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Report to: Inner East Community Committee:

**Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills,
Killingbeck & Seacroft**

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To Note

Inner East 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

- 3.** Updates by theme

4. Environment & Community Safety – Champion Councillor Asghar Khan

Police Update

Serious and Acquisitive Crime Demand Data:

Inner East Crime Category	Dec 23 - Jan 24	Dec 24 - Jan 25	Change
Burglary - business and community	37	25	12
Burglary - residential	66	70	4
Robbery	13	11	2
Theft from motor vehicle	30	64	34
Theft from person	8	13	5
Theft of motor vehicle	36	20	16
Grand Total	190	203	13

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Crime Category	Dec 23 - Jan 24	Dec 24 - Jan 25	Change
Burglary - business and community	7	12	5
Burglary - residential	22	10	12
Robbery	5	6	1
Theft from motor vehicle	4	24	20
Theft from the person	3	3	0
Theft of motor vehicle	14	4	10
Grand Total	55	59	4

Gipton and Harehills Crime Category	Dec 23 - Jan 24	Dec 24 - Jan 25	Change
Burglary - business and community	27	11	16
Burglary - residential	25	27	2
Robbery	6	5	1
Theft from motor vehicle	18	25	7
Theft from the person	4	7	3
Theft of motor vehicle	13	9	4
Grand Total	93	84	9

Killingbeck and Seacroft Crime Category	Dec 23 - Jan 24	Dec 24 - Jan 25	Change
Burglary - business and community	3	2	1
Burglary - residential	19	33	14
Robbery	2	0	2
Theft from motor vehicle	8	15	7
Theft from person	1	3	2
Theft of motor vehicle	9	7	2
Grand Total	42	60	18

Anti-Social Behaviour Incident Demand Data:

Inner East ASB Call Category	Dec 23 - Jan 24	Dec 24 - Jan 25	Change
Adult nuisance non-alcohol related	6	7	1
Alcohol	3	3	0
Fireworks/snowballing	5	4	1
Littering/drugs paraphernalia	0	1	1
Neighbour related	7	9	2
Nuisance car/van	7	6	1
Nuisance ebike/escooter	0	1	1
Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike	8	3	5
Youth related	22	12	10
Grand Total	58	46	12

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ASB Call Category	Dec 23 - Jan 24	Dec 24 - Jan 25	Change
Adult nuisance non-alcohol related	2	1	1
Alcohol	1	0	1
Fireworks/snowballing	2	0	2
Littering/drugs paraphernalia	0	0	0
Neighbour related	1	1	0
Nuisance car/van	2	3	1
Nuisance ebike/escooter	0	0	0
Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike	1	1	0
Youth related	4	4	0
Grand Total	13	10	3

Gipton and Harehills ASB Call Category	Dec 23 - Jan 24	Dec 24 - Jan 25	Change
Adult nuisance non-alcohol related	3	4	1
Alcohol	1	2	1
Fireworks/snowballing	3	4	1
Littering/drugs paraphernalia	0	0	0
Neighbour related	3	3	0
Nuisance car/van	4	3	1
Nuisance ebike/escooter	0	0	0
Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike	1	1	0
Youth related	7	1	6
Grand Total	22	18	4

Killingbeck and Seacroft ASB Call Category	Dec 23 - Jan 24	Dec 24 - Jan 25	Change
Adult nuisance non-alcohol related	1	2	1
Alcohol	1	1	0
Fireworks/snowballing	0	0	0
Littering/drugs paraphernalia	0	1	1
Neighbour related	3	5	2
Nuisance car/van	1	0	1
Nuisance ebike/escooter	0	1	1
Nuisance motorcycle/quad bike	6	1	5
Youth related	11	7	4
Grand Total	23	18	5

LASBT Update

Total Active Cases in East = 143

Active Cases in Inner East = 76

Killingbeck & Seacroft = 20, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill = 27, Gipton & Harehills = 29

Of these cases

Threats/Actual Violence x 14, Criminality x 4, Drugs/Substance Misuse x 23, Verbal Abuse x 4, Rowby Behaviour x 5, Misuse of Property x 5, Animal Complaints x 1, Vandalism x 1, Hate x 4, Noise x 10, Domestic Abuse x 3, Nuisance x 1, Sexual Behaviour x 1.

