business and Community | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Burglary - Residential | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| Robbery | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Grand Total | 16 | 16 | 0 |

| Temple Newsam | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Burglary - Business and Community | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Burglary - Residential | 14 | 16 | 2 |
| Robbery | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| Grand Total | 33 | 39 | 6 |

Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Demand Data

| Outer East | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| Alcohol | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Fireworks/ Snowballing | 1 | 20 | 19 |
| Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Neighbour Related | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Nuisance Car/ Van | 19 | 19 | 0 |
| Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike | 45 | 25 | 20 |
| Youth Related | 46 | 42 | 4 |
| Grand Total | 126 | 109 | 17 |

| Cross Gates & Whinmoor | Sep - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alcohol | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fireworks/ Snowballing | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neighbour Related | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Nuisance Car/ Van | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| Youth Related | 12 | 27 | 15 |
| Grand Total | 27 | 45 | 18 |

| Garforth & Swillington | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov 22 | Change |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Alcohol | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Fireworks/ Snowballing | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neighbour Related | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Nuisance Car/ Van | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike | 10 | 3 | 7 |
| Youth Related | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Grand Total | 27 | 10 | 17 |

| Kippax & Methley | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct- Nov 22 | Change |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Alcohol | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fireworks/ Snowballing | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neighbour Related | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nuisance Car/ Van | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike | 11 | 8 | 3 |
| Youth Related | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 15 | 11 | 14 |

| Temple Newsam | Sept - Oct 22 | Oct - Nov | Change |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Alcohol | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fireworks/ Snowballing | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Neighbour Related | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nuisance Car/ Van | 13 | 12 | 1 |
| Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike | 15 | 7 | 8 |
| Youth Related | 22 | 14 | 8 |
| Grand Total | 57 | 43 | 14 |

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

West Yorkshire Police are working to address anti-social behaviour and nuisance motorcycle demand, in the Swarcliffe area. Address anti-social behaviour and associated criminality across the Whinmoor and Swarcliffe areas, with particular emphasis around the retail area of Swarcliffe Avenue.

Temple Newsam

West Yorkshire Police are working to target and address reports of anti-social behaviour on Ullswater Crescent, Halton Moor. Target and address reports of anti-social behaviour and fires on Grove Road, Park. Pro-actively deploying and working alongside partner agencies to address repeat reports of anti-social behaviour and associated criminality across Logic Park.

Garforth & Swillington and Kippax & Methley

West Yorkshire Police are working to address public concerns of youth anti-social behaviour and drugs misuse at Barley Hill Park and Glebelands Park, Garforth. Addressing public concerns of youth anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, drugs and alcohol misuse across the 'Rocket Park' Millennium Village, Allerton Bywater. Targeting and addressing multiple road safety concerns including speeding and parking offences across these ward areas.

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/>

Contact Information

In an effort to address concerns regarding under reporting following feedback from local businesses, members of the public and elected members, a list of contact methods has been compiled for West Yorkshire Police:

- **Contact Us:** In an emergency dial 999 and non-emergency dial 101.

#ClickB4UCall: Did you know that there are a variety of online methods now available 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>
- **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 a number of 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>
- **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>
- **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 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>

8. Environment: Champion Cllr Pauleen Grahame

At the June 2022 Outer East Community Committee meeting it was agreed to separate the Environment and Community Safety sub group into two separate champion roles. A meeting has been held with the Community Safety Champion, Councillor Pauleen Grahame, and sub group meetings will be scheduled for January and April 2023 imminently.

9. Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT)

Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Temple Newsam

Diane Otley is the newly appointed Team Leader for Cross Gates and Whinmoor, Carol Collins remains the Team Leader for Temple Newsam and Ange Wright will continue in the Enforcement Officer role for both wards. A full time Path Sweeper driver and an additional Road Sweeper Driver have been recruited.

The de-leafing schedule has commenced and will run until the end of this year and remain in place until early next year if required.

