

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

Purpose of Report

1. To bring to members attention an update of the work 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

Updates By Theme

Environment and Community Safety.

3. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Employment, Skills and Welfare.

4. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

5. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Updates from Key Services

Youth Activity

6. The Youth Activity Fund 2024-25, has supported the following events and activities during the Summer:

Alwoodley

- Leeds Rhinos Multi-Sport and Drama Camps. A total of eight camps were delivered during the summer across three venues, Moortown Rugby Club, Leos Rugby Club and Allerton C of E Primary. 545 young people ages 7 – 14 participated. A case study has been produced and can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/hs111PNWnC8>

Harewood

- Jubilee Games 2024. This was held over 3 days at John Smeaton and Boston Spa Academies with over 370 pupils age 9 - 11 competing from 7 schools. At the end of the Games, pupils were also given a memory bag, consisting of a t-shirt, drawstring bag and certificate. Each pupil from the winning school, Bardsey Primary Academy, were also presented with a special gold medal.

Wetherby

- Breeze in the Park. This took place on Thursday 15th August 2024 at The Ings Wetherby. Despite the wet weather, 827 young people attended. This year a 'relaxed session' was introduced, and 99 young people attended. Also new this year was the School Uniform Exchange, where 34 families were able to take away 187 items.
- Leeds Rhinos Multi-Sport Camps. Two camps were delivered during the summer at Deighton Gates Primary School and Wetherby High School. 200 young people aged 7 – 12 participated. A case study has been produced and can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/CCySq1EP5mo>

Youth Service

7. The Youth Work Service report detailing the summary of the Youth Work delivered across Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby is attached at Appendix 1.

Climate, Energy and Green Space

8. In the Outer North East, the Technical and Operations team and Public Rights of Way are working on the following projects:

Alwoodley

- A new slide has been installed in Wigton Woods and has been a welcome addition to the existing play area. Despite the weather, the slide has been well used and early feedback is positive.
- A further consultation has been carried out with residents to gain views on Cranmer Bank play area. Feedback has been collated and plans are being drafted for a full refurbishment, subject to funding.
- The public bridleways King Lane through to Golden Acre Park (Leeds No. 15) and between Stairfoot Lane and King Lane (Leeds No. 18) have been reviewed and identified as in need of improvement. Discussions are currently taking place with services with regards to funding options and delivery of the improvements.

Harewood

- Agreement has been reached with Scholes Parish Council on the final plans and costs for the play area next to the library. Work is scheduled to be completed by March 2025.
- Issues have been identified with the drainage on Miry Carr Lane (Thorner No.19). The works will be undertaken in 2025 when the proposed new football pitches are constructed.

Wetherby

- Agreement has been reached with Highways regarding the signage at the Ings and Wetherby Sports Centre.
- A consultation event is due to take place in the Autumn, regarding Hudson Fields and Millennium Fields for a redesign of the field which will include a community growing space.
- Plans are being drafted for a new footpath to the Spofforth Hill housing development near to Milnthorpe Public Open Space in Bramham.
- A Public Path Diversion Order was made on the 1 July 2024 to divert Public Bridleway (Wetherby No. 7) under S119 of the Highways Act 1980 to allow for road improvements and new housing. The scheme allow for provision of a cycle way.

