

**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**

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### **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.
3. To make nominations to each of the Outer East Community Committee Sub Groups for 2023/24.

### **Main issues**

#### **4. Sub Group Nominations**

Members will have considered Appointments to Outside Bodies and Community Champions elsewhere on the Community Committee agenda. Members are now asked to make nominations to each of the Outer East Community Committee Sub Groups for 2023/24.

The 2022/23 representatives are shown below:

<b>Sub Group</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	<b>Current appointees</b>	<b>Community Committee Champion</b>
<b>Children &amp; Families</b>	4	Cllr Nicole Sharpe (TN) - Chair Cllr Mirelle Midgley (K&M) Cllr Pauleen Grahame (C&W)	Cllr Nicole Sharpe
<b>Community Safety</b>	4	Cllr Mary Harland (K&M) - Chair Cllr Mark Dobson (G&S) Cllr Pauleen Grahame (C&W) Cllr Nicole Sharpe (TN)	Cllr Mary Harland
<b>Environment</b>	4	Cllr Pauleen Grahame (C&W) - Chair Cllr Mary Harland (K&M) Cllr Helen Hayden (TN) Cllr Suzanne McCormack (G&S)	Cllr Pauleen Grahame

Members are invited to nominate representatives for each of the Outer East Community Committee Sub Groups.

## **5. Children and Families: 2022/23 Champion Cllr Nicole Sharpe**

The Outer East Youth Summit & Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report provides the Outer East Community Committee with background and context with Infographic outlining the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey.

The Youth Activity online consultation survey ran from 04 August 2022 and remained open until 31 March 2023, and received 575 survey responses, with all feedback from young people collated and fed into the Youth Summit & Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report for the Outer East Community Committee, which has, in principle, informed the Youth Activity Fund Budget spend.

### **Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey Recommendations**

The consultation surveys submitted by young people in the Outer East Community Committee area suggest the following Youth Activity Fund priorities for 2022/23:

- Youth activities on offer in venues such as community centres, youth clubs and sport centres as well as activities delivered outdoors.
- Majority of provision taking place regularly after school, in the evenings and on the weekend with some holiday camps.
- Ensure the activities are inclusive of friendship groups, have refreshments available and good quality staff.

Popular activities included:

- Sports such as Football & Rugby.
- Youth Club.
- Cooking.
- Arts & Crafts.

It is recommended that any projects funded by the Outer East Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on these key themes and activities in 2023/24.

## **6. Community Safety: 2022/23 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.

## **7. 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 33 and broken down by ward as follows:

- Cross Gates & Whinmoor: 13
- Garforth & Swillington: 6
- Kippax & Methley: 1
- Temple Newsam: 13

### **Cross Gates & Whinmoor and Temple Newsam**

Across both Temple Newsam and Cross Gates & Whinmoor wards there is clear evidence that after a relatively quiet winter, case numbers are starting to rise as the days get longer and the weather improves. A new Case Officer has been appointed to the Temple Newsam ward and will be making himself known to partners and the community over the coming weeks. LASBT Management have met with Cllr Debra Coupar at two key locations in the Temple Newsam ward to discuss ongoing challenges and agree action plans to implement going forward to resolve ongoing issues. Case Officers have attended several resident forums in the Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward during the period.

### **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. The current active case load for the ward is broken down as follows:

- Noise Nuisance: 3
- Drugs Related: 1
- Criminal Damage: 1
- Threats: 1

### **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. Out of hours officers responded to a report from a local resident of noise nuisance, the team attended and witnessed the disturbance resulting in an Abatement notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 being served.

## 8. Leedswatch

The Leedswatch service is currently undergoing a review looking at all aspects of the service, including the operation of the control room and effectiveness of the cameras. The review also includes a reporting strand which will serve to agree the way information is provided regarding CCTV to Councillors and Partners.

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.

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.

The table covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time from the 14 cameras located in the Outer East area between 23 November 2022 and 30 April 2023.

Outer East Cameras Incidents (23 November 2022 – 30 April 2023)								
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	Total incidents per category	
Alarm Activation							Alarm Activation	
Animals							Animals	
ASB				1			ASB	1
Demonstration							Demonstration	
Drugs							Drugs	
Enforcement							Enforcement	
Fire							Fire	
Health & Safety		1	1				Health & Safety	2
Police Operation		1	1		3	4	Police Operation	9
Public Order		2		1	1	5	Public Order	9
Road Traffic			2			1	Road Traffic	3
Sexual Offences							Sexual Offences	
Suspicious Events							Suspicious Events	
Theft			1		2	1	Theft	4
Travellers							Travellers	
Weather							Weather	
Begging	1	1	1	1		5	Begging	9
<b>Total Per Month</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total sum of incidents</b>	<b>37</b>

## 9. 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](http://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 compare the previous year's figures against the current year for the same period to reflect demand changes annually. This information can revert to monthly data formats at Members request.

### **Serious and Acquisitive Crime Demand Data**

Serious and acquisitive crime demands, have declined across the Outer East ward areas, with an overall demand reduction of forty-six crime occurrences across, in comparison to the same period reviewed in 2022.

Burglary-residential occurrences presented with the largest demand reduction across the Outer East ward areas, presenting with seventeen fewer crime occurrences in comparison to the same period in 2022.

<b>Cross Gates &amp; Whinmoor</b>	<b>Apr - May 22</b>	<b>Apr - May 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Burglary - Business and Community	4	2	2
Burglary - Residential	16	12	4
Robbery	1	5	4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	0	1
Theft from the Person	1	0	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	9	1	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>Garforth &amp; Swillington</b>	<b>Apr - May 22</b>	<b>Apr - May 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Burglary - Business and Community	1	1	0
Burglary - Residential	4	4	0
Robbery	2	0	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	3	0
Theft from the Person	0	1	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	8	3	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>Kippax &amp; Methley</b>	<b>Apr - May 22</b>	<b>Apr - May 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Burglary - Business and Community	4	2	2
Burglary - Residential	7	2	5
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	10	2	8
Theft from the Person	0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5	2	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>

<b>Temple Newsam</b>	<b>Apr - May 22</b>	<b>Apr - May 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Burglary - Business and Community	1	0	1
Burglary - Residential	15	7	8
Robbery	3	2	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	4	2
Theft from the Person	4	1	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3	8	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>

### **Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Demand Data**

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) demands continue to decline, with a reduction of fifty-three reports of ASB, across the Outer East ward areas in comparison to the same period reviewed last year. Nuisance motorcycle/quad demands, presented with the largest demand reduction with thirty-three fewer calls for service.

