

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

**Report to:** Inner South Community Committee:  
Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside, Middleton Park

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**To Note**

## **Inner South Community Committee - Update Report**

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### **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**

#### **Children and Families - Champion: Cllr G Almas**

3. A Children's and Families sub-group meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the Youth Summit for 22/23 to set date, and how this will be delivered in for young people.
4. The summits are an opportunity for young people to engage with each committee on their priorities for budget spend in relation to the Youth Activity Fund (a delegated

budget that is given to each committee). Youth Summits provide an excellent platform to consult with many young people in each respective committee event/area.

5. The Inner South Youth Summit has been arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at The Civic Hall.

### **Environment and Community Safety Champion: Cllr Iqbal (Environment & Community Safety)**

6. A verbal update will be provided at next Inner South Community Committee and a sub-group will be booked in following the Inner South Community Committee.

### **Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Champion: Cllr Burke**

7. A sub-group was arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 however, the meeting was cancelled and will be rearranged in due course.
8. The Vitamin D Campaign has continued, and various engagement/digital drop-in sessions have taken place at HAMARA, Holbeck Together and Middleton Elderly Aid and other smaller community groups. Key themes have been identified through these engagement activities and the feedback survey responses have been complied.

### **Update from Key Services**

#### Police Update

9. The off-road bike team has funding for its full-time supervisory structure, as well as an uplift in staffing and equipment. ASB through motorcycles and quad bikes remains the number one source of ASB for the district. There are force discussions around tactical options for dealing with pursuits of these vehicles. Offenders are often without a helmet, and it is a reasonable assumption that they are juvenile and therefore lacking in driving/riding skill/experience. This makes pursuits extremely dangerous, with a high probability of serious injury, not just to the rider/passenger, but to the public and the police. This is not an easy problem to solve, but there remains an appetite to improve the current position. A recent team operation located 19 stolen high-powered motorcycles, with a total value in excess of £150,000.
10. Travellers: New legislation is in use and has been used since its inception. What appears to be a winning formula is the sharing of reports of ASB/crime from MPs, Police and Elected members. This has really helped me to make some quick decisions around use of Section 61 powers. Officers attend regularly and use bodyworn video to capture the condition of the sites, which can then be used to support the removal. A shared communication strategy throughout helps to maintain trust and confidence in our collective approach.
11. Day of action: This was a really effective day of action with the use of force and district resources. Multiple arrests were made, numerous weapons recovered and significant visible presence was achieved throughout the NPT area. The numerous

positive results were shared via the force social media accounts and included a professional video from our media imaging team. The reach of these posts was over 150,000 local people and sent a message around the action my teams are taking to reduce the most harmful crime types.

12. The cuckooing forum is up and running, which should help to protect vulnerable people from cuckooing, identify new trap houses early and to take a partnership approach to reducing the harm/ASB caused.

13. Weapons/violence: Some very good work has been carried out around diversion and enforcement.

Serious and Acquisitive Crime

Beeston and Holbeck

	<b>July Crime</b>	<b>June Crime</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	12	6
<b>Robbery</b>	6	3
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	11	15
<b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>	10	2
<b>Hate crime</b>	14	9
<b>Hate incident</b>	6	2

Hunslet and Riverside

	<b>July crime</b>	<b>June Crime</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	14	8
<b>Robbery</b>	7	6
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	13	9
<b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>	8	9
<b>Hate crime</b>	5	4
<b>Hate incident</b>	5	2

Middleton and Belle Isle

	<b>July crime</b>	<b>June crime</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	15	13
<b>Robbery</b>	2	1
<b>Theft from Motor Vehicle</b>	5	7
<b>Theft of Motor Vehicle</b>	6	2
<b>Hate crime</b>	3	6
<b>Hate incident</b>	0	0

