

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 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 as soon as practically possible and are delayed as a result of staffing capacity challenges.

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 30 and broken down by ward as follows:

- Cross Gates & Whinmoor: 7
- Garforth & Swillington: 1
- Kippax & Methley: 5
- Temple Newsam: 17

Cross Gates & Whinmoor and Temple Newsam

Across both Temple Newsam and Cross Gates & Whinmoor wards there is clear evidence that there has been a reduction in anti-social behaviour. There are still challenges with anti-social behaviour in these wards and LASBT are aware that West Yorkshire Police colleagues continue to receive calls for service across the wards, however direct complaints from residents and referrals to LASBT have decreased. There is an annual seasonal factor which forms part of this decrease, but the robust proactive work undertaken by LASBT to tackle specific issues in each ward at the end of 2022 and in early 2023 has impacted positively in the wards.

Garforth & Swillington

Partnership working has been undertaken in the ward, walkabouts have been carried out by the LASBT Case Officer to promote awareness and increase community engagement. Partnership working with West Yorkshire Police, the local Housing Office and Social Services resulted in a vulnerable tenant being identified and action taken to protect the individual with the matter now been resolved.

Kippax & Methley

The LASBT Case Officer is working with West Yorkshire Police to monitor referrals that come in the service and reacting to any need for service accordingly. Proactive work is taking place with LASBT partners to identify any areas of work that would benefit the community.

6. Leedswatch

An update was given for Leedswatch at the Community Committee meeting held on 06 December 2022. These updates are now provided every six months; therefore, the next update will be provided to the June 2023 Community Committee meeting.

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>

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

West Yorkshire Police frequently share news updates on Social Media channels, Community Alert and on their website, please find these links below:

- Twitter: @WYP_LeedsEast
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/WYPLeedsEast
- Community Alert: <https://www.wypcommunityalert.co.uk/>
- Website: <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/>

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>

Following requests from Members for annual data comparisons, the figures below now compare the previous year's figures against the current year for the same period to reflect demand changes annually. This information can revert back to monthly data formats at Members request.

Serious and Acquisitive Crime Demand Data

Outer East	Jan - Feb 22	Jan - Feb 23	Change
Burglary - Business and Community	5	5	0
Burglary - Residential	56	34	22
Robbery	5	8	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	14	7	7
Theft from the Person	5	3	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle	18	16	2
Grand Total	103	73	30

Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Jan - Feb 22	Jan - Feb 23	Change
Burglary - Business and Community	1	1	0
Burglary - Residential	28	17	11
Robbery	3	2	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	2	1
Theft from the Person	3	0	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	7	3	4
Grand Total	43	25	18

Garforth & Swillington	Jan - Feb 22	Jan - Feb 23	Change
Burglary - Business and Community	1	2	1
Burglary - Residential	7	2	5
Robbery	1	2	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	0	5
Theft from the Person	0	1	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5	3	2
Grand Total	19	10	9

Kippax & Methley	Jan - Feb 22	Jan - Feb 23	Change
Burglary - Business and Community	2	2	0
Burglary - Residential	5	7	2
Robbery	1	2	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4	1	3
Theft from the Person	1	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	5	4
Grand Total	14	17	3

Temple Newsam	Jan - Feb 22	Jan - Feb 23	Change
Burglary - Business and Community	1	0	1
Burglary - Residential	16	8	8
Robbery	0	2	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4	4	0
Theft from the Person	1	2	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5	5	0
Grand Total	27	21	6

Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Demand Data

Outer East	Jan - Feb 22	Jan - Feb 23	Change
Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related	7	3	4
Alcohol	4	0	4
Fireworks/ Snowballing	2	2	0
Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia	1	0	1
Neighbour Related	5	1	4
Nuisance Car/ Van	11	8	3
Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike	45	17	28
Youth Related	32	15	17
Grand Total	107	46	61

Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Jan - Feb 22	Jan - Feb 23	Change
Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related	0	1	1
Alcohol	1	0	1
Fireworks/ Snowballing	1	0	1
Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia	0	0	0
Neighbour Related	1	0	1
Nuisance Car/ Van	0	0	0
Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike	21	6	15
Youth Related	14	5	9
Grand Total	38	12	26

Garforth & Swillington	Jan - Feb 22	Jan - Feb 23	Change
Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related	2	0	2
Alcohol	1	0	1
Fireworks/ Snowballing	0	0	0
Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia	0	0	0
Neighbour Related	1	0	1
Nuisance Car/ Van	0	2	2
Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike	6	1	5
Youth Related	8	1	7
Grand Total	18	4	14

Kippax & Methley	Jan - Feb 22	Jan - Feb 23	Change
Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related	2	1	1
Alcohol	0	0	0
Fireworks/ Snowballing	0	0	0
Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia	0	0	0
Neighbour Related	2	0	2
Nuisance Car/ Van	2	4	2
Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike	5	7	2
Youth Related	3	4	1
Grand Total	14	16	2

Temple Newsam	Jan - Feb 22	Jan - Feb 23	Change
Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related	3	1	2
Alcohol	2	0	2
Fireworks/ Snowballing	1	2	1
Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia	1	0	1
Neighbour Related	1	1	0
Nuisance Car/ Van	9	2	7
Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike	13	3	10
Youth Related	7	5	2
Grand Total	37	14	23

Operation Dieselcrest: Local Priority Update

Operation Dieselcrest was implemented to address anti-social motorcycles, vehicular nuisance, and associated criminality across the Leeds East ward areas. As part of Operation Dieselcrest West Yorkshire Police proactively gather intelligence and identify those involved in the anti-social use of motorcycles, vehicles, and associated criminality. West Yorkshire Police monitor and respond to incident demands, collate evidence, conduct disruption visits on known offenders, hold targeted days of action and arrest suspects identified. In addition, West Yorkshire Police collaboratively work alongside partner agencies to utilise all enforcement methods available, against those repeatedly involved in such behaviour.

You said:

- You want to see positive action taken against offenders, involved in the illegal use of motorcycles, vehicles, and associated crimes.

We have:

- Executed Misuse of Drugs warrants which resulted in the seizure of drugs and 6 motorcycles.
- Seized a further 31 Motorcycles and 8 Quad Bikes.
- Arrested 14 individuals.
- Seized 3 vehicles and recovered 4 stolen vehicles.
- Issued 15 Traffic Offence reports for speeding and other motoring offences.
- Issued 3 Section 59 Warnings.
- Conducted targeted days of action and an Operation, funded by the Outer East Community Committee in partnership with the Inner East Community Committee.
- Held crime prevention and engagement events, to raise awareness of motorcycle theft and security mechanisms.

West Yorkshire Police continue to conduct targeted enforcement patrols and are working alongside partner agencies and Operation Leodis, to take further enforcement actions.