<b>Cross Gates &amp; Whinmoor</b>	<b>Apr - May 22</b>	<b>Apr - May 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related	0	8	8
Alcohol	1	0	1
Fireworks/ Snowballing	0	0	0
Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia	0	0	0
Neighbour Related	4	4	0
Nuisance Car/ Van	2	1	1
Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike	24	8	16
Youth Related	11	9	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>Garforth &amp; Swillington</b>	<b>Apr - May 22</b>	<b>Apr - May 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related	2	2	0
Alcohol	0	0	0
Fireworks/ Snowballing	0	0	0
Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia	0	0	0
Neighbour Related	0	0	0
Nuisance Car/ Van	0	1	1
Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike	12	4	8
Youth Related	4	1	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Kippax &amp; Methley</b>	<b>Apr - May 22</b>	<b>Apr - May 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
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	1	0	1
Nuisance Car/ Van	2	0	2
Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike	18	15	3
Youth Related	7	3	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>

<b>Temple Newsam</b>	<b>Apr - May 22</b>	<b>Apr - May 23</b>	<b>Change</b>
Adult Nuisance Non - Alcohol Related	1	6	5
Alcohol	0	0	0
Fireworks/ Snowballing	0	0	0
Littering/ Drugs Paraphernalia	0	0	0
Neighbour Related	3	0	3
Nuisance Car/ Van	11	8	3
Nuisance Motorcycle/ Quad Bike	22	16	6
Youth Related	20	7	13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>

### **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 several misuse of drugs warrants which resulted in drugs, motorcycles, quad bikes being seized, and offenders arrested
- Seized over 70 motorcycles, quad bikes, electric scooters and cars inclusive of stolen vehicles
- Arrested several individuals for road related offences, theft, weapons and drugs
- Issued Traffic Offence reports for speeding and other motoring offences
- Issued multiple Section 59 Warnings, particularly across areas identified for car meets and vehicular nuisance
- Conducted targeted days of action
- Held crime prevention and engagement events, to raise awareness of motorcycle theft and security mechanisms
- Identified several individuals and have issued 13 Community Protection Notice Warnings
- Served one Community Protection Notice, following a breach of the warning issued
- Following the ongoing legal work conducted by Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police, one individual has been issued with a five-year Criminal Behaviour Order and a second individual has been issued with a two-year Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction Order.

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

**Cross Gates & Whinmoor**

West Yorkshire Police are working to address reports of anti-social behaviour involving young people in Swarcliffe, Stanks and Whinmoor.

West Yorkshire Police will utilise a multi-agency approach to tackle the rise in anti-social behaviour from young people, in the Swarcliffe, Whinmoor and Stanks areas following reports of nuisance behaviour, fire setting, stone and other projectiles thrown from bridges and littering. Continue to proactive deploy across the affected locations, with a particular focus on the Co-op Swarcliffe, East Leeds Orbital Ring Road, derelict buildings such as the Old Red Lion Public House, the former Mill Green View medical surgery which have been subject to repeat incidents of damage and ASB.

West Yorkshire Police continue to focus on addressing the use of stolen and off-road motorcycles driving illegally and in an anti-social manner in Swarcliffe, Stanks, Whinmoor and Cross Gates.

West Yorkshire Police have seen a reduction in the numbers of such motorcycles in the ward, however, know that the motorcycles remain present in the area to some degree and their objective is to reduce this even further. This will be achieved by utilising several tools primarily; Community information to identify where the bikes are being stored and those responsible for the theft/ illegal use, police operations such as the current Operation Dieselcrest which specifically targets those offenders involved in this criminal and ASB activity, and the use of the off-road motorcycle team.



You said:

- There are anti-social behaviour issues around the Co-op Swarcliffe with gangs of youths causing intimidation to customers.
- That groups of young people throw objects from bridges on passing vehicle on the ELOR, A64 and Sherburn Road North causing damage.
- Motorcycles continue to be seen on the main roads and the local estates, causing danger and intimidation to local residents and road users.

We have:

- Increased focus patrols across identified areas and conducted plain clothes operations
- Interviewed young people under caution at the police station, to try and reinforce the security of some of these behaviours.
- Utilised the FIRST Leeds 'Trojan' bus with plain clothes police officers onboard to catch stone and projectile throwers.
- Released a news appeal for Dash-Camera footage following stone throwing incidents across The East Leeds Orbital Route. Read more about this appeal at: <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/news-appeals/appeal-dash-camera-footage-following-stone-throwing-incident-across-east-leeds>
- Worked with local youth services to drive home the message of the dangers involved in these types of ASB.
- Worked with Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour team to issue tenancy warnings to parents of young children repeatedly involved in such ASB
- Continued to promote community information naming those responsible and where the motorcycles are stored.
- Acted on this information to seek out and recover the often-stolen motorcycles
- Made significant numbers of arrests of those heavily involved in the theft and anti-social use of the motorbikes.
- Use of Operation Dieselcrest to robustly tackle the primary offenders and serving of community protection notices and injunctions on those persistently involved in this crime type.

**Temple Newsam**

West Yorkshire Police are working to address road safety concerns and road related offences, across the ward with a particular focus on Temple Newsam Park and The Springs Retail Park.

West Yorkshire Police will continue to proactively deploy in line with Fatal4, to address speeding and driving offences in the communities we serve. West Yorkshire Police will proactively deploy at peak times identified and work closely with site management teams to obtain and review CCTV footage, to identify offenders. West Yorkshire Police will work closely with Leeds City Anti-Social Behaviour Team, to take enforcement action against those repeatedly involved in the anti-social use of vehicles inclusive of anti-social car meets. In addition, West Yorkshire Police will work with Leeds City Council Parking Services, to address repeat incidents and reports of parking issues and obstructions outside schools.

West Yorkshire Police are working to proactively address reports of drugs supply across the ward and take positive enforcement action.

West Yorkshire Police will conduct targeted patrols to gather intelligence and disrupt offenders. A part of Operation Doleedge, we will seek to obtain warrants and bring offenders involved in the supply of drugs and associated criminality to justice. West Yorkshire Police will work closely with partner agencies, to utilise all enforcement methods at our disposal inclusive of seeking to obtain premise closure orders on properties, involved in the production and supply of drugs.

You said:

- You would like to see roads safety deployments and actions taken in relation to anti-social and dangerous car meets.
- You want to see officers take action to address the supply of drugs and linked criminality.