ASB

Beeston and Holbeck

<b>Row Labels</b>	<b>Count of Incident Ref</b>
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<b>ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED</b>	<b>8</b>
CROSS FLATTS RD	1
GELDERD RD	1
HOLBECK MOOR RD	1
MEYNELL SQ	1
PARKWOOD CR	1
PARKWOOD RD	1
RING RD	2
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	<b>2</b>
CROSS FLATTS CR	1
PARKWOOD RD	1
<b>NEIGHBOUR RELATED</b>	<b>7</b>
MILLSHAW RD	1
OAKHURST AVE	1
PARKWOOD RD	1
RING RD	1
SHAFTON PL	1
SUNNYVIEW TER	1
TILBURY PDE	1
<b>NUISANCE CAR/VAN</b>	<b>3</b>
ELLAND RD	1
LOW FIELDS RD	1
LOWFIELDS RD	1
<b>NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE</b>	<b>6</b>
BEESTON RD	2
COTTINGLEY APPR	1
CROSS FLATTS PARK DEWSBURY RD	1
DEWSBURY RD	1
RECREATION TER	1
<b>YOUTH RELATED</b>	<b>18</b>
ALLENBY RD	1
BARKLY RD	1
BEESTON PARK GR	1
BENYON PARK WAY	1
BROWN LN EAST	1
CROSS FLATS PARK PARKFIELD AVE	1
CROSS FLATTS AVE	1
DALTON RD	1
INGRAM RD	1
JENKINSON LAWN	3
PARKFIELD GR	1
PARKWOOD CR	1
RING RD	3

SANDLEWOOD CL	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>44</b>

Hunslet and Riverside

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
<b>ADULT NUISANCE - NON ALCOHOL RELATED</b>	<b>4</b>
BISMARCK DR	1
LADY PIT LN	1
MALTINGS CT	1
WOODVIEW ST	1
<b>LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA</b>	<b>1</b>
STRATFORD ST	1
<b>NEIGHBOUR RELATED</b>	<b>7</b>
ATKINSON ST	1
GARNET GR	1
HARLECH CR	1
LONGROYD AVE	1
LONGROYD VW	1
ROCHEFORD CL	1
WOODVIEW ST	1
<b>NUISANCE CAR/VAN</b>	<b>1</b>
MOOR CR	1
<b>NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE</b>	<b>9</b>
DEWSBURY ROAD	1
HARLECH CR	1
LADY PIT LN	1
PENNY LANE WAY	1
TEMPEST RD	1
THE OVAL	2
TRENTAM ST	2
<b>YOUTH RELATED</b>	<b>8</b>
ARTHINGTON VW	2
ATKINSON ST	1
BURLINGTON RD	1
FLAXTON GDNS	1
RINGTON RD	1
THE OVAL	1
WAKEFIELD RD	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>30</b>

Middleton and Belle Isle

Row Labels	Count of Incident Ref
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	<b>1</b>
OLD RUN RD	1
<b>FIREWORKS/SNOWBALLING</b>	<b>1</b>
MIDDLETON RD	1
<b>LITTERING/DRUGS PARAPHERNALIA</b>	<b>1</b>
SISSONS RD	1
<b>NEIGHBOUR RELATED</b>	<b>2</b>
THORPE ST	2
<b>NUISANCE CAR/VAN</b>	<b>1</b>
WAGGON RD	1
<b>NUISANCE MOTORCYCLE/QUAD BIKE</b>	<b>19</b>
ABERFIELD GATE	1
BELLE ISLE RD	5
HOPES FARM RD	1
MIDDLETON GR	1
MIDDLETON PARK RD	1
ORION WK	1
RAYLANDS WAY	1
SISSONS LN	1
ST GEORGES RD	1
THROSTLE RD	1
TOWN ST	2
WAGGON RD	2
WINROSE DR	1
<b>YOUTH RELATED</b>	<b>9</b>
ACRE CT	1
ACRE RD	1
BELLE ISLE RD	3
ELMTON CL	1
SISSONS GRE	1
THROSTLE LN	1
TOWN ST	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34</b>

#### Beeston and Holbeck

#### NPT Priorities

14. **To act on community intelligence to tackle and disrupt the illegal supply of drugs in the Beeston and Holbeck area.** We will be increasing high visibility patrols in the area and using a number of different tactics to disrupt the drugs supply including executing warrants where we have intelligence. You can help us by

reporting any information or concerns you have directly to us or by using Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

- 15. To continue to work in partnership to tackle the problems caused by on-street sex working in the Holbeck area of Leeds.** Dedicated officers will conduct intelligence led, high visibility patrols in the Holbeck area and will respond to community concerns raised through the dedicated phone number.

#### Ongoing Updates from NPT Priorities above

16. Weekly tasking meetings have been held with partners to create bespoke action plans for individuals involved in sex working. Enforcement action has been taken against individuals committing offences in the area.

