

### Appendix 3: Killingbeck & Seacroft Target Ward Update

1. Work is taking place with the current users of the **Denis Healey Centre** and potential new users to try and re-establish it as a community asset. Repairs and cosmetic work will be taking place over the next few months to make this a more welcoming community centre. As well as the building itself, there are plans to consult with residents on **Seacroft Gardens** with a view to improving the **greenspace and playground** working closely with Parks and Countryside, Tesco, the Youth Offer Team and local ward councillors.
2. **Seacroft Christmas Gala** took place over the Christmas Period over four venues in Seacroft with good community support, Santa's grotto, face painting, a musicathon, pop up café and more. This was organised through the Seacroft Gala Committee with support from LCC Communities Team, Community Hub, Housing Leeds and Ward Councillors. The Communities Team had a stall to complete the final batch of Seacroft Priority Neighbourhood surveys along with providing craft activities for young people and families.
3. The **Seacroft Christmas Spending Event** took place in Seacroft in partnership with the Communities Team, Community Hub, LS14 Trust and Chapel FM. This attracted over 150 people who sought advice on budgeting around Christmas time and the negative impact of using loan sharks. The event was a huge success with positive feedback from the community, information and stalls along with free food, music and family activities.
4. Work continues to take place at **Parkway Towers** through LS14 Trust, Housing Leeds and Zest Health for life to try and engage the tenants to come together and enjoy food, activities and conversations.
5. To drive work in the **Boggart Hill Priority Neighbourhood a Core Team** has been established and has met 8 times with the inaugural meeting having taken place in October 2017. It is well attended by range of services including LCC departments, local primary and high schools, and GPs / Business Manager from Seacroft and Crossgates Local Care Partnership. Action plan agreed and will be updated early 2019.
6. Approximately **250 Priority Neighbourhood surveys** completed to December 2018. The partners have developed and delivered a brand new survey and worked hard to ensure responses. Historically responses to consultation in the area has been poor. The majority of responses are from Housing Leeds tenants, completed as part of Annual Home Visits, whilst Employment and Skills and Communities Team staff have completed the surveys with a sample of around 25 residents who have bought Strata properties. In addition, Connect Housing officers completed surveys with their tenants. Early analysis is starting to provide some useful information. Results have been shared with the Core Team and were presented to the community for sense checking at an **Open Day at Kentmere Community Centre** in February. In addition, findings will be shared on social media.
7. A **Welcome Pack** has been produced and distributed to the majority of households within the Priority Neighbourhood, including details of community facilities and organisations. This has been distributed widely including by door to door including by the communities team. It has also been made available on line.
8. A **joint communications programme with LS14 Trust** with a focus on 12 weeks of engagement activities over summer 2018 resulted in greater local attendance at events and increased engagement with LS14 Trust. To note, LS14 Trust Facebook page 'likes' increased by 279 from July 2018 to date which corresponds with our joint communications activities. Engagement with the Council has increased, particularly Deacon House Community Hub.

