



Report of The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods Directorate

Meeting: Outer East Leeds Area Committee

Date: Tuesday 8th of July 2008

Subject: Area Manager's Update Report

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>All Outer East Wards</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report identifies a range of activity which has been undertaken in recent months by the Area Management Team and/or in conjunction with others.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 This report provides an update from the Area Manager on the work of the Area Management Team since the last Area Committee meeting, allowing the opportunity for members to request further information or make comment.

2.0 CLEANER GREENER NEIGHBOURHOODS

2.1 Environmental Projects

2.1.1 Garforth Welcome Stones (funded by Outer East Area Committee) have now been installed at the 3 main entrances into Garforth. Garforth Residents Association and Garforth Lions have expressed an interest in creating small gardens around the stones in preparation for Garforth being involved in the 'in bloom' competition.

2.1.2 Work started in June to replace the redgra surface at Fieldhead Carr (Whinmoor) sports pitches with grass. The work will take approximately 8 weeks but will not be

playable until summer 2009. This project came out of the North Whinmoor Forum and is funded by Area Committee capital funds and Section 106.

2.1.3 There were several community clean ups during this period across the Outer East area which are detailed below:

- **Whinmoor** - Coal Road Clean up on 4th of June 2008 organised by Neighbourhood Warden. The outcomes included an area notorious for fly tipping being cleared up with help from 8 community volunteers and support from Probation Services.
- **Micklefield** – clean up of Garden Village on 3rd of June 2008 organised by the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Warden. The outcomes included having this pre-war estate tidied up with 10 local volunteers recruited to help.
- **Cross Hills (Kippax)** – this community clean up was organised by the Neighbourhood Warden on 5th June 2008. The outcomes included a clean sweep of the area with at least 10 local volunteers recruited to help.
- **Osmondthorpe Action Day** – this clean up was organised by the Neighbourhood Warden with support from estate caretakers employed by ENE Homes. The outputs included a tidy up of the whole estate but there were no local volunteers involved.
- **Summerhill Road (Garforth)** – this clean up was organised by the Neighbourhood Warden on 29th of May 2008. It attracted a small number of local volunteers and helped tidy up a litter strewn street.

2.1.4 The 'Community Payback Scheme' that provides a dedicated team for Outer East Leeds funded by Area Committee carried out a number of jobs across the area. Some examples of the work that has been completed since April 2008 are listed below:

- Paint inside of **Whinmoor** Bowling Club, Hebden Approach – Cross Gates and Whinmoor Ward - application from Mike Weaver, Neighbourhood Warden.
- Clear overgrown footpath to Woodland Croft and Appleton Lane in **Kippax** of vegetation to enable wheelchair and pushchair users to use the path; also clear rubbish caused by fly tipping – Kippax and Methley Ward – applied for by Ronald Shaw, Kippax Parish Council.
- Deliver leaflets on behalf of local agencies to 1000 dwellings in **Osmondthorpe** estate as part of a multi agency tasking operation. – Temple Newsam Ward – applied for by Steve Lake – Re-new
- Corner of Railway Bridge, Great North Road, Micklefield – the flower bed needed raising by edging with railway sleepers, cut sleepers and secured them in place – Kippax and Methley Ward – applied for by Carolyn Walker, **Micklefield** in Bloom
- Churchyard at St Mary's Church, Station Road, Allerton Bywater – had grass cut, strimming around the gravestone and tidy up churchyard. – Kippax and Methley Ward – applied for by Steve Murray, Chair of **Allerton Bywater** Parish Council
- Trees have been cut back, hedges removed and rubbish removed at Whitehouse Lane and Aberford Road picnic area, **Swillington** – Garforth and Swillington Ward – applied for by Inspector E. Belton, West Yorkshire Police

- Clearing the banking at Cock Beck, **Manston** of litter and general waste – Cross Gates and Whinmoor Ward – applied for by Nathan Vaughn, Neighbourhood Warden

