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

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To Note

Inner East Community Committee - Update Report

Purpose of report

- 1.** To bring to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.
- 2.** This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Main issues

- 3.** Updates by theme

4. Environment & Community Safety – Champion Councillor Asghar Khan

Police Update

Serious and Acquisitive Crime Demand Data:

Inner East Crime Category	Jul - Aug 23	Jul - Aug 24	Change
Burglary - business and community	12	17	5
Burglary - residential	68	92	24
Robbery	29	17	12
Theft from motor vehicle	39	37	2
Theft from person	14	15	1
Theft of motor vehicle	16	16	0
Grand Total	178	194	16

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Crime Category	Jul - Aug 23	Jul - Aug 24	Change
Burglary - business and community	6	4	2
Burglary - residential	13	43	30
Robbery	11	4	7
Theft from motor vehicle	10	12	2
Theft from the person	3	4	1
Theft of motor vehicle	5	5	0
Grand Total	48	72	24

Gipton and Harehills Crime Category	Jul - Aug 23	Jul - Aug 24	Change
Burglary - business and community	2	5	3
Burglary - residential	30	28	2
Robbery	10	10	0
Theft from motor vehicle	21	12	9
Theft from the person	8	8	0
Theft of motor vehicle	8	7	1
Grand Total	79	70	9

Killingbeck and Seacroft Crime Category	Jul - Aug 23	Jul - Aug 24	Change
Burglary - business and community	4	8	4
Burglary - residential	25	21	4
Robbery	8	3	5
Theft from motor vehicle	8	13	5
Theft from person	3	3	0
Theft of motor vehicle	3	4	1
Grand Total	51	52	1

Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Demand Data:

Inner East ASB Call Category	Jul - Aug 23	Jul - Aug 24	Change
Adult nuisance non-alcohol related	14	10	4
Alcohol	7	4	3
Fireworks/snowballing	0	5	5
Littering/drugs paraphernalia	4	0	4
Neighbour related	10	10	0
Nuisance car/van	9	19	10
Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike	7	14	7
Youth related	34	38	4
Grand Total	85	100	15

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ASB Call Category	Jul - Aug 23	Jul - Aug 24	Change
Adult nuisance non-alcohol related	5	6	1
Alcohol	2	0	2
Fireworks/snowballing	0	1	1
Littering/drugs paraphernalia	1	0	1
Neighbour related	2	1	1
Nuisance car/van	3	1	2
Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike	1	2	1
Youth related	6	5	1
Grand Total	20	16	4

Gipton and Harehills ASB Call Category	Jul - Aug 23	Jul - Aug 24	Change
Adult nuisance non-alcohol related	6	3	3
Alcohol	5	3	2
Fireworks/snowballing	0	1	1
Littering/drugs paraphernalia	2	0	2
Neighbour related	5	5	0
Nuisance car/van	3	15	12
Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike	1	2	1
Youth related	17	14	3
Grand Total	39	43	4

Killingbeck and Seacroft ASB Call Category	Jul - Aug 23	Jul - Aug 24	Change
Adult nuisance non-alcohol related	3	1	2
Alcohol	0	1	1
Fireworks/snowballing	0	3	3
Littering/drugs paraphernalia	1	0	1
Neighbour related	3	4	1
Nuisance car/van	3	3	0
Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike	5	10	5
Youth related	11	19	8
Grand Total	26	41	15

5. Employment & Skills – Champion Councillor John Tudor

Total number claiming Universal Credit (UC)

The total number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC), as of June 2024, in the Inner East Community Committee area is 19,747. This is an increase of 141.6% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 305 claimants on the previous month.

The table below shows the total number of people claiming Universal Credit in Leeds, the Inner East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		May 2024		June 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	35,450	6.8%	88,802	17.1%	90,295	17.3%
Inner East	8,172	14.8%	19,442	35.3%	19,747	35.8%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	2,957	15.7%	6,392	33.9%	6,525	34.6%
Gipton & Harehills	3,230	15.5%	8,099	39.0%	8,182	39.4%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	1,985	12.8%	4,951	32.0%	5,040	32.5%

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

Universal Credit (Not in Employment)

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of May 2024, in the Inner East Community Committee area is 12,602. This is an increase of 128% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 110 claimants on the previous month.

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

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		April 2024		May 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	55,008	10.6%	55,352	10.6%
Inner East	5,658	10.3%	12,492	22.7%	12,602	22.9%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	2,068	11.0%	4,165	22.1%	4,166	22.1%
Gipton & Harehills	2,210	10.6%	5,266	25.3%	5,339	25.7%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	1,380	8.9%	3,061	19.8%	3,097	20.0%

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

Employment and Skills (E&S) Activities and Provision

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

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2023/2024 (Apr – Mar)	2022/2023 (Apr – Mar)	2023/2024 (Apr – Mar)	2022/2023 (Apr – Mar)	2023/2024 (Apr – Mar)	2022/2023 (Apr – Mar)
Inner East	3,378	3,540	493	527	1,160	970
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	1262	1,269	164	179	434	358
Gipton & Harehills	1577	1,677	232	249	496	429
Killingbeck & Seacroft	539	594	97	99	230	183

- During April 2023 to March 2024:
- 13,513 people accessed the Service, 3,378 of whom were residents from the Inner East.
- Supported 3,094 people into work, 493 of whom were residents from the Inner East. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in construction, health and care, including childcare, manufacturing, ICT, digital and comms.
- Supported 4,300 people to improve their skills, 1,160 of whom were residents from the Inner East.

Leeds Employment Hub

A single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops which provides tailored and comprehensive support into employment or education to 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. Further funding has been secured which will see the role of the Advisors continue until at least March 2025.

All Jobshops are open 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which include Seacroft, Compton and City Centre Community Hubs. There is a pop up Jobshop at Burmantofts Community Hub, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 09:00 - 17:00.

The Community Hub Mobile bus runs Monday - Friday, the schedule stops include:

- The Old Fire Station, Gipton Approach, LS9 6NL Thursday 09:30 – 12:00
- Windmill Health Centre, Whinmoor Way, LS14 5BD Friday 13:00 – 15:30

Community Learning

Community Learning provision continues to deliver an effective, broad and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models which includes face to face within a community setting, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.

Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 730 courses delivered at 74 community venues in Leeds, with 3,596 residents starting a course. In the Inner East Community Committee area, 225 courses were delivered at 24 venues. 928 residents have started a course. In addition, there were 34 courses delivered on-line.

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

Multiply

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

Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 77 courses delivered at 48 community venues in Leeds, with 657 residents starting a course. In the Inner East Community Committee area, 23 courses were delivered at 20 venues. 194 residents have started a course. Courses range from Building Confidence with Maths, Multiply and ESOL, Money and Work, and Basic Money Skills.

Community Engagement

Engagement activities with a number of community organisations within the area to raise awareness and provide information and advice on the employability and skills support available, job opportunities and a point of contact for referrals for one to one support and access to skills delivery. Exploring bespoke skills provision with organisations to meet an identified need. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 109 community engagement activities taken place during this period across the city supporting 3,062 people, of these 23 activities have taken place within the east of the city engaging with 351 people.

School and College Engagement

There have been engagement events and activities delivered in schools and college, including Apprenticeships awareness sessions, careers fairs, mock interview sessions, sector specific talks and employer site visits. Between April 2023 and March 2024, there have been 108 School and College activities across the city supporting 7,160 young people, 1,173 parents and carers, and 357 teachers. Of these, 22 events have taken place within the east of the city engaging with 1,512 young people, 230 parents and carers, 51 teachers.