Neighbourhood Policing Week of Action: 23 to 29 January 2023

During the 'Neighbourhood Policing Week of Action' West Yorkshire Police highlighted work that neighbourhood officers and police community support officers do to protect the public and keep people safe. Throughout the week West Yorkshire Police held two PACT meetings one of which took place in the **Kippax and Methley** ward.

A crime prevention session was held at Connecting **Crossgates** 'Morethan' Community Café. The NPT and Crime Prevention Officers delivered a crime prevention information and advice session to local residents, in relation to Rogue Traders and Cold Callers following recent reported incidents across the ward. Following reports of a Fraud Device fitted to a cash machine in the Leeds East area, officers conducted proactive patrols to check machines for fitted devices, raised awareness of what to check for across key community groups, detailing how to report incidents and key information and advice was posted on social media.

Crime Prevention patrols were conducted across **Allerton Bywater**, inclusive of crime prevention visits, providing advice and 'Faraday' cans to keyless vehicle owners. Crime prevention patrols were conducted at the **Springs Retail Park**, with PCSO's deploying in the

locality with BACIL radio to monitor any active reports and incidents. West Yorkshire Police conducted targeted patrols in line with local priorities, problem-solving locations and repeat demand locations. Several arrests were made across the East, during the week of action.

West Yorkshire Police delivered school inputs at **Colton and Manston Primary Schools** and conducted school parking patrols across the **Garforth & Swillington** and **Kippax & Methley** wards. West Yorkshire Police conducted partnership patrols with the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team in **Halton Moor**, following environmental visual audits. Three burnt out motor vehicles were recovered from the locality, along with street cleansing. West Yorkshire Police conducted an estate walkabout with Chief Superintendent Dodds and met with partners and HOPE, in the **Temple Newsam** ward.

The above is a selection of the work conducted by the Outer East Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) during the week of action highlighting work that is completed daily and/ or on a regular basis across the communities West Yorkshire Police serve.

Cross Gates & Whinmoor

West Yorkshire Police are working to address reports of unsightly and widespread graffiti, across the ward. Address anti-social behaviour and associated criminality, with a view to signposting and diverting young people into local provisions available.

You said:

- You would like to see action taken to address the increase in graffiti, across the community which portrays the area in a negative light.
- You would like to see a reduction in youth related anti-social behaviour and associated criminality such as large groups gathering, stone throwing and criminal damage.

We have:

- Investigated reports of criminal damage and stone throwing, identifying, and interviewing six young people for offences with positive out of court disposals achieved.
- Referred a number of young people into relevant support provisions and worked closely with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, resulting in several young people receiving anti-social behaviour injunction warnings and prohibition notices, for repeatedly being involved in such behaviour.
- Continued to work closely with Leeds Youth Services to engage and divert young people into local provisions available.
- Identified and interviewed two suspects in relation to graffiti offences across the local area and bordering wards. The investigations remain on-going at this time and updates will be provided upon completion of the current investigations.

Temple Newsam

West Yorkshire Police are working to target and address reports of anti-social behaviour in Halton Moor. Target and address reports of anti-social behaviour and fires on Grove Road Park. Addressing road safety concerns and road related offences, across the Temple Newsam ward.

You said:

- You would like to see an increased visible presence in the Halton Moor area, to tackle and address repeat incidents of anti-social behaviour.
- You said there was an issue with young people gathering on Grove Road Park, littering, lighting fires and causing damage.
- You said you would like to see road safety deployments and actions in relation to speeding and parking obstructions outside of schools.

We have:

- Conducted targeted patrols in line with reported demands of anti-social behaviour across the Halton Moor area, addressing anti-social behaviour issues reported on Coronation Parade.
- Engaged with young people on Grove Park Road, regarding what provisions they would like to see in the locality and attended the Outer East Youth Summit.
- Delivered educational inputs in Primary Schools regarding anti-social behaviour, keeping safe and have liaised with West Yorkshire Fire Service who have delivered Fire Safety sessions in identified schools.
- Conducted joint patrols with Safer Schools officers and visits with Youth Services, to address reports of anti-social behaviour and divert young people into local provisions available.
- Seen a reduction in reported incidents of anti-social behaviour, across the ward.
- Liaised with parking services, to request patrols at affected school locations and conducted school parking patrols.
- Conducted multiple road safety patrols resulting in a vehicle stopped and searched for drugs and a passenger being dealt with for possession of cannabis.
- Seized a vehicle for no insurance and issued four traffic offence reports, three for not wearing a seat belt and one for using a mobile hand-held device whilst driving.
- Conducted a multi-agency operation on Pontefract Lane with the Roads Policing Team, Leeds City Council Serious Environmental Crime Team and DVSA. Traffic offence reports were issued for failing to wear a seatbelt and using a hand-held mobile device whilst driving, multiple other enforcements were issued by partner agencies in attendance.

Garforth & Swillington and Kippax & Methley

West Yorkshire Police are working to target and address multiple road safety concerns including speeding and parking offences across the ward areas. Addressing public concerns of youth anti-social behaviour, drugs misuse and alcohol misuse across public park areas with a particular focus on:

- Barley Hill Park, Garforth
- Glebelands Park, Garforth
- Rocket Park, Millennium Village, Allerton Bywater

You said:

- You want to see a reduction in youth related anti-social behaviour and associated criminality such as Public Order, Criminal Damage, drugs, and alcohol use.
- You want to see positive action taken against road related offences, with a particular focus on speeding offences and parking offences.

We have:

- Conducted multiple targeted patrols and engagements, across the identified public park areas to address reports of anti-social behaviour, public order, and criminal damage.
- Liaised with partners and elected members, who have worked to increase the youth provision offers across the locality following public and young people's feedback.
- Identified three suspects for criminal damage resulting in two young people being referred to the Youth Offending Team, for early intervention and action and one received a conditional caution.
- Worked alongside Licensing departments, to conduct licensing visits and a test purchasing operation for sales of nicotine and alcohol on Main Street, Garforth. One retail premise failed the test purchase, which was dealt with by the Licensing team.
- Delivered road safety lessons in schools and multiple school parking patrols conducted, with advice given to parents regarding safe parking.
- Continued to liaise in partnership with the local councillors and highways regarding speed enforcements, road safety deployments and fixed speed cameras.
- Stopped and breathalysed nine motorists during the Christmas Drink Drive campaign period, in Garforth. West Yorkshire Police were pleased to report, no motorists were found to be over the prescribed limit.
- Conducted several road safety deployments issuing tickets for speeding and road related offences. Most recently between January and February 2023, six traffic offence reports were issued to motorists on Astley Lane for speeding offences, with speeds noted over 40mph in a 30mph zone.