3.0 INVOLVING COMMUNITIES

3.1 Older Peoples Event Week

- 3.1.1 The project team responsible for delivering this week of events started meeting in April to organise the activities for this year. The team is led by Area Management but also includes representatives from Aire Valley Homes, Neighbourhood Wardens, several voluntary organisations supporting elderly people and a number of local volunteers.
- 3.1.2 The main purpose of the project is to acknowledge the contribution older people have made and continue to make in our communities. This acknowledgement is through providing a social outlet and some entertainment. However, it also provides us with an opportunity to engage with older people and provide advice and assistance on a range of services that are there to help them with information stalls provided by Aire Valley Homes, WY Police, the Fire Service, Social Services, Garforth Lions, Neighbourhood Elders Team etc.
- 3.1.3 The Dates and venues for this year are:
- Monday 22 September – Cross Hills Court, Kippax
 - Tuesday 23 September – St Gregory's Youth & Adult Centre, Swarcliffe
 - Wednesday 24th September – Great & Little Preston Village Hall
 - Thursday 25th September – Christ Church Hall, Halton
 - Friday 26th September – Garforth Miners Welfare Hall
- 3.1.3 Entertainment will be provided by local school choirs; a pantomime will perform at some of the events; Studio La Pointe Dance School will perform in Garforth. As well as providing entertainment, this type of work delivers community cohesion outputs in the form of inter-generational work.
- 3.1.4 Transport will be available for those that require it. There will be a variety of stalls providing information and advice as well as the regular features of bingo, awards, buffets etc.

3.2 Other Community Events, Gala's and activities 2008

- 3.2.1 Outer East Area Management have been involved in or have helped secure funding from Area Committee for the following events in the area this summer:
- Kippax Gala – 22nd June 2008
 - Halton Moor & Osmondthorpe Gala – 21st June 2008
 - Garforth Arts Festival – 24th June to 5th of July 2008
 - Cross Gates (Manston) – 28th June 2008

3.3 Community Centres

- 3.3.1 Work is ongoing to develop and help set up a community group to take on the management of Fieldhead Carr Community Centre. A survey of local community and voluntary groups has been carried out to get their views on how they would like to see this centre develop. At the time of writing this report an analysis of the survey returns was being carried out.
- 3.3.2 A working group made up of officers and Ward Members will be set up to progress issues relating to the management and charging policies of community centres that will become the responsibility of Area Committees.

4.0 MORE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

4.1 Cricket Coaching

- 4.1.1 Outer East Area Committee has provided funding to bring cricket coaches in from Yorkshire CCC to help coach youngsters in the 9 years to 15 year age group. A week of cricket coaching took place in Methley over the half term school break and there will be 2 weeks of coaching during the summer holidays with week 1 in Kippax w/c 4th of August 2008 and week 2 in Whitkirk w/c 11th August 2008.
- 4.1.2 All Schools have been contacted about this project and have been asked to divulge this information to its pupils and parents of pupils.

4.2 Activities for young people

- 4.2.1 Youth Service in each of the 4 Outer East Wards provided a number of activities for young people with funding from Area Committee to support this work. The work will continue during the summer holidays and includes diversionary work, fun activities, confidence building etc. High Schools in each ward will provide pupils with detailed information on programmes and how to access them.

4.3 Outer East Sports Project 2008

- 4.3.1 This is the third year that Outer East Area Committee has funded a school sports project in the area. This year the project will see Sport Development Unit staff working in schools to create pathways for children to participate in a range of sports at school and continue to participate in sport at community sports clubs local to them.
- 4.3.2 To help sustain activity and provide opportunities to develop volunteers and coaches for the future, a need to engage senior high school pupils in leadership and coaching education courses has been developed.
- 4.3.3 The 2006 and 2007 projects concentrated on curriculum coaching and inter school festivals. In 2008 the project will concentrate on curriculum coaching, coaching education for high school pupils and staff, links to existing clubs and the creation of new out of school provision
- 4.3.4 The objectives of the course are:
- To run leadership and coach education courses for year 10 and 12 pupils, teachers and leisure centre staff.
 - To develop sustainable links between schools and community sport clubs.

- To establish new out of school sport and physical activity opportunities.
- To promote out of school sport and physical activity opportunities.

4.3.5 The project outputs will be measured as follows:

- By enrolling on one or more of these courses at a local venue it will increase student employability before plunging into the job market.
- It will empower students, teachers and leisure centre staff to become more confident with delivering sporting activities with the community.
- It will provide opportunities for new community sports clubs within the local areas at schools or leisure centres.

5.0 REGENERATING AREAS

5.1 Town & District Centre Regeneration

5.1.1 A report on Town & District Centre Regeneration in Outer East is on the agenda.

5.2 Micklefield Regeneration Forum

5.2.1 The bid by Micklefield Parish Council on behalf of the Micklefield Regeneration Forum was successful in securing funding for a skatepark in Micklefield. The funding has been obtained from the Grantscape Community Fund (Caird Barden landfill tax).