We have:

- Liaised with parking services, to request patrols at affected school locations and conducted schools 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.
- Issued several Section 59 warnings and seized motor vehicles, involved in anti-social car meets across the Springs Retail Park.
- Collaboratively worked with Leeds City Council and the elected members, to look at access points in and out of Temple Newsam Park and work is on-going.
- Assigned an officer as a dedicated offender manager in the ward, with a specific focus on disrupting Op Dieselcrest nominals.
- Seized and recovered several motorcycles.
- Conducted house to house engagements, across identified street locations to meet residents and ascertain what they want to see their Neighbourhood Policing Team actively deployed in.
- Proactively gathered intelligence in relation to the supply of drugs, executed multiple warrants and arrested ten offenders as part of Operation Doleedge. Read more at: <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/news-appeals/ten-arrested-part-operation-doleedge-across-halton-moor-leeds>
- Executed a warrant in Halton on the 22 May 2023, resulting in a small quantity of cannabis being seized and the suspect was dealt with for Possession of a Class B Drug.

**Garforth & Swillington and Kippax & Methley**

West Yorkshire Police are working to address public concerns of youth anti-social behaviour, drugs misuse and alcohol misuse across public park areas with a particular focus on:

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

West Yorkshire Police will conduct targeted high visibility patrols at the affected locations, during peak times identified from call demand analysis and information provided by local communities. West Yorkshire Police will deploy in 'plain clothes' to gather intelligence and identify individuals involved in anti-social behaviour and criminality. West Yorkshire Police will work closely with the Leeds City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team and Youth Services, to respond to any repeat youths identified and divert young people into local provisions and planned activities in the locality. West Yorkshire Police will aim to inform, engage and provide

advice for young people so they can make safer choices, whilst signposting and referring young people who need further support.

West Yorkshire Police are working to target and address multiple road safety concerns including speeding and parking offences across the ward areas.

West Yorkshire Police will continue to arrange planned operations in line with Fatal4, to address speeding and driving offences in the communities we serve, along with utilising Speed Indication Devices to raise public awareness. West Yorkshire Police will work closely with Leeds City Council Parking Services to address repeat incidents and reports of local parking issues and obstructions. Penalty Notices will be issued, to anyone found to be causing an obstruction and parking on a pavement.

*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 two suspects for criminal damage resulting in referrals to the Youth Offending Team, for early intervention and work is ongoing.
- 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. Further operations will be conducted, with the relevant partner agencies.
- Continue to liaise in partnership with the local councillors and highways regarding speed enforcements, road safety deployments and fixed speed cameras.
- Delivered road safety lessons in schools and multiple schools parking patrols conducted, with advice given to parents regarding safe parking.
- Arrested an adult male for drugs offences, following a traffic related stop on Church Lane, Garforth on the 23 March 2023.
- Arrested two adult males in Garforth for dangerous driving offences on the 27 April 2023, the investigation remains ongoing.
- Conducted a joint partner agency parking operation with Leeds City Council Parking Services on the 05 May 2023. Three parking tickets were issued to motorists, parked on Scholars Gate and officers conducted high visibility patrols on Lidgett Lane and Ringway to prevent any further parking offences.
- Conducted speed checks with the pro-laser on Astley Lane, Swillington and Church Lane, Methley a total of ten motorists were stopped and given words of advice.

**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/>

West Yorkshire Police recently shared the new look Leeds East NPT Newsletter (Appendix 1) via community alert, the Newsletter is also being delivered in the communities. The next edition will be circulated in September, via Community Alert.

### **Contact Information**

There are several different ways you can contact West Yorkshire Police and obtain updates, these are listed below:

- **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>

## **10. Environment: 2022/23 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.

## **11. Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team (CNT)**

### **Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Temple Newsam**

The Sweeping Schedule initiated week commencing the 13 February 2023, to report specific sweeping issues, particularly of a Health and Safety nature, individuals are encouraged to report via the Online portal or by emailing the team at [eneaction@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:eneaction@leeds.gov.uk). 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, for any additional queries, please contact Diane Otley, Team Leader: [diane.otley@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:diane.otley@leeds.gov.uk)

### **Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley**

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

- Bulky Collections: 634, this is up by 222 from the last quarter.
- Fly tipping (streets): 54, this is up by 12 from the last quarter.
- Fly tipping (Enforcement): 46, this is up by 37 from the last quarter.
- Overgrown Vegetation: 30, this is up by 26 from last quarter.
- Road Sweeping: 26, this is up from last quarter.
- Waste in Garden: 19, this is up from last quarter.
- Footpath Sweeping: 11, this is up from last quarter.
- Litter (streets): 8, this is up by 2 from the last quarter.

Though Flytipping complaints have increased from the last quarter there has been a significant uptake for free bulky collections as more residents take advantage of the free collection service deterring residents from using unscrupulous waste carriers who fly tip waste in our communities.

CNT have seen a lower number of complaints for street and footpath sweeping in comparison to previous years, this is in part due to a lot of proactive and new ways of working by the teams and use of mechanical sweepers which enable operators to cover more areas over a shorter period.

New arrangements have been initiated to plan arterial routes within the wards determining the necessary traffic management arrangements prior to sweeping and litter picking work achieving more effective results. The team have successfully cleansed and commenced cleansing areas such as Barnsdale Road, which would have previously been delayed awaiting the necessary road closures to be put in place.

Environmental Action Officers continue to provide updates on specific cases where Ward Members are involved, for any additional queries, please contact Lee Hayward, Team Leader: [lee.hayward@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:lee.hayward@leeds.gov.uk)

## **12. Employment, Skills & Welfare: 2022/23 Champion Cllr Jessica Lennox**

An update was given on Employment, Skills & Welfare at the Community Committee meeting held on 07 March 2023. These updates are provided every six months; therefore, the next update will be provided at the Community Committee meeting in September 2023.