Key Points

- **Gipton & Harehills** - LASBT East have successfully sought Premises Closure Orders on three shops in the Harehills area - Big Europe, Baba Jaga 1 and Yellow Shop. This work is part of a joint operation with West Yorkshire Police and Trading Standards which have found the shops to be selling illicit cigarettes, vapes and tobacco on multiple occasions. Work continues to target further shops in Harehills that are involved in similar illicit operations.
- **Killingbeck & Seacroft** – Partial Premises block closure for Eastdean Grange. Obtained due to drug use in foyer and vulnerable people being targeted. Obtained just for communal areas.
- **Burmantofts & Richmond Hill** - Ascot Terrace – had a Partial Closure in place last 6 mths (it expired in Dec) to help reduce drug dealing at an address. So far it has worked to a degree. It has reduced the reports to us. Part of the drug dealing problem in EEP. Good partnership work on-going between LASBT/WYP/Housing.
- Glensdale Street – Partial Closure obtained 20th Dec to stop a rowdy house/parties/noise through the night.
- Aygsgarth Close – Possession being sought on a property where drug dealing in taking place. Partial Closure obtained 20th Dec to reduce down over Xmas for residents. 2 x breaches. Possession being sought on AG.
- Possession being sought on a long standing LCC tenant for causing problems for contractors in a tower block in Lincoln Green area. Process on-going. But shows LCC will not tolerate aggression towards LCC staff. He is currently in prison and likely to be evicted (if he doesn't sign his flat back before)

5. Health & Wellbeing – Champion Councillor Asghar Ali

Public Health Update

Health Needs Assessments for the above areas will be published in the New Year (2025) and partners will be supported to engage with the findings of the reports and their next steps.

For more information and any support with the above please contact: Harehills
Parminder.grewal@leeds.gov.uk Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Chetna.patel@leeds.gov.uk Gipton
Lauren.turnbull@leeds.gov.uk (Jess Dewhurst is now on Maternity leave until February 2026).
Support tina.leslie@leeds.gov.uk

An initial progress report of the BRH HNA was delivered to the Burmantofts Richmond Community Anchor Network/Ward Partnership meeting and was positively received.

Clear Hold Build meeting

A presentation of the community fun day that took place in October was featured at a recent meeting of the Clear Hold Build. The presentation illustrated the positive outcomes that were achieved by working collaboratively with a range of partners in Harehills.

Smoking cessation pilot project with South Asian communities in Harehills

There has been an opportunity to access end of year funding via colleagues working on tobacco control and smoking in Public Health, with a focus on South Asian communities. Through connections with faith and community leaders, 2 small pilot projects have been set up to be delivered by the Hamwattan Group at the Apna Centre in Harehills North, and the second will be delivered by the Junior Sports Hub in Harehills South. They will be supported by imams in nearby mosques to cascade accessible messages around smoking cessation and raise awareness of information sessions to their congregations. The delivery of information sessions will take place over February and March. The aim of this short pilot project is to reach people who do not routinely engage with mainstream services. The overall objectives are to:

- **Empower Communities** - 'get the community talking and raise collective awareness
- **Engage smokers and promote support** - connect with smokers to increase awareness of the harms of smoking and make referrals to the Leeds Stop Smoking Service
- **Shift attitudes and raise awareness** - change perceptions of smoking by highlighting the dangers of cigarettes, shisha, and illicit tobacco
- **Foster smoke-free environments** - increase the number of smoke-free homes and minimize the negative influence of smoking role models
- **Promote responsible vaping**
- **Provide culturally relevant support**- create resources to meet the specific needs of diverse communities.
- **Build community trust**

For more information contact Mindy at parminder.grewal@leeds.gov.uk

Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) HATCH subgroup

The subgroup continues to grow from strength to strength and will be meeting in February to look at new campaigns for this year. For more information contact chetna.patel@leeds.gov.uk.

Harehills and Gipton Speed Networking Event

The Harehills and Gipton Councillors approved a grant to run a speed networking event which is being arranged on for the 28th February.

The aim of a speed networking event is for local community groups and organisations in the Harehills and Gipton area to come together to share ideas, work together and collaborate. Following recent events this will help to create community sharing, cohesion and unity, to help support each other with capacity building, identifying gaps and fostering new partnerships.

The funding will help build trust and collaboration, foster connections and trust among local community groups, encouraging each other to address shared challenges and create a united approach to rebuilding community relations.

The event will form a platform for sharing resources and local knowledge and in-site for groups and to exchange ideas, share resources, and learn about each other's initiatives, enhancing their collective impact on the community Contact tina.leslie@leeds.gov.uk

Seacroft Blood Pressure Awareness Project

This project has been designed by Seacroft LCP partners; LCC Public Health Localities & Primary Care Team, Seacroft PCN, LS14 Trust, Space 2 and LCC Public Health Long Term Conditions Team.