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, sub group meetings will be scheduled as soon as practically possible and are delayed as a result of staffing capacity challenges.

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. Recruitment has taken place to fill two vacant posts with staff in place from January 2023. A service review is currently underway to explore the work carried out by Enforcement Officers.

The de-leaving programme has now ceased with the Sweeping Schedule initiated week commencing the 13 February 2023. Where unwanted items are not suitable for donation and residents are unable to get to a recycling centre, they are able 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.

The Environmental Crime Team (SECT) continue to focus on the large-scale Fly tipping and other environmental issue such as Waste Carriers. They have recently worked closely with Councillors and Contractors on the new East Leeds Orbital Route (ELOR). Environmental Action Officers continue to provide updates on specific cases where Ward Members are involved, where this is not the case, 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: 412, this is up by 121 from the last quarter.
- Fly tipping (streets): 42, this is up by 24 from the last quarter.
- Overgrown Vegetation: 4, this is down 11 from last quarter.
- Fly tipping (Enforcement): 9, this is up by 29 from the last quarter.
- Litter (streets): 6, this is down 2 from the last quarter.

There has been a large uptake for free bulky collections but unfortunately the team have seen an increase in both the proactive fly tipping reports (reported by CNT as they are

cleared away) and those reported by the public, this is despite bulky collections being made free of charge to all households.

CNT have seen a decrease in the reports of litter on the street and overgrown vegetation, which is affecting the Public Highway, this is in part due to a lot of proactive work from the teams who are dealing with such issues as they are seen, this in turn prevents residents from noticing such issues which they feel need to be reported to us.

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

Universal Credit

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2022, in the Outer East Community Committee area is 3,619. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (94%), the number of claimants remains high and continues to increase. There is an increase of 80 claimants in October 2022 on the previous month. The table below shows the number of people claiming Universal Credit (Not in Employment) in the Outer East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs							
	March 2020		June 2020		September 2022		October 2022	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,636	8.2%	42,762	8.4%	43,819	8.2%
Outer East	1,882	3.7%	3,643	7.1%	3,539	6.9%	3,619	7.1%
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	645	4.7%	1,188	8.7%	1,149	8.4%	1,189	8.7%
Garforth & Swillington	234	2.0%	529	4.5%	565	4.8%	567	4.8%
Kippax & Methley	354	2.7%	755	5.8%	710	5.5%	734	5.7%
Temple Newsam	649	5.0%	1,171	9.1%	1,115	8.7%	1,129	8.8%

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

Employment and Skills Services

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

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2021/22 (April – Sept)	2022/23 (April – Sept)	2021/22 (April – Sept)	2022/23 (April – Sept)	2021/22 (April – Sept)	2022/23 (April – Sept)
Outer East	403	453	102	86	74	130
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	165	149	32	35	26	52
Garforth & Swillington	47	122	17	12	11	26
Kippax & Methley	55	32	22	4	10	8
Temple Newsam	136	150	31	35	27	44

During April to September 2022:

- 8,359 people accessed the Service, 453 of whom were residents from the Outer East.
- Supported 1,462 people into work, 86 of whom were residents from the Outer East. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in, arts, entertainment and recreation, construction, health and care, ICT, digital and comms.
- Supported 2,149 people to improve their skills, 130 of whom were from the Outer East.

Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops which provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to all Leeds residents. Employment Hub Advisors deliver the programme by providing one to one support, tailored preventative and remedial support to Leeds residents who are disadvantaged in the labour market. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which includes Seacroft and City Centre Community Hubs. The Community Hub Mobile bus runs Monday to Friday, a scheduled stop includes:

- Windmill Health Centre, Whinmoor Way, Leeds, LS14 5BD, Fridays, 09:30 to 12:00.

The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobfairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses, accounts include:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eandsleeds>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/eandsleeds>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/eandsleeds>

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

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

The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models which include face to face, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence. Between September and December 2022, in the Outer East, 3 courses were delivered at 1 venue. 109 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 17 courses delivered on-line. For the Academic Year 2022/23 in the Outer East, 36 courses are also planned for online delivery, city-wide. In the Outer East, 9 courses, including ESOL and Childcare, are planned at 3 different venues. 36 courses are also planned for online delivery.

A Celebration of Learning Festival is planned for 16 February 2023 at the Carriageworks, for adult learners (and their children), to recognise everything they have been through during the last 2 years including personal achievements and home-schooling. Developing Your Health and Wellbeing, a pre-employability, work readiness, health and wellbeing programme which aims to help people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment. For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>

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

Between April and December 2022 Employment and Skills supported:

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

Delivered Events

Employment and Skills are delivered the following events:

- *Financial Inclusion Event* took place on 07 September 2022 on the Mobile Community Bus at Wykebeck Valley Primary School and at Lidl in Gipton. The event aimed to help local residents maximise their income and assist in managing their debts and utilities. Housing Leeds, Yorkshire Water, Credit Union, Employment and Skills and Jobshop staff were present and supported residents accessing the event.
- *Leeds Digital Careers Festival 2022 (LDCF22)* took place between 12 and 16 September 2022, with support from Leeds based employers. Workshop sessions were delivered within the Priority Neighbourhoods at Community Hubs and Leeds City College, which connected people with live digital opportunities, information, and guidance, approx. 100 people attended. Presentations were also held at 12 schools across the city, to 1,269 young people from years 10, 11 and post 16. A careers event was held at Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 15 September 2022 with 51 digital employers and training providers participating, approximately 1,700 people attended.
- *Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF)* a weeklong festival of activities took place between 14 and 18 November 2022 with a Creative Skills Showcase event held at the Leeds First Direct Arena on Thursday 17 November 2022. The event, sponsored by Channel 4, 4Skills and Leeds City College, aimed to inspire young people to consider a career in creative skills and provided a platform for industry experts to deliver presentations and take part in topical panel discussions. A total of 63 employers, training providers and SEND support participated at the event, 2,200 people attended. Artforms Leeds, Leeds 2023, Grand Futures Leeds and Leeds Cultural Education Partnership attended the event as Friends of the Festival.

Planned Events

Employment and Skills scheduled events include:

- *Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair (LARF)* will take place on Monday 06 February 2023 to mark the start of National Apprenticeship Week, 97 employers and training providers have booked to exhibit. Publicity for the fair commenced in January 2023 and includes a mailing to parents of Leeds young people in years 10 - 13 and the NEET cohort. A series of sessions have been offered to secondary schools and colleges to help prepare students to get the most from the event. For further information and to book please visit: <https://www.firstdirectarena.com/events/detail/leeds-apprentices-recruitment-fair>
- *Jobsfairs* are planned to recruit for a range of posts within Leeds City Council at the following Community Hubs:
 - City Centre, Merrion House, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 8LX on Wednesday 25 January 2023.