### 13. Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: 2022/23 Champion Cllr James Gibson

#### Lunch Club Grants

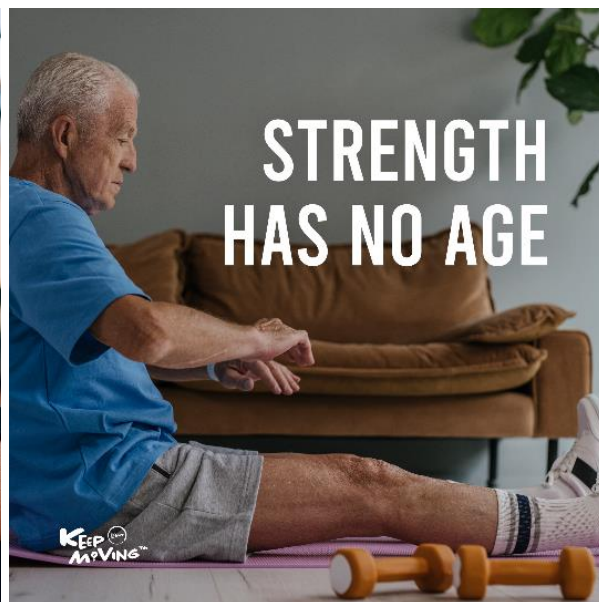
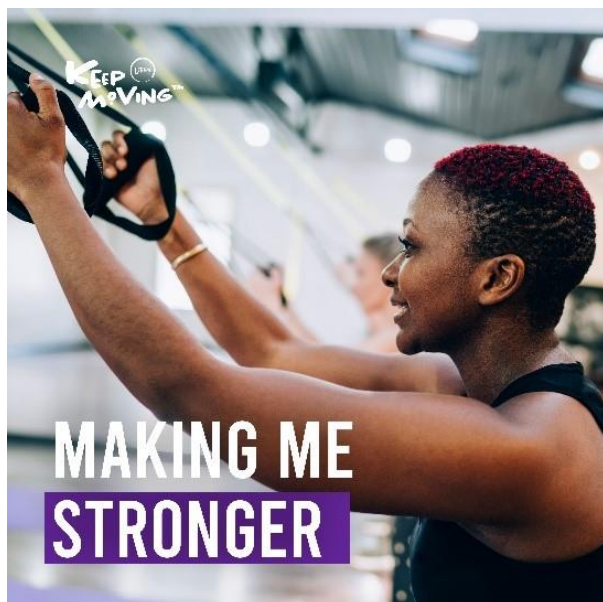
Leeds City Council Public Health provide an annual lunch club grant that funds approximately 90 clubs with an anticipated total of 3,000 beneficiaries combined. This supports the authority's Best Council Plan (2020 – 2025); to be age friendly by promoting opportunities for older people to be healthy, active, included, and respected; and to be the best city for health and wellbeing by weighting grant allocations based on deprivation to reduce health inequalities supporting the improvement of the health of the poorest the fastest.

Additional Public Health funding was provided in 2022/23 to enable clubs to do more to support their community over winter. This included offering more hot meals, home delivery of hot meals, registering as a 'Warm Space', and providing information and advice about keeping safe and warm during winter.

To find out more information about what local lunch clubs are funded in your area, please visit: <https://www.leedscf.org.uk/>

#### Active Leeds: Strength Campaign

Strength training is for everyone no matter your ability or disability. It's a crucial ingredient for leading an active, independent life. As you get stronger, you should find yourself able to do other things to increase your overall activity levels, whether at home or in the community. Have a go at home using pieces of furniture, outside in parks, or at the gym if that's where you're comfortable! Why not try using a park bench to practice some 'sit-to-stands' to build your leg strength or clear a space at home to do some floor-based exercises.



Visit the Active Leeds webpage for a range of examples of how to start your strength journey: <https://active.leeds.gov.uk/HealthProgrammes/Pages/Active-Strength.aspx>

## **Leeds Stop Smoking Services**

From 01 April 2023, the Leeds Stop Smoking Service is available to support smokers to reduce their nicotine dependency and quit for good. New posters and promotional materials will be available shortly to replace any previous One You Leeds Assets.

Smokers wishing to access the service will be given a choice of treatment based on need and preference, including nicotine replacement therapy and e-cigarettes. They will work with a trained smoking cessation coach to develop a personalised plan with a pre-agreed quit date. Support extends to a year after each person's quit date to make sure people are given the best possible chance to stop smoking permanently.

Referrals are now being accepted onto the new service. Individuals can self-refer and access support materials by calling 0800 169 4219 or online at: <https://leedsstopsmoking.co.uk/>

People can directly refer individuals by emailing: [leeds.stopsmoking@nhs.net](mailto:leeds.stopsmoking@nhs.net) or online at: <https://leedsstopsmoking.co.uk/refer-someone/>

## **Maternal Whooping Cough Vaccine**

Data for 2022 shows the average vaccine uptake of the whooping cough vaccine by pregnant women across England has dropped to 61.5%, its lowest level since 2016. The vaccine is given to pregnant women to help protect their babies against whooping cough from birth during their first weeks of life. The advice for pregnant women is to speak to their GP or midwife if they aren't sure whether they have had the vaccine.

Read more at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/7-year-low-in-maternal-whooping-cough-vaccine-uptake-puts-newborns-at-serious-risk-of-hospitalisation>

## **Covid Spring Booster Campaign**

Spring Covid Booster Campaign was launched in April 2023 and will run until 30 June 2023. Boosters are being offered to:

- Adults aged 75 years and over.
- Residents in a care home for older adults.
- Individuals aged 5 years and over who are immunosuppressed.

Eligible people will receive a national invite, but in some areas of Leeds the GP practices will not be offering spring booster clinics. Instead, pharmacies and other healthcare providers will be running clinics, but will not have the ability to send invitations directly to eligible people. The areas are:

- Burmantofts, Richmond Hill and Harehills.
- York Road.
- Beeston.
- Middleton and Hunslet (note: a few practices in this area are sending out invites).
- Woodsley.
- Holt Park.

Support for the uptake of the spring booster is encouraged by talking to people about the eligibility criteria, supporting people to book the vaccine, and promoting awareness amongst staff.

Key messages:

- Whilst we are learning to live with Covid, the virus still presents a serious threat for many people and is continuing to cause severe illness and hospitalisation for thousands of people every week.
- The Covid vaccines have saved countless lives and help prevent people becoming seriously ill or needing hospital care. Protection from the vaccines - or having had Covid, decreases over time, particularly in older people or those with weakened immune systems.
- Vaccinations are available for everyone aged 75 and over, people who live in care homes for older adults and people aged 5 and over who have a weakened immune system due to a particular health condition or treatment.
- Eligible people will be invited to book an appointment or can use the National Booking Service.
- Anyone aged 5 and over who has not yet had their first or second Covid vaccination will also be able to get one during this time. After 30 June first and second vaccinations will only be offered to those at higher risk of severe Covid and only available during the seasonal campaigns.

Read more about spring vaccinations and the vaccination programme at: <https://www.westyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk/nhs-covid-19-vaccination-programme>

Vaccinations can be booked at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination/>

### **Changes to Covid Testing**

Changes to Covid testing came into effect on 01 April 2023. These aim to ensure testing focuses on those at highest risk and supports the management of outbreaks in high-risk settings including health and social care.