The overarching aim of this project is to raise awareness and support the early identification of hypertension within the Seacroft community using an integrated model of care. For those who are identified as hypertensive, the secondary aim of the project is to support people to manage and reduce their blood pressure by taking a person centred approach, in which the individual is supported to engage with Primary Care and the wide range of activities on offer within the community which supports living well.

The project, which started in June, continues to go from strength to strength. So far, 597 people have engaged with the project and have had at least one conversation about their blood pressure with Seacroft PCN, LS14 Trust or Space 2. Of these, 484 people have had their blood pressure read and 40 people have been referred for further support from Seacroft PCN's Proactive Care Team due to an initial high blood pressure reading or due to risk factors that increase their chances of developing high blood pressure. For more information, please contact Lydia Robson: Lydia.robson@leeds.gov.uk

Seacroft Healthy Relationships and sexual health workforce training

The Public Health Localities and Primary Care team and Public Health Sexual Health Team are working together to develop a training offer for community-based professionals and volunteers working with children and young people; to enhance the way they promote healthy relationships and positive sexual health. Domestic violence and healthy relationships have emerged as a priority for the Seacroft Children and Families Partnership and form part of the Seacroft Priority Ward Plan. Public Health teams have partnered to contribute their expertise to this work, with a particular focus on prevention work and promoting early understanding and awareness of healthy relationships.

Having built the foundations of a modular training programme, they have now consulted with community partners in Seacroft to agree the priority topics which will be covered in the first instance, based on the topics important to young people and to the workforce locally.

The conversational sessions will draw on the knowledge and skills of local workers, as well as information, data and practice ideas brought from the Public Health team. The information gathering and "challenge outlining" part of the session, will be followed with a resources and practice section, where the group will explore and practice using resources available to work on the issues, and identify any additional resource needed to meet the needs of local workers and young people.

Sessions plan to start by the end of March and will include follow-up 'check ins' to review usefulness of resources in practice and to identify any further needs. After the initial sessions the project will pause to review and adapt to need, informing ongoing work. For more information, please contact Lauren.Turbull@leeds.gov.uk

York Road Flu Clinics and Winter Wellbeing

York Road Primary Care Network ran a series of flu clinics based out of Shaftesbury Surgery and Dr Laybourne and Partners during October and November. Public Health Localities and Primary Care Team collaborated with the PCN to use this opportunity to provide winter wellbeing support and information to patients attending the clinics for their flu vaccines. Voluntary and Community Sector partners such as Care and Repair, Green Doctors and Better Together held stalls at the clinics to share information around local activities and ways of staying safe and well in the home over winter.

Citywide updates Community Committee Health and Wellbeing report

Measles update

In January 2024 the UK Health Security declared a UK measles incident and we are now seeing a rise in measles cases in Leeds, mainly in unvaccinated children.

Measles is a highly infectious disease that can lead to serious complications. You can read about the symptoms on the NHS website [here](#). One person can potentially infect 12-18 other unvaccinated people. It is spread by coughing and sneezing.

The Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination is the safest and most effective way to protect against measles. This is given as part of the childhood vaccination schedule. In recent years the number of children receiving their vaccination has fallen with some areas of the city having vaccination rates as low as 40%. This means measles can very quickly spread amongst unvaccinated communities leading to a large increase in cases.

A reminder of the importance of good general infection prevention and control measures. Hand hygiene is one of the most important ways to reduce the transmission of infections.

Please help to raise awareness of the rise of measles through your networks and communities.

UKHSA publishes a dashboard of measles data which is updated every four weeks.

Winter wellbeing

With the recent snow and cold weather, a reminder that Leeds City Council has a dedicated website which offers support and advice on keeping well over winter. Some groups, such as older people, young children, and people with long term conditions are particularly vulnerable to the effects of cold weather and living in deprivation. In many cases simple preventative action could avoid many of the deaths, illness and injuries associated with the cold.

You can visit the website [here](#). A comms toolkit with winter wellbeing assets and copy for bulletins, social media etc is available [here](#).

Campaigns

Seasonal vaccination programme

There was an anticipated rise in flu over the festive season, with people being urged to protect themselves this New Year.

The public are being reminded that vaccination offers the best protection against serious illness and hospitalisation, particularly for those who are vulnerable or elderly. While the national booking system for flu vaccination closed on 19 December, eligible groups can still book their vaccination through their GP surgery or local pharmacy where available.

Visit the NHS website for more information.

Covid spring vaccination programme

The government has accepted advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) for the spring 2025 Covid vaccination programme.