- Armley, 2 Stocks Hill, Armley, Leeds LS12 1UQ on Friday 03 February 2023.
- Dewsbury Road, 190 Dewsbury Road, Leeds LS11 6PF on Thursday 09 February 2023.
- Compton Centre, Harehills Lane, Harehills, Leeds LS9 7BG on Thursday 16 February 2023.
- Reducing Re-Offending event in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority is planned for Spring 2023 to support the children of current serving prisoners at HMP Wealstun and aims to raise employment and education aspiration levels of the children attending. A Construction event (w/c 23 January 2023) will be held at HMP Leeds aiming to encourage employers to engage in recruiting prison leavers and to increase the number of prison leavers offered employment in the construction industry.
- Community Engagement: Employment and Skills and Leeds City College have partnered to create a questionnaire which will help to shape activities and information sessions to benefit the local communities, focusing on employment and skills. For further information visit: <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/CommunityActivitySurvey2023/>
- SEND Next Choices, getting ready for adult life event will take place on Thursday 29 June 2023 at Leeds First Direct Arena. Young people who have special educational needs and disabilities will be able to attend with their teachers, parents and carers and find out about jobs, training, apprenticeships, college courses, voluntary work, leisure activities, finances, support agencies and benefits available in Leeds. For further information and to book visit: <https://www.firstdirectarena.com/events/detail/send-next-choices-2023>

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

National HIV Testing Week 2023

National HIV Testing Week starts Monday 06 February 2023 and there's no better time to get tested and know your status. HIV testing is free, quick, and easy, you can even test at home. Remember, anyone diagnosed with HIV in the UK can access free treatment and support.

- For information on where to get tested or to order a FREE HIV test kit please visit: www.startswithme.org.uk
- To access the Social Media pack please visit: <https://trello.com/b/twPxS230/national-hiv-testing-week-2023>
- To access the Campaign briefing visit: https://www.hivpreventionengland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/NHTW-2023_campaign_briefing_EPP_V5.pdf

Winter Pressures

A leading doctor in West Yorkshire is calling on people who haven't yet had their flu and Covid vaccinations to come forward as soon as possible. There are significant pressures locally and nationally across the system, with recent figures showing one in every eight hospital beds being used are by someone with either Covid or flu. Almost two thirds of those eligible for a Covid booster in West Yorkshire have had the jab since the rollout started last autumn. However, that means there are still over 400,000 people at increased risk from the virus who have yet to get protected.

- Appointments can be booked online at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/> or by calling 119.
- Find your nearest walk-in clinic at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/>

- Read the full article at: <https://www.wypartnership.co.uk/news-and-blog/news/get-jabbed-plea-top-doctor>

Further support available for winter pressures include:

- A winter wellbeing communications toolkit with resources for bulletins and social media is available online as part of the Weather and Health Campaign 2022, please visit: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Telo0yUILBkwVa2AYQ1gFF2fELnqUvli>
- The winter wellbeing webpage provides information about staying safe and well, visit: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/winter-wellbeing>
- The cost-of-living webpage has information about the support that is available, visit: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/cost-of-living>
- There are a variety of warm spaces to visit this winter, access the online map at: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/d6adbf692a7b4cfb8250b36bf8501a90/>

Flu and Covid

Key messages continue to focus on safe behaviours:

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

General information for the flu vaccine is also available online:

- For flu vaccine eligibility visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>
- To access a list of pharmacies offering the flu vaccination visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/prescriptions-and-pharmacies/pharmacy-nhs-flu-vaccine-service/>

Covid information is also available online:

- To access Covid-19 vaccine information please visit: <https://www.healthandcareleeds.org/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/>
- To access information on the autumn booster programme please visit: <https://www.healthandcareleeds.org/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/booster-programme/>
- To access the autumn booster FAQ information please visit: <https://www.westyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk/nhs-covid-19-vaccination-programme>
- Access the list of Walk-in vaccination clinics across Leeds at: <https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/walk-in-clinics/>
- Appointments are available from the National Booking Service by visiting: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Finding Joy in January

A great way to find joy in January, and throughout the year, is to get your body moving. There are so many ways to enjoy the feel-good hormones that come with being active. If you're looking for inspiration, view the film links below, produced by Leeds TV in partnership with Leeds City Council Public Health:

- Playing in the park: <https://youtu.be/sPB8svEtHjw>
- Dancing with your friends: <https://youtu.be/kbbo21E4tx0>

- Wellbeing through mindful movement: <https://youtu.be/EiTLgu7AZN0>

Dying Matters Community Grants

Dying Matters Leeds aims to help people talk more openly about dying, death and bereavement, and to make plans for the end of life. Organisations are invited to apply for a Dying Matters Leeds Community Grant to deliver an event or activity in their local community during Dying Matters Week which takes place between 01 to 07 May 2023. For further information on the Dying Matters campaign please visit: <https://www.hospiceuk.org/our-campaigns/dying-matters/dying-matters-awareness-week>

The deadline for applications is 24 February 2023, 17:00. Applicants will be notified of the decision by 17 March 2023. To find out more please visit: <http://lbforum.org.uk/news-and-events/dying-matters-leeds-community-grant-now-open/>

Cost of Living Grants

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

The Household Support Fund (HSF) is a Central Government fund, provided to Local Authorities to support individual households with access to food and fuel over the winter period. A priority of this fund is to support people with food and fuel costs. For example, fuel meter top-up cards and payments or the provision of energy efficient equipment. Alongside Leeds Community Anchor Network and Leeds Food Aid Network, Forum Central will be distributing a proportion of this funding to third sector partners to enable this support to reach those most vulnerable. In order to work quickly, a rolling grant programme will be available. Further information about the fund can be found by visiting: <https://forumcentral.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Grant-information-to-potential-applicants-.pdf> and applications can be submitted online at: <https://form.iotform.com/223462585543359>

The Cash for Kids Cost-of-Living Grant Fund

£1 million is being distributed across the UK with a portion allocated to support 1,000 children across West Yorkshire, the Yorkshire Dales, Harrogate, and York. In response to the crisis hitting so many families this new grant fund aims to provide emergency essentials that support the physical and mental wellbeing of children who are struggling. This includes food, clothing, and household energy costs, but will also consider applications for anything that helps meet children's most basic needs. Grants of £50 per child are available with an aim to get the funds to families as soon as possible. To review the eligibility criteria, FAQs and to submit an application visit: <https://planetradio.co.uk/pulse1/charity/info/cost-of-living-grants-north-west-yorkshire/>

Cost of Living Research

Mentally Healthy Leeds is looking to talk to people about how the cost-of-living crisis is affecting them, in particular people on low incomes. This research is designed to capture the real impact this crisis is having on vulnerable people and inform future service provision. As a small thank you participants can enter a prize draw for a £50 shopping voucher. To participate in the survey please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CR2HRPZ>