#### Hunslet and Riverside

##### NPT Priorities

17. To reduce persistent begging in the Dewsbury Road area – through proactive high-visibility patrols and partnership working, we shall work to engage with those involved in persistent begging in the area, encouraging those individuals to access support services and taking action against those who continue to persistently beg.
18. To act on community intelligence to tackle and disrupt the illegal supply of drugs and the linked anti-social behaviour which affects those living in the community. We will conduct high visibility patrols in the area and use a number of different tactics to disrupt the drugs supply, including executing warrants where we have intelligence. You can help us by reporting any information or concerns you have directly to us or by using Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

#### Updates from previous priorities

19. As a result of increased patrols, crime prevention advice being given to residents and businesses in the Fox Way Industrial area we have seen a decrease in theft offences in this particular area however we will continue to monitor this and still provide high visibility patrols to deter offenders.
20. Drug supply – Officers have utilised a variety of policing tactics, including warrants and stop search to disrupt drug supply in the area. We have also worked with partner agencies resulting in closure orders being obtained in relation to problem addresses linked with drugs and drug related anti-social behaviour.

#### Middleton and Belle Isle

##### NPT Priorities

21. To target Anti-Social Vehicle use, speeding and inconsiderate driving of off road biker, scooters, quads and electric bikes in and around Sharp Lane / Middleton parks and Belle isle road near to the Aberfield's. We will be increasing patrols in the areas on conjunction with the off road motorcycle teams.

- 22. To disrupt and engage with nuisance youths at Acre road, Sisson's, Middleton park avenue area and the surrounding streets in particular the disruption and criminal damages to the buses. If you have any information in relation to this issue please ring 101 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)
- 23. To disrupt and engage with nuisance youths in the Middleton Park Circus around the shops. Monthly community meeting on the 1st Monday of each month, 1800hrs at the Middleton elderly aid in conjunction with the Middleton community group.
- 24. To target the anti-social behaviour around the shops and Bitmo on Belle Isle Road

Updates on continuing priorities

- 25. Anti-social vehicle use– We have maintained a Police presence in the area and work is ongoing to trace the location the bikes are stored

**CCTV Update**

- 26. The Leedswatch service is currently undergoing a review which is looking at all aspects of the service, including the operation of the control room, effectiveness of its cameras.
- 27. The review is also to include a reporting strand which will serve to agree the way forward to provide information regarding CCTV to Councillors and Partners.
- 28. This report covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time for the cameras located in the Inner South area committee area, for quarter 2 2022/2023.

List of current cameras in the Inner South area

- 29. 31 cameras were used to report the incidents that have been captured in the Inner South area committee within this quarter.

GDPR – Information Sharing

- 30. The introduction of the GDPR 2018 regulations reviewed the area of information sharing and therefore restricted the detail of what can be provided. As a result, the content of this report may not have the detail of specific incidents previously reported but provides a summary of the types of incidents within the area.

Incidents captured by CCTV operators:

<b>Qtr. 2 – Inner South Cameras incidents (14th June - 25th August 2022)</b>					
	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Total incidents per category</b>	
Alarm Activation				Alarm Activation	<b>0</b>
Animals				Animals	<b>0</b>
ASB		8	15	ASB	<b>23</b>



Cash In Transit				Cash In Transit	0
Drugs		1		Drugs	1
Enforcement				Enforcement	0
Fire	1	1	1	Fire	3
Health & Safety	2	3	3	Health & Safety	8
Police Operation	1		3	Police Operation	4
Public Order	1	7	2	Public Order	10
Road Traffic	1	1	3	Road Traffic	5
Sexual Offences		2		Sexual Offences	2
Suspicious Events	1			Suspicious Events	1
Theft		1		Theft	1
Travellers		1		Travellers	1
Weather				Weather	0
Metro				Metro	0
<b>Total Per Month</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Total sum of incidents</b>	<b>59</b>

31. CCTV also contributes towards Police enquiries as requests are made for footage which may not have been observed “real time”. These incidents are not included in this report but can contribute towards arrests being made in the Inner South Area.

32. Following the recent announcement of the new Full Fibre Network provider being awarded to BT work will now commence to upgrade all CCTV cameras from analogue to digital. This will significantly improve the image quality and increased effectiveness of cameras in the Ward.

#### Requests for new Cameras

33. The Surveillance Camera Commissioner is appointed by the Home Secretary to ensure that surveillance camera systems in public places keep people safe and protect and support them.

