

**Report of:** Head of Locality Partnerships

**Report to:** Outer North East Community Committee  
(Alwoodley, Harewood, 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 2024/25.

### 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 2024/25.

The 2023/24 representatives are shown below:

<b>Sub Group</b>	<b>Number of places</b>	<b>Current Appointees</b>	<b>Champion</b>
Environmental	1 place per ward	Cllr Neil Buckley, Alwoodley Ward Cllr Sam Firth, Harewood Ward Cllr Lamb, Wetherby Ward	Cllr Lamb

## Updates By Theme

### Environment and Community Safety.

5. The next Environment Sub Group meeting is to take place on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024. An update will be provided.

### Employment, Skills and Welfare.

6. An update will be provided at the meeting.

### Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

7. An update will be provided at the meeting.

### Children and Families.

#### Youth Activity

8. The 2023-24 Youth Activity Survey has closed, a total of 2,340 responses have been received, 85 of which are from the Outer North East across a range of ages.
9. During April 2023 – March 2024, the following projects were supported through the Youth Activity Fund 2023-24:

Alwoodley Alwoodley Juniors External Training Facilities, Leeds Rhinos Multi Sport and Drama Summer Camps and Moor Allerton Play Scheme

Harewood Scarcroft Junior Cricket Project, Shadwell Tea Time Tennis and Shadwell Tennis Club Schools Outreach Programme

Wetherby Breeze In the Park, Leeds Rhinos Summer Camps, Tempo FM Radio Academy and Wetherby Youth Project Christmas Celebrations

10. During Summer 2024 the following events and activities will be delivered and are funded through the Youth Activity Fund 2024-25:

Alwoodley

Multi-Sport and Drama Camps. Leeds Rhinos Foundation will be delivering multi-sport and drama camps throughout July and August and are available for children and young people aged 7-14 years. The sports camps focus on physical activity, with an aim of increasing confidence, promoting an active and healthy lifestyle and developing emotional intelligence. The drama camps focus on developing drama skills and attendees will take part in drama games, script work, improvisation and will work towards a short performance.

For further information please visit: [Leeds Rhinos Ticketing](#)

A number of places have been reserved for those children and young people that may have additional needs please email [matt.airey@leedsrhinosfoundation.org](mailto:matt.airey@leedsrhinosfoundation.org) to make an enquiry.

Harewood

Jubilee Games. Harewood Ward Members have organised the second Jubilee Games, following the success of the inaugural games in 2022. This year, all primary schools in the Harewood Ward have been invited to send their Year 5 and 6 pupils to the three-

day event, which will see pupils compete in three disciplines: rowing, karate and volleyball.

The inaugural games were a huge success, teaching pupils new skills, teamwork and history of the three disciplines and their growing popularity in Olympic sports. Once again, Boston Spa Academy and John Smeaton Academy will host the games, providing high quality coaches.

Wetherby

[Breeze in the Park](#). This year's event will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at The Ings Wetherby. Breeze offers access to a broad range of cultural and sporting activities, events, and services in an inclusive, safe, creative, and inspiring way. The event provides a safe environment of fun, free activities for children and young people.

To book please visit: [Breeze In The Park](#)

For children and young people with additional needs who require a quieter session, such as those with a disability or SEND. These sessions are for young people who struggle with crowds, long queues and sensory overload and include additional staff on hand to assist minimal queueing and crowds.

To find out more about the Relaxed Sessions please visit:  
[Breeze In The Park Relaxed](#)



## Updates from Key Services

### **Youth Service**

11. The Youth Work Report detailing the summary of the Youth Work delivered across the wards Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby can be seen in Appendix 1.

### **Climate, Energy and Green Space**

12. In the Outer North East, the Technical and Operations team are working on the following projects:

#### Alwoodley

- A new slide has been installed at the play area in Wigton Moor which has improved play opportunities for children and their families and will encourage more inclusive play.
- Following recent consultation with residents on the Cranmer's in Alwoodley, proposals are being considered for improvements to the play area.

## Harewood

- A proposal has been received regarding to renaming the beck in Barwick in Elmet to Tinkers Dell in memory of John Tinker. Working with Barwick in Elmet Parish Council Elmet Parish Council who are carrying out the consultation with residents.
- Discussions have taken place with Scholes Parish Council on proposals for the refurbishment of the public play area. Work is continuing with the plans, costs and funding options.

## Wetherby

- Liaising with Highways to resolve parking issues in Wetherby at the Ings and Sports Centre. Including proposals for new signage and barriers.
- Works have been completed at Deepdale in Boston Spa, which has enhanced the green space and improved accessibility.

### 13. Public Rights of Way. Reviewing proposals for work in the Outer North East Committee area which includes the following:

- Meanwood Valley Trail alongside King Lane southeast of Five Lane Ends, reviewing proposals for improvements to safety and connecting public paths and bridleways.
- Bridleway 7, Public Path Diversion Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert part of the bridleway, Carr Lane, Wetherby for improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, and horses. This includes an improved uncontrolled crossing of York Road expanding facilities,
- Public Footpaths (10 and 14) near Harewood Estate along Harrogate Road. Works to be programmed in over the Summer to remove the overgrown vegetation. Repairs are needed to the stiles which Enforcement are progressing with the landowner.