The organisation is also keen to come along to groups and events to talk about this research with people in person. If you have any questions or would like to suggest a group or event to reach out to, please email: quenbyh@touchstonesupport.org.uk

Training and Development

Want to know more about...The impact of Covid-19 on mental health

21 February 2023, 10.30 to 12.00

The impacts of the Covid pandemic have been felt by all of us in different ways and to differing degrees, with many people still being affected now. The effects of lockdowns, fear and anxiety, isolation, and the removal of traditional networks of support, along with other factors, has had long term detrimental effects on the mental health of people in Leeds, with the most vulnerable in our society often being the most greatly impacted. The long-term effects on mental health are continuing to be felt, with an expectation that some of the impacts may take several years to be realised. The webinar will cover:

- the impact of Covid on the mental health of different groups in Leeds.
- insight into Covid data around mental health as a result of the pandemic and the impact in Leeds as a city.
- what we are doing now.
- useful resources to support mental health in Leeds.

To find out more and to book onto this event, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/want-to-know-more-about-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-mental-health-tickets-478196176637>

12. Housing

Halton Moor and Swarcliffe

Voids Levels (empty properties): Demand for properties remains high across the areas, especially for houses. Whilst Swarcliffe has always been high demand, previous issues in Halton Moor have now been overcome, with all properties now being re-let in a timely manner. This is mainly due to demand increasing as incorrect perceptions on the risk of crime and ASB lessening as a result of the partnership work between Housing and other services, including Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, West Yorkshire Police, and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team.

Referrals continue to be made for issues and waste/ fly tipping, which are removed 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: 3
- Halton Moor/ Osmondthorpe: 7
- Total: 10

Income Collection: Rent collection has fallen across both teams compared to last year, which reflects the trend across the city. Housing have created an action plan to increase rent

collection and are confident this will have a positive impact on the team's performance. Housing is working closely with tenants to maximise their income and any support by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies.

Housing continues to make referrals to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting accounts and who are experiencing the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. 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 presently facing challenges in terms of the ongoing increase to cost of living.

Annual Tenancy Check In (ATCI): Housing are currently carrying out Annual Tenancy Check-in's for customers who are deemed as a priority, such as customers with support needs or previous tenancy issues. There are currently 4 patches above the target of 44%, which was set this financial year. There have been several factors impacting performance on other patches, such as vacancies, however, the service has recently recruited two new Housing Officers who are working hard to increase performance figures.

Environmental Actions Team: Quarter 1 Estate Walkabouts and Quarter 3 Walkabouts have been carried out. The main issue identified during these walkabouts was fly tipping. Housing Officers are ensuring they are reporting any fly tipping on the estate whilst carrying out their day-to-day duties. Teams have access to the Skill Mill scheme, where referrals can be made for ad-hoc estate improvement work. Recently, Skill Mill assisted on clearing land located near Red Hall Drive, Whinmoor. The work included the removal of fly tipping and cutting back hedges/ shrubs. The Cleaner Neighbourhood Team assisted with the removal of the waste.

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 especially family accommodation. There are 18 ready to let properties in these wards.

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 are advising they're struggling with the increasing costs of living and the team are focusing on supporting those in need. Working closely with our Money and Budgeting Officer at Leeds Cred-it Union, the Garforth Team made the most referrals for support citywide in October 2022. Housing is also utilising the team benefits specialist to ensure tenants are maximising their income and assisting with complex benefit issues. The British Gas Voucher scheme is in place where tenants who are on a pre-payment meter can apply for up to 3 vouchers of £49 each. Funding of £100k has been put in place by the British Gas Energy Trust and available to housing offices citywide.

Anti-Social Behaviour: Housing is focusing on directing customers to the Triage Team for ASB to risk assess each complaint, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (e.g., Housing, LASBT or no further action). West Yorkshire Police are working within the team to share information. There are 11 ASB cases across the Garforth & Kippax areas which are managed by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader. There are 6 weekly partnership working meetings taking place with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases.

Environmental Actions Team: Quarter 1 and Quarter 3 walkabouts have now been completed and regular estate inspections are carried out by staff. Any members or tenants are welcome to join colleagues on their estate inspections by getting in touch with the Housing Officer.

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:

- Cross Gates Good Neighbours digital inclusion sessions at Cross Gates & Whinmoor HUB.
- Leeds United Foundation Premiere League KICKS still ongoing with youths in the area
- Your Voice Leeds (YVL) survey aimed at younger residents
- Victoria Street: Removal of overgrowth and shrubs
- Mount Pleasant Gardens, Kippax: Marking of car park, resident only parking signs and notice boards to be fitted to each block
- White Laithe Court: CD player

Approved and In Progress:

- White Laithe Court, Whinmoor: puzzles and games for communal area
- Montague Crescent, Garforth: Staggered barrier
- White Laithe Court, Whinmoor: Landscaping communal garden
- Springwell Avenue, Swillington: Cut back overgrowth along ginnel
- Naburn Court, Whinmoor: TV and installation of TV in communal room

In progress:

- Swillington Memorable Bench: hardstanding for memorial bench
- Brooksbank Drive, Halton: Review of waste collection.
- Cross Hills Court, Kippax: Garden furniture and decking varnishing.
- The Crescent: Raised beds
- Red Kite Row, Swarcliffe: Landscaping
- Springwell Avenue, Swillington: Cut back overgrowth along ginnel
- Naburn Approach, Whinmoor: Review of waste collection
- Hollins Grove: fencing and gate
- Hollins Grove: external notice board
- Naburn Court: garden furniture /improvements
- Micklefield: hardstanding for mini library (old telephone box)
- Rathmell Road: large rocks on unused land to assist issues with vehicles accessing it and flytipping

Cancelled/ Rejected:

- White Laithe Garth, Whinmoor: Fencing and gates
- Field End, Halton: Fencing and gate
- United Federation Sporting Academy: Football sessions
- Swarcliffe Drive: path improvements
- Micklefield Garden Village: landscaping/wild garden
- Hollins Grove: Christmas event

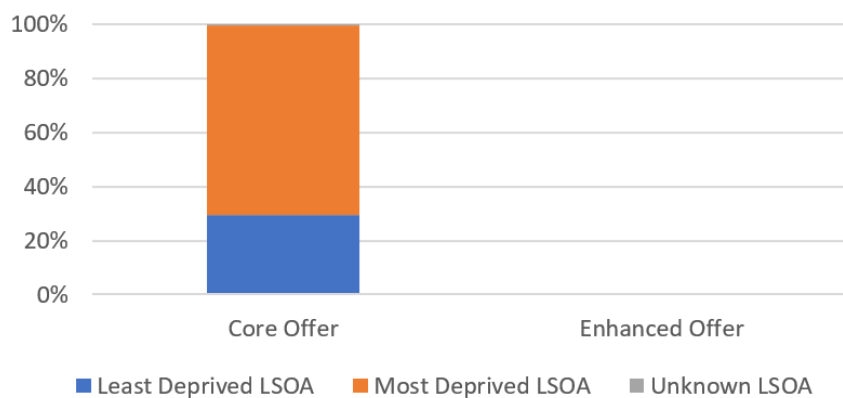
Two new Tenant and Residents groups have been established at Hollins Grove, Allerton Bywater and Sherburn Court, Cross Gates and are now fully up and running. The groups put

on recent activities including Christmas parties. There is also a potential new group at White Laithe Court, the Tenant Engagement Officer is undertaking a public meeting on Thursday 02 March 2023 to progress this group and leaflets have been completed to issue to residents to gauge interest in establishing the group.