The following groups will be offered a Covid vaccination:

- adults aged 75 years and over
- residents in a care home for older adults
- individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed

This eligibility criteria are the same as in Spring 2024. Further details to follow.

Healthy Livers Leeds

January is Love Your Liver awareness month, a campaign that aims to raise awareness of liver disease risk factors and how to keep your liver healthy. Within Leeds a Healthy Livers Leeds campaign is also running, focusing specifically on alcohol-related liver disease.

Key messages are as follows: Make a mindful choice for your liver this January. Cutting down on alcohol can lead to lifelong benefits. Make January your month to make a change.

Training and Development

Want to know more about... HIV

Date: 24 February, 11.00am to 12.00pm

This session is suitable for anyone working within the health, social care, education or third sector who would like to know more about HIV and how to help fight HIV related stigma.

In 2023, Leeds joined a global partnership working to end the HIV epidemic, becoming the first city in the Yorkshire and Humber region to become a Fast-Track City declaring its commitment to ending HIV by 2030.

Want to know more about... Prostate cancer

Date: 10 March, 11.00am to 12.00pm

Prostate cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in the UK. March is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and is a great opportunity to find out more about and raise awareness of prostate cancer and getting checked out.

6. Employment & Skills – Champion Councillor John Tudor

Total number claiming Universal Credit (UC)

The total number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC), as of November 2024, in the Inner East Community Committee area is 21,006. This is an increase of 170.0% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 543 claimants on the previous month.

The table below shows the total number of people claiming Universal Credit in Leeds, the Inner East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Universal Credit Claimants 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		October 2024		November 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	35,450	6.8%	93,609	18.0%	96,239	18.5%
Inner East	8,172	14.8%	20,463	37.1%	21,006	38.1%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	2,957	15.7%	6,731	35.7%	6,921	36.7%
Gipton & Harehills	3,230	15.5%	8,453	40.7%	8,687	41.8%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	1,985	12.8%	5,279	34.1%	5,398	34.9%

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

Universal Credit (Not in Employment)

The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of October 2024, in the Inner East Community Committee area is 13,320. This is an increase of 135.4% since March 2020 (pre-pandemic levels), and an increase of 106 claimants on the previous month.

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

	Universal Credit Claimants (Not in Employment) 16-64yrs					
	March 2020		September 2024		October 2024	
	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
Leeds	23,631	4.5%	58,141	11.2%	58,951	11.3%
Inner East	5,658	10.3%	13,214	24.0%	13,320	24.2%
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	2,068	11.0%	4,351	23.1%	4,383	23.3%
Gipton & Harehills	2,210	10.6%	5,515	26.5%	5,554	26.7%
Killingbeck & Seacroft	1,380	8.9%	3,348	21.6%	3,383	21.8%

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

Employment and Skills (E&S) Activities and Provision

The table below shows the number of people supported by the E&S Service from Leeds, the Inner East Community Committee area and by ward.

	Accessing Services		Into Work		Improved Skills	
	2024/202	2023/202	2024/202	2023/202	2024/202	2023/202
	5 (Apr – Sep)	4 (Apr – Sep)	5 (Apr – Sep)	4 (Apr – Sep)	5 (Apr – Sep)	4 (Apr – Sep)
Leeds	6,281	6,883	1,209	1,790	1,931	1,928
Inner East	1,726	1,684	242	315	573	502
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	628	625	90	103	189	188
Gipton & Harehills	781	827	96	154	261	238
Killingbeck & Seacroft	317	232	56	58	123	76

- *During April to September 2024:*
- 6,281 people accessed the Service, 1,726 of whom were residents from the Inner East.
- Supported 1,209 people into work, 242 of whom were residents from the Inner East. Customers were supported into work across all sectors with the largest numbers in Entertainment & Recreation, Education, Professional Services, Business, Legal & Scientific, Digital, Health & Care.
- Supported 1,931 people to improve their skills, 573 of whom were residents from the Inner East.

Leeds Employment Hub

A single point of contact for all funded programmes and Jobshops which 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. The Employment Hub Advisors are co-located within the Jobcentre Plus centres across the city.

All Jobshops are open 5 days a week for face-to-face appointments which include Seacroft, Compton and City Centre Community Hubs. There is a pop up Jobshop at Burmantofts Community Hub, Mondays and Fridays 9:00 - 17:00.

The Community Hub Mobile bus runs Monday - Friday, the schedule stops include:

- The Old Fire Station, Gipton Approach, LS9 6NL Thursday 9:30 – 12:00
- Near 'One Stop' shop, Temple View Road, East End Park Friday 1:30 to 3:30pm

Community Learning

Community Learning provision continues to deliver an effective, broad and inclusive curriculum to support the continuation of learning in collaboration with subcontracted partners. Courses were delivered through a range of models which includes face to face within a community setting, online and through distance learning, opening new opportunities for adults to learn and develop their confidence.