Events delivered between January and July 2024

- **Scape Accommodation Recruitment** information sessions delivered at City Centre Hub in July 2024 to support recruitment into roles for Housekeepers, Night Porters, Maintenance Operatives and Receptionists, 50 people attended. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with the recruiter through informal interviews. Those who demonstrated potential were invited to a second interview, moving one step closer to securing a position, all attendees and candidates were signposted for support throughout the process.
- **Connecting Schools to Hospitality** programme matched six schools with hotels across Leeds, a total of 90 students participated in the programme, offering a flexible schedule of 3-4 visits to either the school or hotel. The activities included masterclasses in mocktail making, cooking classes, bedmaking, and other skills development opportunities. The programme concluded with a Celebration event on Monday, 8th July 2024 at Leeds City College Printworks campus, where students who showed exceptional passion or enthusiasm were recognised with an award.
- **SEND Next Choices Event** Getting Ready for Adult Life took place on 25th June 2024 at Leeds First Direct Arena. The event was aimed at supporting young people who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). A total of 70 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, Apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities, leisure activities along with other specific support. 2,000 young people attended and the feedback was very positive.
- **Recruitment to Health and Care Careers** 25 Information / Assessment Sessions were delivered in 6 venues across the Priority Wards and the City Centre, 178 people attended. These sessions supported recruitment to roles within Adult Social Care, Children's Residential Practitioner, Administrative, Primary Care Navigator, Pharmacy Apprenticeships and Facilities Technician roles.
- **Seasonal Gardeners Recruitment Events** were held in May and June 2024 at various community hubs. The sessions aimed to provide support for the recruitment of Seasonal Gardeners, a key initiative for maintaining the city's public spaces, 80 residents attended the sessions.
- **Tech Careers Launchpad** workshop took place on 26th May 2024 at Accenture, City Centre for "getting noticed in Tech", "personal branding", "confidence building", panel session and networking, 38 people attended.
- **Tech Careers Launchpad** specific for WILD (Women In Leeds Digital) took place on 16th May 2024 in the City Centre. Part of the series of Tech Launchpad, delivered in partnership with AND Digital and other digital organisations to deliver a workshop for "getting noticed in Tech", "personal branding", "confidence building", panel session and networking, 60 people attended.
- **Global Banking School Business, Accounting & Digital Jobs Fair** was held on 19th April 2024 at Great George Street. Delivered a presentation about Apprenticeships within this sector and promoted our upcoming events, 45 people attended.
- **Leeds Tech Careers Launchpad** took place on 13th March 2024, hosted at HAYS Tech Recruitment, delivered in partnership with Northcoders. The event welcomed guest speakers who discussed some of the 'routes into tech' including Apprenticeships, bootcamps and tech academies to help attendees understand the various options available to them. 40 people attended the event and around 40% of people attending were female, with attendees including students, graduates, career changers, people out of the labour market.
- **Hospitality Sector Jobs Fair** was held on 23rd February 2024 at Park Place Jobcentre, over 200 people attended. The event was a huge success with many employers commenting on the quality of candidates.
- **Leeds Apprenticeships Recruitment Fair** took place on 5th February 2024. Visitors could find out more about Apprenticeships and meet with providers and employers across all sectors. 119 exhibitors attended on the day to offer information, advice, guidance, and live vacancies. 11,000 visitors had the opportunity to find out about Apprenticeships, including what they involve and how they work, higher and degree Apprenticeships as well as hear from apprentices about their journeys. There were 17 presentations, attended by approximately 250 people that ran throughout the event providing an insight on various topics including STEM, Green Apprenticeships, the power of work experience, a day in the life of an apprentice and how to submit a successful application form.

- **Careers in Catering** recruitment information and interview sessions took place on 24th January 2024 at City Centre Community Hub to support the promotion of Kitchen Assistant posts in schools across the city.
- **Social Care Recruitment Event** in partnership with We Care Academy took place at the East Recovery Hub on the 24th January 2024. EHub Advisors attended the events supporting the recruitment to Support Worker and Case Officer roles across the city.
- **Digital Skills bootcamps** delivered 22nd January – 29th March 2024 in partnership with Microsoft and UA92. The options included Cloud skills and Data Analysis, with no prior tech skills required, aimed to help boost people's skills and employment prospects.

Planned Events and Activities

- **Recruitment to Health & Social Care** Information and/Assessment Sessions will be delivered at sites across the Priority Wards and City Centre Hub in line with planned pre-employment courses that will start in September 2024. The sessions will continue to support recruitment to roles within the Health and Care sector, including Adult Social Care, Careers in Care within the NHS, Administrative and Primary Care Navigator roles.
- **Leeds Digital Careers Fair** is scheduled to take place on 24th September 2024, at the Leeds First Direct Arena. The fair aims to connect visitors with the vast opportunities available within the digital and tech sectors, contributing to the growth of Leeds as a digital hub. Preparations for the fair are well underway, with a focus on building upon the success of the previous year's event, which had over 4,000 attendees. The fair serves as a crucial platform for exhibitors to engage with potential talent, showcase their companies, and identify future stars in the digital landscape.
- **Reducing Reoffending Offer** as part of the early release scheme introduced to alleviate capacity pressures within the prison estate, Employment & Skills will be conducting an information session for individuals due to be released on 10th September 2024. The session will be delivered to the first cohort on 5th September 2024 and is tailored for those residing in the Leeds area, providing them with essential guidance on employment opportunities, skill development, and support services available upon their release. The aim is to facilitate a smoother transition back into the community by equipping participants with the tools they need to secure employment and build a stable future. Further sessions will be delivered up to December 2024.

Employer Engagement

Within the last year the Service has supported 385 new businesses including recruiting new staff, providing support for staff facing redundancy, developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.

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

www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com

Further Information

The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobs fairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses. Please link to our accounts:

linktr.ee/eandsleeds

Facebook: facebook.com/eandsleeds

X (Twitter): twitter.com/eandsleeds

Instagram: instagram.com/eandsleeds

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

YouTube: youtube.com/@employmentandskills

6. Children & Families – Champion Councillor Nkele Manaka

The delivery of our Youth Work is underpinned by the **14 priorities highlighted in the Children and Young People’s plan 2023-2028**, the **Leeds Vision for Youth Work**, and the shared priorities of the **Safer, Stronger Communities City plan 2021-2024**.

Whilst the Children and Young People’s Plan priorities are embedded throughout our delivery, for the purpose of the report we will be providing a summary of the Youth Work delivered in line with the most frequently identified priorities, these priorities are highlighted below. The report highlights the top three most frequently identified priorities across the Inner East and provides a summary of how Leeds Youth Service deliver programmes and provision that are underpinned by the six pillars of Leeds Vision for Youth Work whilst ensuring operational delivery supports the Safer, Stronger Communities Plan.

Data *Based on period 01/04/24-30/06/24		
Youth Work Sessions Delivered	Distinct Young People Engaged	Accumulative Number of Young People Engaged
263 Youth Work Sessions	356 Young People	2061
Children & Young People’s Plan 2023-2028 *Most frequently used *Based on period 01/04/23-20/06/24		
Reduce Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour		
Support Young People to make good choices and minimise risk taking behaviours		
Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing		
Leeds Vision For Youth Work		
Youth Work will be valued and understood	Participation and Empowerment	Collaboration
Respect and Positivity	Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity	Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing
Safer, Stronger Communities Plan 2021-2024 (Shared Priorities)		
ASB and Public Order	Domestic Violence and Abuse	Hate Crime
Illicit Drugs and Substance Use	Offending Behaviours	Organised Crime and Street Gangs
Exploitation and Radicalisation	People with multiple needs (Street Users and Sex Workers)	Violence and Sexual Crime

Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour is integrated throughout our Youth Work practice and weekly provisions. This work can take many forms and is something that we continually adapt in line with communication with Young People, partners, and communities. Youth Work is delivered to empower and prevent whilst also respond as and when identified. The very core of our work with respect to Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour is about ensuring Young People have the education, understanding, and empowerment to make positive decisions. This work is strongly aligned to the shared priority of addressing ASB and public order within the Safer, Stronger Plan. There are several weekly examples of this within our Core Offer via programming of issue based support, guidance, and activity.

