

Report of: Head of Locality Partnerships

Report to: Outer West Community Committee
[Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey, Farnley & Wortley]

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Outer West 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

Gully Cleansing – Update from Eleanor Jordan (Highways Maintenance Area Officer (Drainage))

3. Number of Gullies City Wide – 149,129

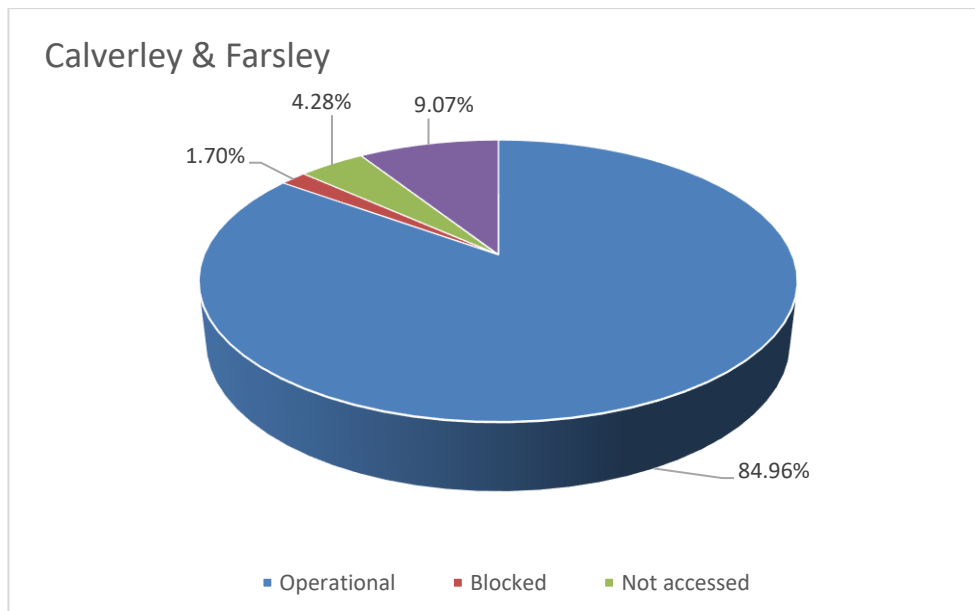
4. **Cyclical Clean**

We are a year to the fourth cyclical clean. All three wards within the Outer West have been serviced this cycle, with some fast speed roads and some inaccessible gullies still to clean. The most notable location still to service within the Outer West is Stanningley Bypass. We're looking to capitalise on the contra-flow traffic management, which will be in place over the summer holidays and service as many of these gullies then.

5. **Ward Updates**

6. Calverley & Farsley – 4470 gullies

7. This ward has been serviced in Cycle 4.

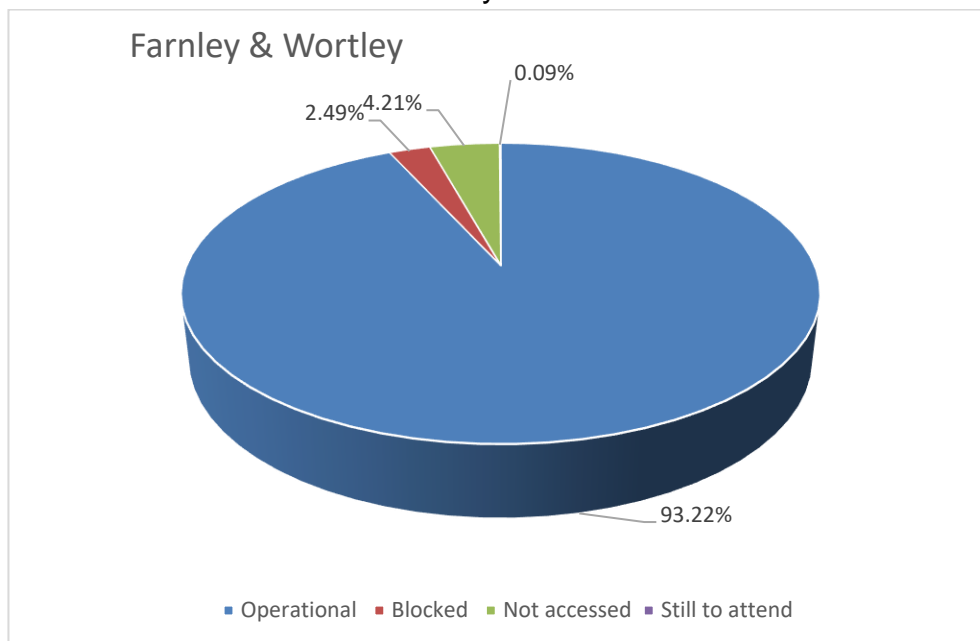


8. Of the 1.70% (76 gullies) blocked:

Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
CCTV survey	0	1	1
Clean	1	0	1
Connection excavation	29	3	32
External problem report	3	1	4
Hedge cutting	1	0	1
Investigate	2	24	26
Main line clean	3	0	3
Pot design change	4	0	4
Refer to client	1	0	1
Release lid	0	1	1
Root cutting	0	2	2