34. Following changes to Data Protection legislation the council needs to ensure that all its CCTV systems are managed in line with the Commissioner’s recommendations to ensure there are no data breaches (this includes CCTV systems in all Leeds City Council assets including libraries, sports centres, council vehicles fitted with CCTV, etc.).

35. A dedicated CCTV compliance team has been established within Leeds City Council.

36. The compliance team also work closely with Information Governance to assist in ensuring all system owners are compliant with their codes of practice, policies, and procedures.

## Public Health

### Covid-19 focused work

37. Public health is continuing to focus on reducing or eliminating the barriers some communities face in accessing Covid 19 vaccination, alongside work to support 'Living with Covid'. An analysis of vaccine uptake on a MSOA level revealed several areas with lower uptake. Measures to assist with access barriers include locating pop-up vaccination sites in community places situated near the residential areas of concern.
38. The covid vaccine nurses were present at the Beeston festival (25.06.22) and the Hunslet festival (02.07.22) where they administered 7 and 21 vaccines respectively.
39. Work is ongoing to deliver a Family Fun event in partnership with Hamara. Alongside the Covid nurses, there will be a school nurse and relevant service representation to engage local residents. There will also be street games, an ice-cream van and a bouncy castle.

### Better Together

40. The Better Together providers of Health For All, Holbeck Together, Asha and St Lukes Cares have delivered their first collective quarters monitoring of the year. 39 groups are currently running, they form a mixture of groups from the previous contract and new groups. 23 groups are fully supported and 14 are light touch supported – a move to sustainable groups.
41. Attendance figures show that they are attracting new members to both established groups and new groups with overall, good attendance figures.

### Your Space

42. The Your Space team have introduced new groups for year 4 of the contract. A Holbeck based, Womens' wellbeing group and Holbeck home cooking group is creating friendships and reducing self-reported loneliness among the attendees. Your Space teamed up with Active Leeds to deliver walker leader training to ten participants with very positive feedback and new walks being added to the menu of options.
43. A group in Belle Isle has celebrated its one-year anniversary by deciding to run themselves. Thus freeing up some time to allow the Your Space worker develop a new group – a book club.

### Beeston and Middleton Local Care Partnership

44. There are now four subgroups formed from this partnership;
1. The **Digital health Hub** – ongoing, but no further updates.
  2. **Mental health and wellbeing**. Following the workshop meeting, family and children provision was agreed as the focus. Discussions are focused on improving the pathway between GP referral and services.

- 3. Health Inequalities Bid.** A new year of funding from the Integrated Care Board and a bid submitted by Public Health, in partnership with Active Leeds and Groundworks has been successful. The initiative is supported by the LCP and Middleton PCN. Leeds Encouraging Exercising People (LEEP) will provide a GP referral pathway for presenting patients with diabetes or hypertension to a Clinical exercise facilitator who will develop, in conversation with the patient a bespoke exercise regime. Groundworks will provide gardening opportunities, while funding as subsidised the cost of an Active Leeds membership to £5 per month. For more information, please email [Nicola.kellyjohnson@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Nicola.kellyjohnson@leeds.gov.uk)
- 4. Domestic Violence and abuse.** This newly formed group is set to have an initial focus on the Middleton Park ward area. The group has met once and has agreed its Terms of Reference. Agreeing objectives is the current step which will be used to create an action plan for delivery. For more information, please email [Nicola.kellyjohnson@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Nicola.kellyjohnson@leeds.gov.uk)

### Locality-based projects

#### Green spaces in Middleton Park Ward

45. A recent health needs assessment highlighted the negative thoughts and concerns of the available green spaces in Middleton Park Ward. Working alongside BITMO, Parks and Countryside, local Councillors and other partners, Public Health are leading work to develop a consultation on the options available to local residents to improve the green spaces available.

#### Beeston Hill Pharmacy project

46. Following the undertaking of a health needs assessment in Beeston Hill residents raised concerns about the length of time taken to see a GP which led onto discussions about pharmacy services in the area. The Public Health Localities and Primary Care team, working alongside NHS partners, have begun discussions on how best to promote pharmacy services to residents in the area to offer an alternative to a GP appointment for minor ailments.

47. Following the roll out of the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS) in the area there is scope to work with community groups and third sector partners to raise awareness of the services offered within local pharmacies. Resources and information to support the work are currently being looked at and the Public Health and Localities officers are working with local pharmacists to set up information sessions to be delivered in the area.

