

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday, 22nd January 2015.

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Subject:

Engagement Work with Communities and Partners within Bradford South

Summary statement:

This report provides information from engagement work carried out with communities and partners within Bradford South in the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides information from engagement work carried out with communities and partners within Bradford South in the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014–17 was developed on a Ward basis being underpinned by Ward Leadership Teams, Ward Officer Teams and engagement with communities and partners.

- 2.2 The Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office undertakes engagement work with communities and partners through a wide range of activities as follows:-

- a) Ward Forums – 1 Ward Forum per ward held per year across Bradford South to identify priorities to feed into the Ward Plans
- b) Single Issues Forums – held as and when the need arises to allow us to respond to specific issues in specific areas
- c) Working with Older Peoples Groups / Coffee mornings / Luncheon Clubs – information giving to residents about services available, residents reporting issues to officers and also developing projects such as Dementia Friendly, Cold Calling Control Zones etc
- d) Undertaking Days of Actions / site meetings which focus on education, information giving, sign posting communities to services and engaging with residents to find out key local issues
- e) Working with businesses on issues such as crime and community safety issues, parking issues etc
- f) Working with children and young people in schools on educational awareness projects such as Junior Wardens, litter picking and recycling projects
- g) Working with formalised Community Groups, Community Partnerships, Friends of Parks and Cemeteries Groups on projects, activities, consultations, fun days
- h) Ward Officer Teams / Ward Leadership Teams meetings held on six-weekly basis for each Ward with partners – discussing key issues and taking joint action to resolve these issues
- i) Bradford South Health Hub – representatives from community groups, organisations and practitioners that meet to network and highlight health issues across the area



2.3 Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 outline key findings from engagement work with communities and partners carried out in each ward within Bradford South.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 There are not other considerations.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 Support is provided from within existing resources of Neighbourhoods and Customers Services, other Council Services and partners.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are no significant risks and governance issues arising from the proposed recommendation in the report.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 200 and to the Duty of Well-Being placed upon the Council to promote and improve well-being of the District.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

For community engagement activities consideration is giving to ensuring accessibility for particular disadvantaged groups including the elderly, people with disabilities, youth, ethnic minorities and people who are unemployed.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Community engagement activities assist in enabling community issues and solutions to inform the Ward, Area and Service planning process. This will enable activities and service improvements to support the social, economic and environmental well being of communities.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts are a consideration in assessing community issues and solutions which inform the Ward, Area and Service planning process.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 A key aspect of this work relates to supporting the Safer Communities Strategy, the Council's obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998 and the work of the Safer Communities Partnership.



7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

7.6 TRADE UNION

There are no implications related to Trade Unions arising from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Engagement with communities and partners help inform the Ward, Area and Service planning process.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

Engagement activities with communities and partners assist in the development of priorities for the Ward Plans and the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 That Bradford South Area Committee decides not to adopt the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Bradford South Area Committee welcomes the engagement work carried out with communities and partners across Bradford South.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Key findings from Great Horton Ward

Appendix 2 – Key findings from Queensbury Ward

Appendix 3 – Key findings from Royds Ward

Appendix 4 – Key findings from Tong Ward

Appendix 5 – Key findings from Wibsey Ward

Appendix 6 – Key findings from Wyke Ward

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

There are no background documents.



Great Horton Ward Key Findings from Engagement with Communities and Partners specific to the Ward in 2014.		
Theme	Key finding	Source (e.g. Ward Forum, HWB Hub etc.)
1. Cleaner Greener	Litter across the ward including Southfield Lane, Beldon Road, Wheater Road area, Scholemoor Lane, Cemetery Road / Becksid Road	WOTs, Ward Forum, Council Wardens, Ward Councillors, Big Local consultation
	Dog fouling issues across the area including Lidget Place, Southmere Road and Avenue, Haycliffe Road, Ewart Street, Beldon Road, opposite Tesco on Great Horton Road, Hollingwood Lane	Ward Forum, WOTs, Council Wardens, Ward Councillors
	Flytipping across the area including Pannal Street, Cragg Street, Cumberland Road, Harlow Road, Hartington Terrace, Scholemoor Lane, land at back of Scholemoor Road / Necropolis Road, land adjacent to St Wilfrids Church, Scholemoor Cemetery	Ward Forum, WOTs, Ward Councillors, Big Local consultation
2. Safer Communities	Anti-Social Behaviour across the area including Belton Close, Beldon Road, Daisy Street, Welbeck Drive, Hartington Terrace, Cumberland Road, Greyfriar Walk, Coppice Wood Avenue	WOTs, Ward Councillors, Ward Forum
	Illegal and inconsiderate parking around schools across the Ward and other areas such as Becksid Road, Great Horton Road, Cross Lane, Haycliffe Road /Southfield Lane junction	WOTs, Council Wardens, Ward Councillors
	Vehicles speeding across the area including Hollingwood Lane, Southfield Lane, Beldon Road, Haycliffe Road, Becksid Road, Birks Fold, Northside Road	WOTs, Ward Forum, Council Wardens, Ward Councillors