If unwanted items are not suitable for donation and residents are unable to get to a recycling centre, they can book a free unwanted items collection. Residents living within the Leeds council tax area can:

- Request up to 5 items per collection.
- Have a maximum of 4 collections per year.

If there are any issues or areas of concerns for this area, please contact Diane Otley: diane.otley@leeds.gov.uk

Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley

The top five service areas of complaint for these wards are as follows:

- Bulky Collections: 291, this is down from 380 last quarter.
- Fly tipping (streets): 18, this is down from 36 last quarter.
- Overgrown Vegetation: 15, this is down from 31 last quarter.
- Fly tipping (Enforcement): 9, this down from 12 last quarter.
- Litter (streets): 8, this is up from 2 last quarter.

There has been a great deal of uptake for free bulky collections and a significant decrease in all the previous top five requests for service, with the exception of a small increase in the requests for litter removal in the area as a whole.

The team are regularly asked to be vigilant and act in a more proactive manner rather than a reactive manner in an effort to reduce the requests for service from the public. In most cases waste is removed, and the team have dealt with matters before residents see them as an issue. The de-leafing programme has commenced and running successfully due to the continued conversations between the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT) and elected members which enables CNT to direct resources more efficiently and in a timelier manner.

If there are any issues or areas of concerns for this area, please contact Lee Hayward: lee.hayward@leeds.gov.uk

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

An update was given on Employment, Skills & Welfare at the Community Committee meeting held on 27 September 2022. These updates are provided every six months; therefore, the next update will be provided to the March 2023 Community Committee meeting.

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

Winter Vaccinations

This winter it is expected that many respiratory infections, including Covid and flu, may be circulating at high levels putting increased pressure on hospitals and other health care services.

COVID-19 Update

The autumn booster programme is focused on protecting those who continue to be more at risk of severe Covid. Those eligible for a booster will be contacted by the NHS, either by their GP practice or the NHS National Booking Service.

For individuals who have not yet had either of their first two doses of the Covid vaccine (or a third dose for those with a weakened immune system) the advice is to have them as soon as possible. Those who are eligible for the autumn booster but think they have missed a previous booster should still go ahead; they will not need another dose.

People aged 50 years and over, those in care homes, and those aged 5 years and over in clinical risk groups are being offered an autumn booster of Covid vaccine. Those at greatest risk are being invited first. Individuals are being asked not to contact their GP practice for an appointment unless they have received an invitation.

Key messages are as follows:

- Continue to wash your hands on a regular basis.
- Although it feels like life is returning to normal, Covid is still with us.
- The virus spreads easily when people are together in enclosed spaces such as on public transport or even indoors at home.
- Getting up to date with your vaccinations is the best defence against infection, to keep yourself and your family healthy.
- The medical professionals at the vaccination clinic will be happy to answer any questions you have about the vaccines. You can read more on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/>
- Visit the walk-in vaccination clinics website for a full list of your options across Leeds: <https://www.healthandcareleeds.org/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/walk-in-clinics/>

Covid Toolkit & Useful Links

A reminder that a Covid toolkit is available with new assets and print for social media. You can access the content including vaccine information and resources at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1N9ScMO3-RIIVzifo-3SxdVR7ryZfv-WX>

Covid information is available via the following links:

- General info about Covid-19 vaccines is available at: <https://www.healthandcareleeds.org/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/>
- Information on the Autumn booster programme is available at: <https://www.healthandcareleeds.org/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/booster-programme/>
- Further information including autumn booster FAQs is available at: <https://www.westyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk/nhs-covid-19-vaccination-programme>

Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccine is being offered free through the NHS to help protect groups most at risk of getting seriously ill. Vaccination is important because more people are likely to get flu this winter as fewer people will have built up natural immunity during the Covid pandemic. People who get flu and Covid at the same time are more likely to be seriously ill.

A free flu vaccination is being offered to the following eligible groups:

- All children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022.
- All primary school aged children.
- Secondary school-aged children (years 7, 8 and 9 with any remaining vaccine being offered to years 10 and 11).
- Pregnant women.
- Those aged 65 years and over.
- Those aged 50 to 64 years old not in clinical risk groups.