Through weekly and bi-weekly centre based provisions at Nowell Mount, Richmond Hill, Ebor Gardens, Dennis Healey, Crossgates Community Centre, the Bilal Centre, and the Compton Centre, there are regular opportunities to divert Young People away from negative behaviours into a safe, supportive environments. We have also delivered extensive work alongside partners from West Yorkshire Police (Leeds East) who have attended a range of our regular provisions to continually develop relationships with local Young People. Young People from our Richmond Hill provision also had the opportunity to engage in a targeted partnership session at Leeds Crown Court, providing Young People with the opportunity to meet with judge’s and a surgeon to discuss what they see within their line of work in relation to the impact of knife crime, this learning and understanding was then

underpinned further as Young People heard from a mother who had sadly lost her son due to knife crime.

In addition to our centre based provisions, our Youth Work team deliver a range of Detached and Mobile Van Youth Work provisions across the area. This is programmed to target key areas across the wards whilst also ensuring there is capacity to respond to emerging needs. Youth Workers have engaged with local Young People aswell as members of the local community to address these ongoing issues. Our team have continued to link in with a number of partners from across all wards to ensure our Youth Work teams are diverted and placed in the areas most in need. We continue to deliver our Inner East Violence Reduction Partnership sessions on a weekly basis, delivering issue-based Youth Work to targeted cohorts of Young People who have been identified as at risk of or currently engaging in criminality. It was powerful to see the impact and subsequent feedback from Young People who completed our six-week programme delivered in partnership with Bethlehem Boxing



Support Young People to make good choices & minimise risk taking behaviours

Our core offer to Young People is built upon the foundations of voluntary engagement, this is just one of the many factors that creates environments where Young People are open to discussions and learning, not only developing their current knowledge and understanding but actively challenge current and previous decision making. Our Youth Work Teams are in a privileged position to be able to empower Young People and deliver sessions that really focus on the impact of our choices whilst education Young People on the importance of self-safety.

As we continue to integrate Project Shield across our practice, we have delivered numerous sessions in partnership with colleagues from West Yorkshire Police, from attendance at sessions to a variety of issue-based work. Young People have recently engaged with Leaders Unlocked, exploring rights and responsibilities with respect to local policing, discussing what they felt had both positive and negative impacts upon their decisions and behaviours. Our Youth Work team have partnered with Forward Leeds to delivering interactive sessions for Young People, providing opportunity for learning about the law, legislation, risks, and impact of drug use – another piece of work also aligned to the shared priorities of the Safer, Stronger, Communities Plan (Illicit Drugs and Substance Misuse). Our Gipton and Harehills team have recently taken our simulation goggles out into the community as part of our Detached programme, providing Young People with the opportunity to experience some of the impacts of being under the influence in a safe environment. Whilst Young People had fun doing this, it also highlighted a very clear message with regards to the associated risks.

Following the success of our Water Safety sessions with West Yorkshire Fire Service. Young People were invited to the local Fire Station to engage in a variety of interactive issue-based pieces of work. This is also part of our wider provision with regards to the Bonfire Night, Halloween, and Mischief Night. Building relationships with partners and emergency services is essential when discussing the impact of negative choice and risk-taking behaviours during this upcoming period. Following the recent issues experienced by the community across Harehills, our team have been integral to the partnership approach across the area, engaging with both Young People and Communities, ensuring Young People have the opportunity to discuss not only how they are feeling with respect to local

issues, but also with regards to the wider hateful narrative that followed across the country. We are incredibly proud of the response of both our Youth Work team and the local Young People who have truly captured and celebrated the wonderful communities we are part of.



Improve social, emotional & mental health & wellbeing

Improving social, emotional, mental health and wellbeing of Young People is integrated within our programme in a variety of ways. Programmes are designed to meet this priority both directly and indirectly. Recent months have seen a variety of sports sessions delivered, Young People have reported time and time again that having a safe space to take part in sport alongside their peers as a hugely positive foundation for good mental health. We have sessions in which sports is the primary feature such as our session as Bilal Sports Centre and our partnership programme with Leeds United Foundation. We also have a range of opportunities where engaging in sports is just one aspect of the programme such as having Ping Pong Pete support sessions across the wards. Whilst we check-in with Young People as part of each and every programme, in addition conversation about local and national challenge (referenced above), our Youth Work team have also ensured a variety of support, guidance, distraction, and celebration with regards the recent period of GCSE, and A-Level results.

Leeds Vision For Youth Work		
Youth Work will be valued and understood	Participation and Empowerment	Collaboration
Respect and Positivity	Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity	Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing

1.Youth Voice / Youth Involvement *Participation and Empowerment is at the very heart of our delivery. This has taken numerous forms over the past quarter with Young People across our provision been consulted on a range issues. As highlighted in previous reports, two attendees of our Inner East Young Women and Girls group came first and second in the logo design competition of Leeds Young Carers. The winning design has now been created and is proudly displaced at the top of this document. We have also undertaken recent recruited rounds to support the development of our service relief pool. Young People have been involved in several interview panels and it's been fantastic to have Youth Voice embedded within our service recruitment procedures.

2.Partnership Work *Collaboration is evident across our delivery. Weekly provisions are run in partnership with BARCA, Seacroft Community on Top (SCOT), LUFC Foundation and Saxton Gardens FC, LS14, Bethlehem Boxing, Junior Sports Hub and Co-Op Academy. As highlighted previously in the report, we continue to work in partnership with West Yorkshire Police as part of Project Shield and wider initiatives and as a team we are constantly working on new ways to work together and this is evidenced by Leeds Youth Service now leading and co-chairing both the CommUnity Harehills and Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Youth Partnerships, with UKSPF funding awarded to colleagues as a result of this increased level of partnership working. Our team regular welcome new opportunities to work in partnership to ensure the best possible service to Young

People and the Community and our team enjoyed being part of Burmantofts Community Festival and Lark In The Park. Our partnership approach is extended further through regular communications with a variety of partners, sharing funding opportunities, training opportunities and providing general support to organisations to promote a culture of enhanced collaboration and not competitiveness with the ultimate aim of providing the very best offer for Young People. It was great to work in partnership with the Co-Op Academy prior to the summer holidays by having our Youth Work team outside the school gates at the end of the school day, we look forward to re-starting this work in line with the new school term.

3. Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity is a feature of both our ethos and quarterly programme planning. Our team have worked alongside Leeds City Councils Equality Team to integrate the Religious Events and Celebration Calendar alongside our service curriculum calendar. Our team recently delivered sessions across to raise awareness, educate and celebrate Refugee Week 24. There were multiple opportunities for staff to engage across the Safer, Stronger, Communities directorate and issue-based work was integrated across several provisions. For the first time this year our Youth Work team delivered a significant and co-ordinated Youth Work presence at Leeds Pride. The team had a fantastic day and it was wonderful to support and engage so many Young People.

4. Respect and Positivity. Our Youth Work team are in the privileged position of educating and empowering huge numbers of Young People on a weekly basis. At the heart of this sustained positive engagement are our centre based provisions. Whilst our Mobile, Outreach, and Detached provisions create various opportunities, it is our 13 centre based provisions across the Inner East that provide a safe space in which to build the foundation for engagement, education, and empowerment. We have also taken numerous strides with regards to promoting the value of Leeds Youth Service, following an extensive re-brand process we now have new leaflets covering every ward in the city.

5. Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing is evidenced within the Children and Young People's priorities that are most frequently featured across our provision. Ensuring Youth Work is delivered by a professionally qualified workforce and the issue based delivery in line with these priorities is further evidence of this. At the core of our practice is ensuring Young People have a safe space/s within their community to access support and have the opportunity to have fun whilst learning and developing alongside their peers. Service Manager James McCarthy is now the co-lead for the Children and Young People's **Wish 2: Children and young people have safe spaces to play, hang out and have fun** with a specific focus on safety. The action plan for Wish 2 is currently being devised and we look forward to sharing this and future developments in the coming weeks and months

6. Youth Work will be valued and understood. Recent months have provided yet more examples of the vast value of Youth Work, with huge numbers engaging voluntary across our universal offer, from sports sessions, cooking groups, trips and activities (*Funded by Inner East Community Committee), capturing Youth Voice, and targeted issued based work – the value to Young People from the local community is immeasurable. Ensuring our service and delivery is promoted across the city is pivotal to the continued development and growth of Youth Work across Leeds. This was recently epitomised by the celebration event which saw several Young People who have (and continue to) engage within our programmes, Young People received commendations from our Chief Officer Paul Money and had the opportunity to hear an inspiring performance from the performer Graft.



7. Selective Licensing

Licence administration

New applications for selective licences continue to be received eg. as properties are sold and the new owner applies for a licence or where properties come into licensing for the first time. Existing licences continue to need updating (varying) to reflect changes to licence holder/property manager details eg a change of address, and in some instances revoking.

- **3835** licences in place @ 23/08/2024
- **167** licences revoked; **124** licences varied and **545** applications withdrawn, cancelled, refused or rejected between 06/01/2020 – 23/08/2024
- **78** applications being processed
- **54** applications to process

Unlicensed properties

Unlicensed properties continue to be investigated by the SL team. They're picked up proactively through targeted work or reactively through, for example a complaint being received in the Private Sector Housing Service or intelligence/referrals from partners.

Between 01/06/2024 and 23/08/2024 –

- **25** final civil penalty notices were served by the team in respect of **12 properties** being operated without a licence.
- **Enforcement action commenced** in respect of a further **9 unlicensed properties** visited on 4 June as part of a Selective Licensing action day.
- **33 properties visited** to assess licensing status

Compliance inspections of licensed properties

The team continue to proactively target properties across the designated area and inspect licensed properties in response to complaints, referrals and intelligence received. Figures for the period 1 June – 23 August are in the table over.

Between 01/06/2024 and 23/08/2024 –

- **61 compliance inspections & reinspections** were carried out at licensed properties across the designated area. In addition, inspections were also undertaken at a number of properties that were found to be operating without a licence.
- Of the licensed properties inspected, **90%** were found to be **non-compliant with licence conditions**. The most commonly breached licence conditions were those relating to the management/maintenance of the property and the provision of working smoke alarms.
- **97%** of the properties inspected also contained potential health and safety hazards, the most common being fire safety shortfalls; falls and damp.
- **7 final civil penalty** notices were served on Licence Holders / Property Managers in respect of serious licence breaches at **3** properties.
- **On 23 July, the SL team surveyed all the streets** within the footprint of the SL area. They identified over 140 properties where follow up action is required. **88 properties are licensed and will be targeted in the coming months.**

Referrals

During compliance inspections, officers engage with residents to ensure support needs are met and to pick up on any issues that maybe affecting them. Referrals are also made further to the SL team engaging with residents, landlords/property managers and partners outside of inspections
Between 01/06/2024 and 23/08/2024 –

- **31** referrals were made. Of note -
- **7** of the referrals concerned support around finding employment/training, budgeting/debt and accessing ESOL courses. energy efficiency while 8 were associated with safeguarding-type issues and preventing homelessness.
- **4** of the referrals were further to officers coming across properties where the gas/electricity meters had been by-passed.

Partnership working

The SL Team continue to support the Police's Clear, Hold Build project, CommUnity in Harehills. Partnership working has also continued with other council services and external organisations including the Rogue Landlord Unit and Housing Leeds.

Summary from the rest of the Private Sector Housing Service (the service)

In addition to the SL team working on Selective Licensing, additional resources from the service continue to target Harehills to support the delivery of the scheme.

Between 01/06/2024 and 23/08/2024 –

- Officers from the **Empty Homes and Loans team** brought **5 long term empty properties back into use, served 18 legal notices** and successfully prosecuted one property owner in respect of breaches of legislation at empty homes eg. properties being open to access.
- To support the Council's homelessness prevention strategy, **54 privately rented properties in Harehills were inspected** for the purpose of the **Landlord Letting Scheme**. This helps ensure that those placed in the private rented sector have safe warm homes to live in.
- As well as the Selective Licensing team supporting CommUnity, officers from the service's **Rogue Landlord Unit (RLU)** continue to work directly with the Police and other agencies. **6 cannabis farms were found** in privately rented homes and follow-up action taken.

Case Study from Selective Licensing

In August, a Selective Licensing Officer visited a property in Harehills that had been split into a number of flats. The purpose of the visit was to confirm whether or not some of the flats were occupied as the council has not issued a licence for them nor have licence applications been received in respect of them.

The main door at the property was opened by an individual living in one of the flats (which is licensed). They spoke with the officer and showed them their flat. They also explained how they had to access the empty basement flat – the floor of which was covered in sewage due to a drainage problem - to top up the electricity meter and how they had stopped paying rent as they were paying for all of the electricity at the property. The individual also told the officer that they were extremely vulnerable due to a significant health condition.

The individual invited the officer into their flat and also showed them the basement flat. There was serious disrepair in the areas seen – ceilings had fallen down exposing the floor/ceiling joists; there was no working fire alarm system and some of the stairs were unlit; the communal hallways were obstructed by household appliances and the individual had no running hot water in their flat and their rooms were affected by damp and mould. They explained they had been looking for alternative accommodation for some time and said they were having to shower at their workplace due to having no lighting in their bathroom.

A referral for housing advice/support was immediately made to colleagues in Leeds Housing Options due to the condition and suitability of the individual's flat.

The officer is considering the findings of their inspections and determining the best course of action to address the conditions found.

8. Health & Wellbeing – Champion Councillor David Jenkins

Public Health Update

Harehills, Burmantofts and Richmond Hill and Gipton Health Needs & Assets Assessments Update:

A key part of the Health Needs & Assets assessment is community and stakeholder consultation, since July 2023 we have been working with local community groups and organisations to support residents to complete a short survey about their health and happiness in relation to where they live. The community consultation is now closed and the results of the survey are being thematically analysed.

Based on findings from the consultation, there will be an opportunity for residents to attend focus groups to have more in-depth discussions around particular themes and topics raised. These are likely to take place over the Autumn and delivered in partnership with the UKSPF Listening Project partners.

Findings from the consultation and focus groups will form an integral part of the Health Needs and Assets Assessments which aim to:

- identifying the health needs and resources of a specific population and;
- what changes are required to meet health needs, building on the existing assets in the community wherever possible.

For more information and any support with the above please contact:

Harehills Parminder.grewal@leeds.gov.uk

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Chetna.patel@leeds.gov.uk

Gipton jessica.dewhurst@leeds.gov.uk

Support tina.leslie@leeds.gov.uk

Community Oral Health Awareness project

An Oral Health awareness session was held at St. Aiden's Church healthy holiday club with 11 families attending. The session covered all aspects of oral health including cleaning teeth, gum disease, how to prevent cavities, health and wellbeing as well as how to register with a dentist. The session was delivered using the resources from the Public Health Resource Centre. The feedback from children and families was the session very informative.

For more information contact chetna.patel@leeds.gov.uk

Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) HATCH sub group

The sub group goes from strength to strength. Thank you to elected members in Gipton and Harehills and Burmantofts and Richmond Hill who have funded Red Flag performances following on from our successful Young People and Healthy Relationships campaign. Soundproof box will be working with schools, youth services and youth organisations to deliver performances across the area. The next campaign will take place in Autumn and will focus on men as victims of DVA.

I have led the sub group for over 2 years and will be stepping back from chairing the sub group.