Read more at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-testing-approach-from-april-2023>

Information and advice for health and care professionals is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-information-and-advice-for-health-and-care-professionals>

Guidance for adult social care professionals is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-prevention-and-control-in-adult-social-care-covid-19-supplement/covid-19-supplement-to-the-infection-prevention-and-control-resource-for-adult-social-care>

### **Closure of Covid App**

The NHS Covid app, which alerts close contacts of a positive case and provides the latest health advice about the virus, closed on 27 April 2023. Current users were notified of this through the app.



Over the past year, the success of the vaccination programme, increased access to treatments and high immunity in the population have enabled the government to target its Covid services, meaning the app is no longer needed.

## 14. Housing

### **Halton Moor and Swarcliffe**

Voids Levels (empty properties): Demand for properties remains high across the areas, especially for houses. The Lettings Team is working hard to ensure properties are allocated in a timely manner.

Referrals continue to be made for issues and waste/ fly tipping, which are remove 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: 4
- Total: 10

Income Collection: The end of year rent collection figures for the areas were:

- Swarcliffe: 93.84%
- Halton Moor: 92.99%

A comparison of the figures against the end of the last financial year show that Swarcliffe collection was down by 0.82% and Halton Moor was down 1.51%. There have been several factors impacting the team's performance over the last year which include staff vacancies and the cost-of-living crisis effecting residents. Housing have created an action plan to increase rent collection and are confident this will have a positive impact on performance.

Housing Officers are working closely with residents to maximise income and any support needed by referring cases through to Benefit Advisors, assisting with Discretionary Housing Payments in acute cases and involving third party support agencies. The team continue to make referrals to Leeds Credit Union for tenants who would benefit from budgeting accounts and who are experiencing the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. 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.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): Focus on directing customers to Triage Team for ASB who risk assess all complaints, set out expectations in terms of reporting and ensure that the cases are passed to the correct team (Housing, LASBT or no further action). Police Officers are working in partnership within the team to share information.

There are 10 ASB cases have been reported across the Swarcliffe and Halton Moor areas, these are managed by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader. Six weekly partnership working meetings continue to take place with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases.

Annual Tenancy Check In (ATCI): Housing Officers are carrying out Annual Tenancy Check-in's for customers who are deemed a priority, such as customers with support needs or previous tenancy issues. Visits to residents who have not had an annual home visit for the last 3 years is currently underway.

Environmental Actions Team: Quarter 1 Estate Walkabouts are proceeding, fly tipping has been identified as the main issue. Housing Officers continue to proactively report all 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.

### **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 eight ready to let properties, six of these are retirement life accommodation which prove difficult to allocate due to having specific adaptations to the properties specific to tenant needs.

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. In comparison to 2022/23 figures at this period, both wards completed as the sixth highest collection figure in the city.

Housing Officers continue to support residents who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, whilst the focus is on supporting tenants, Housing are also using enforcement powers to obtain possession of properties for those refusing to make rent payments despite having the means.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): 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 9 ASB cases across the areas which are managed by the Housing Officers and reviewed monthly by the Team Leader. Six weekly partnership working meetings continue to take place with the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team to share information and discuss ongoing cases.

Environmental Actions Team: Quarter 1 walkabouts are underway and will be completed by the end of June 2023. Regular estate inspections are carried out by staff and any Councillors or tenants are welcome to join colleagues on their estate inspections by getting in touch with the Housing Officer and their findings are reported back regularly.

## **15. Housing Advisory Panel (HAP)**

An update will be provided for the Housing Advisory Panel (HAP) at the September 2023 Outer East Community Committee Meeting.

## **16. Youth Services**

Session Delivery and Attendance Summary: Leeds Youth Service delivered a total of **171** Core Youth Work sessions over quarter four (January to March 2023) with **538.6** hours dedicated to their core offer. A range of diversionary programmes and activities have contributed to the reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour in the area. Overall engagement levels in the Core Youth Work programmes were **687** known individual young people and **132** unknown individual young people.

New sessions have been created where new Youth Workers in Training have been recruited where possible. Leeds Youth Service has seen a significant increase in the number of sessions cancelled during this period due to staff leaving positions, annual leave & sickness. Access to Mobile units has resulted in some regular sessions having to adapt to detached and this mixed with the cold weather & dark nights has reduced the number of young people engaging in sessions. As the light nights approached Leeds Youth Service have seen an increase in outdoor sessions and at Mobile sessions (when vehicle is available).

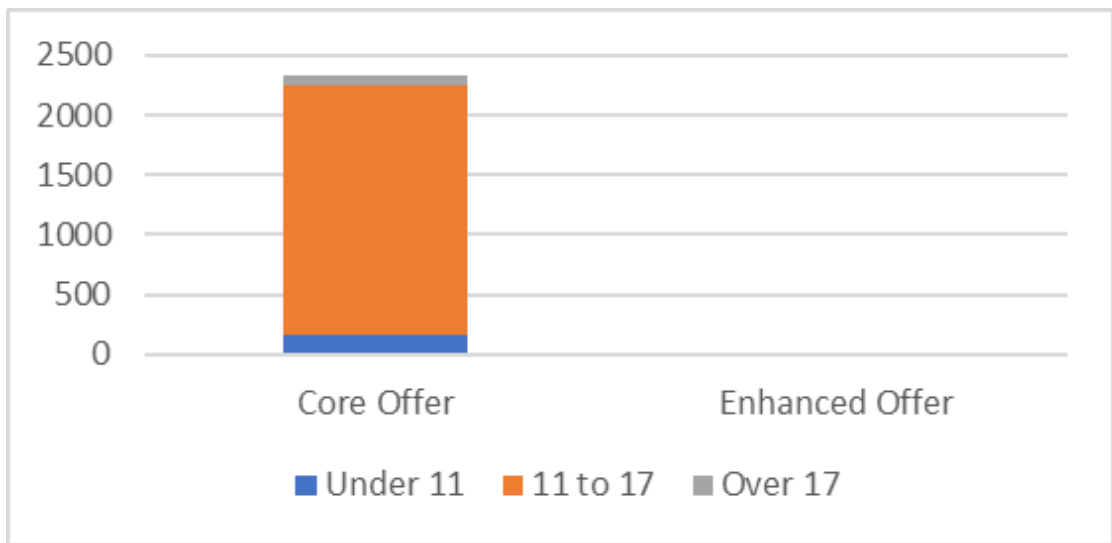
Session Attendance by Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA): Over this period, **703** young people engaged in the Core Youth Work programmes from the Most Deprived LSOAs, **112** young people engaged were from the Least Deprived LSOAs and 4 young people from unknown LSOAs.