- Those with clinical risks and in the older age groups.
- Those in long-stay residential care homes.
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals.
- Frontline health or social care workers and carers.

Further information on eligibility can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>

The vaccine is available at:

- GP surgeries.
- Some pharmacies, available to those aged 18 or over.
- Some maternity services if you're pregnant.

A list of pharmacies offering the flu vaccination is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/prescriptions-and-pharmacies/pharmacy-nhs-flu-vaccine-service/>

Events

NHS Health Check Local Consultation

05 December, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Location: Leeds Civic Hall, Banqueting Suite

Organised by LCC Public Health, this event provides the opportunity to support the Leeds review and offer insight for future delivery. The invitation is open to stakeholders, partners, private and voluntary sectors and will explore how to deliver a good NHS health check. The event will look at how to increase accessibility and reduce health inequalities and explore models of delivery. It is also a great opportunity to network.

Book online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nhs-health-check-local-consultation-tickets-440863684147?utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_content=shortLinkNewEmail

World Diabetes Day, 14 November 2022

Being diagnosed early is so important for all types of diabetes. It can save lives, prevent a medical emergency, and reduce the risk of life-changing complications later. That's why it is vital to make sure everyone knows the signs to look out for and knows their risk of developing type 2.

- To learn more on the complications of Diabetes visit: <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/guide-to-diabetes/complications>
- To learn more on the Diabetes risk factors visit: <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/preventing-type-2-diabetes/diabetes-risk-factors>

Finding out your risk of type 2 diabetes only takes a few minutes. It could be the most important thing you do today. By completing this tool, in England you may be eligible for the Healthier You NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme.

- To find out your risk of type 2 diabetes visit: <https://riskscore.diabetes.org.uk/start>

Training and Development

Building Vaccine and Screening Confidence for Higher risk populations

Tuesday 13 December, 14:00 - 15:30 & Tuesday 10 January, 10.30 - 12:00

Vaccine hesitancy can present a risk to population health and negatively impact some of our poorest communities and risk groups. This training focuses on flu vaccinations, although the skills can be utilised for childhood immunisations, Covid vaccine, cancer screening and other health-promoting activities. People who come into contact with low vaccine and screening uptake populations are particularly encouraged to take part.

For further information or to book online visit: <https://www.yhphnetwork.co.uk/links-and-resources/priority-programmes/yh-webinar-building-vaccine-and-screening-confidence-training-programme/>

The 'Want to Know More About' online sessions are for professionals and aim to improve awareness and practice around the subjects covered and are free to attend.

Abortion services in Leeds

22 November, 14:00 - 15:00

There are safe and legal options for ending a pregnancy. In England you can legally have an abortion up to 23 weeks and 6 days of pregnancy. Protecting the rights of pregnant people to make informed choices has never been more important. This online session provides the opportunity to engage with termination of pregnancy providers in Leeds.

The session will cover:

- What is offered in Leeds for people who want to end their pregnancy or are unsure about their choices.
- How the providers support the choices of pregnant people.
- Myths about abortion dispelled.
- Information on how to support pregnant people to access these services.

For further information or to book online visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-more-about-abortion-services-in-leeds-tickets-440302435437>

Start with People Conference

24 November, 10.00 - 16:00

This bi-annual conference is aimed at anyone working in health and care who has a passion to improve engagement with people and communities. A key event for people involved in public engagement in the health sector within the UK the online conference brings together world-renowned experts and senior NHS leaders with practitioners who are delivering this agenda in the heart of their communities. The theme for the event is trust: How do we ensure people and communities feel that they can trust the NHS?

