

Inner West Well-being Project Monitoring

September to December 2013

- 1.1 This section updates the Area Committee on progress against Well-being funded revenue projects approved since March 2012.
- 1.2 **Project Name:** Community Centre Consortium
Lead Organisation: BARCA Leeds
Amount: £35,000
Project Description: This funding is to support the New Wortley and Fairfield Community Centres by employing a Social Enterprise and Business Facilities Manager until September 2012 and providing financial support through to March 2013. The Social Enterprise and Business Facilities Manager is responsible for developing an exit strategy for the project that will provide the management committees of the centres with procedures and skills to support the future viability of the centres.
Project Update: Barca's involvement has helped develop these centres through the Social Enterprise and Business Facilities Managers role. The two centres are in a much better financial position than at the beginning of the project. Fairfield Centre in particular seeing a remarkable change from a run down tired building into a vibrant hub of community activity, supported in part by a community development worker employed by Barca. New Wortley Centre has seen a turnaround in the way the social enterprises have been run on site, making them more efficient, business like and successful. The Area Support Team has helped the Board apply for funding to continue with a centre manager post until April next year. £6,000 was secured from NHS Leeds, and an application to Leeds Transition Fund for £10,000 was successful.
- 1.3 **Project Name:** Police off Road Bikes
Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police
Amount: £1,500
Project Description: The funding will hire four off road bikes to be shared across the West North West police division to combat anti-social behaviour caused by nuisance motorbikes on community greenspace and woodland.
Project Update: The police employ their powers under the 'No Insurance' scheme and Section 59 of the Police Reform Act wherever possible and in conjunction with Council's Parkswatch to seize offending vehicles and prosecute their riders. Off road motorcycle offending can be difficult to combat, with marked vehicles unable to carry out pursuits on open land. Using off road bikes, the officers are working well with the Parkswatch service in undertaking joint initiatives and co-ordinating patrols to tackle issues of anti social behaviour and illegal motor-bike nuisance in areas such as New Wortley, Bramley Falls Woods, the towpath of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal as well as parks and green spaces and hotspots in inner West.
- 1.4 **Project Name:** Armley Festive Lights
Lead Organisation: WNW Area Support Team
Amount: £1,750
Project Description: Funding ten festive light motifs for Armley town centre.

Project Update: The project was delivered as expected.

- 1.7 **Project Name:** Small Grants and Skips Budget
Lead Organisation: West North West Area Support Team
Amount: £5,289 (£4,000 plus previous year's carry forward)
Project Description: To provide a budget for community and voluntary groups to apply to for funding for small projects and skips for community use.
Project Update: A total of thirteen projects received small grant funding to the sum of £4,219 and six skips have been provided costing a total of £792.
- 1.8 **Project Name:** Inner West Events Budget
Lead Organisation: West North West Area Support Team
Amount: £7,500 (£5000 Armley, £2,500 Bramley & Stanningley)
Project Description: To provide a budget for Ward Members to allocate towards community events and celebrations.
Project Update: The budget supported a festive light switch on event in Armley, festive lights in Bramley and Rodley, and the Bramley music festival held in November.
- 1.9 **Project Name:** Armley Sports Project
Lead Organisation: Youth Service
Amount: £2,250
Project Description: Continuation of a football based project running every Tuesday evening in Armley Sports centre. It is a multi cultural session with young people from a variety of backgrounds, ages and gender who organise themselves into teams and play football against each other. The main aim of the project is diversionary which together with the Tuesday New Wortley Youth clubs ensures that young people are fully occupied all evening every Tuesday.
Project Update: 36 sessions in total have been delivered between April and December with an average of 20 young people attending each session in first quarter, 12 in the second and 10 in the third. Football coaching and five-a-side football is the main activity of these sessions, being delivered in partnership with the leisure centre and PCSOs providing support when they can. Issues with the times of the projects for younger young people (9pm – 10pm) are currently being looked at and it is hoped an early session may be possible.
- 1.12 **Project Name:** NEET Reduction Project
Lead Organisation: IGEN
Amount: £6,750
Project Description: The project organises fun activities for young people not in education, employment or training who are working with IGEN to motivate them to keep attending sessions and work towards re-engaging with school or training opportunities.
Project Update: There were 3 activity days held in quarter one, 8 in quarter two and 5 in quarter three. In quarter 3, 11 young people took part, of which 5 were classed as long term NEET and 6 classed at risk as at risk of NEET. The activities helped connexions advisors engage positively with the young people. 3 have been referred to further organisations for support. The remaining young people have continued to work with IGEN to secure employment or education placements.