For further information on Public Rights of Way please visit:

[www.leeds.gov.uk/public-rights-of-way](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/public-rights-of-way)

## Community Hubs

### 14. Since April 2024, the following and activities have taken place at Community Hubs and Libraries in the Outer North East.

#### Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library

- IT support session for patients at Alwoodley Medical Centre to enable patients to access/register with the surgery using the PATCHS online and video consultation system. A total of 600 people attended over the 3 sessions. The sessions were worthwhile and highlighted the need for support.
- Theatre performance by Speedwell Dance of Thumbelina on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 15 adults and 25 children attended.
- Craft club card making on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 12 children and 10 adults attended.
- Creating Collages of famous artwork 4<sup>th</sup> May Craft Club. 8 children and 6 attended.
- Rainbows group visit 14<sup>th</sup> May, an introduction to the library and a craft session making bookmarks. 20 children and 5 adults attended.
- Board Games sessions delivered fortnightly. An average attendance of 5 children and 3 adults attended.

- IT Digital Support Sessions held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June. An average of 2-5 people attend each session. Feedback: it was a massive undertaking but highlighted the need for the support and was worthwhile.
- Barclays Bank, pop-up service Mondays and Thursdays.
- Hearing Aid Clinic 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. This service is a drop in and is facilitated by Leeds Hearing and Sight Loss Service. This enables customers to have their hearing aids serviced and repaired free of charge.
- Long Covid Support Group meets weekly on Tuesday.
- Story and Rhyme time fun interactive session of sharing stories and rhymes in a friendly and relaxed environment, weekly on Tuesdays. Average attendance is around 40 children and adults.
- Alwoodley Neighbourhood Policing Team contact point where PCSOs attend to listen to any concerns and give support and advice. Every three weeks on Tuesdays
- Pop Up Job Shop an advisor is available on Thursdays and can support service users with individual support tailored to their needs. This includes career advice and guidance, tips on CV writing and completing job applications and support with preparing for an interview.

#### Scholes Library

- Bloom Theme event on 8<sup>th</sup> April, inspired by the children's book *Bloom* by Nicola Skinner, attendees celebrated the coming of Spring by making paper flowers and taking on Lego challenges, including making models inspired by flowers and pollination. 3 children and 2 adult attendees.
- Let's Make History ran as part of Local and Family History month was held on 28<sup>th</sup> May. The session combined using Leeds Libraries local history resources and Leodis photographic archive, together with Lego design and coding using our Lego Spike kits. Sold out event, with attendees both local and travelling from across Leeds. 6 children and 4 adults, feedback: "So good. Great tutors, thank you", "Relaxed environment, clear instructions, nice venue, my son always enjoys the events at the libraries".

#### Wetherby One Stop Centre and Library

- World Book Day, an author visit by Kate Pankhurst on 6<sup>th</sup> March 25 people attended. Feedback: "the children loved meeting a real author"; "I liked it when we drew things" and "thank you for teaching me about space I loved meeting the author so much."
- Let's Make History session ran as part of Local and Family History month was held on 31<sup>st</sup> May: The session combined using Leeds Libraries local history resources and Leodis photographic archive, together with Lego design and coding using our Lego Spike kits. Feedback: "Brilliant, lovely teachers and flexible timing to allow the children to enjoy building the Lego and coding. 6 children and 4 adults attended.



- Lego Club took place 16<sup>th</sup> March 20<sup>th</sup> April and 18<sup>th</sup> May. All sessions fully booked. Feedback: “Friendly, interactive, encouraging, gave children confidence”. An average of 10 children and 6 adult attend per session.
- Code Club held on 20<sup>th</sup> March where the attendees took on the Astro Pi from the Raspberry Pi Foundation. Participants were all successful in their submissions and certificates have been received. Their code ran while the ISS was orbiting above the North Pacific Ocean! Feedback: “It's like a life skill it's fun and exciting”, “Fun, cool activities! Extra stuff they don't get to do at school”. 5 children and 3 adults attended
- Weekly Digi Drop ins held weekly offering support for people with their digital devices and enabling digital access and inclusion. An average of 2 people attend each session.
- Milner’s Solicitors fortnightly free legal clinic held every second Thursday of each month.

### Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

15. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Service (CNT) review is ongoing which includes how the service areas operate in response to workloads and how residents and local groups can be better supported in community led action to keep their neighbourhoods clean and green. CNT continues to deliver essential street cleansing services in the area. Please see tables below for the service request figures for 6<sup>th</sup> March – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Service Request Type	
A Board	0
Abandoned Caravan/Trailer	3
Abandoned Vehicle	24
Bin not Returned	11
Commercial Premises Duty of Care Inspect	0
Commercial Waste Issues	4
Damage to Highway	7
Dangerous Wall	0
Domestic Waste Issues	1
Drainage	9
Flyers	0
Flyposting	0
Housing - Defect	13
Housing - Vacant	4
Illegal Advertising	4
Illegal Vehicle Crossing	2
Litter from vehicles	3
Litter Problems	0
Nuisance - Accumulation/Deposit	5
Nuisance - Light	1
Nuisance - Other	9
Nuisance - Premises	0
Nuisance Vehicle	0
Obstruction	5
Odour - Other	0
Placard	1
Rodents	1
Smoke from Bonfire	12
Smoke from Chimney	4
Trading on Highway	0
Vehicles for Sale	0
Verge or Pavement Parking	0
Waste in Gardens	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>