5.2.2 The Forum agreed the final designs for the entrance feature to Peckfield Business Park. Work is anticipated to commence in September 2008. This work is funded through the £250k obtained from Yorkshire Forward to help regenerate this former mining village.

5.3 Intensive Neighbourhood Management (INM)

5.3.1 Osmondthorpe and Halton Moor Gala day, funded by Outer East Area Committee and organised through the Intensive Neighbourhood Management arrangements is taking place on the 21st of June. This event is in its second year and it is hoped it will be double the size of last year's successful event. Support will be provided by Neighbourhood Wardens working in Outer East Leeds.

5.3.2 Neighbourhood Tasking Meetings - the INM team co-chair these meetings with the NPT Inspector for the Temple Newsam Ward. They have delivered Operation Champion (April 2008); purchasing of burglary reduction equipment for the area (Smartwater); funded a Police crack down of off licences and under age drinking; funded the installation of CCTV equipment to target problem areas; run multi agency operations to tackle crime and ASB in the area. Details of some of the outputs have been:

- 8 off licences visited where test purchases were carried out: of these 2 failed
- 160 'smartwater' kits fitted to domestic properties in Halton Moor & East Osmondthorpe
- 2 covert cameras have been installed to identify those involved in Hate Crime. At time of writing report this has not yet resulted in any arrests
- 38 visits carried in 'Operation Champion' to warn those alleged to be involved in ASB or reassure those that have been victims of ASB

- 5.3.3 £5K was received from the Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) to deliver projects in the target area, these included a joint environmental improvement scheme with ENEHL and the purchasing of paint for the feature walls in Halton Moor. The paint is designed to not allow graffiti and has proved very effective in other areas of Leeds.
- 5.3.4 The Community Base House has largely been coordinated by the INM team in the area. Funding has been found for the improvements and security to the dwelling and to ensure it meets DDA guidelines for public and agency access. These are almost complete and a lease is being signed by WYP. It is hoped that it can be up and running in July 2008
- 5.3.5 Community Cohesion on the estate is a serious issue. The INM team have acquired funding from Safer Leeds for 6 covert CCTV cameras for victims of hate crimes in this area. They have coordinated two professional witness schemes and have delivered (with partner support) a school based anti racism campaign in all the local primary schools called Show Racism the Red Card. This has been extremely well received and funding is now being sought to continue this work in future years. In addition two of the local primary schools and the local Youth Inclusion project will be designing banners to be placed on lampposts along Halton Moor Avenue and Neville Road with young persons anti racism messages.
- 5.3.6 A recent tracking survey of the INM area has been completed and is being used to steer the INM plans for the next twelve months. Copies of this survey are available to Members as required. Highlights have been a reduction in the fear of crime and ASB in most parts of the area, areas to concentrate on appear to be environmental issues, notably dog fouling and roaming in the area, littering and untidy gardens. Operations are being planned that aim to tackle these issues.
- 5.3.7 Youth Provision in the target area. The INM team in partnership with the Extended Services and other delivery partners have put in place a full holiday schedule for activities during the summer. This is supported with funding from Outer East Area Committee Well Being Budget. The activities will be primarily based at Meadowfield Primary School and will be free of charge for all young people attending.

6.0 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

6.1 Neighbourhood Wardens

6.1.1 Neighbourhood Wardens have played a key role in organising activities already referred to in this report including Older Peoples Week, community clean up's etc. Examples of other work include:

- Environmental audits
- Work with the Police to provide smartwater in domestic premises
- Home visits with Police and ASBu to underage drinkers
- Clear up Chippy's Quarry with local volunteers
- Weapons awareness training with Whinmoor Warriors JRLFC

6.1.2 Neighbourhood Wardens continue to play an active role in the work of the Neighbourhood Management 'Tasking Teams' including:

- Home visits with PCSO's/ASBu to known teenage drinkers
- Work to reduce nuisance in problem ginnels

- Identifying vulnerable properties for 'smartwater'.

7.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

7.1 No specific issues are identified.

8.0 Legal and Resource Implications

8.1 No specific issues are identified

9.0 Recommendations

9.1 The Committee is asked:

- a) To note the contents of this report
- b) Make comment or request further information as appropriate on any of the items in this report