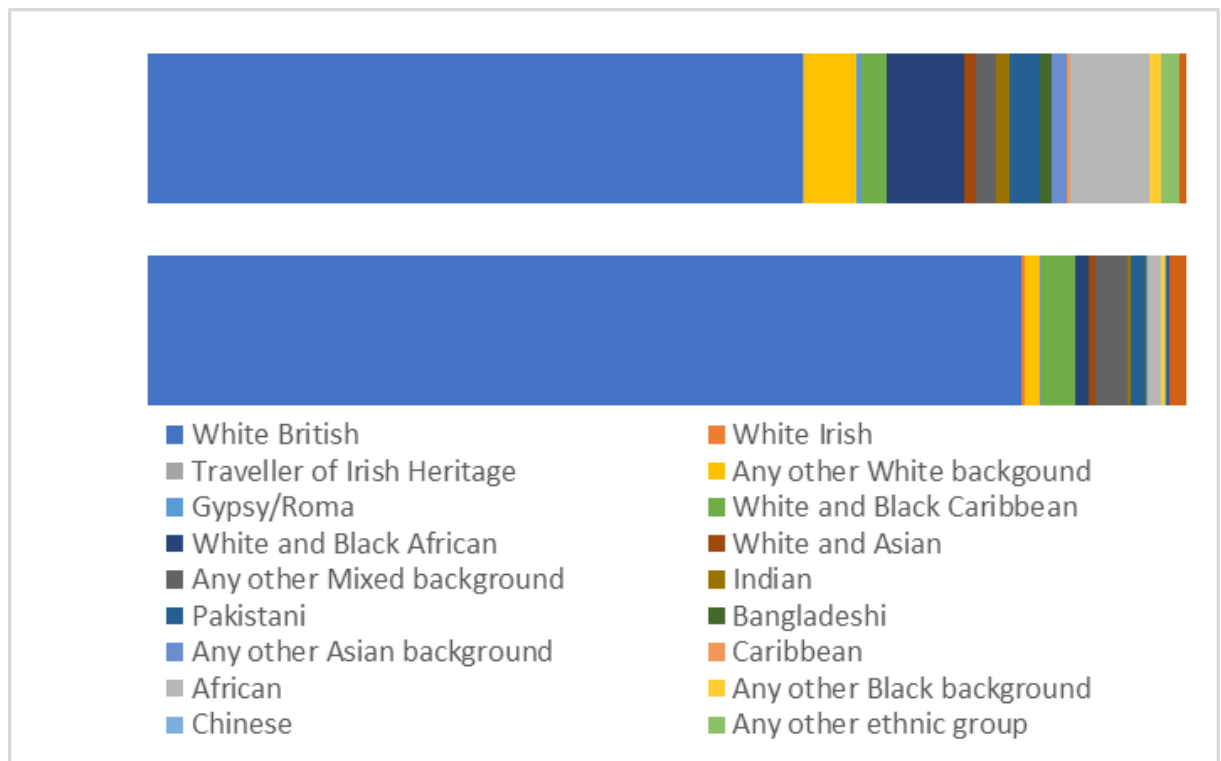
Total Number of Young People Attending Youth Work Provision by Ward: Two wards were a priority to increase engagement levels within during this quarter, these were Temple Newsam and Morley North Wards. The **Temple Newsam** Ward Core Youth Work engagement increased from **52** during the last quarter to **101** this quarter. A new weekly session has been established at Temple Learning Academy and the February school holiday programme contributed to the increase. Total Number of different young people attending core offer youth work provision per ward:

- Cross Gates & Whinmoor: 465
- Garforth & Swillington: 113
- Kippax & Methley: 140
- Temple Newsam: 101

Young People Attending by Age: Over this period, **693** young people aged 11 to 17, **79** young people aged under 11 and **47** young people aged 17+ were involved in the Core Youth Work sessions.



Young People Attending by Ethnicity: Leeds Youth Service session engagement for this period included **34%** of participants from a cultural/ ethnic background and **64%** White British participants.



Young People Attending by Gender: Engagement in Core Youth Work sessions was reasonably balanced between male & female participants over this quarter and sessions are designed to be inclusive with all young people welcomed.



Male: 469 / Female: 347 / Withheld: 2 / Unknown: 1

\* Leeds Youth Service 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. Leeds Youth Service are actively looking at improving the way in which gender and identity is recorded.

Young People who have Shared they have a Disability, Accessing Provision: During the registration process Youth Workers are engaging with young people to ensure any disability issues are recorded and the Core + system is being explored on how this information can be recorded. Leeds Youth Service have focused on how the sessions delivered can be inclusive for all, 2 new members for the Kicks session recently engaged with have dyspraxia and have struggled to play in a more "formal" football setting. The young people were encouraged to attend the new Kicks session having spoken to Youth Workers who reassured parents the Kicks programme is a relaxed session of football and not results driven. These young people really enjoyed the session and advised they will be attending every week.



Disability: 1 / No Disability: 818 / Unknown: 0

Young People who have Shared they have Caring Responsibilities: On reflection of the figures for the previous quarter, Youth Workers raised concerns regarding the number of participants with carer responsibilities engaging in provisions. It was later recognised that more carers are engaged with than previously identified, this was due to insufficient recording of responsibilities on the Core + system. Since the last quarter, the registration sheet has been updated so young people with caring responsibilities are accurately recorded on Core + system.



Carer: 1 / Not Carer: 818 / Unknown: 3

Sessions by Priorities: Whilst all Core Youth Work Sessions align to the Children's & Families eleven priorities, Leeds Youth Service have been developing additional links to the Safer Stronger Communities priorities.

- LGBTQ Awareness Sessions: Young people took part in awareness sessions that promoted equality and raised awareness about different identities in terms of gender and sexuality. Young people learnt the difference between gender and sexuality as young people do not always understand the difference between the two. Young people were encouraged to research the different identities and craft flags associated with each gender and sexuality.
- Cost of Living Crisis: Young people have been encouraged to focus on the effect the cost-of-living crisis is having on their lives and the wider impact on their families. Group members noticed that their families are struggling to find local work and are unable to access transport to reach areas that have job opportunities available. This combined with higher prices for fuel, food & household items are stretching families, some young people reported that they are having to wait for essential items such as new clothes.
- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour: The Youth Service Mobile has been targeting known hot spots in the local area and Core sessions focussed on positive relationships within the community. Young people evaluated the different relationships they have in their lives and with Youth Workers explored the positive attributes people look for within these different relationships. Young people provided insights into different relationships they have with parents, siblings, friends, and wider community members. The group discussed personal relationships and agreed the most positive relationships they have are with friends. Some young people felt they had negative relationships with parents/carers, siblings, and the wider community. Youth Workers provided opportunities to focus on resolution skills and focus on how the group members can be more accepted in the local area.