9. Communities Team have supported and accelerated the consultation programme for section 106 funding to inform first phase of funding available for **'access and play' improvements to Rein Park**. Funding became available via Parks & Countryside budget from March 2018. The general Priority Neighbourhood Survey took place over summer and was followed later in 2018 with the Communities Team delivering surveys to 250 properties surrounding the park. In addition consultation on Local Centres Programme shop front improvements has included an opportunity for people to make comments on Rein Park. This included around 200 properties. Consultation at events has taken place in conjunction with Groundwork. Responses are currently being analysed and will be considered alongside comments on social media.
10. A **Project Development Worker Apprentice** has been in post since May 2018, based at Deacon House, utilising Public Health funding specifically allocated to the Priority Neighbourhood, together with Community Committee and Apprenticeship Levy funding. The role adopts a community development approach which identifies gaps in local groups and activities and bolts on to the social prescribing model. Tight outcomes have been drawn up linked to the Better Together contract and a 6 month report is available on request. The Apprentice has made a huge impact in improving community engagement with the Hub and improving links with local 3rd sector organisations. The Apprentice has recruited 10 local Community Health Champions. The Apprentice has established a gardening group run by volunteers and a 'Live Well café' at The Recovery Hub – linking in with GP surgeries for referrals but also open to the public.
11. Under the umbrella of the Core Team, a task group has been pulled together to consider urgent next steps to tackle the very problematic **Kingsdale Court**. Partners are working together to improve conditions for residents and take appropriate enforcement but the full weight of LCC and partners powers are required to tackle this site in the short, medium and long term.
12. A **Children & Young People's Sub Group** currently allows partners to share information and improve and coordinate the offer to young people e.g. local summer and half term holiday programme.
13. The **January 2019 Core Team** was utilised to run a 'mastermind' workshop. Active Leeds have been working with SMG consultants on a physical activity insight paper for selected localities within Leeds, which **will hopefully unlock £500K of funding from Sport England**. Without this insight work we cannot access the funding from Sport England. It's crucial that we demonstrate that we understand the community and the people that do great things already and how we may harness this potential to develop physical activity.
14. **Kentmere Community Centre Open House** event took place on February 4<sup>th</sup> with around 90 local residents attending. The event:
  - showcased positive activity available for local residents to engage with e.g. boxing, drama and dance under new local management of Leeds Community Spaces, presented consultation results from the Priority Neighbourhood Survey
  - further informed Section 106 spend in Rein Park
15. The Core Team has worked to promote the city's **Healthy Weight Declaration** and linked this locally with Active Leeds activities and pre and post-natal activities in conjunction with LS14 Trust.

16. The Core Team has worked to increasing referrals to employment support programmes such as **Stronger Families and STEP (Skills Training and Employment Pathway)** and to raise awareness of opportunities through the Community Led Local Development '**Energising East Leeds**' programme which offers European funding to support those who are furthest from the labour market.
17. Through the **Local Centres Programme (LCP)**, £150k funding has been approved by Executive Board for capital improvement schemes at Ramshead Hill and Boggart Hill Drive shopping parades, both adjacent to the priority neighbourhood. A survey has been delivered to 200 properties surrounding these schemes with a reasonable response rate. Analysis is currently being undertaken to inform the detailed scheme design. A further LCP scheme has been approved to support Heads Together to purchase the Methodist hall next door to their current premises and allow significant Arts Council England funding to develop and expand Chapel FM into this space, whilst continuing to support South Seacroft Good Neighbours to operate from this base.
18. **The Gate former public house** immediately adjacent to the priority neighbourhood has been derelict for several years. The Communities Team and ward members have worked with Leeds Community Spaces who have recently taken over Kentmere Community Centre to relocate Seacroft Select Boxing Club from the damp, unpleasant and potentially dangerous basement of the disused pub to the re-launched community centre, leaving the premises void of any use. In addition to limited environmental enforcement, future plans for the site are now being actively pursued.
19. **Streetworks Soccer**, funded through the Community Committee have **helped tackle ASB** especially around Boggart Hill Drive shops and ensured use of MUGA in Rein Park, regular attendance from around 15 young people weekly. Support has been given to local organisations such as Seacroft Select Boxing, Rein Park Runners and activities run by Active Leeds e.g. Bumps and Babes. A **Junior Park Run** is now being planned.
20. Work in the priority neighbourhood has provided input to a **Sheffield Hallam Joseph Rowntree Foundation research project** which is now informing WYCA and hopefully **influencing future transport policy**.
21. The Council is undertaking a **#LeedsByExample** trial to collect and recycle drink and food packaging consumed on the go. In partnership with environmental charity Hubbub, a campaign is running in Leeds City Centre with Seacroft as a comparator location to explore a range of potential solutions including behaviour change, new infrastructure and awareness raising. Robust evaluation will be used to influence policy-makers, whilst leaving a legacy for Leeds. This good news story will help positive promotion of Seacroft.
22. Very recently **£5,000** has been awarded through the **Safer Communities Fund** to tackle **illegal and nuisance motorbike issues** across the ward.
23. There has been a push through the Core Team **for free Wi-Fi at the Denis Healey Centre and in Rein Park through the Smart Cities programme**.