Eileen Fox from GIPSIL will be chairing the group from Autumn onwards.

For more information contact chetna.patel@leeds.gov.uk.

Update on Licencing

The public health team and the alcohol and drugs team continue to deliver representations at licensing subcommittee. The work has been a resounding success with partnership support from West Yorkshire Police, elected members, Entertainment licensing and West Yorkshire Trading Standards colleagues.

Heath Needs Assessment (HNA) ROMA Mental Health

Following on from the HNA [Roma HNA Report \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://leeds.gov.uk) grant funding was made available for the community and partners to apply for.

Public Health awarded grants to four organisations. The grants will be used for advocacy work including a health drop-in based at Bellbrooke Surgery, mental health awareness sessions as well as a parents Roma drop-in based at a foodbank to support with signposting to health and wellbeing services to improve the health outcomes of the Gypsy Roma community.

For more information contact catherine.ward@leeds.gov.uk or tina.leslie@leeds.gov.uk

Delivering the National Diabetes Prevention Programme (NDPP) to South Asian communities – pilot

This pilot is a collaborative effort between Public Health, BHR PCN colleagues and the NDPP team to develop a training programme targeting South Asian communities who are at high risk of diabetes across the BHR PCN footprint.

Language can be a huge barrier to culturally diverse communities signing up to initiatives and accessing health and wellbeing services in general. Often resources are translated into community languages, but local insight indicates this does not often meet need as many people cannot read their own languages.

The aim of this pilot is to address these barriers and see how a targeted and tailored approach can potentially create greater engagement in the NDPP programme, amongst high risk communities who do not have English as a first language.

A short promotional video was developed in Punjabi language and sent to target individuals via GP text service. All recipients were followed up with a phone call with a staff member conversing in Punjabi and providing more detail about the offer, to encourage people to make an informed decision. A full cohort of 25 South Asian women have been successfully recruited to a 13 session course running over 9 months, commencing in June 2024. Course evaluation will help us learn how this approach can be improved to further increase uptake of this offer in the future.

For more information, you can contact Mindy at parminder.grewal@leeds.gov.uk

Better Together programme – Inner East and Inner North East

The Better Together programme is commissioned by Public Health and is delivered by the Orion Consortium which is led by Feel Good Factor. Space 2 lead on the Inner North East delivery, the consortium provides a wide range of community development activities and outreach. A full list of activities is provided below. For further information contact Angela angela@fgfleeds.org or Paul paulb@space2.org.uk

Seacroft Blood Pressure Awareness Project

This project has been designed by Seacroft LCP partners; LCC Public Health Localities & Primary Care Team, Seacroft PCN, LS14 Trust, Space 2 and LCC Public Health Long Term Conditions Team. The overarching aim of this project is to raise awareness and support the early identification of hypertension within the Seacroft community using an integrated model of care. For those who are identified as hypertensive, the secondary aim of the project is to support people to manage and reduce their blood pressure by taking a person centred approach, in which the individual is supported to engage with Primary Care and the wide range of activities on offer within the community which supports living well.

The project started in June and the Proactive Care Team at Seacroft PCN have been busy attending summer events such as Rein Park Revolution, Gipton Gala and Seacroft Musicathon where the team have supported over 150 local people to have their blood pressure read.

The partnership have also been raising awareness of the role blood pressure plays in our health by teaming up with Chapel FM to produce this podcast episode, give it a listen, it just might save your life: <https://www.chapelfm.co.uk/elfm-player/archive/2024/07/we-are-seacroft-15/>

The Seacroft Blood Pressure Awareness project will continue until June 2025

For more information please contact Jess Dewhurst Jessica.dewhurst@leeds.gov.uk

Healthy Relationships and sexual health workforce development training

The Public Health Localities and Primary Care team and Public Health Sexual Health Team are working together to develop a training offer for community-based professionals and volunteers working with children and young people; to enhance the way they promote healthy relationships and positive sexual health.

Domestic violence and healthy relationships have emerged as a priority for the Seacroft Children and Families Partnership and form part of the Seacroft Priority Ward Plan. Public Health teams have partnered to contribute their expertise to this work, with a particular focus on prevention work and promoting early understanding and awareness of healthy relationships. They have built the foundations of a modular training programme based on initial intel from Seacroft partners as well as additional feedback from a city-wide training needs survey delivered by the Public Health Sexual Health team. Topics include facilitation principles and approach, understanding yourself and your influences, sexual health information, skills, and safety and risks.

The next phase will be to engage Seacroft partners in stakeholder and young person consultations to refine the content and delivery model, with the aim to deliver the pilot training in Seacroft in early 2025.

Following these pilots, the aim is to embed this training into a city-wide offer, with a rolling programme of delivery in different community venues to support ongoing workforce development on this topic.

For more information on the Seacroft work, please contact Jess Dewhurst on

Jessica.Dewhurst@leeds.gov.uk For information on the wider work, please contact Lauren Turnbull on Lauren.Turnbull@leeds.gov.uk

Citywide messages

Know Your Numbers!

Know Your Numbers! Week which takes place 2-8 September.

1.5 million

1.5 million people have had a free blood pressure check during the annual [Know Your Numbers! Week](#), the UK's biggest blood pressure testing and awareness event.

120/80

An ideal blood pressure is under 120/80mmHg. Do you Know Your Numbers? [Find your nearest blood pressure check](#).

6 million

6 million people in the UK have high blood pressure and don't know it. Could you [get involved and help us find them?](#)

350

Every day in the UK, 350 people have a stroke or heart attack that could have been prevented. [See why Know Your Numbers! is needed](#).

We believe every adult in the UK should know their blood pressure numbers in the same way they know their height and weight. When you Know Your Numbers! you can take steps to look after your blood pressure and lead a long and healthy life.

KNOW YOUR NUMBERS!

Checking your blood pressure can help you find out whether your blood pressure numbers are under control, lowering your risk of stroke and heart disease.

bloodpressureuk.org #KnowYourNumbers



Leeds Sexual Health changes from 1 July

Leedssexualhealth



Leeds Sexual Health service is changing from **1 July 2024** to provide better access to sexual and reproductive health services across the City.

Find out more at: www.leedssexualhealth.com

Leeds Sexual Health has been completely redesigned to better serve the needs of the Leeds population and expand access from 1 July 2024.

Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust (LCH), in partnership with Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT), Leeds GP Confederation (LGPC) and Volition - Forum Central (the collective voice for the health and care third sector in Leeds) will be delivering these services across the city.

From 26 June the Leeds Sexual Health service will no longer be based at the Merrion Centre. From 1 July, the main hub for Leeds Sexual Health will be Beeston Hill Health Centre, with access points at Armley Moor Health Centre, Chapeltown Health Centre, Seacroft Clinic and other city centre spaces.

Posters, and business card sized flyers which highlight these changes are available to order from the Leeds Public Health Resource Centre (PHRC).

If not already a registered user of the PHRC, please [register to gain full access to our resources](#).

To place an order, please email us at phrc@leeds.gov.uk to request an order form.

Changes to the service include:

- An improved Long Acting and Reversible Contraception (LARC) service. LARC will be accessible at more sites and during evenings and weekends.

- E-consultation forms for existing Leeds Sexual Health service users taking PrEP medication, allowing them request this online.
- A single dedicated phonenumber (0113 843 4495) staffed by care navigators to direct people to the most appropriate support.
- We have doubled our dedicated walk-in sessions for young people which will be available in more areas across the city to support more convenient access.

A brand new digital hub is also being developed and will be launched later in 2024.

Advice and support will continue to be available between 26 June and 1 July via the Leeds Sexual Health care navigators who can be contacted on 0113 843 4495.

You can keep up to date with the changes and what to expect from 1 July on the Leeds Sexual Health website under latest news: www.leedssexualhealth.com/latest-news/lsh-updates-2024

Leeds NHS Health Checks Procurement - new contract awarded.