- Community Safety Meetings: Advanced Youth Work practitioners attend the Community Safety Meetings to engage with partners to ensure issues related to young people are focussed upon. The meetings share information around locations, issues, and level of engagement in each of the respective areas which enables Leeds Youth Service to deploy resources to areas of concern and address issues with young people.







<b>Sessions by Priorities</b>	
👍 Help children & parents to live in safe, supportive & loving families.	18
👍 Ensure the most vulnerable are protected.	26
👍 Support families to give children the best start in life.	14
👍 Increase the number of children & young people participating & engaging in learning.	75
👍 Improve achievement & attainment for all.	19
👍 Improve at a faster rate educational progress for children & young people vulnerable to poor learning outcomes.	1
👍 Improve achievement and close achievement gaps.	3
👍 Improve Outcomes for children and young people with SEN and/or disability.	12
👍 Improve social, emotional, and mental health & wellbeing.	100
👍 Encourage physical activity and healthy eating.	68
👍 Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk-taking behaviours.	48
👍 Promote Sexual Health.	29
👍 Minimise the misuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.	84
👍 Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.	125
👍 Help young people into adulthood, to develop life skills and be ready for work.	25
👍 Improve access to affordable, safe, and reliable connected transport for young people.	0
<b>**Please Note: Some sessions have more than one priority included**</b>	

#### Safeguarding and Early Help:

- Staff Training and Awareness: Leeds Youth Service has ensured all Youth Workers, Youth Support Workers and Youth Workers in Training are fully aware of their Safeguarding responsibilities. All Core Youth Workers recently completed Safeguarding Refresher training and all new staff have undertaken Introduction to Safeguarding training. During Unit Visits and supervision all Core Youth Workers are questioned and reminded of their responsibilities.
- Young People Support: Leeds Youth Service supported young people referred by partners such as cluster, schools, GPs, social workers & mind mate. Core Youth Workers encourage young people to attend local provisions and get involved in the activities provided which can be a positive experience to those struggling in some aspects of their lives. Recent work included a young man starting to attend Kicks football to ease the pressure of having a large family, giving him time to have fun and meet new young people which contributed to less aggression being apparent at home.

Evidence of Young People's Involvement:

- Youth Activity Fund (YAF) Consultation: Leeds Youth Service worked in partnership with the Communities Team to ensure as many young people as possible have been engaged in the YAF consultation. Youth Workers engaged young people during centre-based groups, mobile sessions, and holiday programme trips.
- Temple Newsam Youth Matters: Leeds Youth Service created a new voice and influence group in Halton Moor, the session was developed in partnership with the Communities Team, Councillors and Schools. The weekly session enables young people to have their say in local decisions and link in with YAF funding applications.

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 Wellbeing.

What has Gone Well and Why? Contributing Factors:

- Recruitment of Youth Workers in Training: Two of the three Youth Workers in Training were initiated increasing staffing levels within Leeds Youth Service establishing greater capacity in the team and delivery of additional Youth Work sessions.
- Unknown Young People: The number of unknown young people engaging in Core Youth Work sessions has been a recent concern to Leeds Youth Service, however numbers have now significantly reduced from **632** last quarter to **132** this quarter which is a substantial improvement.

Youth Work will be Valued and Understood:

- Environmental Work: Youth Workers encouraged young people to participate in environmental work supporting engagement with litter picks, design and placing dog fouling posters, crafting bird boxes, garden chair building and vegetation planting. During sessions, young people are inspired to explore individual contributions to saving the environment.
- Session Participation Levels: Over this period, the number of young people attending centre-based sessions increased considerably with reports of **80+** participants engaging weekly. This created substantial challenges and complications due to building layout and levels of young people engaging. Leeds Youth Service briefly considered limiting attendance numbers but instead were able to effectively manage the situation by increasing staffing levels.



- Special Occasions: Young people engaged in fun weekly sessions focussing on Pancake Day and kitchen safety and hygiene. Group members utilised sessions to design cards and take part in arts and crafts for Valentine's Day and Mother's Day.



Participation and Empowerment:

- Vulnerable Young People Support: Young people accessing centre-based sessions were provided free food with Leeds Youth Service offering participants warm food such as Stews, Toast and Spaghetti Bolognese to ensure they can eat healthily during the cost-of-living crisis.
- Young People Engaged in Decision-Making: Young people from the Swarcliffe and YPmyG Youth Matters groups have been involved in planning of the February school holiday programme, young people focussed on funding and opportunities available during the holiday period then selected the best value for money and respective age group activities of most interest.



Collaboration:

- School Partnership: Youth Workers have interacted with local Primary Schools to share information on the Youth Service Core offer programme, engaging with Years 5 & 6 regarding local provisions, focusing on Anti-Social Behaviour and the impact on the local community. Feedback from school staff has been extremely positive.

- Yorkshire Housing Partnership: Leeds Youth Service have engaged with Yorkshire Housing to offer support to the most vulnerable in the community and Yorkshire Housing have provided free food packages to struggling families with Youth Workers engaging young people to identify local families that would benefit from this support.
- West Yorkshire Trading Standards Vaping Sessions: West Yorkshire Trading Standards attended Youth Service provisions across the area engaging in sessions which focussed on the health impacts of vaping. Groups members handed in vapes at the start of the session, looked at the chemicals and impact on their bodies. Since these information sessions took place fewer young people are attending with vapes.
- Leeds United Foundation: Leeds Youth Service continue to offer young people regular sessions in partnership with the Leeds United Foundation with several sessions delivered enabling young people to develop confidence, physical levels, and skills. Overall, these sessions are operating well, with lighter nights approaching numbers are expected to increase and further sessions were established in the Garforth & Swillington Ward in March 2023. The sessions will provide some young people with the opportunity to attend Elland Road and watch a Leeds United match.
- British Red Cross: Leeds Youth Service have worked in partnership with the British Red Cross to provide knowledge and experience to young people of dealing with accidents and injuries. First aid sessions were delivered across the area providing information and skills to group members so they can positively respond to accidents.