Between April – September 2024, 2,569 people started an Adult Learning course. There were 422 courses delivered at 54 venues, in addition, there were 12 courses delivered on-line. In the Inner East area, there were 115 courses delivered at 14 venues, and 693 people started a course.

For further information on courses available both online and face to face at community venues, please visit: <https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk>

Multiply

Multiply is the free, government funded, adult maths support programme, part of Levelling Up, Skills for Life. The programme is aimed at helping adults to improve their maths skills and boost their number confidence. E&S are developing and delivering courses and activities through partnerships with community organisations and other partners; to help people use numeracy to manage their money; for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children. Souper Duper cooking on a budget sessions continue to be delivered at Leeds Kirkgate market, and a 'Men's Pie Club sessions took place in November and will be delivered again in February 2025 in collaboration with Zest at Leeds Cookery School.

Between April and September 2024, there have been 52 courses delivered at 24 community venues in Leeds, with 235 residents starting a course. In the Inner East Community Committee area, 8 courses were delivered at 5 venues. 76 residents have started a course.

School and College Engagement

There have been engagement events and activities delivered in schools and colleges, including Apprenticeships awareness sessions, careers fairs, mock interview sessions, sector specific talks and

employer site visits. Between April and September 2024, there have been 44 School and College activities across the city supporting 3,388 young people, 392 parents and carers, and 141 teachers. Of these, 6 events have taken place within the east of the city engaging with 545 young people, 120 parents and carers, 22 teachers.

Community Engagement

Engagement with a number of community organisations within the area to raise awareness and provide information and advice on the employability and skills support available, job opportunities and a point of contact for referrals for one to one support and access to skills delivery. Exploring bespoke skills provision with organisations to meet an identified need. Between April and September 2024, there have been 83 Community Engagement events across the city supporting 7,221 people, of these 17 events have taken place within the east of the city engaging with 191 people.

Delivered events between July to December 2024

- **Community Engagement Sessions**, E&S advisors engage with local residents offering Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) and employability support, promoting and referring to Employment and Skills programmes and activities, Apprenticeships and other opportunities:
 - **Richmond Hill Community Centre** on 19th September 2024
 - **Nowell Mount Community Centre** on 3rd October 2024
 - **Shakespeare Primary School Parent Voice** on 20th November 2024
 - **Bilal Centre** throughout November 2024
 - **Refugee Forum One Community Centre** on 18th December 2024
- **Compton Community Hub Jobs Fair** held on 11th November 2024, engaged with approximately 50 people about our Employment and Skills support offer, Apprenticeship vacancies within Leeds and promoted the upcoming events.
- **Inner East Cost of Living Drop-in Session** held on 27th November 2024 at Compton Community Hub, E&S advisors attended to promote Employment and Skills programmes and activities.
- **Good Jobs, Better Health, Fairer Future Project**, facilitated a Listening Exercise on 3rd December 2024 at Give a Gift, 20 people attended including residents and Anchor organisations to discuss practical solutions that support access to work, skills and volunteering.
- **Give a Gift**, E&S advisor delivered 5 CV, Job search and Interview preparation skills workshops. Throughout October – December 2024.
- **Compton and Burmantofts Community Hubs** hosted Winter Festival events where the onsite Jobshop support was promoted to those attending.
- **Connecting Communities to Health & Care Careers and We Care Academy** 33 Information / Assessment Sessions, with 242 people attending, of whom 89 started a Health & Care Employability Programme, 91 were supported to apply for Apprenticeships, 30 referred to improve skills in Maths and/or English to support to progress into a future employability programme. During this period 24 people started work. The sessions supported recruitment to Primary Care Navigator, Dental, Procurement, Cleaning, Science Manufacturing Technician and Trainee Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeships and social care roles.
- **HMP Prison Wealstun**, E&S advisors provided support on 5th September 2024 to prisoners who were released through the Early Leavers Scheme to equip participants with knowledge about available employment resources including Leeds Employment Hub, Jobshops and other services accessed via Community Hubs.
- **Home Bargains Recruitment Event** at City Centre Community Hub was held in August 2024.
- **Scape Recruitment Information** sessions were held 25th July and 1st August 2024 at the City Centre Community Hub aimed at filling various roles, including Housekeepers, Night Porters, Maintenance Operatives, and Receptionists.
- **Digital Clinic: Elevate Your Career with WILD**, took place on 18th September 2024 at the KPMG City Offices, about the digital opportunities in Leeds.
- **Leeds Digital Careers Fair** held for its third successive year on 24th September 2024 at the Leeds First Direct Arena, attracting 56 organisations and 4,200 visitors. The event featured interactive sessions, insightful talks from industry leaders, and opportunities to connect with

some of the biggest digital and tech organisations in Leeds. The event is a vital platform for exhibitors to engage with potential talent, showcase their companies, and identify future talent in the digital landscape.