Following a re-procurement process, it has been announced that the Leeds GP Confederation will continue to deliver the NHS Health Check programme to the eligible population of Leeds.

The new contract will maintain the NHS Health Check programme being delivered within General Practice (GP) alongside some potential testing of community outreach approaches. The service will also work with the third and voluntary sector to raise the profile of the NHS Health Check and maximise uptake in key communities.

The main component of the Leeds NHS Health Check contract is its focus on reducing health inequalities and it will continue to target the groups 'most likely to benefit' from an NHS Health Check whilst maintaining a universal offer to the Leeds eligible population.

The contract took effect from 1 April 2024 and will expire on 31 March 2029.

If you have any questions email carl.mackie@leeds.gov.uk or hanna.kaye@leeds.gov.uk.

Being You Leeds

Launched in 2023, Being You Leeds is an enhanced wellbeing programme, commissioned by public health to work with communities most at risk of poor mental health. It recently won the national FPH Public Mental Health Award in recognition of its innovative approach to keeping people mentally well and addressing mental health inequalities.

Positive wellbeing is promoted in three ways:

- delivering co-produced community-based groups and activities focusing on wellbeing, aiming to build networks, boost mood and improve resilience.
- providing training to staff and volunteers in community organisations working in areas of high deprivation
- tackling mental health stigma and discrimination

It is delivered by a partnership of third sector organisations: Touchstone, Barca, Hamara, Health for All, Holbeck Together, LS14 Trust, Women's Health Matters, Community Links and Humans Being.

For information or guidance on referrals contact: BeingYouLeedsTeam@touchstonesupport.org.uk

Flu immunisation plan 2024/25

No changes have been made to the groups of people eligible for the flu vaccination this year. However, there is a change to the timing. Based on evidence that the vaccine's effectiveness can wane over time the start of the programme for most adults will be the beginning of October and should be completed by the end of November, closer to the time the flu season commonly starts. This should provide optimal protection during the highest risk period.

There is further information [here](#).

working through the forums. There is evidence that people with mental health issues experience considerable discrimination and stigma in society, work, accommodation, and health outcomes. By working proactively with our mental health providers, we can make a real difference to improve outcomes in the community for the most vulnerable people in our city. The forums encourage providers to be aspirational for all their residents and to support them in their recovery by building on their strengths and meeting diverse needs.

9. Burmantofts & Richmond Hill – Priority Ward

Summer events

Communities from across Burmantofts and Richmond Hill came together to enjoy the summer fun days organised by Councillors, Local Partners and The Breeze Events Team. Burmantofts Community Festival and Lark in the Park have been going for more than 10 years now, both events were extremely well attended this year and showcased the rich diversity of the communities in this ward.



The Breeze events held during the school holidays are popular with local families, providing a free or very low-cost fun day out for children. Councillors allocated funding to support all these events recognising how valued they are by local residents and the positive impact they have on local cohesion between different communities.

In addition to the events local partners, schools and the Council Community Hubs have delivered another summer of Healthy Holiday clubs across the ward. Healthy Holidays is funded by central Government and provides activities during the school holidays with food for children who are in receipt of free school meals.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Social Action Projects

The Council's Communities Team have supported three local organisations to successfully apply for UK Shared Prosperity Funding to support Social Action Projects in the ward.

Leeds Refugee Forum have secured funding to deliver a bespoke training and awareness raising programme for community leaders, families and young people addressing community safety concerns which local refugee communities have raised. Specifically, the project will focus on some of the risks young people face around gang and street violence and getting drawn into anti-social and criminal behaviour.

St Vincents have secured funding to create an orchid, raised beds and wild flower garden at Asgarth Walk in Richmond Hill. The project will involve local volunteers who will help create and maintain the garden.

Umoja Leeds who run Ebor Gardens Juniors football club have secured funding to support their successful and growing football club in Burmantofts. The funding will help to recruit and train additional volunteers to support their training sessions.

Connecting Leeds consultation – Becket Street.

The Council is currently consulting with the public and local stakeholders around a scheme to improve bus reliability and improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians along Becket Street.

The proposed changes include:

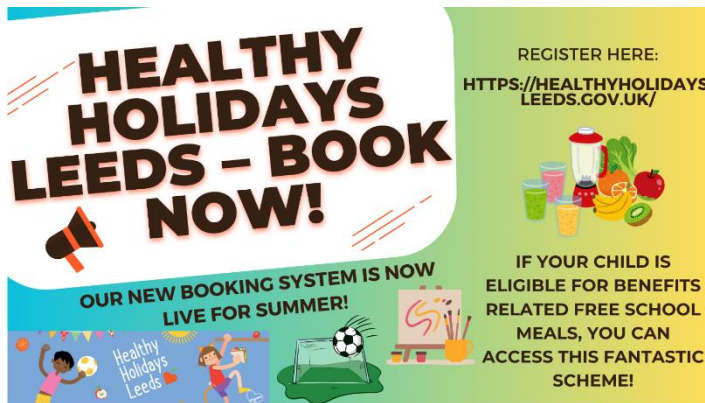
- 850m two-way cycle track, from the city centre to St James's Hospital along Burmantofts Street and Beckett Street; connecting with the City Connect scheme at York Road
- Introduction of a new northbound and southbound bus lane from Burmantofts St to St James' Hospital
- Widening the carriageway, with some loss of grass verges and up to 29 trees (where trees are removed they will be replanted at a 3:1 ratio)
- New pedestrian crossings
- Reconfiguring nearby car parks to make way for an improved bus shelter.

This is a link to the consultation which closes on 8th October: [Have Your Say Today - Burmantofts Street And Beckett Street: City Centre To St James's Hospital - Commonplace](#)

10. Gipton & Harehills – Priority Ward

Summer Activities

There have been lots of great activities taking place across the ward throughout the summer. The Health Holidays scheme has run throughout the school holidays in venues across the ward providing free engaging and enriching activities with a hot and healthy meal for children and young people that qualify for the scheme.



The annual breeze event place in Harehills Park on 30th July. Funding by ward Councillors the event was a great success with lots of local families enjoying the free activities in the sunshine. Meanwhile Gipton Gala returned, this year hosted at the Henry Barran centre with lots great family activities.

Social Action Projects

Earlier this year the Safer Stronger Communities Team secured funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to support at a range of social action projects in the six priority wards across the city.

In Gipton and Harehills funding has been awarded to Getaway Girls, CATCH and East Leeds Project to deliver Social Action Projects across the ward.

- Getaway Girls will be use their funding to establish Harehills Girls Zone ,a girls and young women's space in Harehills where Getaway Girls will empower girls and young women to build confidence, resilience, aspirations and skills including delivering Youth work Level 1 Courses to young women in Gipton and Harehills.
- East Leeds Project have been awarded funding to recruit a new Community Engagement Worker to help develop a new community event in Gipton later this year as well as support the development of the We Are Gipton Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership.
- CATCH will use their funding to engage young people in volunteering and social action, focusing specifically on the development and maintenance of their Educational Farm and the 'Earth Room'. This initiative will provide opportunities for young people to contribute to their communities through the delivery of practical youth activities, and the construction and maintenance of our educational farm, which is centred on learning about the environment, nature, and community interaction. The funding will also be used to create an 'Earth Room' by converting one of the existing rooms to educate young people and school pupils about environmental issues and inspire positive change.

Eastern European Engagement Group

Whilst the disturbances which took place in Harehills on 18th July were triggered by a very specific set of circumstances, the incident has highlighted the need for The Council and other services to continue to build closer links and trust with the Roma communities in Leeds. Staff from the Communities Team and the Gypsy Roma Traveler team have been in touch with partners to scope out a local approach to this in Harehills. Partners have agreed to come together in September to share their ideas and current work in this area. One idea is to establish a Roma and Eastern European Engagement Group.