9. **Farnley & Wortley – 4650 gullies**

10. This ward has been serviced in Cycle 4.

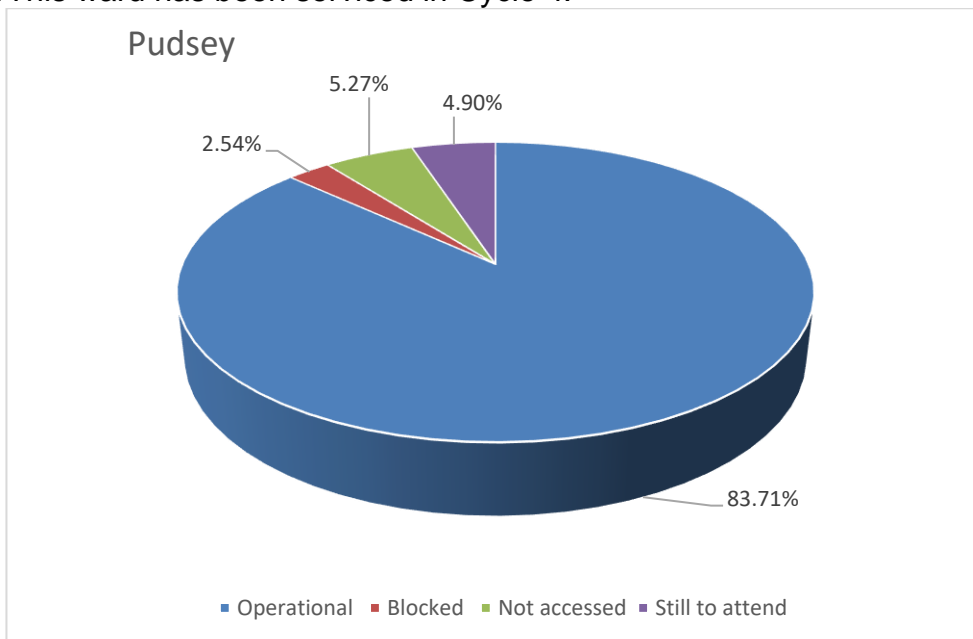


11. Of the 2.49% (116 gullies) blocked:

Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
Clean	1	0	1
Connection excavation	30	8	38
External problem report	3	1	4
Hedge cutting	2	0	2
Investigate	2	42	44
Main line clean	4	2	6
Pot design change	2	2	4
Rectify unknown fault	14	1	15
Release lid	1	1	2

12. **Pudsey** has **3702** gullies.

13. This ward has been serviced in Cycle 4.



14. Of the 2.54% (94 gullies) blocked:

Fault Description	No Traffic Management Required	Traffic Management Required	Totals
Clean	1	0	1
Connection excavation	30	0	30
Dig out	1	0	1
External problem report	9	2	11
Investigate	33	2	35
Main line clean	6	1	7
Pot design change	3	0	3
Rectify unknown fault	3	0	3
Root cutting	3	0	3

Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Update from Jon Hindley (Public Health)

15. **Trinity Weight Management / Living with Obesity Project**

16. This is a trio of community interventions which help residents to maintain a healthy weight, become more active, reconnect with nature, and learn how to cook affordable and healthy meals in an energy efficient way. They are in small part a collaborative response to the

obesity and cost of living crisis sweeping the UK at present. They have enjoyed considerable success and they are being expanded across our wards which require this type of support the most.

17. Recipe Station: The Recipe Station is a mobile place-based intervention which allows residents on the more disadvantaged estates to access advice and free ingredients on how to prepare delicious and healthy affordable meals. It is an intervention which is dropped into the very heart of the community. It operates on different priority estates at different times and days of the week.

18. How it works.

There is no requirement to book, residents can just show up. It operates in the following way.

1. Recipe Cards are available for residents on how to create delicious, healthy, simple, and affordable meals for the family. Each recipe is tried and tested and designed to use the least amount of fuel to prepare.
2. A free bag of ingredients to replicate the meals at home.
3. Advice, help, support, referral and signposting to a whole host of services around health, financial inclusion, and fuel poverty.

Recipe station was created by BARCA ([Home | Barca-Leeds](#)) a local third sector organisation who operate in the West of Leeds with over 25 years of community experience. Recipe station and variations of it to fit local criteria has been running successfully for over ten years within Leeds 10% most deprived neighbourhoods.