For further information or to book online visit: <https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/startwithpeople-november-2022>

Winter Wellbeing

November 2022 – March 2023

Stay Well this Winter Grants: Leeds Community Foundation has awarded the 2022 Stay Well this Winter Grants, with funding from LCC Public Health. The grants help support a range of community-based projects across Leeds. Applicants were encouraged to target support at vulnerable people who are most at risk of becoming unwell over winter due to cold and severe weather. Grants have been awarded to 20 projects across the city and these will run from November 2022 until the end of March 2023. Within this year's applications a range of groups have been supported including those targeting older people, homeless, young families, and those on low incomes. The focus has very much been on the cost-of-living crisis with many projects offering support to keep warm, well fed and engaged during the winter months.

A full list of the successful applicants can be found on the Leeds Community Foundation website: <https://www.leedscf.org.uk/what-we-have-funded/>

12. Housing

Halton Moor and Swarcliffe

Void Levels (empty properties): Demand for properties remains high across the area, especially for houses. Whilst Swarcliffe has always been high demand, previous issues in Halton Moor have been overcome, with all properties now being re-let in a timely manner. This is as a result of demand increasing due to the incorrect perception of the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour lessening, by virtue of partnership working between Housing and other services, including Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, West Yorkshire Police, and the Cleaner Neighbourhood Team.

Referrals continue to be made for issues including waste and fly tipping, which aims to remove the items in a timely manner to ensure properties enjoy an appealing kerb-side appeal. The current number of Ready to Lets are as follows:

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

Income Collection: Rent collection has fallen compared to last year which reflects the trend across the city. However, rent collection performance is improving and currently on course to exceed last year's performance figure. The team is working closely with tenants to maximise their income and any support they need by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.

The team continues to make referrals to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from a budgeting account and are experiencing the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. The Housing Officer (Income) is working with more complex cases, linking in with support agencies, to ensure tenants receive advice on how they can maximise their incomes. Housing Leeds is facing challenges in terms the ongoing increase of cost of living.

Annual Tenancy Check In (ATCI): There are currently 3 patches above current target and are on course to achieve the target of 44% by end of December 2022. There have been several factors impacting performance on other patches, such as vacancies, however, Annual Home Visit Action Days have been planned to help these underperforming patches reach their target.

Environmental Actions Team: Quarter 1 Estate Walkabouts are complete, and quarter 3 Estate Walkabouts are scheduled. Additional Walkabouts have been carried out as part of the services Bonfire Action Plan to ensure any fly-tipping was reported for removal. Teams have access to the Skill Mill scheme, where referrals can be made for ad-hoc estate improvement work.

Officers carried out an Action Day on the Neville estate on 05 October 2022. The purpose was to provide support to customers effected by the cost of living. The team arranged for the mobile office to be onsite with support from our Housing Officer (Income), Leeds City Credit Union and Green Doctor. The Action Day provided the opportunity for teams to undertake litter picks in the area and carry out annual home visits.

Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley

Voids Levels (empty properties): Demand for council housing remains high across both wards for general needs housing stock but turnover is low in comparison. A 2-bedroom house in Garforth recently attracted 715 bids from applicants. There are 13 Ready to Let properties within the wards, 12 of these are retirement life accommodation which the team are having difficulty allocating. 38 properties have been viewed and signed up between September and November 2022. Cross Hills Court remains a difficult complex for allocating empty properties. Building under an option appraisal, officers recently met with the Strategy & Investment Team to explore options, the complex is still sustainable from a financial point of view, but it has now been agreed that consideration needs to be given to making the complex more desirable to applicants and tenants already living there.

Income Collection: There has been an increase in arrears and reduction in rent collection in comparison to this point last year. Short term trend is improving and showing good increases in collection with all patches in the ward collecting more rent since the start of the financial year. Tenants have advised that they are struggling with the increasing cost of living and the team are focusing on supporting those in need. Working closely with the Money and Budgeting Officer at Leeds Credit Union, the Garforth Team made the most referrals for support citywide in October 2022. Officers are also utilising the team's benefits specialist to ensure tenants are maximising their income and assisting with complex benefit issues. The team intend to hold a number of advice sessions initially at Garforth HUB to help those who need support with budgeting and offering benefit advice, if successful this will be rolled out more locally throughout the ward.