- **SEND Careers Fair** was held on 22nd November 2024 at Leeds City Museum. Promoted the E&S Business Support offer, Apprenticeships and upcoming events.
- **Tech Careers Launchpad “Getting Hired in Tech”** held on 18th September 2024 at the AND Digital offices in the Leeds City Centre.
- **Tech Careers Launchpad** held on 28th November 2024 with Northcoders. It was the fourth event in the "Progressing in Tech" series and included a presentation, panel session, and networking opportunities.
- **Jobshop Recruitment Events** hosted 3 recruitment events and a Learning Provider event at City Centre Community Hub between October – December 2024.
- **DWP Events** held at City Centre Community Hub aimed at older people improving their health and skills and finding employment, E&S attended to promote the enhanced support offer, Apprenticeships and events. Employers attending the Jobs Fairs included various Leeds City Council departments: Security, Cleaning, Leeds Building Services and Children’s Centre Services, plus some external care companies and training providers.
- **Leeds Creative Skills Festival** returned for its third year on Monday 18th November 2024. Held at the Royal Armouries, the event showcased the vibrant creative and cultural scene in Leeds. The event offered a dynamic program with engaging daytime sessions specifically designed for schools and colleges, followed by an evening event open to the public. A total of 2,700 visitors attended, interacting with 47 exhibitors who showcased the exciting career opportunities available within the creative industries, both in Leeds and beyond.
- **Discovering Apprenticeship Presentations** a series of informative sessions aimed at parents, carers, and young people to provide insights into Apprenticeships. The presentations took place week commencing 2nd December 2024 at the Rose Bowl, Leeds Beckett University, 500 people attended.

Planned Events and Activities

- **Community Engagement Sessions**, E&S advisors will engage with local residents offering IAG and employability support, promoting and referring to Employment and Skills programmes and activities, Apprenticeships and other opportunities:
 - **Bilal Centre** every week from 9th January 2025.
 - **Give a Gift** every Tuesday from 14th January 2025.
 - **Chapel FM drop-in sessions** every Wednesday from 15th January 2025 plus one Sunday session February TBC.
 - **Nowell Mount Community Centre** delivery and dates to be confirmed.
- **Women Arise** CV sessions, Interview Preparation session and promoting our services throughout January and March 2025.
- **The Reginald Centre Community Hub** has a DWP Apprenticeship Event planned in February 2025.
- **Connecting Communities to Health & Care Careers** assessments are planned in line with delivery of the pre-employment courses and pre-screening recruitment needs. Sessions are planned to recruit to Dental, Pharmacy and Clinical roles. Community Learning and Employability Support continue to provide wrap-around support.
- **We Care Academy** Information and Assessment sessions will be delivered monthly at the City Centre Community Hub. These sessions include short pre-employment courses to support recruitment into the care sector. Sessions are planned for February and March 2025.
- **Leeds Apprenticeships Recruitment Fair** planned for 12th February 2025, at Leeds First Direct Arena. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about Apprenticeships and connect with providers and employers from various sectors. Exhibitors will provide Information Advice and Guidance, and details on live Apprenticeship vacancies.
- **The BIG Social Care Event** planned for 26th February 2025 at the Bridge Community Church. Social Care employers will be invited to attend with E&S advisors providing support. Other services will be invited to offer additional support to attendees.

- **Careers in Housing** a 5-week course commencing 3rd March 2025 offers an exciting opportunity for people looking to take their first step into an administration role within Leeds City Council's Housing Department. Information Sessions will be delivered leading up to the course start date.
- **Jobshops, Community Hubs** will be holding Interview Skills Workshops provided by CAF Rail at The Reginald Centre, Dewsbury Road and Armley Community Hubs between January – March 2025. The aim of the sessions is to work with customers around mock interviews, attending interviews and giving advice and feedback to improve customers' confidence when attending job interviews.
- **Launch of the new Tech Careers Launchpad** routes into Tech planned for March 2025. Aimed at exploring some of the routes into tech & digital roles in Leeds including key guest speakers sharing their skills, knowledge, experience and personal journey, information about Apprenticeships, tech academies and bootcamps.