19. The Healthy Families Cook & Grow Project is a local place based 6-week programme which helps local families from more disadvantaged neighbourhoods reconnect with how their food is grown, experience the health benefits of the natural environment and learn how to cook nutritious, quick, and easy meals on a budget.

20. Flourishing Families.

21. Local families can be referred on to the course or can refer themselves. It operates in the following way.

22. This popular intervention is a structured programme consisting of 4 x 6-week courses centred around nutritional education, cooking on a budget and fuel-efficient meal production for local families from poorer neighbourhoods.

23. This would cater for 24 families in total by year end.

24. Advice, help, support, referral, and signposting to a whole host of services around health, financial inclusion, and fuel poverty is also involved in the course.

25. Flourishing families allows local people to increase their knowledge and skill base in assembling nutritious, easy, and affordable meals irrespective of income, education, and

comprehension. This is all irrespective of where they live, who they are and how they are treated (Health Inequalities Triangle) Economically challenged residents do not have to travel to initiatives such as the excellent Ministry of Food and consequently save on significant travel costs. In turn a healthy diet and increased awareness leads to a healthier life, fewer long-term conditions in later life, less reliance on Primary Care and the path to self-sufficiency and increased resilience.

26. These courses are usually based in local primary Schools.

27. Most effective in schools as teachers can identify those families struggling most with the cost-of-living crisis. It has a strong preventative element as families on the cusp of financial hardship are also engaged.

28. Flourishing Families go to where the people of the highest need are. They are conscious of residents not being able to afford travel and having the mindset of not leaving the estate. The sessions do not breach more than a ½ mile radius of the where the intended audience live.

29. **The Healthy Families Grow, Cook & Move**

30. Project is a local place based 6 x 6-week programme during term time, which helps local families from our poorer neighbourhoods reconnect with how their food is grown, experience the health benefits of the natural environment, learn how to cook delicious, nutritious, quick, and easy meals on a budget and enjoy gentle and fun physical activity such as swimming irrespective of ability, knowledge, and skills. All to contribute to achieving and maintaining a healthy weight.

31. As a bonus to the course the growing section of the course can be dipped into for 50 weeks of the year. Which provides GPs, Social Prescribers, and professionals the ability to refer clients and patients into the project all year round. The project has the capacity and flexibility to evolve and change to meet the needs of all ages and family participants.

32. The aim is to create an environment for local children, young people, and families (adults) where healthy living and maintaining a healthy weight becomes easier, fun, and achievable.

Aims: The five broad aims of the project are to.

1. Increase the capacity of evidence-based family provision where children, young people and families can learn about where fresh and healthy food comes from, learn about preparing, cooking, and assembling quick, easy, nutritious, and affordable healthy dishes which can be easily replicated at home in an energy efficient or cold assembly way.
2. Provide opportunities for local children, young people, and families to become more physically active whilst reconnecting with nature and the natural environment and enjoying all the physical and emotional health benefits this brings.
3. Maximising the benefits for families, children, young people, and the wider community by strong partnership working within the third sector. This achieves more outcomes for

our families, adds more value from funding and capacity to run the project for 50 weeks of the year.

4. This project also allows local families to contribute to the greater good in terms of the environment and climate change and in turn enhances their own feeling of self-worth and value. This is one of the 5 ways to wellbeing, to give and one of the 3 'P's of health which is purpose.
5. To allow families to see what other groups they may want to join and which services they may want to access to help improve and maintain their health and wellbeing. This makes this programme so much more than a stand-alone intervention and equates to excellent value for money.

33. How it works. Professionals working with families can refer them into the project. This includes GPs, Social Workers, Mental Health Councillors / Therapists, Youth Workers, and Charity Workers Local families can be referred by any professional working with them where support with healthy eating/healthy cooking, physical activity, mental and emotional health, and general healthy lifestyles is required. It operates in the following way.

34. During Term Time (Mondays 3.30-5.00pm) Operated jointly by Barca and Bramley Baths this session comprises of.

- a. An hour of fun and accessible physical activity run by Bramley Baths. This may be at different locations. Followed by.
- b. ½ hour of Barca Recipe Station where ingredient bags and recipe cards are handed out for those who require them. Discussion and feedback will happen on the cooking of the recipes and how the previous weeks recipe went, with a view to helping them adapt more varied, healthier cooking habits. There is also an opportunity for families to ask for advice and support on the cost of living and any other relevant issues for the families.

35. During School Holidays (Monday's 10.00am to 2.00pm) These Monday four-hour sessions are highly flexible and run throughout the year allowing families a valuable opportunity to see the growing cycle throughout the year and appreciate and benefit from the rhythm of the seasons. It also allows a 12-month opportunity for professional workers to refer families into. This session is highly adaptable where participants learn about growing, where their food comes from and the natural environment with all the physical and emotional health benefits being reconnected with nature brings. The session may be an hour play, an hour learning about planting/ growing an hour cooking and an hour of making (e.g., bird feeders / art /sculpture etc).