Annual Tenancy Check In (ATCI): Officers are completing Annual Tenancy Contacts focussing on tenants who are deemed priority cases, those known to have had previous support needs and/ or preceding tenancy issues. The team are currently below the citywide target and tasked with meeting their goal by 06 December 2022. The main issue that has been identified is alterations made to properties without permission.

Environmental Actions Team: Quarter 1 & Quarter 3 walkabouts are complete and regular estate inspections are carried out by staff when out on patch. Targeted inspections were carried out week commencing 31 October 2022 to identify any bonfires in gardens and request removal, no reports have been made regarding bonfires causing issues. Three environmental improvements were agreed to be funded at HAP in October 2022 and a further 3 will be brought to the panel in November 2022 following the residents meeting at Mount Pleasant Gardens.

13. Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)

Work is taking place to develop several projects and work programmes and a number have been delivered over recent months, updates include:

Completed:

- Halton Moor: Wykebeck and Neville 'Good Gardens Competition' was a great success. The winner's ceremony took place on 30 September (£370).
- Westbourne Gardens, Garforth: Jubilee Afternoon Tea (£400).
- Green Guardians, city wide project: 7 Housing Advisory Panels (HAPs) funded at £7,000.00 respectively totalling £49,000.00.

Approved and In Progress:

- Cross Gates Good Neighbours digital inclusion sessions at Cross Gates & Whinmoor HUB. Outer South East (OSE) approved £4,000.00, the remaining funding of £2,000.00 will be going to the Outer East Housing Advisory Panel in December 2022.
- Leeds United Foundation Premiere League KICKS (£11,000.00)
- Victoria Street: Removal of overgrowth and shrubs.
- Your Voice Leeds (YVL) survey aimed at younger residents (suggestions open until end of December 2022)
- Swillington Memorable Bench (hardstanding £600)

In progress:

- Brooksbank Drive, Halton: Review of waste collection.
- Mount Pleasant Gardens, Kippax: Marking of car park, resident only parking signs and notice boards to be fitted to each block.
- White Laithe Garth, Whinmoor: Fencing and gates.
- Cross Hills Court, Kippax: Garden furniture and decking varnishing.
- Field End, Halton: Fencing and gate.
- Montague Crescent, Garforth: Staggered barrier.
- White Laithe Court, Whinmoor: Landscaping
- Parsonage Road, Methley: Bench.
- The Crescent: Raised beds.
- Red Kite Row, Swarcliffe: Landscaping
- United Federation Sporting Academy: Football sessions (Halton Moor)
- Springwell Avenue, Swillington: Cut back overgrowth along ginnel.

Two new Tenant and Residents groups have been established at Hollins Grove, Allerton Bywater and Sherburn Court, Cross Gates. The Tenant Engagement Officer will be contacting existing groups to complete annual health checks, including WYCAS, imminently.

14. Youth Services

Youth Work sessions were maintained by the team despite the significant decline in staffing levels which continues to be a challenge. The engagement of local volunteers has enabled the team to ensure centre based Youth Work continues to target priority areas and engage some of the most vulnerable young people. Youth Services delivered a weekly programme of **19 sessions**, all sessions aligned to the Children's & Young People's Plan priorities. The sessions included the contributions young people requested to ensure their voice was encompassed.

Water Safety: During the months of July & August the increase in temperature created the need to enhance the level of water safety work across the area, young people were identified at Lemonroyd Marina, Woodlesford Lock & St Aidan's Nature Park, Swillington. Youth Workers undertook detached work at different sites on a variety of times and dates. Young people visited the locations on a regular basis, acting responsible and remembering what Youth Workers had taught them last year regarding the dangers of swimming in open water, water temperature and to fight the urge to go in the water. Some sessions took place with West Yorkshire Police.

Sexual Health: The team continued to provide access to youth work sessions and drop-ins to enable young people to have access to the "3 in 1" service which is free condoms, free pregnancy testing and chlamydia testing. During July to September 2022, the Core Team offered **30** sessions aligned to relationships, forms of contraception and where to obtain further support and advice. The sessions were aimed at young people aged 13+, and all that attended the C-Card registered sessions were encouraged to use the local drop-ins with increasing numbers of young people using the session to register for the C-Card scheme.