14. Youth Services

Leeds Youth Service delivered a total of **150** sessions over quarter 3 (October to December) with **544** hours dedicated to their core offer. The level of Core Youth Work sessions delivered during this quarter is aligned to the reduction of staffing due to Vacancy levels, sickness absence (including medical procedures) and Christmas close-down period (two-weeks). A higher level of detached work had to be undertaken which is more complex in obtaining young people's details and engaging young people in positive activities.

Session Attendance by LSOA: Attendance at Core Youth Work provisions continue to engage a higher number of young people from the Most Deprived Lower Super Output areas (**550** young people). The engagement of young people from Least Deprived Lower Super Output Areas in Core delivery reflects on the focussed work in Outer East area including sexual health, LGBTQ and Anti-Social Behaviour work requested by partner agencies (**241** young people). This also includes offering young people Youth Work sessions in Outer East areas.

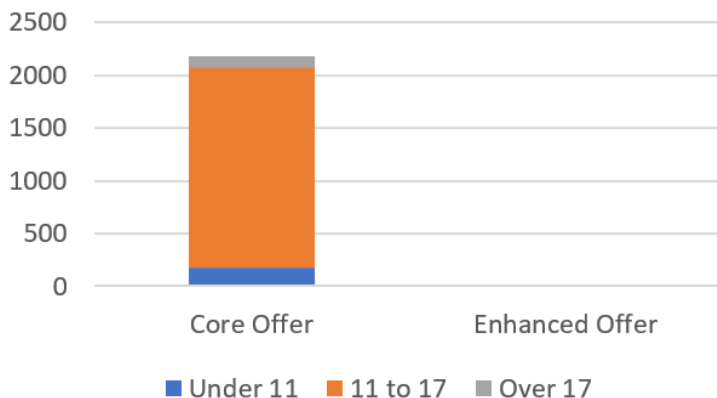


Total Number of young people attending youth work provision by ward: The Outer East Mobile units have seen long repair periods during the October to December period and this has contributed to lower engagement levels in Temple Newsam Ward as detached sessions had to be undertaken as mobile unit were not available. Temple Newsam Ward engagement levels reduced during the period which Youth Workers believe this is due to continued addressing of issues with a core group being focussed on by the Police. The Core Youth Work Team engaged a further **948** unknown young people in sessions, activities and detached work delivered in the wedge. Due to the team not obtaining details they cannot be aligned to specific ward engagement. Total Number of different young people attending core offer youth work provision per ward:

- Cross Gates & Whinmoor: 398
- Garforth & Swillington: 145
- Kippax & Methley: 196
- Temple Newsam: 52

Young People Attending by Age: The engagement level by the SSE Core Youth Work team during October to December period was **791** known young people. The primary attendance age being 11 to 17 engaged **478** different young people in the Core Youth Work sessions. Partnership work with Leeds United Foundation, local volunteers and British Red Cross enabled a further **179** young people aged under 11 to engage with Core Youth Work

opportunities. Combining the known young people (791) and the unknown young people (948) a total of **1739** different young people engaged with Youth Workers from the Core Youth Work Team. Core Youth Work team members have been instructed to reduce the number of unknown young people during the next quarter.



Young People Attending by ethnicity: Core offer sessions provides an open-door policy to include all young people within sessions delivered, however in some areas the ethnicity levels vary at local level as indicated in ward profiles. The engagement level this quarter cannot be broken down to ward's specifically to identify which areas need development work undertaken. Core Youth Work sessions delivered in supporting the Resettlement programmes are not included in the details of ethnicity attendance due to restrictions imposed by the Home Office. At present a weekly session engaging 30+ young people is delivered and not included.

Wedge Area %



Young People worked with this quarter %



- | | |
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| ■ White British | ■ White Irish |
| ■ Traveller of Irish Heritage | ■ Any other White background |
| ■ Gypsy/Roma | ■ White and Black Caribbean |
| ■ White and Black African | ■ White and Asian |
| ■ Any other Mixed background | ■ Indian |
| ■ Pakistani | ■ Bangladeshi |
| ■ Any other Asian background | ■ Caribbean |
| ■ African | ■ Any other Black background |
| ■ Chinese | ■ Any other ethnic group |
| ■ Refused | ■ Information not yet obtained |

Young People Attending by Gender: Engagement in Core Youth Work sessions was reasonably balanced between male & female participants during this quarter. The development of LGBTQ sessions across the SSE area has resulted in some young people not disclosing their gender and this has been raised as a concern for recording purposes during the Core + working groups.



Male 400

Female 391

Withheld

Unknown 948

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

Young People who have shared they have a disability, accessing provision: The Core Youth Work Team continues to strive inclusion in all sessions delivered and promotes an open-door policy, one challenge being staffing levels to offer support to young people with differing abilities. Several young people attend Core Youth Work provisions who have ADHD, dyspraxia and autism and are not included in the figures detailed. It must be recognised not all disabilities are visible and potentially missed in the engagement levels. Youth Workers are making reasonable adjustments for young people to engage and put in place support mechanisms such as time out areas where it is a safe space to calm down. During the Kippax Kicks session, 2 of the group members with dyspraxia are encouraged to take penalties or be team captains to give them confidence in their abilities. Other young people are very encouraging and don't discriminate due to disability. The Core + system does not allow Youth Workers to change a young person's ability level and record them on the Core + system, this is planned to be addressed as the working group meetings.



C&YP with disability: 2 / C&YP with no disability: 789 / Not known: 0

Young People who have shared they have Caring responsibilities: Youth Workers have been requested to identify carers engaged in sessions who identify as carers and ensure this is monitored on Core +. Youth Worker must be able to include details of carers on Core + when information is shared. This is being developed within the Core + Working group.