Three participants had previously failed to engage with the Connexions service and their attendance at appointments was very sporadic, on many occasions only presenting in crisis. This programme allowed the young people the opportunity to build on relationships with Personal Advisors. One young person mentioned that he had previously thought that Connexions was like school and that his Personal Advisor would be like a teacher. Attending these provisions he soon learnt that this was not the case and that Connexions could offer support and guidance were needed.

- 1.14 **Project Name:** Armley Saturday Night Project
Lead Organisation: Out of School Activities Team
Amount: £3,000
Project Description: This funding is to pay for staff and equipment to support the 42 week Saturday night youth provision at Armley Sports Centre.
Project Update: The project runs at the Armley Leisure Centre on a Saturday evening from 6:00-9:00pm. A junior session for 8-13 year olds between 6:00-7:30pm and a senior session for 12-18 year olds between 7:30-9:00pm. The project ran 15 sessions between September and December 2012 and an average of 63 young people have attended. The senior attendance continues to fluctuate although over 15 have attended most weeks, where the attendance has dropped it is due to some members being given time out for bad behaviour which means their friends also do not attend. The team are to work with Extended Services to promote the project.
- 1.15 **Project Name:** Bramley Floodlights
Lead Organisation: Parks & Countryside / Bramley Phoenix Rugby Club
Amount: £16,000
Project Description: The funding is to install floodlights on the Leeds City Council owned Bramley Phoenix Rugby Club pitch.
Project Update: An update on this project is provided at Appendix 1.
- 1.16 **Project Name:** Target Hardening in Armley
Lead Organisation: CASAC
Amount: £3,000
Project Description: The project provides additional security for properties at risk of burglary, identified through Operation Optimal, the police's predictive anti-burglary initiative. Funding will be allocated as grant with the householder / landlord covering the first £75 of the standard target hardening package, plus any expenditure over £150. Referrals will come through West Yorkshire Police crime reduction officers. CASAC will provide the target hardening service based on the needs of the property.
Project Update: The scheme was delayed until August 2012 while match funding was secured from Safer Leeds. A limited number of referrals have come through for the scheme from Armley Ward, it is thought this is due to the initial £75 cost, therefore it has been decided that the client contribution be reduced to £25 and expenditure over £125. This enables the client to have 2 ABS cylinders fitted for £25. Since this change was initiated there have been 30 referrals received.
- 1.17 **Project Name:** Armley Notice board
Lead Organisation: Area Support Team

Amount: £2,350

Project Description: The funding is for the installation of a notice board, which would be maintained by local key holders to advertise community events.

Project Update: The notice board has now been installed and keys have been given to Armley Common Right Trust and the library.

1.18 **Project Name:** Lazer Centre Motorbikes

Lead Organisation: Youth Service

Amount: £3,500

Project Description: The funding is to purchase a motorbike for use at the Lazer Centre during the Lazer Centre Motorbike project with young people.

Project Update: It is anticipated that the motorbike will be purchased imminently and the project completed.

1.19 **Project Name:** Gritbin Refills Bramley

Lead Organisation: Highways

Amount: £528.72

Project Description: The funding will pay for 7 refills for grit in the Bramley area.

Project Update: The grit in the the blue Councillor funded grit bins in Bramley Ward at Beecroft Close, Horsforde View, Ivy Gardens, Landseer View, Westover View and Coal Hill Green was installed in late 2012.