

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

**Report to:** Outer North East Community Committee  
(Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby)

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## **Outer North East 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.
3. The report seeks to make nominations to each of the Outer North East Community Committee Sub Groups for 2023/24.

### **Main issues**

#### **Sub Group Nominations**

4. Members will have considered Appointments to Outside Bodies and Community Committee Champions elsewhere on the Community Committee agenda. Members are now asked to make nominations to each of the Outer North East Community Committee Sub Groups for 2023/24. The 2022/23 representatives are shown below:

Sub Group	Number of places	Current appointees	Champion
Environmental Sub Group	3 = 1 place per ward	Cllr Neil Buckley, Cllr Sam Firth, Vacant position	Vacant position

## Updates by theme

### Environment and Community Safety: Champion (Vacant position)

- An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

### Children & Families: Champion Cllr D Cohen

- An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

### Employment, Skills & Welfare: Champion Cllr S Firth

- An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

### Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care: Champion Cllr N Harrington

- An update will be provided for the next committee meeting.

## Updates from Key Services

### Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

- If you have any unwanted items that are not suitable for donation and you cannot get to a Recycling Centre, you can book in a free unwanted items collection if you live within the Leeds council tax area. As a resident of Leeds, you are allowed up to five items per collection, with a maximum of four collections per year.
- The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team 'Sweeping Schedule' has been underway since July 2022 but was stood down from October 2022 to February 2023. The service have two full time Road Sweeper Drivers and a full time Path Sweeper Driver. As much as practicable the service tries to keep to the schedule, however if there are specific sweeping issues, especially of a health and safety nature, please continue to report in the normal way. This can be done online via the Leeds City Council website: [Report a road, path, or cycle lane that needs cleaning \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/report-a-road-path-or-cycle-lane-that-needs-cleaning) or via the email address: [eneaction@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:eneaction@leeds.gov.uk).
- The Environmental Crime Team (SECT) are continuing to focus on the large scale fly tipping and other environmental issues such as waste carriers. They have recently been working closely with Elected Members and contractors on the new East Leeds Orbital Route (ELOR) and are continuing to provide updates on specific cases.
- An enforcement review is currently underway, which will explore the work carried out by Enforcement Officers.

## **Parks & Countryside**

13. The memorial benches for Queen Elizabeth II have been delivered to Parks & Countryside. Officers have therefore been working with Councillors and Parish Councils to identify suitable locations for the benches, so that they can be installed.
14. Grass cutting and horticultural maintenance of parks continues.

## **Public Health**

### **Lunch Club Grants**

15. Leeds City Council Public Health provide an annual lunch club grant that funds approximately ninety clubs, with an anticipated total of three thousand beneficiaries combined. This supports the authority's Best Council Plan (2020 – 2025); to be age friendly by promoting opportunities for older people to be healthy, active, included, and respected; and to be the best city for health and wellbeing by weighting grant allocations based on deprivation to reduce health inequalities supporting the improvement of the health of the poorest the fastest.
16. Additional Public Health funding was provided in 2022/23 to enable clubs to do more to support their community over winter. This included offering more hot meals, home delivery of hot meals, registering as a 'Warm Space' and providing information and advice about keeping safe and warm during winter.
17. To find out what local lunch clubs please visit:  
[Community Investment In Leeds | Leeds Community Foundation \(leedscf.org.uk\)](https://www.leedscf.org.uk)

### **Active Leeds: Strength Campaign**

18. Strength training is for everyone no matter your ability or disability. It's crucial ingredient for leading an active, independent life. As you get stronger, you should find yourself able to do other things to increase your overall activity levels, whether at home or in the community.
19. Have a go at home using pieces of furniture, outside in parks, or at the gym if that's where you're comfortable! Why not try using a park bench to practice some 'sit-to-stands', to build your leg strength or clear a space at home to do some floor-based exercises.
20. Visit the Active Leeds webpage for a range of examples of how to start your strength journey: [Active Strength \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://www.leeds.gov.uk)