#### Belle Isle and Middleton Community Network

48. With many of the organisations involved in the network raising concerns about re-engaging with residents in the area and opportunity has been taken to attend the Breeze event in Belle Isle. Part of the purpose will be to consult on the green space work but there is also an opportunity for network members to attend and promote the activities they have on offer while engaging residents in conversations about issues facing them at this current time.

## Public Health messages

### Air Quality and Health survey

49. Leeds City Councils Public Health Team are currently undertaking a health needs assessment to understand the level of need across Leeds in relation to air pollution.
50. As part of this, it is important to gather views of local residents as well as those working to support the health and wellbeing of Leeds residents in relation to how they feel about air pollution in the city. The feedback will be used to evaluate local knowledge around air pollution and how this can impact on health.
51. The survey can be accessed on the link below. By completing this and encouraging any users of your service to do the same you will be supporting us in making recommendations on improving health outcomes for the people of Leeds. <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/airqualityandhealth/>

### Air Quality Alert System

52. Air quality is the largest environmental health risk in the UK, shortening lives and contributing to chronic illness. Whilst it can be harmful to everyone, some individuals are at greater risk either because they are exposed to greater quantities of polluted air in their daily lives or because they are more vulnerable to its side effects due to medical conditions such as respiratory and cardiovascular disease.
53. To support with raising awareness and public health messaging around Air Quality, we have launched an Air Quality Alert System for Leeds. Those who subscribe to the alert system will receive an email when the air pollution in Leeds is forecast to be high or very high, providing them with public health advice on what to do to reduce their exposure and contribution throughout the air pollution episode.
54. We ask you subscribe to this service and to encourage users of your service you are working with to do the same, especially if this group are vulnerable to the effects of air pollution because they have a respiratory or cardiovascular illness. You can sign up by visiting the Air Quality sign up section on the Leeds Clean Air Website here - [Protect yourself from air pollution \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/clean-air/protect-yourself-from-air-pollution).

### Health Protection Board Report

55. The purpose of the Health Protection Board report (link below) is to provide an overview of the Health Protection Board Covid-19 response, as well as the status of the wider priorities focusing on protecting the people of Leeds including infectious diseases, environmental hazards and other areas of health. This report highlights the current position of health protection in Leeds, key achievements and targets for the period of 2022-2023, setting out recommended actions for the next 12 months. See copy of report here: [Leeds Observatory – Health & Wellbeing – Public health profiles & documents](#)

## Stay Well this Winter Grants now open

56. Leeds Community Foundation has launched the 2022 Stay Well this Winter Grants, with funding from LCC Public Health. The grants will support a range of community-based projects in Leeds. Applicants should target support to vulnerable people who are most at risk of becoming unwell over winter due to cold and severe weather.
57. Grants can be from £500 to £2,500 for local and city-wide projects. For exceptional, innovative city-wide proposals the panel will consider applications of up to £5,000.
58. The deadline for applications is 18 August at 12 noon. Funding will be awarded in early October and all projects should be completed by 31 March 2023. Further information, including a link to the online application form, is available [here](#).

## COVID-19 update

### A reminder of the key messages around Covid:

59. Although it feels like life is returning to normal, Covid is still with us.
60. The virus spreads easily when people are together in enclosed spaces such as on public transport or even indoors at home.
61. Getting up to date with your vaccinations is the best defence against infection, to keep yourself and your family healthy.
62. The medical professionals at the vaccination clinic will be happy to answer any questions you have about the vaccines. You can also read more on [the NHS website](#).
63. Although UKHSA no longer post daily Covid updates, announcements are available [here](#) and national surveillance data and reports are available [here](#).
64. How to get a vaccine:
- book online at a vaccination centre or pharmacy [Book your Covid-19 vaccine online](#)
  - The Leeds NHS webpage has information about the [Covid-19 vaccines](#) and [booster programme](#).
  - The list of walk-in vaccination clinics is updated regularly and is available [here](#).

### Building Vaccine and Screening Confidence for Higher risk populations - Free webinar

65. Building on the success of the Covid-19 Vaccination Webinar workshops responding to Vaccine Hesitancy, we have worked in partnership with Health Education England to commission a similar workshop to align with what will be a highly important Autumn/Winter vaccination programme for 2022/3. We particularly wish to target participants who come into contact with low vaccine and screening uptake populations, including: areas of high deprivation, ethnic minority groups, parents of

2&3 year olds and school age children, those in at risk categories and care home settings.