Carer 1



No Carer 790



Unknown

Sessions by Priorities: The key priority for delivery of sessions during October to December was the reduction of anti-social behaviour, overall, 150 centre based, mobile and detached sessions addressed this issue with young people.

- *Reduce crime & anti-social Behaviour:* Core Youth Workers have delivered sessions focussing on reducing ASB in the SSE area with a focus on the run up to Halloween, mischievous night and Bonfire night. Weekly sessions have been delivered on firework safety, bonfire safety and the consequences on breaking the law – buying fireworks underage and throwing fireworks.
- *Ensure the most vulnerable are protected:* Water safety work was delivered in terms of going on frozen over ponds and lakes. This was in response to the recent cold weather in December and the children losing their lives falling through the ice. Core Youth Workers engaged with young people at hotspots identified via tasking & Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership Meetings. The engagement focussed on actions, responsibility, consequences, and impact on local community.
- *Increase the number of children & young people participating & engaging in learning:* Youth Workers from the Core Team have engaged new young people over the school holiday periods by offering several positive opportunities during the October programme. The programme enabled young people to experience new activities, develop new skills while making new friends. Many young people then engaged in regular weekly sessions because of engaging in the holiday programme.
- *Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work:* Core Youth Workers have been supporting young people with CV writing and how to apply for employment opportunities. Young people engaged in confidence building activities including interview skills. Young people were directed to the Youth Service SSE Facebook page where several employment opportunities were promoted.
- *Ensure the most vulnerable are protected:* Pegasus youth group engages young people from the LGBTQ community in a safe place where they are not judged, explore issues and be themselves without fear of judgement or discrimination. The Session activities include confidence building, communication skills and conflict management techniques.
- *Support families to give children the best start in life:* Core Youth Workers have been supporting local parents who have approached them with concerns and requesting support. Youth Workers have assisted with making professional relationships within the community meaning they have a better understanding of young people's home life. Youth Workers have offered parents support around applying for birth certificates helping with housing forms. Assisting finding home appliances that the parents were struggling to obtain.

👍 Help children & parents to live in safe, supportive & loving families	37
👍 Ensure the most vulnerable are protected	85
👍 Support families to give children the best start in life	47
👍 Increase the number of children & young people participating & engaging in learning	75
👍 Improve achievement & attainment for all	20
👍 Improve at a faster rate educational progress for children & young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes	11
👍 Improve achievement and close achievement gaps	5
👍 Improve Outcomes for children and young people with SEN and/ or disability	1
👍 Improve social, emotional, and mental health & wellbeing	18
👍 Encourage physical activity and healthy eating	20
👍 Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours	65
👍 Promote Sexual Health	18
👍 Minimise the misuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco	24
👍 Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour	65
👍 Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work	5
👍 Improve access to affordable, safe, and reliable connected transport for young people	0







Safeguarding / Early Help:

- Early Help Meetings: Core Youth Workers have been attending & engaging in the early help meetings in schools, the partnership approach has ensured the most vulnerable are supported and correct agency offering guidance and assisting with families finding solutions to situations.
- One to One Work Support: Youth Workers from the SSE Core Team have been supporting young people on a one-to-one basis, the reduced service has picked up local cases aligned to Mental Health, school attendance and isolation.
- Safeguarding: Core Youth Workers from the SSE Team have been engaging with vulnerable young people and monitoring Safeguarding concerns. Youth Workers have been providing support, encouragement and assisting the young people overcome difficult situations. 1 case of safeguarding in the area. Youth Workers were alerted to the issue by young people. On-going monitoring and meeting with parent arranged.

- Cost of Living Crisis: Youth Workers for the SSE Core Team have responded to the cost-of-living crisis by ensuring all centre-based sessions are offering young people access to hot food / drinks when attending provisions. The focus being on offering access to free food whilst also developing skills around budgeting, cooking home cooked food, and developing hygiene skills.

Evidence of young people's involvement:

- Outer East Youth Summit: Young people from Garforth, Swillington, Kippax, Temple Newsam & Swarcliffe engaged with local councillors at the Outer East Youth Summit in October. Group member engaged in activities, exercises and discussions with councillors regards Youth Activity Funding.
- Consultations Undertaken: Young people engaging in Core Youth Work sessions have been participating in consultations on NHS Mental Health / St Aiden's Site improvements / Children & Young People Plan and Leeds Youth Voice – Your Health Matters. Some of the consultations was in session activities, some online during sessions and other young people were encouraged to complete online at home.
- October Scare-Fest & House of Madness: SSE Core Youth Work Team created a Halloween event and planned & delivered them with young people from Swarcliffe Youth Clubs, a scare-maze was created with young people being part of the scare elements in the maze. The three events engaged over 100 young people in the night they will not forget quickly, even visiting councillors enjoyed the experience. Some were even scared!
- Youth Worker in Training Interviews: Young people from Swarcliffe Youth Matters were engaged in the YWiT interviews in December. The group members asked questions of potential new staff and scored the answers provided. This combined with adult scoring helped identify preferred candidates.

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

What has gone well and why? Contributing factors?

Participation and Empowerment:

- October School Holiday Programme: The Youth Service SSE Core Team delivered a programme of diversionary activities during the October school holidays, after consultation with local Youth Matters groups a programme was designed and delivered. The programme included full and half day trips to Escapologist Castleford / York Maze / Blackpool / Yorkshire Scare Ground / Barnsley Metro dome / Ninja Warrior / Flamingo Land. The participation levels were extremely high with safe & quality locations being accessed.
- Positive Experiences: Youth Workers from the Core SSE Team have assisted young people in participating in new experiences during the October to December period, young people experiences included attending a football match at Elland Road, watching a performance at Leeds Playhouse and an arts & crafts themed event at Stockeld Park. The opportunities enabled young people to experience new opportunities they would have struggled financially to access.

- YAF consultation: Young people attending the Youth Service Core sessions have been encouraged to engage in the Youth Activity Fund consultation, the opportunity enables young people to influence how the YAF funding allocated to each community committee will be allocated to specific activities which young people request in each of the local areas. Over 500 young people have so far engaged in the consultation exercise.
- National Youth Work Week: In November Core Youth Work sessions engaged young people in discussions around “what is youth work”. This year’s theme was a “Festival of Youth Work”. Young people made various promises to celebrate the future, these ranged from committing to turning up to the session each week, to supporting friends with their mental health.

Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity:

- Pegasus LGBTQ: Group members enjoyed choosing and purchasing a rainbow-coloured Christmas tree. The group made decorations for the tree with positive messages written on such as “all love is accepted” and “free to decide”. The group also had weekly discussions on LGBTQ issues such as conversion therapy and the gender recognition reform act 2022.
- Resettlement Work: Core Youth Workers have been providing a weekly session to young people fleeing Afghanistan as part of the resettlement programme, the weekly session supports young people focus on the transition from one country to another, develop awareness of British life, communication skills and explores opportunities to become integrated into the local community. Work is currently underway to expand this work to a second venue.
- White Ribbon Campaign: During the 16 days of the White Ribbon Campaign against domestic violence towards women, Core Youth Workers engaged young people in the activism – Young people from Methley Youth Club were encouraged to research facts and figures regarding violence and abuse against women and children. Groups discussed how they can feel marginalised being female, the males in the group could understand these thoughts but didn’t always agree with everything said. Young people talked about the different levels of abuse and how some abuse is just accepted without question. Young people used their phones to research organisations that help women and children who have suffered abuse. All young people were given the opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns in a more private environment as Youth Workers were aware that some young people in the group don’t like giving their views in front of everyone. Some young people completed posters and made a pledge promising to support the end violence to women campaign.

Collaboration:

- Bonfire Night ASB: Youth Workers worked in partnership with the Outer East NPT and Garforth Lions to provide a presence at the local Lions Bonfire at Glebelands field. The team offered activities such as games, art & craft, and discussions on the mobile provision (parked at Garforth leisure centre). During the firework display, the team locked the mobile and were on foot at the bonfire talking to young people about staying safe, consequences of throwing fireworks and encouraging young people to leave the area after the event. Work was delivered to all youth groups in the run up to Halloween, mischievous night and Bonfire night around safety and consequences. In Rothwell

Windmill Youth Club young people looked a special effect to show young people how injuries from fireworks could look.

- Leeds United Foundation: Youth Service SSE Core Team has been working with Local Councillors & Leeds United Foundation to provide regular sessions that promote physical activities, skill development and contribute to the reduction of anti-social behaviour in local areas. Partnerships are delivered in Swarcliffe, Halton Moor and Kippax. A new partnership is currently being planned for Garforth Ward. Youth Service Core staff are working with Garforth & Swillington ward Councillors and the Leeds Utd Foundation to open a Garforth Kicks. Aims of this project include improving fitness of local young people, providing somewhere safe and fun for young people to go and hopefully to reduce ongoing ASB in Garforth. Funding applications and venues are currently being explored.
- Outer East Youth Summit: Young people from the local area engaged in the Outer East Youth Summit & Activity Day at Temple Learning Academy on Tuesday 25th October 2022 with young people signing up online and via consent forms to attend. Introductions by Councillor Nicole Sharpe, Children's Champion who welcomed the young people attending the Summit. Young People took part in a Youth Activity Consultation session to inform young people on outcomes from 2022/23 and for young people to inform the Council on activities for the period of 2023/24 and after there was a Q & A with Councillor Sharpe. There were various workshops to engage young people in including: Youth Service Zorb Balls/Leeds Utd KICKS Foundation/Leeds Rhinos/Photobooth/Getaway Girls/Temple Learning Partnership and other agencies offering activities. Young people were provided with lunch and the opportunity to speak to other partners including the Fire Service/Police along with Councillor Debra Coupar and Councillor James Lewis and Councillor Hayden. Around 70 young people attended the summit from the Outer East Area and feedback that they had a great day and looked forward to the next one.
- Resettlement Work: Youth Workers have been delivering engagement sessions to the young people at Garforth Holiday Inn during the October to December period, each Saturday from 12 to 3pm. Activities range from Arts & crafts/Learning English/Music and Dance/Different Themes to acclimatise young people to English life, Youth Workers are joined each Saturday with up to 30 children and young people and often, Mothers also join the sessions. Although the sessions are positive, they can occasionally be challenging, boundaries are reinforced around sharing resources with each other. Youth Workers throughout the week collect donations including toys/books/clothes/shoes/bags/make up and these are distributed to the children and mothers. Almost all the children and young people are now attending schools and thriving. The young people's knowledge of the English language is progressing fantastically, and Youth Workers encourage them to speak English during sessions to further enhance their skills. Youth Workers have said goodbye to many families along the way who are now housed, and we have wished them happiness in their new homes.
- Swarcliffe Youth Club: Youth Workers have been providing regular opportunities for young people to engage in sessions which enable young people to develop life skills, the sessions over three nights (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) engage a positive number of young people and assist young people to escape the temptations of becoming involved in Anti-Social Behaviour. The area has seen an increase in ASB aligned to throwing stones at buses and taxis. Youth Workers have engaged with partners to identify the young people responsible, and the regular session information shared. This has enabled Youth Workers to explore the actions of the individuals, focus

on consequences and link the young people into positive activities. The partnership has seen the ASB reduce in the area.

What has not gone well and why? Contributing factors?

Core Youth Work staffing levels have continued to cause challenges in the delivery of sessions, this combined with staff sickness and annual leave has seen a lower number of sessions delivered. Compared to the same period last year (October to December) this year 80 less sessions were able to be delivered.

The period to undertake services / repairs on two of the three mobile units has reduced availability and required staff to attend some planned sessions on detached. This was not received well, and cold weather also put young people off attending detached sessions.

Plans and priorities for the next quarter

Between January 2023 and March 2023, plans and priorities for Leeds Youth Service are:

- Temple Newsam engagement levels to be increased.
- To reduce the number of unknown young people engaging in Core Youth Work sessions.
- Mobile Units disruption to be minimised where possible to ensure vehicles are available for delivery of Core Youth Work Sessions.
- To focus on resettlement participation levels being recorded on Core + to reflect ethnicity engagement levels during future delivery.
- To focus on LGBTQ session participants being recorded on Core + aligned to their identity preference to ensure the rights of young people are respected.
- To ensure preferred candidates are progressed to Youth Workers in Training within the SSE Core Team and engaging in supporting the delivery of Youth Work Sessions.
- To develop Garforth Kicks in partnership with the Leeds Utd Foundation at the request of ward Councillors.
- To continue increasing attendance at all sessions, in particular the Pegasus LGBTQ group and the voice and influence group, ypmg.

15. Community Engagement: Forums

Forum meetings for Cross Gates & Whinmoor with representatives from West Yorkshire Police and key services have been scheduled for 2023:

- Whinmoor Forum, chaired by Cllr Jessica Lennox:
 - 23 March, Wellington Hill Residents Association (6pm)
 - 10 May, Fieldhead Carr Community Centre (6pm)
 - 20 September, Fieldhead Carr Community Centre (6pm)
 - 06 December, Fieldhead Carr Community Centre (6pm)
- Manston & Swarcliffe Forum, chaired by Cllr Pauleen Grahame:
 - 16 March, Barnbow Pub (6pm)
 - 23 May, Swarcliffe Community Centre (6pm)
 - 12 September, Barnbow Pub (6pm)
 - 05 December, Swarcliffe Community Centre (6pm)

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 December 2022 to February 2023. 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.