## Leeds Stop Smoking Services

21. From 1st April 2023, the Leeds Stop Smoking Service is available to support smokers to reduce their nicotine dependency and quit for good. Smokers wishing to access the service will be given a choice of treatment based on need and preference, including nicotine replacement therapy and e-cigarettes. They will work with a trained smoking cessation coach to develop a personalised plan with a pre-agreed quit date. Support extends to a year after each person's quit date to make sure people are given the best possible chance to stop smoking permanently.
22. New posters and promotional materials will be available shortly to replace any previous One You Leeds Assets. Referrals are now being accepted onto the new service. You can directly refer by emailing [leeds.stopsmoking@nhs.net](mailto:leeds.stopsmoking@nhs.net) or online [here](#). Individuals can self-refer and access support materials [here](#) or by calling 0800 1694219.

## Maternal Whooping Cough Vaccine

23. Data for 2022 shows the average vaccine uptake of the Whooping Cough Vaccine by pregnant women across England, has dropped to 61.5%, its lowest level since 2016. The vaccine is given to pregnant women to help protect their babies against whooping cough from birth during their first weeks of life. The advice for pregnant women is to speak to their GP or midwife if they aren't sure whether they have had the vaccine. You can read more [here](#).

## COVID-19 Spring Booster Campaign

24. COVID-19 spring boosters started at the beginning of April and are being offered to:
  - adults aged 75 years and over
  - residents in a care home for older adults
  - individuals aged 5 years and over who are immunosuppressed
25. This programme runs until the 30th June 2023. Eligible people will receive a national invite but in some areas of Leeds the GP practices will not be offering spring booster clinics. Instead, pharmacies and other healthcare providers will be running clinics but will not have the ability to send invitations directly to eligible people. These areas are:

Beeston, Burmantofts, Richmond Hill and Harehills, Holt Park, Hunslet, Middleton, Woodsley and York Road.

26. You can read more about spring vaccinations and the vaccination programme [here](#). Vaccinations can be booked [here](#).

### Changes to COVID-19 Testing

27. Changes to COVID-19 testing came into effect on the 1st April 2023. These aim to ensure testing focuses on those at highest risk and supports the management of outbreaks in high-risk settings including health and social care. You can read more [here](#).
28. Information and advice for health and care professionals is available [here](#). Guidance for adult social care professionals is available [here](#).

### Closure of COVID-19 App

29. The NHS app, which alerts close contacts of a positive case and provides the latest health advice about the virus, closed on the 27th April 2023. Over the past year, the success of the vaccination programme, increased access to treatments and high immunity in the population, have enabled the government to target its COVID-19 services, meaning the app is no longer needed.

### Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

		% change on previous month
Current East caseload	<b>255</b>	<b>6%</b>
Cases open in last month	<b>38</b>	<b>90%</b>
Closed cases in last month	<b>32</b>	<b>-18%</b>
% of active citywide caseload	<b>37%</b>	

30. Cases opened in the last 2 months by ward; Alwoodley = 1, of which 1 x Noise; Wetherby = 1, of which 1 x ASB. Current active caseload in Outer North East = 17.
31. After a relatively quiet winter, caseloads are now starting to increase as the days get longer and the weather improves.
32. The Wetherby PSPO will be up for its three year review shortly. Information and consultation will follow to see if it needs to remain, be amended or discharged.
33. The Case Officer for Wetherby received a commendation for their contribution to joint partnership working, in and around Wetherby.
34. Case Officers attended the execution of a warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act in Wetherby, where an amount of drugs were seized. Further action will now follow.

35. Case Officers are supporting Housing Leeds to offer advice on cases. They also carried out some joint visits and attended estate walkabouts with the services, as well as the Police and the Environmental Team.

## **Community Hubs**

### **Boston Spa**

36. The monthly Lego Club continues at the Hub, where they build and construct creations based on best loved children's books, featuring a different theme each month. Previous themes have included pirates and dragons!

37. A Fostering Pop Up Event took place on the 10th May 2023, an informal drop in session held by Fostering Leeds to publicise their service.