Housing Team – Update from Sophie Roberts (Housing Manager – Pudsey, Calverley & Farsley)

36. The Pudsey team are currently finalising walkabouts for the year ahead, once these are finalised, they will be shared with local ward members.

37. The housing office is currently looking at environmental improvements that can be made across the areas. The walkabouts will provide a good opportunity to identify larger pieces of work. Recently the decking area at Brookleigh was painted by partners in community payback and area has been jet washed and repaired, this will hopefully enable the residents to enjoy using the area in the coming Summer months.
38. Housing officers have been working closely with partners in the police and LASBT to work on issues in the Rycroft area of Swinnow. There have been some really positive outcomes and actions that have arisen from this joint partnership working.

Housing Team – Update from Andrew Sheader (Housing Manager – Farnley & Wortley)

39. The garage site on The Heights has now been successfully demolished and the area has been fully fenced off.
40. Revised Flyers have been provided promoting the Mobile Community HUBs and several staff have looked inside the vans. Staff will enclose these in letters and email them to tenants and verbally promote this service. Venues are:
- The Butterbowl Pub (Mondays 09:30 – 12:00)
 - Henconner Lane/Butt Lane (Mondays 13:00-15:30)
 - The Hanover Arms (Wednesday 09:30 – 12:00)
 - Farnley Village Green (Wednesday 13:00-15:30)
41. 2022/2023 Walkabouts have been completed and details of 2023/2024 Walkabouts have been emailed to Members.
42. Skill Mill, a social enterprise providing entry level training and employment for young people by giving them the opportunity to work as part of a team and build up their life and work skills, is still suspended, but we continue to make referrals to Community Payback.
43. Car parking and emergency vehicle area in The Heights East and The Heights West is still not resolved.
44. Phase A of a planned programme of footpath improvements on the Bawn Estate started 24th April 2023 and the work is anticipated to last for 4 weeks. The residents have been informed via a letter drop today
45. Housing Officers are also working with Neighbourhood Service Officers within the hotspots to look at preventative measures and submitting the projects to HAP for consideration and we expect that if successful these measures will prevent fly-tipping occurring.

Cleaner Neighbourhood Team- Update from Sharron Almond

46. **Street Cleansing** -The team have completed some excellent work in the area.

47. Tyersal lane fly tip – This was identified and passed to CEL to clear.



48. Highfields Grove Vegetation cut back



Before



After

49. The team carried out a clearance at Stanningley Bypass.



50. Tong Road Land Cutback and clearance



51. The team cleaned Amberley Road –‘Pigeon Poo bridge’ with great results.



Before



After

52. Clean up at Harley Walk Garage site.



53. **Enforcement**

Stuart Reardon is helping the team out on the Bawn Est with Enforcement issues. There is a lot of Fly tipping issues and local residents dumping domestic waste in the street. Enforcement officers are working hard to deal with these issues.

There are still issues with Valley Road having missed refuse collections



Leeds Watch – Update from Neill Platts

54. The Leeds watch 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.

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.

55. This report covers the different types of incidents captured by CCTV operators in real time for the cameras located in the Outer West committee area, for the 23rd of November 2022 – 30th April 2023.

56. 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.

57. **Outer West Cameras** - 11 cameras were used to capture the incidents in Outer West area committee within this six-month period.

58. Incidents captured by CCTV operators.

Outer West Cameras incidents (23 rd November 2022 – 30 th April 2023)								
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	Total incidents per category	
Alarm Activation							Alarm Activation	
Threatening Behaviour							Threatening Behaviour	
ASB		1	5		3	3	ASB	12
Demonstration							Demonstration	
Drugs					1		Drugs	1
Enforcement							Enforcement	
Affray					1		Fire	1
Health & Safety			1	2		1	Health & Safety	4
Police Operation	2	1	1	1	1	3	Police Operation	9
Public Order		1	2	2	1		Public Order	6
Road Traffic							Road Traffic	
Domestic Dispute			1				Domestic Dispute	1
Suspicious Events			1				Suspicious Events	1
Theft				1			Theft	1
Travellers							Travellers	
Weapons		1					Weapons	1
Begging							Begging	
Total Per Month	2	4	11	6	7	7	Total sum of incidents	37

Community Engagement: Social Media

59. The **Social Media Report Appendix** provides the Committee with the latest information on digital posts relevant to the Committee area and details an overview of recent social media activity for the Outer West Community Committee Facebook page.

60. The report covers the last 3 months February 2023 – May 2023. In this time the page has seen another increase in followers to a total of **1463**.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

62. 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

63. 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:

1. Vision for Leeds 2011 – 30
2. Best City Plan
3. Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
4. Children and Young People's Plan
5. Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
6. Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

Resources and Value for Money

64. 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

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

Risk Management

66. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

69. 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.