Employer Engagement

Between April and September 2024 the Service has supported 236 new businesses including recruiting new staff, providing support for staff facing redundancy, developing initiatives to address staff shortages and filling a high number of vacancies within key sectors.

The Employment and Skills Business Newsletter that provides information and resources to support businesses' workforce needs across the city, also including the upcoming sustainability breakfast events, Leeds Inclusive Employers Network and T-Level support. The newsletter will be published every 2 months to approximately 6,000 subscribers. To find out more please visit:

www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com

Further Information

The Service has several communication channels and social media accounts that promote events, jobs fairs, job vacancies, Apprenticeships, and courses. Please link to our accounts:

linktr.ee/eandsleeds

Facebook: facebook.com/eandsleeds

X (Twitter): twitter.com/eandsleeds

Instagram: instagram.com/eandsleeds

LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/employment-and-skills-leeds-city-council/

YouTube: youtube.com/@employmentandskills

Opportunities in Leeds is a weekly email service and features live jobs, Apprenticeships, and courses. To subscribe please visit: bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds

For further information on Employment and Skills services and the support available please visit: employmentskillsleeds.co.uk

7. Burmantofts & Richmond Hill – Priority Ward

BRH Community Anchor Network / Ward Partnership Event

A face-to-face workshop took place on Monday 20th January to celebrate and develop the partnership working in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill.

The session gave partners opportunities to update each other on some of the work undertaken in 2024 and provide some space to refine the priorities for 2025.

Bridge Community Church kindly offered their venue.

The meeting involved:

- Celebrating achievements of partnership working in the ward.
- Keeping connected as a local partnership.
- Share updates from partners on projects, progress, and barriers.
- Identify opportunities for future partnership working and to look into new priorities that could be developed this year.



Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Community Events

There are 2 upcoming events in the BRH wards. The events have been funded by the Inner East Community Committee and Veolia.

1. Burmantofts Communities Festival which will take place on Saturday 14th June from 12pm – 4pm, Oxtan Field just off Torre Road.
2. Lark In the Park – Saturday 19th July from 12pm – 4pm, East End Park

The events have been funded by the Inner East Community Committee, Veolia.

Breeze will be pulling together the infrastructure for both events, supported by BRH Cllrs, Safer Stronger Communities Team and local partners/organisations.

Both events: will have local partners and organisations doing activities including - food, drinks and running various stalls, inflatables, performance shows, family activities, artists entertaining the public, face painting, arts & crafts and much more!

Walk It Ride It

If you live in Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward, you can join various activities that Walk It Ride It are running.



WOMEN'S WELLBEING WALK
A STEADY PACED WALK TO SUPPORT YOUR HEALTH
EVERY THURSDAY 9AM
STARTING ON THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY
MEETING AT THE CAFE ENTRANCE AT BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH LS9 7BQ
CONNECT WITH WOMEN IN A SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT
WALK AS A GROUP IN LOCAL GREEN SPACES, GENTLE PACE AND PLENTY OF REST BREAKS WHEN NEEDED
INFORMATION ON WALKING AND WHEELING ACTIVITIES IN YOUR AREA
For more info contact Gayle: 07852945286
WALK IT. RIDE IT.
walkitrideit.com



WOMENS ONLY COME AND TRY CYCLING SESSIONS
JUNIOR SPORTS HUB
BILAL SPORTS CENTRE, 40 ASHTON RD, HAREHILLS, LEEDS LS8 5BZ
FREE DROP IN EVERY THURSDAY 9AM - 11AM
BIKE SKILLS WITH EXPERT COACHES FROM CYCLE NORTH AND ACTIVE LEEDS
CONNECT WITH NEW PEOPLE IN A SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT
INFORMATION ON WALKING AND WHEELING ACTIVITIES IN YOUR AREA
CYCLE NORTH ACTIVE LEEDS
For more information contact us at: activetravel.socialprescribing@leeds.gov.uk
WALK IT. RIDE IT.
walkitrideit.com

Join any of the weekly activities by contacting the designated walk or cycle leader on the poster or looking at the Facebook link below for further information on what is being delivered in the ward.
<https://www.facebook.com/WalkitRideit>

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill PACT Meeting

Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Resident meeting will take place jointly with Partnership and Communities Together (Police) at Nowell Mount Community Centre on 17th March at 6pm. Residents will be able to raise issues with the Police and LASBT.

This is a public meeting which are chaired by local councillors give residents opportunities to raise issues which are important to them, and to hear about local initiatives and get updates from council services and local organisations.