Service Request Type	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Bulky Waste Collections	151	110	108
Enforcement Fly Tipping	17	22	18
Fly Tipping	41	21	19
Ginnel Clearances	2	0	4
Litter Complaints	1	8	1
Overgrown Vegetation	30	18	29
Road Sweeping	12	11	13

Any environmental issues should continue to be reported in the usual way via the online portal or by emailing: [eneaction@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:eneaction@leeds.gov.uk).

## Public Health

16. The Public Health Report can be seen in Appendix 2.

## Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

17. There are 19 current active caseloads across the Outer North East area, representing 11% of the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) East caseload. There are no emerging trends in either area or case type. Regular monthly meetings are held with LASBT and Housing Management to discuss issues and open cases.

Please see breakdown below:

Alwoodley Total 9 (5 Noise, 2 Threats/Violence, 1 Behaviour, 1 Misuse of Public Space)

Harewood Total 4 (1 Noise, 1 Threats/Violence, 1 Drugs, 1 Verbal Abuse)

Wetherby Total 6 (1 Noise, 3 Threats/Violence, 1 Drugs, 1 Misuse of Public Space)

Please see table below for the LASBT East data.

LASBT East Caseload	Count	% Change on previous month
Current East Caseload	170	+ 3%
Cases Open in last month	32	+0%
Closed Cases in last month	36	-10%
% of active citywide caseload	35%	+2%

## Housing Leeds

18. Income Management. The Outer North East Area Teams covering Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby and are continuing to assist residents with any welfare benefits claims and carrying out financial assessments where required. In addition, high support is provided to all tenants who maybe experiencing financial difficulties. We also ensure that all residents are maximizing their income and where necessary recovery procedures are escalated.

19. The 2024/25 Annual Tenancy Check in Programme has been refreshed and was launched in April 2024. Housing Leeds aim to visit everyone every 3 years the visits cover Priority Tenants and General Need tenants.

20. Estate Walkabouts are continuing to be undertaken, frequent Issues, fly tipping, paths damaged, graffiti abandon cars, notice board damaged and potholes. Ward members and local resident associations are invited to attend. Partnership working with internal departments continues to ensure appropriate orders are raised and feedback provided to Ward members and local residents.

21. Lettings, the number of properties let in the Outer North East in Quarter 1 2024/2025 is 35. On average there are 282 bids per void property. Customers with Band A Priority are waiting approx. 132 weeks to be rehoused.

22. The Outer North East Housing Advisory Panel (HAP) ceased in March 2024. Projects funded and delivered during 2023/24 include:

Alwoodley Leeds Rhinos Summer Sports and Drama Camp, Tynwald and Cranmer Flowerbeds Clearance / Upgrade and Scotts Hill Close Installation of Residents Only Parking Sign

Harewood John Rylie House Retirement Life Scheme Christmas Meal

Wetherby Deepdale Path Improvements, Boston Spa Youth Activities including Lifeskills and Leeds Rhinos Sports Camps

23. Facilitated face to face consultation in the community including:

Alwoodley Cranmer Bank, play area upgrade and Moorhaven Court, car park marking.

Harewood Early discussions taking place for a suggestion from the community for a planting project in together with Muddy Boots Café.

Wetherby Nursery Garth, car park marking.

### **Employment and Skills**

24. For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: [employmentskillsleeds.co.uk](http://employmentskillsleeds.co.uk)

### **Ward Member Meetings**

25. Ward Meetings take place regularly and allows Councillors to be kept informed with service area priorities. The meeting provides an opportunity for Councillors to raise any questions with the service directly. Officers attend from Housing, Cleaner Neighbourhoods, Parks and Countryside, Forestry, Traffic Management, Highways Maintenance and Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

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

26. The Town and Parish Council Forum meeting is scheduled to take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Wetherby Town Hall. The meeting has a Transport theme with updates provided from WYCA, Transdev, and Connecting Leeds and will be chaired by Cllr Neil Buckley, Alwoodley Ward.

### **Leeds Festival Working Group**

27. The Leeds Festival Working Group is chaired by Councillor Matthew Robinson, Harewood Ward with Leeds City Council officers, Leeds Festival Event Management, the Police and Parish Councils attending. Meetings take place during March – September.

28. The work of the Leeds Festival Working Group has helped with communication of traffic management plans, introduction of additional safety and security elements and help liaise with residents.



### **Community Engagement**

29. Appendix 3 provides information on the social media activity for the Outer North East Community Committee Facebook page.

### **Corporate Considerations**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

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

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

31. 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**

32. 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**

33. 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**

34. There are no legal implications or access to information issues and this report is not subject to call in.

### **Risk Management**

35. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

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

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

38. None.