### **Moor Allerton**

38. The Lost Feather Storytelling Event took place on the 1st May 2023; an inclusive multi-sensory storytelling event by Oily Cart Theatre Company, aimed at children with disabilities and additional needs.

39. On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 the Community Hub entered a partnership with Barclays Bank, to run a Community Banking Service, after the recent closure of their branch on Moortown Corner. It offers a wide range of banking services to local residents from 10am to 4pm, which so far, the service has proved popular and very well attended.

40. The Bike Library Launch was on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. The Popular Bike Library now has bicycles and safety equipment available to borrow for free.

41. Creative Digital Workshop sessions linked to the Leeds 2023 culture bid was held on the 1st June, with approximately six attendees. Also on the same date, the Community Hub hosted the Housing Advisory Panel meeting.

42. Lego Spike Coding Carnival took place on the 3rd June, with ten children and eight adults in attendance. The event showcased new 'Lego Spike' sets, which combine building and coding, proving very popular with attendees.

43. A Leeds 2023 funded performance was held on the 17th June, called 'Queenie and the Pooka Event', to celebrate Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month. The event was sold out, with fifty children and parents/families in attendance.

44. Digi Drop in weekly drop in sessions continue at the Hub, offering support to people to get the most out of their digital devices

45. The Hub also continues to run its fortnightly Chess Club, run in partnership with Chess in Schools and Communities. This is very popular and on average between ten and fifteen young people attend each week.

## **Wetherby Library and One Stop Centre**

46. An event called Animation Stations was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April. The event was inspired by Louis Le Prince and the invention of the first film camera. Children and families created their own stop motion animated films and experimented in using early animation techniques like thaumatropes.
47. A Digi Drop In has moved to Wetherby from Boston Spa and has been introduced with sessions running on a fortnightly basis, supporting people with their digital devices.
48. A Lego Spike Coding Carnival took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023, with thirteen children and nine 9 adults in attendance. The event showcased new 'Lego Spike' sets, which combine building and coding, proving very popular with attendees. The event received some excellent feedback including, "excellent facilities, great help from library staff", "it was a great activity, lots of fun, learn something new" and "helpful staff, friendly".
49. On the 21<sup>st</sup> June the Children's Book Club, a brand new book club for children featuring at a number of libraries across the city, took place. In the final half term of the academic year there will be three free sessions of the book club, which will celebrate titles shortlisted for the Leeds Book Awards with shared reading, discussions and activities.

## **Housing Leeds**

### **Housing Advisory Panel**

50. A contribution of £1,800 was made towards Moor Allerton Elderly Care, to be able to deliver complimentary therapies such as massage, reflexology and Reiki for their service users, to help improve physical and emotional health issues and provide some relaxing one to one time.
51. Leeds Rhinos were funded £5,500 towards their Summer Camps, Sport and Drama Project. Children will take part in activities in a safe and secure environment, encouraging social cohesion and an opportunity to make new friends. The scheme offers a variety of multi-sports rather than being sport specific and is open to both males and females from ages 7-14 regardless of ability.
52. Mason House flower beds, Wetherby, needed tidying up and bringing back to a condition so they are manageable by the tenants. Some tenants enjoyed gardening and looking after the flower beds, so ONE HAP funded £1,274 for these works to take place.
53. A coach trip was funded for a new ONE Tenants & Residents Association, John Rylie House Community Association. As this is a new group it was thought a trip out together would help strengthen bonds amongst the members. The ONE HAP funded them £450 to help make this happen.