### Concept and Objectives:

66. The primary objective of the Autumn booster programme this year will be to increase protection against severe COVID-19 disease for those at higher risk. In addition there is an added need to address the inequalities in uptake of flu vaccination.

67. Vaccine hesitancy amongst some eligible populations can present a risk to population health and more often negatively impact some of our poorest communities and/or risk groups. Our conversations are powerful, therefore the provision of skills training that uses the principles of Making Every Contact Count (MECC) and Motivation Interviewing (MI) is an important skill that can be utilised to combat disinformation and myths and whilst providing the necessary reassurance and confidence in what is a safe and effective vaccine.

68. The skills training covers:

- How can we work together to build vaccine confidence, what we know and how this links to health inequality
- Core skills and processes (OARS, Evoke-Provide-Evoke, Decisional Balance, and the 3As)
- Skills practice – Building confidence in the vaccine
- Resources that staff can use to respond to questions and concerns

69. The session will be interactive and include modelled conversations that showcase the core skills and processes being used. The application of this work can be far-reaching. Although this is focused on Flu Vaccinations, these skills can be utilised for childhood immunisations, Covid vaccine, cancer screening and other health-promoting activities

70. This provision has been funded by Health Education England Y&H in partnership with the NHS Public Health Programmes Team Y&H. Each workshop can cater for 30 people and lasts for 1.5 hours, dates available from the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Booking link below: [Y&H Webinar: Building Vaccine and Screening Confidence Training Programme \(yhphnetwork.co.uk\)](https://yhphnetwork.co.uk)

### **Employment and Skills Update**

#### Universal Credit

71. The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of June 2022, in the Inner South Community Committee area is 6,980. Whilst the largest increase in claimants of UC was in June 2020 (65%), the number of claimants continued to increase and remains high. There is a small decrease of 5 claimants in June 2022 on the previous month.

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

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs							
	March 2020		June 2020		May 2022		June 2022	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	42,636	8.2%	41,509	8.0%	41,548	8.0%
<b>Inner South</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>6,638</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>6,985</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>6,980</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
Beeston & Holbeck	1,295	7.2%	2,133	11.9%	2,223	12.4%	2,198	12.3%
Hunslet & Riverside	1,311	6.1%	2,217	10.3%	2,324	10.8%	2,333	10.9%
Middleton Park	1,417	7.9%	2,288	12.8%	2,438	13.6%	2,449	13.7%

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

### Employment and Skills Services

73. The table below shows the number of people supported by the Service from the Inner South Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)	2020/21 (Apr – Mar)	2021/22 (Apr – Mar)
<b>Inner South</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>2,198</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>386</b>
Beeston & Holbeck	501	666	203	186	238	122
Hunslet & Riverside	684	914	313	284	317	186
Middleton Park	430	618	208	210	198	78

74. The Covid pandemic and restrictions have had an impact on both reporting years (2020/21 and 2021/22) making a comparison year on year very difficult. Even though there is some progress with re engagement and access to programmes and activities it is still significantly less than pre Covid.

75. During April 2021 – March 2022: 11,818 people accessed the Service, 2,198 of whom were residents from the Inner South. 3,473 people were supported into work, 680 of whom were residents from the Inner South. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in health and care, food retail, logistics, distribution, and transport. Supported 2,485 people to improve their skills, 386 of whom were from the Inner South.

76. Leeds Employment Hub is a single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops that 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.



77. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within 10 Jobcentres Plus across the City. All Jobshops are open, 5 days a week for face to face appointments which include Dewsbury Road, City Centre, Hunslet and St Georges Community Hubs. The Community Hub Mobile bus is now running Monday-Friday the schedule stop includes: Holbeck Community Centre, Thursday 9:30 – 15:30.
78. The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promotes events, jobsfairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships and courses. Please link to our accounts:
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eandsleeds>
  - Twitter <https://twitter.com/eandsleeds>
  - Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/eandsleeds>
79. Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, apprenticeships and courses. To subscribe please visit: <https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds>
80. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: <https://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk>
81. Future Talent Leeds is launching on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. It is a website which brings businesses, education and skills providers and organisations together to strive for a city where everybody can thrive in a rapidly changing labour market. The website contains the Future Talent Plan, which sets out our ambitions for Leeds around supporting our people and businesses as well as aligning the city's education and training infrastructure. It displays the range of partners which have signed up to the plan, showing what organisations are doing to improve talent and skills in Leeds over the next few years. Organisations are encouraged to use the website to sign up to the plan and pledge their own actions which will be published alongside each other.
82. Also available on the website is live news, case studies and resources for organisations to make use of. The website will be live from 8<sup>th</sup> September: <https://inclusivegrowthleeds.com/future-talent-plan>
83. The Adult Learning programme continues to deliver an effective, broad, and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning through an online platform in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models to include online, face to face and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.
84. Between September 2021 – July 2022, in the Inner South, 96 courses were delivered at 22 venues. 473 residents have completed a course. In addition, there were 149 courses delivered on-line, city wide. From September 2022, there will be a range of online and face to face courses available at community venues, for further information please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk/>



85. Developing You Health and Wellbeing, a pre-employability programme which helps people to become happier, healthier and move closer towards employment. For residents living in Inner South the courses are being delivered at St Matthews Community Centre.

86. Developing You Learning Disabilities, a pre-employability programme between Employment and Skills, Pyramid of Arts, People Matters and United Response includes work readiness and health and wellbeing. The course is delivered face to face at Thackray Medical Museum.

87. Between April 2021 – March 2022, 256 new businesses were supported to recruit new staff, provide support for staff facing redundancy and developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.

### Health and Care Sector

88. The Healthier Working Futures project that was funded through the UK Community Renewal Fund that focused on unemployed / economically inactive young adults (aged 16-25) to raise awareness of the health and care pathway through engagement programmes and taster days delivered by 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations. This was a 6-month project that concluded at the end of June and engaged with 625 young people.

### Construction Sector

89. A new programme, Construction Ready aimed at getting people into opportunities in construction. The 10-day programme took place 4 - 15 July 2022 at Leeds City College Printworks campus. Planning is taking place for further programmes to be delivered.

### Hospitality Sector

90. The Restaurant Ready programme, a 5-day course, aims to upskill individuals to successfully enter the hospitality sector through providing practical experience within Leeds City College's café and restaurant facilities. The programme provides an opportunity for participants to be signposted to work trials and interviews with employers. Planning is taking place for a sixth cohort to be delivered 12 – 16 September 2022.

### Economies for Healthier Lives

91. The council was successful for applying for funding from the Health Foundation as part of their Economies for Healthier Lives programme, which has funded four places in the UK to undertake projects that can demonstrate how economic interventions can help to address health inequalities in disadvantaged communities. The Leeds project, Good Jobs, Better Health, Fairer Futures, aims to strengthen connections between the Leeds Inclusive Anchors Network of large civic institutions (including the council, NHS Trusts, universities and colleges, and utilities) and the city's most disadvantaged communities through economic measures such as quality jobs, skills development or the creation of new businesses.

## Events

92. SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Next Choices event took place at Leeds First Direct Arena on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. This was the first time a city-wide event aimed at supporting young people who have special educational needs and disabilities has taken place. A total of 66 exhibitors participated, offering jobs, apprenticeships, volunteering, training opportunities and wider support and 1,800 young people attended.
93. Jobsfair took place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 in the City Centre Community Hub. A range of vacancies and opportunities were promoted with Leeds City Council, the Army, Plusnet, Aspire Healthcare, and First Direct. Jobshop staff were in attendance to support people with CVs and job applications. Information was also available from training providers, such as Prince's Trust, Scope, Get Technology Together, and Jobcentre Plus for those wanting to improve their skills.
94. Leeds Digital Careers Festival a week-long festival and recruitment event will be held between 12 –16 September 2022 and will be aimed at those new to the digital sector, eager to find a job or training opportunities in the wide range of digital technology organisations which the city has to offer. Roadshows with a range of workshops and sessions hosted by local employers and providers will be taking place in several locations across the city including Dewsbury Road Community Hub and Leeds City College, Printworks Campus. An event will also be held at Leeds First Direct Arena on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022, to book please visit: <https://leeds.digitalcareersfestival.co.uk/>
95. In the lead up to the festival in September, a number of tech, coffee and chat sessions were held over the summer which included digital skills for life and work, how to setup, use and manage your social media, tech workshop and how to keep yourself and your family safe online at Printworks Campus and Dewsbury Road Community Hub.
96. Leeds Creative Skills Festival (LCSF) will take place 14-18 November 2022 which will showcase opportunities within the creative and culture sector, with the main event at the First Direct Arena on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The LCSF is aimed at young people aged 16-24 to encourage take up from school leavers and graduates to retain talent in the city. There will be a range of activities and events from educational engagement activities, visits and site tours, work experience opportunities to support to the sector on how to recruit a diverse workforce and Apprentices, information about self-employment and freelancing and Q&A panel session(s). A booking link will be published and promoted nearer the time.