Community Hubs

9. The following activities have taken place at Community Hubs and Libraries in the Outer North East.

Moor Allerton Community Hub

- The Summer Reading Challenge launched on Saturday 6th July across all Leeds Libraries, funded by Arts Council England and developed and delivered by the Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries. The Challenge encourages children aged 4-11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure and to aim to read six books over the summer. This year's challenge is called Marvellous Makers and it's all about creativity. At Moor Allerton Library, six hundred and forty-six children joined the scheme.
- A Marvellous Makers Music Machine event took place, children who attended where able to code and craft their own musical creations. They built, recorded, and looped their own voice and sound effects with the Lego Spike Music Makers Project, creating an audio collage and bringing it alive with the 'makey makey and scratch' to craft their own percussion shakers. Ten adults and sixteen children attended.
- Tale Tracking and Story Sniffing: Storytelling and Creative Workshop. This pay as you feel family event was delivered by Libellule Theatre. Children who attended were asked to create their own tale tracker and story sniffer so that they could search for forgotten tales. Twelve adults and twenty-two children attended.
- Story and Rhyme time is a fun interactive session of sharing stories and rhymes in a friendly and relaxed environment which takes place weekly on Tuesdays. The average attendance is around forty children and adults.
- Hearing Aid Clinic takes place on the 4th Thursday of the month. This service is a drop in and is facilitated by Leeds Hearing and Sight Loss Service. The service enables customers to have their hearing aids serviced and repaired free of charge.
- Pop Up Job Shop. An advisor is available on Thursdays who 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.
- Barclays Bank, pop-up service Mondays and Thursdays.

- Alwoodley Neighbourhood Policing Team contact point. PCSO's attend to listen to any concerns and give support and advice and takes place every three weeks on a Tuesday.

Wetherby Library And One Stop Centre

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- Makey Makey Sound Collage event. Children who attended were able to design and craft a collage inspired by their favourite book. They were then able to bring it to life by connecting it to a 'Makey Makey' and added code to scratch so that each part of the collage magically played its own sound. Fifteen children attended.
- Lego Spike Beatbox sessions. Children who attended were able to build and then code their own musical creations using our Lego Spike kits. They had the chance to record and loop your own voice, create musical melodies, and add sound effects into the mix. Forty children attended.
- Story and Rhyme time is a fun, interactive session of sharing stories and rhymes in a friendly and relaxed environment and is held weekly on Wednesdays. The average attendance is around ten children and adults.
- Milner's Solicitors hold a free legal clinic every second Thursday of each month. They offer free legal advice to both businesses and individuals.

Boston Spa Library

- The Summer Reading Challenge launched on Saturday 6th July across all Leeds Libraries, funded by Arts Council England and developed and delivered by the Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries. The Challenge encourages children aged 4-11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure and to aim to read six books over the summer. This year's challenge is called Marvellous Makers and it's all about creativity. At Boston Spa Library, fifty-seven children joined the scheme.
- Makey Makey Sound Collage event. Children who attended were able to design and craft a collage inspired by their favourite book. They were then able to bring it to life by connecting it to a 'Makey Makey' and added code to scratch so that each part of the collage magically played its own sound. Twenty children attended.

Housing Leeds

10. Income Management: The Outer North East Area Teams covering Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby are continuing to assist residents with any welfare benefits claims and carry out financial assessments where required. In addition, high support is provided to all tenants who may be experiencing financial difficulties. They also ensure that all residents are maximizing their income and where necessary recovery procedures are escalated.
11. Pension Credit Awareness Week: The Income Team worked with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) along with older people's charities to identify unclaimed Pension Credit cases in a 'Week of Action' (2 - 6 September 2024). Tenants were supported and given advice through the Money Information Centre (<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsmic/>) and the Income Team at their local Housing Office (<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/housing/>). All staff were encouraged to have conversations

about Pension Credit with tenants who may be eligible. Housing Leeds continue to work with partners promoting Pension Credit through the social media channels.

- Estate Walkabouts continue to be undertaken with frequent issues including: fly tipping, damaged paths, graffiti, abandoned cars, damaged notice board and potholes. Ward members and local resident associations are invited to attend the walkabouts. Partnership working with internal departments continues to ensure appropriate orders are raised and feedback is provided to ward members and local residents.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team

- There are 22 current active caseloads across the Outer North East area, representing 15% of the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) East caseload. While the Wetherby ward has seen an increase in active LASBT cases, which against the wider trend in East, numbers remain low in absolute terms.