### Inclusiveness, equality, and diversity:

- Resettlement Work: Leeds Youth Service continue to work with and support young people settling into Britain, work at the hotel has progressed and a second potential group is in the final planning stage. Most families are from the Afghanistan coalition and worked with allies during the war. Young people are developing knowledge of life in the UK and Youth Workers have been providing opportunities to develop social skills and make new friends. Activities have included T-Shirt design, jewellery making, card design, games, and various other interests that young people enjoy. The Children and young people are polite, respectful, and really enjoy their Saturday sessions often waiting in the car park for youth workers to arrive.
- Pegasus LGBTQ+ Group: Young people with negative experiences in the school environment were frequent topics that the group repeatedly returned to during discussions. The proposed Scottish reforms to gender reassignment laws and the Governments response as well as new laws in Russia to prohibit the promotion of LGBTQ+ were also discussed at length. Young people were able to discuss any issues they were experiencing in a safe environment and youth workers were able to offer support and information to help young people ensure they were being treated fairly, able to challenge issues confidently and remain safe. Young people gained a wider understanding of LGBTQ+ issues nationally, globally, and historically and able to share how they felt openly which helped to address any confusion or anxiety. Young people felt supported, listened to and safe, they were able to apply knowledge gained through groupwork to their own lives.
- Equality and Diversity Work: Young people from across the area were engaged in activities to support LGBTQ history month, Youth Workers enabled young people to participate in activities, quizzes & provided information on cultures, identity, and religious celebrations. Leeds Youth Service is making progress on the Culture Cohesion Quality Mark and managers have undertaken Equality Diversity and Inclusion.

### Respect and Positivity:

- February School Holiday Programme: Young people from across the area participated in a diversionary programme of activities during the February School holiday period. Working with the local Youth Matters group a programme was designed and offered to young people facilitated by Leeds Youth Service offering a range of physical, fun, and educational activities to young people aged 11+. The programme included High Ropes, Tree Trekking, Paintballing, Ice Skating, Swimming, Laser Zone Leeds, Bowling, Quasar, McDonald's, Ninja Warrior, Arcade Club and Wrestling. The trips were offered at reduced prices to ensure all could engage and food was provided on most trips to assist with the cost-of-living crisis.





- *Charlie & Chocolate Factory Performance:* Young people from across the area attended a performance of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory in January 2023, over 50 young people engaged in the activity which enabled group members to experience a live performance whilst developing an understanding of cultural and diversity issues with Charlie being a female lead and providing educational awareness to young people.
- *Issue Based Work:* Leeds Youth Service has undertaken work with young people in sessions around Holocaust Memorial Day, Mental health Awareness, Internet Safety Day, International Women’s Day, Gambling Awareness and Climate Change. The sessions enabled young people to explore their knowledge, develop a better understanding and stay safe.
- *Race Equality Week:* During Race Equality Week in February 2023 all groups participated in group work discussions. The resources from Race Equality Matters focused on worksheets and You Tube videos with a new theme to discuss each day. The groups enjoyed making a promise pledge to “call out people who were directly or indirectly racist”. The group discussed unconscious bias and how the media can “twist” stories that are published to incite hatred and Youth Workers will revisit the work each quarter so young people are continually thinking about the issues raised.

*Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing:*

- *Anti-Social Behaviour:* Youth Workers have worked with partners and West Yorkshire Police to address Anti-Social Behaviour with young people, local hot spots have been identified via Community Safety Meetings with Leeds Youth Service directing detached teams to focus on these locations and issues experienced. Young people involved in throwing stones from bridges, using substances and causing a noise nuisance were guided on making their community safer, asked to reflect on their actions and the potential consequences to their lives if they were prosecuted.
- *Weapons Awareness:* Young people attending core sessions were engaged on carrying weapons following a local incident recognising that knife Crime is everywhere. Leeds Youth Service provided information, activities and extended bag search policies when attending provisions. Young people were encouraged to sign the pledge to not carry weapons and information from the Crime Stopper Fearless campaign has been shared in all youth work venues.

- Leeds Sexual Health Service: Leeds Youth Service provided young people with access to three in one registration in several centre-based and mobile sessions. Three in one enables young people aged 13+ to access the C Card, pregnancy testing and contributes to the reduction and prevention of young people becoming engaged in sexual activity. Three new sessions have been established this quarter and Youth Workers are looking to the potential of holding further sessions.
- Alcohol Consumption: Young people identified as possibly drinking before attending provisions and suspected to have brought alcohol into youth centres were engaged in discussion-based work regarding alcohol use to better understand why Leeds Youth Service views this as a serious issue. Youth workers approached the issue in a non-confrontational manner with the emphasis on the wellbeing of young people with bag searches implemented sensitively and respectfully.

What has not Gone Well and Why? Contributing Factors:

- Mobile Units: The continued challenge with Leeds Youth Service Mobile Units has created operational challenges, the age and frequency of safety inspections has resulted in vehicles not being available for Core Youth Work sessions. Progress is being made on the procurement of additional vehicles however these will not be available until 2024 at the earliest.

Plans and Priorities for the Next Quarter:

Between April 2023 and June 2023, plans and priorities for Leeds Youth Service are:

- To continue the focus on Youth Worker & Youth Worker in Training recruitment to enable sessions to be increased.
- To progress the replacement of three Mobile Units across the city.
- To apply for school holiday funding to enable a diverse programme of diversionary activities to be delivered and young people consulted on what they would like during holiday periods.
- To focus on delivering more sessions outdoor due to the lighter nights and more young people being on the streets.
- To develop a Voice and Influence/Participation and Empowerment in each of the three wedges and to promote existing Youth Matters sessions.
- To distribute the Curriculum Calendar and ensure staff are utilising in session planning.
- To continue delivering Water Safety Work across the area to enable young people to remain safe.
- To focus on hotspot areas and reduce Young People related Anti-Social Behaviour.
- To increase number of environmental sessions with young people across the SSE area.
- To provide support for those young people who are about the sit GCSE and A Level exam.

## 17. Community Engagement: Forums

Forum meetings for Cross Gates & Whinmoor with representatives from West Yorkshire Police and key services have taken place and well attended by residents and partners with further meetings scheduled in the community throughout 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)

## 18. Community Engagement: Social Media

**Appendix 2 Social Media Report** provides the Committee with information on posts, and details recent social media activity for the Outer East Community Committee Facebook page. The report highlights key themes promoted through social media posts, as well as topics addressed relevant to the period. The report covers the period of March to June 2023. The four-ward based Coronavirus Facebook help pages remain suspended.

## Corporate Considerations

### 19. Consultation and Engagement

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

### 20. 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.

### 21. 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

## **22. 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.

## **23. 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.

## **24. Risk Management**

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

## **Conclusions**

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

## **Recommendations**

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

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

27. None.

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