This partnership could:

- Develop and maintain an up to date list of local support service for Roma and Eastern European Communities
- Share good practice, challenges and facilitate support between services and projects.
- Maintain and develop new approaches to enable effective engagement and support.
- Support an Asset Based Community Development approach to working with these communities.

If there is sufficient buy-in from local partners the Roma and Eastern European Engagement Group will link back to CommUnity Harehills so that this work links in with the wider Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership for the area.

11. Killingbeck & Seacroft - Priority Ward

We Art Seacroft

On Saturday 17th August, the We Art Seacroft Festival brought the village green to life, with an action-packed creative offering for everyone including dog shows, live music performances, school uniform exchanges and craft stalls. The West Yorkshire Fire Service attended with a fire truck, along with officers from West Yorkshire Police to engage with the local community. Listen to highlights, music, and all things Seacroft at East Leeds Radio in association with Chapel FM [Programmes – Chapel FM](#)

Seacroft Breeze

Always popular on the Seacroft calendar, Breeze returned to the area this summer with a fantastic event on Tuesday 20th August. Young people and families came out in their hundreds to enjoy a range of activities including sports, large inflatables, dance sessions, 3D cinema experiences, craft stalls, and interactive games. Young people also had the opportunity to vote on youth activities, and learned about how their voice can influence local decision making from an early age.

Volunteering and training opportunities

With a range of new projects running now or coming soon to Seacroft, there's plenty of opportunity to access new activities, support by volunteering, or even work towards qualifications.

Seacroft 17 Boxing Club, based at Kentmere Community Centre, will soon be delivering women and girls boxing and fitness/self-defence sessions in a safe environment. Sessions will be accessible for all abilities. Keep an eye on the [Inner East Community Committee Facebook](#) page for details of times and dates!

Seacroft Community on Top are delivering community gym sessions based at the Denis Healey Centre, with a number of volunteering opportunities available also. If you are interested in working towards a gym instructor qualification and supporting this fantastic community project, just get in touch with Seacroft Community on Top on seacroftcommunityontop@outlook.com

The We are Seacroft partnership are once again working in collaboration to introduce the area's first Youth Steering Board. This will be a transformative project aimed at empowering young people, and provide a platform for young individuals to voice their ideas, make impactful decisions, and actively contribute to the development of their community. More details to follow, or contact LS14 Trust info@ls14trust.org

Kingsdale Court

Kingsdale Court is located within the heart of Boggart Hill Priority Neighbourhood and makes up around 11.5% of all homes within this Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) where deprivation levels are in the worst 1% nationally, as measured by the government's Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). Following Kingsdale Court being established as a priority for the Neighbourhood Improvement Board, colleagues in Land and Property, Regeneration, Housing Leeds, Legal and Finance have been working collaboratively to achieve full council ownership of the site, manage the challenging environmental conditions and support tenants to be re-housed.

Since the initial acquisition of a portfolio of 40 flats in June 2021, 43 additional purchases have completed, resulting in current Council ownership of 83 out of 88 flats on site or 94% of the total units. In addition, the council also secured ownership of the freehold of the site in October 2022.

A further 4 leaseholders have accepted the council's offer to purchase and matters are progressing with legal. This will hopefully result in a position whereby the Council owns 87 out of 88 flats imminently, leaving 1 still to be acquired. The Council is in contact with the remaining leaseholder and negotiations are positive, hopefully reducing or negating the need for Compulsory Purchase Order. The Council Housing Growth team has consulted with Housing Leeds on demand data and is working with NPS to on surveys and design. Proposals to demolish the site are being developed, but are subject to the Council's full site ownership and the completion of condition, services and bat surveys.

12. Community Libraries/Hubs

Uniform Exchange at Burmantofts, Compton centre and Seacroft. Parents and guardians can come along and take any items from the Uniform rails that they need. There are donations bins too so customers can drop off any uniform that they no longer need.

Summer reading channel launch across all Hubs and Libraries.

Children join up and win prizes for reading their book. 135 joiners at Compton and 48 sign ups

The Compton Centre:

Weekly sessions:

BME Ladies Group

4th Thursday of the month 9.30-11.30

A BME monthly ladies group delivered by a community networker. The ladies are asylum seekers and mostly single parents and attend the sessions to socialise and learn. Speakers are invited to provide information on about issues relating to housing, benefits and health. The ladies have asked for sewing classes and I am working with the volunteer and Give a Gift charity to apply for funding.

ESOL Classes-ESOL classes for beginners and Advanced session every Monday.

CAB drop-in surgery.CAB hold a weekly surgery Tuesday 9am-12pm. Pre booked appointments needed.

GRT Parenting Group-Tuesday 9am-12pm to promote Health and wellbeing.

GRT/St Vincent's surgery.GRT drop-in surgery-Gypsy Roma Traveller Team continue to hold a drop-in surgery every Wednesday 10-12 to assist the EU communities with utilities, EUSS, School and DWP form filling.

St. Vincent's Outreach session/.GRT at Compton Centre- continue to hold EUSS advice and practical support every Wednesday 10-12pm who link in with the GRT team. From Jan

Haamla Every Wednesdays -Haamla is a unique service that provides essential support for pregnant women, and their families, from minority ethnic communities, including asylum seekers and refugees, throughout their pregnancy and postnatal period. It aims to improve access within maternity services, empower and inform women of the choices available during their pregnancy and birth, thereby improving their health and wellbeing

Youth Service Youth service continue to run youth provision every Wednesday 4pm -6.30 pm..

Leeds City Credit Union-weekly surgery-LCCU run a weekly surgery-Thursdays 9am-12pm.

Digi Drop in

Fortnightly Digi drop ins, Thursdays, 1.30 – 2.30pm: Need help to use your tablet, smartphone or computer to try something new, say hello or get tech savvy? Come along with your device or use a library PC and talk to our friendly librarians who will help you get started. Learn how your device can help you improve your health, access library services to read eBooks and magazines online and even save you money. This is a free event, no booking required

Story and Rhyme Time-Story and rhyme time is weekly on Fridays 10.30am – 11.30am, a fun interactive session for families with children under 5 years old. This is also followed on by a toy library session and play and stay each week where toys, crafts are currently available for the children to play with on site.

Stay and play every Friday 11.30am to 12.30pm - **Playboxes**- to support Wellbeing pod and Story & Rhyme and allow children and families the opportunity for high quality creative play (with opportunities for speech and language and maths development) using everyday objects, that can be replicated at home. Designed by Playful Leeds in partnership with Leeds Libraries. The Playboxes are out in the children's area daily.

Money Buddies-Money Buddies Sessions every Friday 9am-12pm. This is a drop-in service where customer can access financial and debt advice and receive representation on specific issues.

Leeds Pathways- LCC Leeds Pathways support team who deliver a couple of weekly drop in sessions for young people at The Compton Centre.

Ongoing surgeries-

PACT-Community Safety Meeting- This is an opportunity for residents of Gipton & Harehills to meet with Police and Partner agencies to discuss local issues and also set what the policing priorities are moving forwards-Tuesdays every 6 weeks.

Quiet Study Space-Allocated a quiet large room for those who want to study in a quiet space every Tuesday 3.30pm-6.30p

Leeds City Council Housing repair drop in session First Tuesday of the month m.

In Main library:

Knitting & Glow-Your Space run a knitting & Crochet session weekly, free for all to join.

Manbassador-A local group for men run by ZEST-Men's health unlocked, men can come along meet other men locally and across the city, learn new skills, take part in a range of interesting activities, become part of the mens Health Unlocked Network, Help create a new magazine in Leeds. Group meets at The Compton Centre weekly.