Caseload by Ward

Ward	Total	Type
Alwoodley	8	6 Noise, 1 Threats/Violence, 1 Rowdy Behaviour
Harewood	4	2 Threats/Violence, 1 Drugs, 1 Verbal Abuse
Wetherby	10	3 Threats/Violence, 2 Hate, 2 Misuse of Public Space, 1 Verbal Abuse, 1 Noise, 1 Drugs

Caseload Data

Caseload	Count	% Change on previous month
Current East Caseload	144	- 11%
Cases Open in last month	30	+7%
Closed Cases in last month	36	+104%
% of active citywide caseload	32%	-3%

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

- The ongoing review of the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Service (CNT) is focusing on enhancing how service areas manage their workloads and improving support for residents and local groups, in their efforts to keep neighbourhoods clean and green.
- The CNT continues to provide essential street cleansing services in the area and has also transitioned to a centralised inbox for reporting issues. The new email address for the general public is cleanerneighbourhoods@leeds.gov.uk.
- The tables below show the service request figures by ward and committee for 24th June 2024 – 24th September.

Service Request Type by Ward

Service Request Type	Alwoodley	Harewood	Wetherby
Bulky Waste Collections	107	110	89
Enforcement Fly Tipping	8	25	17
Fly Tipping	23	27	15
Ginnel Clearances	0	1	2
Litter Complaints	3	0	5
Overgrown Vegetation	39	48	32
Road Sweeping	15	7	17

Service Request Type Total by Committee

Service Request Type (Outer North East)	
A Board	0
Abandoned Caravan/Trailer	2
Abandoned Vehicle	12
Bin not Returned	6
Commercial Premises Duty of Care Inspect	0
Commercial Waste Issues	2
Damage to Highway	2
Dangerous Wall	0
Domestic Waste Issues	2
Drainage	11
Flyers	0
Flyposting	0
Housing - Defect	9
Housing - Vacant	1
Illegal Advertising	4
Illegal Vehicle Crossing	1
Litter from vehicles	0
Litter Problems	6
Nuisance - Accumulation/Deposit	2
Nuisance - Light	2
Nuisance - Other	12
Nuisance - Premises	0
Nuisance Vehicle	0
Obstruction	10
Odour - Other	0
Placard	4
Rodents	0
Smoke from Bonfire	11
Smoke from Chimney	0
Trading on Highway	0
Vehicles for Sale	0
Verge or Pavement Parking	0
Waste in Gardens	5
Total	104

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Public Health

20. The Health and Wellbeing Report Public Health Report is attached at Appendix 2.

Employment and Skills

21. The Employment and Skills Report is attached at Appendix 3.

Ward Member Meetings

22. Ward meetings take place regularly allowing ward members to be kept informed of service area priorities. The meetings provide an opportunity for members to raise any questions with services directly. Officers attend from Housing, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Parks and Countryside, Forestry, Traffic Management, Highways Maintenance and Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

Town and Parish Council Forum

23. The Town and Parish Council Forum meeting took place on 11th July 2024 at Wetherby Town Hall. WYCA and Transdev attended to hear and address concerns regarding buses. Connecting Leeds attended to promote a consultation: 'Leeds Streets for All', which will commence in January 2025.

Leeds Festival Working Group

24. The Leeds Festival Working Group is chaired by Councillor Matthew Robinson, and is attended by Leeds City Council officers, Leeds Festival Event Management, West Yorkshire Police and local Parish Councils. Meetings take place during March – September each year.
25. The work of the Leeds Festival Working Group has helped with the communication of traffic management plans, the introduction of additional safety and security elements and liaising with residents.

Community Engagement

26. The Outer North East Community Committee Facebook has 797 followers. The most popular post since July is the post promoting the Wetherby Breeze Event which reached a total of 4,700 people.

Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

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

Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

28. 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

29. 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

30. 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

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

Risk Management

32. 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

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

Recommendations

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

Background documents¹

35. None.