## **Community Engagement - Hunslet & Riverside Ward**

97. No further community engagement has taken place since the last update

## **Community Engagement – Beeston & Holbeck**

98. Further to the hand delivered copies noted in the last update, an online version of the summer Holbeck Community Newsletter was released on 08/07/22 and shared throughout the local community Facebook groups, reaching an additional 1,700 people with the local good news.
99. The Holbeck Moor electricity supply was energised in time for the Holbeck Gala on 2 July reducing the need for diesel generators on site. Members of the Communities Team attended the gala. It is hoped that following promotion more local groups will also begin to access the electricity supply and be able to enhance their activities. Having the facility will enable more activities to take place on The Moor. Bookings can be made through Parks & Countryside via [eventsinparks@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:eventsinparks@leeds.gov.uk) / 0113 378 6002.
100. The Cottingley lamp post banner campaign was also completed since the last Community Committee meeting, where a competition with pupils from Cottingley Primary Academy resulted in five designs being made into 2m tall banners suspended from five lamp posts across the estate. This achieved almost 900 views on Social Media and received positive feedback, including interest from another neighbourhood.
101. A small but rewarding project regarding dog fouling and litter was completed at Beeston Recreation Ground. The recreation ground is a shared space with Beeston Primary School for their games lessons and sports day events. The Beeston & Holbeck members acted on intelligence received about the site and commissioned new signage to help remind people to leave the area clean – feedback from the school reported a marked improvement following their installation.

### **Community Engagement – Middleton Park Ward**

#### **Request for Temporary CCTV on Belle Isle Road**

102. An application for temporary CCTV on Belle Isle Road on the Aberfield gate junction has been approved by the Inner South Community Committee following a significant rise in the number of reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour. The incidents include quad and motorbikes causing issues for local residents, passing motorists and damage to the grassed area.
103. The camera will assist Police Officers to gather intelligence to identify the perpetrators.

### **Community Engagement – Holbeck & Middleton Park**

#### **Reducing the flood risk from Wortley Beck**

104. The next stage of the Flood Risk Study is to share details with the public via a web-based consultation. The consultation can be accessed at [Have Your Say Today - Wortley Beck Flood Risk Study - Leeds City Council Flood Resilience \(commonplace.is\)](https://www.commonplace.is)

105. The page outlines the work so far on the study and plots the options that are being taken forward on [an interactive map](#).

106. Members of the public can select the area that they'd like to know more about, and give their feedback. They can also plot their own pin if they have additional thoughts on a solution. [You can watch this explainer video of how commonplace works for more information](#).

### **Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator**

107. An update continues to be circulated on a weekly basis to businesses across all the Inner South wards (Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park).

108. The Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordinator visits district centres on a regular basis to see how businesses are doing, discuss issues including shop vacancies and promote the support available.

109. Dewsbury Road Town Team has held several meetings and working in partnership with Ward Members to see improvements to Dewsbury Road which includes a Councillor led initiative resolving issues and improving the Beeston Hill shopping area.

110. Final preparations are being made for delivery of the Town & District Centres 2 projects to improve the appearance of Dewsbury Road shopping area including bike racks, a new banner display and additional benches and litter bins.

111. Businesses not previously visited in Cross Flatts have now been visited to see how sales are going and any issues faced.

### **Community Engagement: Social Media**

112. **Appendix 1** provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Inner South Community Committee Facebook page and COVID-19 ward groups.

### **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

### **Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration**

114. 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.

### **Council Polices and City Priorities**

115. 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

### **Resources and Value for Money**

116. Aligning the distribution of community wellbeing funding to local priorities will help to ensure that the maximum benefit can be provided.

### **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

117. There are no legal implications or access to information issues. This report is not subject to call in.

### **Risk Management**

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

### **Conclusions**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup> None**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.