Summer Holiday Programme: Young people, My Group (YpMyg) and Swarcliffe Youth Matters group engaged in planning for the Summer holiday programmes. The team retained the engagement of young people by utilising external resources and offered a diversionary programme of activities. The programmes were delivered over a four-week period and included: Blackpool Pleasure Beach, York Maze, Ninja Warrior, Sheffield Cable Water Ski & Aqua Park, Flamingo Land Theme Park, Bawtry Paintball Paint Balling & Tree Climbing, Tree Tracking, 50ft Tree Fall & Axe Throwing, North Yorkshire Water Park Paddle Boarding and Gladiator Aqua Park, 250ft zip line across the lakes.

Activity Days: As part of the Summer Holiday programme a total of three activity days were planned and delivered across the Outer East area, each event offered local young people and communities a range of inflatables, stalls, arts & crafts, and access to partner organisations for three hours per day. The Activity Days were well received with **880** different young people participating in the events. The feedback from parents and young people was extremely positive with many commenting that the FREE events were appreciated.

Anti-Social Behaviour: Mobile Sessions have targeted hot spot areas as identified with partners including West Yorkshire Police, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, and local Councillors. The key aim was to address issues, provide guidance and reduce substance misuse in local areas. Key areas include Halton Moor, Swarcliffe, Micklefield & Garforth, the team engaged the core group identified by partners. The work has focussed upon their actions, responsibility, and impact on the community. Whilst progress is being made with some of the group members, others continue to challenge and engage in anti-social behaviour and Youth Workers continue to engage with partner agencies to ensure the behaviour is addressed, as a result. Overall, the Youth Service has delivered **115** sessions that included aspects of Crime and anti-social behaviour.

Leeds United Foundation: Partnership work with Leeds United Foundation has enabled the team to continue to engage young people in sessions which promote a healthy lifestyle, the sessions within Swarcliffe, Halton Moor and Kippax have enabled young people to develop confidence, skills, and experience new opportunities. The sessions provide a weekly opportunity for young people to have fun whilst also developing their fitness levels.

Substance Misuse: Mobile & Centre based sessions have taken place to engage young people regarding their approach to the use of Cannabis, over the last couple of years young people think smoking Cannabis is acceptable and they regularly advise “what’s the problem, our parents smoke it”. Core Youth Workers have focussed on the health implications, the expense, the legality of the substance, the effect on diet, sleep routines, concentration, and the potential mental health impact. Work continues in many areas and the level of use appears to be increasing. Overall, the Core Youth Work Team has delivered **35** sessions that included issues aligned to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

Mental Health & Wellbeing: Youth Workers have continued to utilise their Mental Health First Aid Training with young people in Youth Work sessions, providing support, information and options to young people and Youth Workers have supported young people on aspects of anxiety, depression, stress, and emotional wellbeing. Overall, the Core Youth Work Team has delivered **122** sessions that included Mental Health Work.

Volunteers: The team continues to provide opportunities for local volunteers to engage in the delivery of Youth Work Activities. Outer East currently has **6** active volunteers that contribute to the delivery of regular sessions, holiday programme and one-off events. Volunteers are provided with regular support and access to training courses.

Councillor Visits: Swarcliffe & Methley Youth Clubs hosted a visit from Councillor Mary Harland, Executive Member for Communities, Councillor Dowson, and Councillor Khan. Youth club members participated in discussions with Councillors, lead a tour around the building and taught ink marbling. They reflected on why they enjoy attending the youth club and what it means to them to still have a building to use in the area. It was a very successful and informative visit with positive feedback from young people on how thrilled they were that adults had taken the time to visit their youth club.