54. The Moor Allerton Elderly Care (MAEcare) Digital Inclusion Project will support people aged 60+ to become more tech savvy. The support provided will be a combination of informal drop-ins where people come on their own terms, workshops on specific topics and one to one support, sometime in service user's homes, where they are housebound. It will be provided by an experienced project worker, supported by trained volunteers which also includes pupils from local high schools. ONE HAP panel approved funding of £8,462.
55. In April there was a coronation celebration at Mason House. The panel approved a contribution of £300.00 to help pay for catering and an entertainer for the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.
56. The ONE Housing Advisory Panel contributed £1,350 towards delivering an Outdoor Sports Project. The project is part of initiative to raise young people's aspiration levels and to improve their health, well-being & fitness levels. The project will enable young people to participate within a positive well-being programme, as well as being a young person led programme/project.
57. Alwoodley Councillors, Housing Leeds, Parks & Countryside and local tenants met last month to look at what could be done to improve the play area at Cranmer Bank Recreation Ground. It was suggested the first place to start would be in asking the local community what their requirements were. To this end Housing Leeds have put together a survey that can be carried out online, either on a mobile device or personal computer.
58. Virtual walkabouts have been taking place using Your Voice Leeds, an interactive information service used by Housing Leeds. This new service has proven to be popular, with lots of tenant and resident engagement.

### **Ward Member Meetings**

59. Ward Member meetings are now taking place on a regular face to face basis, either in the locality or in the Civic Hall. Services attending those meetings include, the Cleaner Neighbourhood Team, Parks & Countryside, Forestry, Traffic Management and Highways Maintenance, the Anti-Social Behaviour Team and the Youth Service.
60. Councillors find this format of meetings useful, as it allows them to be briefed on what is happening in the service areas and also allows them to raise any questions with the service directly, which they can then relay back to their constituents.

### **Town and Parish Council Forum**

61. The Town & Parish Council Forum meeting took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the Collingham and Linton Association. The meeting discussed the Leeds Local Plan 2040. More information in the plan can be found here: [Leeds Local Plan 2040](#).



## Leeds Festival Working Group

62. In 2022 a Leeds Festival working group was set up, with a purpose of looking at local concerns and ways that the event can improve matters for local residents and attendees of the festival. All parties involved found the meetings useful and have decided to carry on the process again to discuss the festival in 2023.
63. The group is co-chaired by the Harewood and Wetherby Councillors. Invited to be part of the working group are Leeds City Council officers, Leeds Festival Event Management, the Police and Councillors from the Town and Parish Councils in both wards.
64. The first meeting for Leeds Festival 2023 took place on the 14th March, where items discussed included a review of 2022, the current plans for 2023 and potential challenges for this year.
65. The dates of the Leeds Festival 2023 are the 25th, 26th and 27th August, with entertainment for those camping starting on Thursday 24th. Traffic will start arriving from Wednesday 23rd August and will leave on Monday 28th August 2023.
66. A further meeting of the Leeds Festival Working Group took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023, where a first draft of resident's letters were discussed, which include an information guide. This has been prepared to give advance notice of some of the details of the event, including temporary traffic restrictions and routes, operating times and ways to contact the event and partner agencies before, during and after the event.

## Recycling on the go: Coffee cups in Collingham

67. Under the Local Centres Programme, a yellow bin for recycling plastic bottles and cans and an orange coffee cup recycling bin have been installed at Hastings Court in Collingham.



## Community Events

### Kings Coronation

68. In May 2023 the coronation of Charles III and his wife Camilla as King and Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth Realms, took place on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, at Westminster Abbey.
69. Across the Coronation Weekend, there was a number of events and activities taking place across the United Kingdom, including the Outer North East committee area, in response to this historic occasion.

### The Coronation Big Lunch

70. Neighbours and communities across the United Kingdom were invited to share food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches on Sunday the 7th May 2023, in a nationwide act of celebration and friendship.

### The Big Help Out

71. The Big Help Out was held on the 8th May 2023, organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the United Kingdom.
72. The Big Help Out highlighted the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. In tribute to His Majesty the King's public service, The Big Help Out encouraged people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.
73. The aim of The Big Help Out was to use volunteering to bring communities together and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend:  
[Big Help Out launches with 100 days to go until Coronation - UK Fundraising](#)

### Community Engagement: Social Media

74. **Appendix 2** provides information on posts and details recent social media activity for the Outer North East Community Committee Facebook page.

### Corporate Considerations

### Consultation and Engagement

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

### Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

76. 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**

77. 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**

78. 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**

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

### **Risk Management**

80. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

83. 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.