8. Gipton & Harehills – Priority Ward

CommUnity Harehills

The CommUnity Harehills Partnership continues to be developed with a number of action groups having been recently established to drive initiatives forward under a number of priority areas. These working groups cover place and space; community voice; children and young people; health and wellbeing and community safety- five of the areas of greatest priority for Harehills.

Each of these action groups will begin to meet regularly to develop projects and initiatives around these themes as well as develop better partnership working between services and organisations.

Compton Centre Fun Day

A recent project that has arisen from the CommUnity Harehills partnership was the Community Fun Day which took place at The Compton Centre on the 29th of October.



FREE COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY

Leeds CITY COUNCIL
Community Hubs and Libraries

Unity
The Clear Mind Build Initiative
Community Harehills

Tuesday 29 October 2024
11am to 1:30pm
The Compton Centre, Harehills,

- Enjoy crafting playing sports, gardening and reading
- Information stalls offering help on jobs, training opportunities, blood pressure checks, financial assistance, energy support, and much more
- Refreshments & goodies available

Free family cycling session at Harehills Park 11am - 12:30pm. Must be accompanied by an adult



The event was free to attend with craft activities and food available, bringing together a range of local partners and council services to provide advice and support on a range of issues. The fun day was really well attended with lots of positive feedback. The CommUnity Harehills partnership plan to deliver more of these types of events throughout the year, giving local people the opportunity to come together to connect with each other as well as find out more about what opportunities and support are available locally.

Festive Activities

Thanks to funding from the Gipton and Harehills ward Councillors there were some new Christmas lights in place in Gipton this Festive period. Funding was made available through the Inner East Community Committee for a new installation of lights along Gipton Approach

Gipton Old Fire Station hosted a Christmas lights switch on to celebrate the new lights which were greatly appreciated by local residents.

In Harehills St Aidans Community Hall hosted this year's Harehills Winter Welcome. The event was well attended with food, craft activities, games, and performances from local young people.

Both events were supported by the Safer Stronger Communities Team in partnership with residents and partners and were a fantastic opportunity to bring the community together.



9. Killingbeck & Seacroft - Priority Ward

Kentmere Community Centre - Women's pop-up event

On Friday 24th January, Kentmere Community Centre hosted a Pop-up Women's Centre. Organised by Women's Health Matters, the session formed part of a series of safe space events occurring across the city in January and February, with activities and support services for women. The Seacroft event included craft sessions, still life drawing and self-defence activities, along with support services such as illegal money lending advice and conversations about life and loss.



Seacroft Community Hub & Library

Digital drop-in sessions are currently occurring fortnightly on Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am – January to April 2025. Dates: Jan 28, Feb 11, Mar 4, Mar 18, Apr 1, and Apr 29.

Learn how to use your tablet, smartphone, or computer, say hello, and get tech savvy. Come along with your device or use a library PC and talk to our friendly librarians who will help you to get started. Learn how your device can help you improve your health, access library services to read eBooks and magazines online and even save you money. This is a free, walk-in session, no booking required. Call 0113 378 5005 for more information.



Local community activities

Community organisations in Seacroft continue to offer a diverse range of activities and sessions for local residents. Recent schedules from the We Are Seacroft collective include:

Tea Toast n Tots

Fun activities for under 5's and their carers, based at Kentmere Community Centre on Tuesday mornings 9am – 11am.

Seacroft Craft & Chat

A communal space to socialise, learn new skills, and create crafty delights. Based at the LS14 Trust Pantry every Tuesday 6pm – 8pm.

Monday Makers

A 'bring your own project' session based at the LS14 Pantry every Monday 10.30-12:30 – perfect for socialising, creating, and sharing ideas!

Life and Loss

Focussed sessions are taking place in the LS14 Trust Café space to enable conversation in a safe space about life and loss. This is a nurturing space where people can share, listen, and help to support others. The most recent session took place on Wed 15th Jan, with the next session scheduled for Wed 19th March.

For more information on this and all of the above events, contact magsq@beingyouleeds.org.uk

Pit Stop Project

The mechanics group at the Denis Healey Centre has been revving its engine recently, with popular sessions taking place on Friday evenings between 6pm and 8pm. Young people attending are learning about motorbike general repair, engine maintenance, and road safety – supported by qualified mechanics at each session. For more information visit the Seacroft Community on Top Facebook Page.

Corporate Considerations

10. Consultation and Engagement

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

11. Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration

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.

12. Council Polices and City Priorities

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

13. Resources and Value for Money

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

14. Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

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

15. Risk Management

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

16. Conclusions

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

17. Recommendations

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

18. Background documents¹

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.