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To find out more about your local ward members
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Neighbourhood meetings

Did you know we also hold public meetings every three months across outer east Leeds? They're also free to attend and we use local venues.

These forums give you an opportunity to talk to us and other agencies working in your area to find out about local projects, developments and consultations. If you live in any of the following neighbourhoods, we have a forum for you!

The Outer East Community Committee covers Allerton Bywater, Austhorpe, Colton, Cross Gates, East Osmondthorpe, Garden Village, Garforth, Great Preston, Halton, Halton Moor, Kippax, Ledsham, Ledston, Ledston Luck, Little Preston, Lower Mickletown, Manston, Methley, Micklefield, Mickletown, Pendas Fields, Stanks, Swarcliffe, Swillington, Temple Newsam, Wellington Hill, Whinmoor and Whitkirk.

The next cycle of forums will start in March so please sign up for notifications on our Facebook events page, give us a call, or email us (see the contact details below) to find out about your local meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information about who we are and what we do, get in touch with the **Communities Team - South East** on **0113 378 5808**, via **southeast.ast@leeds.gov.uk** or check us out on social media:



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Outer East Community Committee newsletter February 2017

'Ello, 'ello, 'ello

For our next Community Committee meeting we will be in Cross Gates and the topic of the **free** workshop will be **community safety**. Refreshments will be provided.

The police and other partners will be there to update you on various local activities across outer east Leeds and what you can do to help keep yourselves safe. The session will include presentations from:

- Police - local policing priorities and recent activity of note
- Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team – the work of LASBT and how to access the service

Date: Tuesday 21 March 2017
Time: Business meeting from 4-5:15pm, then the community safety workshop from 5:30-7pm
Location: The Barnbow, Austhorpe Road, Cross Gates, LS15 8EH

If you live or work in outer east Leeds we would be delighted to see you there!

Top photo: Police at a neighbourhood meeting for Halton Moor & East Osmondthorpe

Bottom photo: Police at a Swarcliffe gala



What happened at the December meeting?

Projects approved from the Wellbeing Budget

- £5,148 to allow the continuation of the Money Buddy facilities in outer east (see next page)
- £3,000 for additional litter bins across outer east
- £2,000 for a noticeboard on Osmondthorpe Lane
- £1,500 towards a new Multi Use Games Area at Micklefield Recreation Ground
- £1,500 towards a skate park in Kippax



Your health and your healthcare

The December Outer East Community Committee hosted a workshop to discuss how health services in the area could be more. It was run by the Leeds South & East Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), created through the UK's Health and Social Care Act in 2012. Leeds has three CCGs.

Held at Christ Church in Halton, the workshop was entitled "Your Health & Your Healthcare" and discussions took place about the many ways people can look after themselves and those they care for without going straight to the GP or A&E. Initial support includes chemists, keeping as fit as possible, using preventative medicine and making use of any available vaccinations and check-ups.

Another aspect of the workshop considered the time

constraints on GPs in Leeds. As GP practices are privately owned, when a doctor retires there is no guarantee that the practice can continue or that an alternate venue can be found. So in addition to covering their designated areas, often a GP's practice also needs to squeeze in temporary help for others.

The health discussion is now continuing through several forum meetings around outer east Leeds.

To help you find the best route to support your health, why not contact *Connect for Health*? Run by the CCG, the system appreciates everyone is different and works with you to find out what challenges you are facing. You will then be supported to access the right group. Call 0113 387 6380 or visit connectforhealthleeds.org.uk

Work Club

If you're looking for a job, the Work Club could be the perfect launch pad. Open on most Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, the work club is open to all residents of the area and takes place in Swarcliffe Community Centre.

Funded by the local councillors, the sessions are free to attend, with specialist help from the LS14 Trust. In addition to a cuppa, the Work Club offers expert advice on getting a job, preparing a great CV, help setting up your own business, specialist skills and volunteering opportunities to help find a job for you.

Chair of the Project Board, Cllr Peter Gruen, said: "We want to help people of all ages to either get into their first work opportunity or to support those residents who have found themselves out of work and need a friendly face and good advice on how to go about finding new work. Swarcliffe Community Centre is at the heart of our community and is a symbol of our spirit to work together to make things happen."

Swarcliffe Work Club
A place of opportunity.

Swarcliffe Work Club is a place to meet, exchange skills, share experiences and find opportunities.

Drop in for a cuppa and find out how we can help you.

- Writing successful CVs and covering letters.
- Effective online job searching.
- Setting up a professional email account and creating an online portfolio.
- Setting up your own business.
- Personalised IT Support through the Leeds Digital Passport.
- Using social media to access opportunities.
- Accessing volunteering opportunities.
- Support with Universal Job Match.

Mondays - 9:30am - 12:30pm Wednesdays - 1pm - 4pm

Supported by Cross Gates & Whinmoor Councillors and Outer East Community Committee.

Swarcliffe Community Centre (Formerly St Gregory's Youth and Adult Centre) Stank's Gardens, Leeds LS14 5LS Tel: 0113 318 0522

Further details can be found by calling 0113 318 0522 or via ls14trust.org/swarcliffe-work-club

Looking ahead...

CLEAN LEEDS Clean Leeds Community Action Event

Join us taking action to keep Leeds clean

WHEN: Thursday 23 February 2017
WHERE: Pudsey Civic Hall
TIME: 10am - 2pm

From litter and flytipping to dog fouling and problems caused by general waste

We want everyone interested in seeing Leeds become cleaner join us as we share ideas, seek mutual support and plan local activities.

Register here for the event and to find out more:

- <http://po.st/CleanLeeds17>;
- email cleanleeds@leeds.gov.uk;
- or call 0113 3787888 during office hours

Why not spring into action...



The Outer East Community Committee can provide FREE skips for community clean ups in your neighbourhood - just ask!

0113 378 5808 / Facebook: [LccOuterEast](https://www.facebook.com/LccOuterEast)

Struggling with debt after Christmas? Bills coming in and you're worried about how to pay them? Contact Money Buddies for support and signposting to other organisations who can help.



Money Buddies are volunteers who will work with you to help you save money, maximise your income, develop budgets, negotiate with people you owe money to and much more. They have volunteers based in this area, funded by the Outer East Community Committee. To find a volunteer near you, ring Leeds Money Buddies on 0113 235 0276 or have a look at leedsmoneybuddies.weebly.com

Why not try Leeds Credit Union for an affordable loan? If you are eligible, this will be tailored to you, based on the amount you can pay back, with a fair interest rate. Ask about a Bill Paying Account to help with budgeting or a Christmas Club Account to help save for next Christmas. For more info, go to leedscitycreditunion.co.uk or ring 0113 242 3343.

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THEY MAY THREATEN OR USE VIOLENCE AGAINST THOSE WHO CAN'T REPAY

THE AMOUNT THEY WANT BACK IS USUALLY A LOT MORE THAN YOU BORROWED

LOAN SHARKS OFTEN CLAIM BENEFITS AND PAY NO INCOME TAX

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Report loan sharks anonymously on 0300 555 2222 or call police on 101

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