Parent Support: Fantastic positive feedback from a parent alongside a donation to show their appreciation for everything the youth club had done for their young person who had started with zero self-confidence and was barely able to speak out loud due to social anxiety. After attending for a year, the young person has developed a circle of supportive friends, participates in activities and is able to voice their opinion during discussions. Parent has commented on the positive impact attending the youth club has made and how much their young person enjoys their time there. The group decided to use the donation to buy a selection of ice creams and lollies which is just what the group needed in the heatwave!

Resettlement Work: Core Youth Work sessions continued to offer the resettlement group at Garforth Holiday Inn a weekly opportunity to integrate into the City of Leeds. Working with local charity shops, Youth Workers have provided young people with toys, clothes, and personal items to make living in Leeds more comfortable. Youth Workers have focussed on developing communication skills, challenging discrimination, and engaging in social activities. Overall, the weekly session has an attendance of around **25** young people per session.

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

Swarcliffe Youth Matters: Work continues to ensure the voice of young people is heard in the local area, working with Youth Workers to plan the holiday activities programme. The group engaged with Yorkshire Housing to further develop the allotments at Swarcliffe Community Centre, supported the Swarcliffe Activity Day assisting with tuck shop, setting up inflatables, YAF consultations and T-Shirt stall.

Friday Youth Club: The club continues to engage a high number of young people with the session aimed at young people aged 11+ being extremely popular. The session offers a range of physical, educational, and fun activities supported by local volunteers. The session has opened the door to the local Police to enable relationships to be built which has proved positive at times and on other occasions challenging. The session focusses young people's attention on having a positive time and using the social in a constructive manner. Issues covered have included, water safety, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, physical & mental health.

Multi Activity Session: The Thursday evening session is currently attracting around **45** young people per assembly and now includes a Leeds United Foundation coach offering sports activities, skills development, and behaviour management which has proved popular with young people. In September the Multi Activity Session was visited by three Councillors and a senior officer. The Councillors spoke to young people enquiring what they valued about the youth club.

Garforth & Swillington

Mobile Youth Work Sessions: Youth Workers discussed issues around anti-social behaviour in the ward focusing on appropriate behaviour when out in a group, considering resident's feelings, the consequences should the young person get a criminal record, and respecting authority and the law. Youth Workers had been contacted to speak to groups of young people in Swillington park/ playground area who were allegedly playing loud music, smoking cannabis, and drinking alcohol underage. Work was delivered to the group around the dangers of binge drinking and taking illegal drugs, other issues covered included smoking, vaping, racism, mental health, GCSE results and where to go for support to gain college places. The sessions offered fun themed art & craft sessions with a focus on designing water safety, sun awareness and wildlife posters which were displayed at RSPB St Aiden's nature park. Youth Workers concentrated on anti-social behaviour "hotspot" areas in Garforth Main Street, RSPB St Aiden's nature park and Swillington playground. These areas had been flagged by ward Councillors and West Yorkshire Police. Young people were signposted to the weekly mobile sessions as a positive alternative and to the summer Youth Activity Funded trips out and Activity Days.

Young People, My Group (YpMyg) Participation & Engagement Group: The decision-making group were involved in several projects as well as planning for the October half term trips funded through the Outer East Community Committee Youth Activity Fund (YAF) by ward Councillors. The group decided on theme a park trip, "Hallowtween" at York Maze, and Ninja Warrior. They were given a budget to spend and researched the costs. The group also attend the Outer East Youth Summit & Activity Day on 25 October 2022 to input their views.

Year Six Transition Work: Youth Workers worked in partnership with the Garforth Cluster to deliver 3 days of Year 6 transition work to the new Year 7's. The days were held at Garforth Academy and Youth Workers along with volunteers delivered the session around getting to know fellow pupils. The activities included "human bingo" which made pupils speak to others to learn names and to complete their bingo sheet. They also took part in an exercise where they had to draw their favourite thing onto a paper face shape, then discuss as a group to learn a bit more about each other. These faces are to be made into a large display at the school.