Leeds Baby Bank

Leeds Baby Bank continue to run a pre bookable appointment service every 2nd Thursday of every month. Leeds Baby Bank donate Nappies, wipes, toiletries, infant food by age, Leeds Baby bank also except donations of cots, prams, stair gates, Moses baskets, high chairs.

Gipton and Harehills Neighbourhood Policing Team Contact Point- Gipton and Harehills Neighbourhood Policing Team will be holding community contact points, every three weeks at the Compton Centre.

Supporting BAME communities with Sensory Impairments. Run by ABA Leeds-mthly drop ins at Compton Centre, A friendly place to talk, learn, engage and improve social and emotional wellbeing.

Advonet Session-10am-12pm Wednesday & Thursday- The sessions began week commencing 5th June. The sessions provide support, sign posting, guidance and referrals for a range of issues. The advocates can also offer one to one appointments for more in-depth work.

Chatty Cafe-offers free friendly space for people to meet and chat and share information, find out what's happening in their local community, enjoy some snacks and a cuppa together. Mondays 10am-12pm. Harehills Action Team led.

Cllr Surgery- 1st Saturday of the Mth 10am-11.30am

Lego Club 11.00-12.00 Saturday

Code club 4.30-5.30

Esports thursdays Fortnightly 15.30-16.30 Librarian led session

Lego Club -Saturday 10am-12pm

June 24

Patchwork Poetry sessions

Patchwork poetry- Sessions to run 1 – 3pm. Series of poetry workshops focussing on men's mental health, and using library resources. Will be a series of 10 workshops.

Leeds City Council Fostering Service - recruitment information pop ups

Yorkshire MESMAC community testing

Community Liver Health checks:

The Liver Buddies team at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust are encouraging members of the public in Leeds to get their liver checked for free in our mobile clinic vehicle 'O-liver' at our screening roadshow.

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eSports Gamers Group 12-16yrs-Join our Nintendo Switch eSports gamers group and challenge your friends! Splatter each other in Splatoon, smash each other in Super Smash Bros, see who's the best Mario Kart racer. All in a friendly manner, of course...

We have space for up to eight gamers with four playing at a time, while the other four provide lively commentary! As you build your team you could even challenge other libraries to a battle to see who the best eSports team in Leeds

Harehills Creative Group

For women aged 55 + living in the area of Harehills/Gipton a friendly drop in sessions with a range of different themes, all aimed at people using creative techniques to share their life stories. Session with focus on building skills in a creative expression.

Blues readers group

A new reader group now at Compton.

Woodland primary school- class visits weekly 30 children 4 teachers

July 24

Artforms - Drumming Workshop- Interactive drumming workshop for children of all ages. Children can take part in fun activities, and stories set to the backdrop of the drums. A fun and exciting experience for all

26th July 16.00-17.00

Woodlands Primary school class visits: Introduction to the library, tour of the Hub & Library, join up to the library, talks on books & how to take a book out.

Steve Webb author illustration event:

Tom Palmer Football game event

27.08.24 14.00-15.00

A family event aimed at 7-11yos themed around football and reading. He is an author of a wide range of children's fiction about football, including the Roy of the Rovers, the Football Academy, and the Foul Play series.

After the recent unrest in Harehills, local children's author Tom Palmer reached out to us to offer a special author event. Tom has written a many children's novels about sport, especially football, and is a great advocate for reading and sports promoting both community cohesion and unity and individual development and growth opportunities. This event, themed around those two subjects, took place on 27th August, with 22 children and 7 adults attending, and was a lovely opportunity for young people of Harehills to meet an author who was born in their area, just a few doors down from the library. Tom spoke about barriers to reading and overcoming them, his journey to becoming a published author, and his passion for football. Everyone then had a chance to take part in a penalty shoot-out competition to win a signed copy of one of Tom's books.

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August 2024

Code Club-Over the course of six sessions, you will discover our easy to follow projects which will help you to learn a variety of coding languages by making games, robots and animations in a supportive environment.

Code Club is a global network for families.

Suitable for KS2 ages 9+.

Comptons Got Talent

08.08.24 13.00-15.00pm

Talent show aimed at children 5-18. A chance to come along and showcase your talents. Sing and clap along, and appreciate all the wonderful talents in our communities.

Tutti Frutti Club- FREE creative craft workshops in May Half Term 2024-16 children attended.

Summer reading Challenge activities and events

We had 11 events for children and families linking in with the SRC take place at CO over the summer holidays, including drumming, hip-hop, coding, arts and crafts, and performing arts with Tutti Frutti Club. Those all had an attendance between 12-24 children each. 6 of those were facilitated by external organisations and artists, and 5 by librarians.

Burmantofts Community Hub and Library

Digital drop in session-every fortnight-Librarian led-Free to all. Fortnightly Digi drop ins, Wednesdays, 1.30 – 2.30pm: Need help to use your tablet, smartphone or computer to try something new, say hello or get tech savvy? Come along with your device or use a library PC and talk to our friendly librarians who will help you get started. Learn how your device can help you improve your health, access library services to read eBooks and magazines online and even save you money. This is a free event, no booking required.

Lego Club-Every 4 weeks, Free for all to join. 15.45-16.45. This will be a drop-in session for families, running monthly on the 4th Wednesday. The sessions will be themed and based on a specific project

or idea, as opposed to open-ended play, though I won't stop kids from being creative of course. Lego is a great STEM activity, so this is almost a precursor to our Code Club for younger kids – hopefully they can grow with us and move onto CC, and then a club for secondary school kids we have in the pipeline.

CAB drop-in surgery-CAB hold a weekly drop-in surgery. Pre booked appointments needed.
BRH Neighbouring Policing Team contact point at Burmantofts Hub- their community contact points to be held every 3 weeks from 10am-11am Thursday mornings.
Councillor Surgeries-, 3rd Tuesday of the month,
Leeds City Credit Union-Hold weekly drop-in sessions to help with money & budgeting.

Leeds Building Service.

LBS deliver a drop-in surgery every fortnight on Fridays 9.30-12pm

Job Shop pop up.

Job shop pop up to deliver Employment support, Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays.

Lego Club

June 2024

Burmantofts Communities Festival-Free family Fun day-Community Hubs & Librarys attended with a stall to promote their services along with other supported organisation and partners.

Burmantofts Library refit

More shelving added and a wider selection of books. Comfortable seating added to encourage customer to relax with a book

July 2024

We had 4 children and families events at BM over the summer, all librarian led, with 4-6 children attending.

Seacroft Community Hub and Library

Regular events

Monday

Registrar – 9am-4pm (by appointment only)

Tuesday

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Digital Drop in - 10:30am -11:30am, fortnightly Regular drop-in to support with basic I.T. skills at the PC or bring your own device. (Librarian led)

Advonet

10am-1pm (fortnightly)

Providing statutory and community advocacy and related services.

Crafts@Seacroft – 1:30-3:30

All welcome, meet like minded people and share your crafty skills!

Wednesday

Registrar – 9am-4pm (by appointment only)

Money Buddies -1pm-3pm

Free debt and budgeting advice.

Thursday

Story & Rhyme – 10:30-11:30

Free session for under 5's, stories and rhymes.

Seacroft Family History Group – 1:30pm-3:30pm. fortnightly (ask at reception for dates)

Researching family history using Ancestry on the public PC's

Friday

Leeds Credit union – Friday's 9am-3pm, Money advice service

Saturday

Councillor Surgery -every Saturday 10-12 (term time only)

Ongoing

Toy Library – free selection of toys available to borrow (ask at reception for details) 3.7.24 11-2pm,

Yorkshire MESMAC, Sexual Health clinic drop in offering advice and free contraception.

5.7.24 – 10am-3pm – Community Liver testing – van parked outside Hub offering testing and advice

Corporate Considerations

13. Consultation and Engagement

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

14. 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.

15. 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

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. Conclusions

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

20. Recommendations

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

21. Background documents¹

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.