Garforth Academy Group Session: The sessions resumed after the summer school holidays, Youth Workers delivered an emotional wellbeing course to pupils in Year 8. This term long course covers issues such as anxiety, bullying and friendships. This work is in partnership with the Garforth Cluster who refer pupils via the Academy. The aim of the course is to give the pupils a safe space to discuss issues away from the formal environment of school lessons. Several of the pupils are waiting for counselling via the Cluster and this course gives them support until a place becomes available.

Kippax & Methley

Micklefield & Methley Youth Clubs: During the weekly building-based sessions, Youth Workers offered a varied 12-week programme of issue-based work around applying for college and sixth form after GCSE/ A-level results, water safety awareness, sun awareness, mental health, weapons awareness and hate crime. The sessions offered fun themed art & craft sessions including Yorkshire Day, ink marbling, origami, tie-dye T-shirts and glass painting.

Queen Elizabeth Passing: Youth Workers covered work around grief and bereavement in the national period of mourning after Queen Elizabeth's death. Young people had many questions surrounding the Royal Family and it brought up the feelings of loss that some young people had experienced in their own lives. Young people were signposted to specialist organisations including Leeds Bereavement Service.

Scarecrow Festival: Young People, My Group (YpMyg) have been involved in several projects including erecting the scarecrow display for the Methley scarecrow festival. The "Dementor against the Spider-Man multiverse" was very successful and the group took turns to check in on the display. Young people had to mend a Spider-man who was obviously having an off day and fell off the roof! The youth club received a funding donation from the scarecrow committee from the sale of scarecrow trail maps, the group researched outdoor sports equipment and chose to buy a portable basketball net. The youth club were very grateful for the donation and love the new kit.

Kippax Kicks: The session continues to improve in attendance with increasing numbers of females participating, the fabulous win of the England Lionesses certainly inspired girls to try out. Youth Workers and the Leeds Utd Foundation completed the annual audit of the activity and agreed to continue with the session. Youth Workers have applied for Youth Activity Funding (YAF) to pay for the rent of the leisure centre.

Temple Newsam

Detached Sessions: Youth Workers have engaged with groups of young people in Halton Moor & Halton during evening sessions providing guidance, support & challenge to young people engaging in unacceptable behaviour. Information was shared regarding some of the young people becoming part of a Youth Matters Group who will represent other young people in the Temple Newsam Ward.

Leeds United Foundation: The Tuesday evening session at Meadow Field Primary School continues to grow the level of participants enabling young people to develop their team skills, confidence, and physical health with coaches from the Leeds United Foundation and support of Youth Workers.

Halton Moor Activity Day: The day was a great success this year, the event was delivered in partnership with West Yorkshire Police, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT), Housing Leeds, Real Junk Food Project, and Crime stoppers. It offered a fun filled day for young people under the age of seventeen, activities included Donkeys, Inflatables, games, and arts & crafts. Feedback from local community and young people was more events like these are needed.

15. Community Engagement: Forums

Forum meetings were recently held in Cross Gates & Whinmoor with representatives from West Yorkshire Police giving residents a say on local issues and a voice in their community, forums held in the ward include:

- Whinmoor Forum, chaired by Cllr Jessica Lennox, was held on Wednesday 02 November 2022 at Fieldhead Carr Community Centre. The meeting was well attended, core items discussed included Community Safety, Highways and Local Activities with LEEDS 2023, Money Buddies, and Youth Services. The forum provided an opportunity for residents to raise and discuss any concerns with local ward members and services.
- Manston & Swarcliffe Forum, chaired by Cllr Pauleen Grahame, was held on Tuesday 08 November 2022 at The Barnbow. The meeting was well attended, core items discussed included Community Safety, Pendas Developments, Activities for young people with updates from Youth Services and The Tribe Youth Group, Highways, Environmental, Housing, Round up from other local organisations with LEEDS 2023, Connecting Cross Gates, Cross Gates Good Neighbours and Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme. The forum provided an opportunity for residents to raise and discuss any concerns with local ward members and services in attendance.

16. Community Engagement: Social Media

Appendix 1 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 from 02 September to 15 November 2022. The four-ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages remain suspended.

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 are able to 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.