3. Inequalities Health and Wellbeing	Lack of provision for older people and their carers across the Ward. Also, lack of support for isolated older people	Ward Forum, Ward Councillors, Community Partnerships
	No GP surgery in the Ward Positive feedback about the Ridge Medical Practice on Cross Lane	Ward Forum, Community Partnerships, Big Local consultation
4. Incomes, Skills and Housing	Lack of local facilities for job search, training and advice	Community Partnerships meetings, Ward Forum, Big Local consultation
	Poor housing including rented accommodation and empty properties across the ward	Ward Forum, Community Partnerships, Big Local, Ward Councillors
	Provision and promotion of benefits and debt advice	Ward Forum, Community Partnerships, Big Local consultation
5. Children and Young People	Lack of facilities and activities for young people	Big Local, Ward Forum, Ward Councillors, WOTs, Community Partnerships
	Lack of advice, training and employment opportunities for young people	Big Local consultation, Youth Service consultation, Community Partnerships
6. Stronger Communities (Community Support)	Build capacity of local people and community organisations	Big Local consultation, Community Partnerships, Ward Councillors
	Low number of people engaged in volunteering	Big Local consultation, Community Partnerships, Ward Councillors
	Engagement with Eastern European communities	Big Local, Community Partnerships, Ward Councillors



Queensbury Ward Key Findings from Engagement with Communities and Partners specific to the Ward in 2014.		
Theme	Key finding	Source (e.g. Ward Forum, HWB Hub etc.)
1. Cleaner Greener	Excessive dog fouling across the whole of the Ward	Ward Councillors, Ward Partnership meetings, Facebook, Ward Forum, WOT meetings.
	Regular reports of litter around hot spots including the more rural areas and also around the school.	E mails from residents and Ward Councillors, Ward Partnership meetings.
	Increase of reports of graffiti across the ward.	E mails from residents and Ward Councillors, Ward Partnership meetings, Days of Action
2. Safer Communities	Speeding vehicles particularly on the High Street and Deanstones Lane and in other hotspots across the ward.	Ward Partnership meetings, Ward Forum, WOT meetings, Facebook.
	Lack of pedestrian crossings from Clayton Heights through Queensbury village towards Halifax	Ward Partnership meetings.
	Anti Social behaviour at various hotspots across the Ward including Tesco car park, Co-op on the High Street and areas on Hillcrest estate.	Ward Forums, Days of Action, WOT meetings.



3. Inequalities Health and Wellbeing	Large number of older people some of who are isolated with no recognisable family support.	Ward Councillors, Ward Partnership meetings.
	Lack of support for families with children who have additional needs.	Ward Forums, Ward Partnership meetings
	Increased support for families living with and affected by mental health including dementia.	Ward Forums, Ward Partnership meetings.
4. Incomes, Skills and housing	Lack of local, practical, facilities for job searching and accessing training.	Ward Partnership meetings, Days of Action.
	Increasing number of retail outlets on the High Street closing.	Ward Partnership meetings. Business watch meetings.
5. Children and Young People	Lack of outdoor recreational facilities for older children	Ward Councillors, Days of Action, WOT meetings.
	Lack of support for families with children who have additional needs.	Ward Forums, Ward Partnership meetings
6. Stronger Communities (Community Support)	There have been a number of new groups emerging in the Ward all needing different levels of support including developing policies and accessing funding.	Ward Partnership meetings, Ward Forums, Ward Councillors.
	Queensbury Community and Heritage Action Partnership have proven to be key in ensuring the heritage and preservation of Queensbury are kept in the public eye.	Ward Partnership meetings, Ward Forums.
	Concern regarding the future of Victoria Hall, a council owned facility including the swimming pool, children's centre, library and community hall.	Ward Forums, Ward Partnership meetings, Ward Councillors, Facebook.



Royds Ward Key Findings from Engagement with Communities and Partners specific to the Ward in 2014.		
Theme	Key finding	Source (e.g. Ward Forum, HWB Hub etc.)
1. Cleaner Greener	Over the past year a number of residents have reported that the improvements made to Rose Garden, Farfield Recreation Ground, Harold Park and Wibsey Park as resulted in lesser issues with Fly-tipping and rubbish around these areas. There are still reports of littering issues outside schools across the Ward	Royds Ward Forum, Community Events, Coffee Mornings, Luncheon Clubs and Partnership events
	Grass cutting has improved across the Ward although there have been complaints around Low Moor and Buttershaw areas.	Royds Ward Forum, Community Events, Coffee Mornings, Luncheon Clubs and Partnership events
	Problems of dog fouling issues across the Ward especially in Harold Park and North Bierley Cemetery	Royds Ward Forum and Community Events
2. Safer Communities	Inconsiderate parking outside all Schools in the Royds Ward – Woodside, Reevy Hill, Farfield Primary Schools and Buttershaw Business and Enterprise College	Royds Ward Forum, Community Events, Coffee Mornings, Luncheon Clubs and Partnership events
	Anti-Social Behaviour in hot spot areas such as Stensell Green, Brafforton Arbor, Harold Park, Wibsey Park and Meadway Play Area.	Royds Ward Forum and Community Events
	Nuisance from off road motor/quad bikes in Buttershaw and Woodside estates	Community and Partnership events



3. Inequalities Health and Wellbeing	Too many fast food take-aways has been raised by some people saying that people do not cook for themselves, too reliant on fast food because it's cheap and quick. This is having a detrimental effect of residents' health.	Royds Ward Forum, Bradford South Health Hub, Luncheon Clubs
	No support for issues effecting peoples mental health i.e. dementia	Royds Ward Forum, Bradford South Health Hub
	Older people not engaging with services left alone at home issues of loneliness and isolation, not being able to get support from services.	Royds Ward Forum, Bradford South Health Hub, Luncheon Clubs
4. Incomes, Skills and housing	Lack of job opportunities, need local places to support looking for jobs.	Royds Ward Forum, Community Events, Coffee Mornings, Luncheon Clubs and Partnership events
	Long housing waiting lists, rents too high and benefit restructuring has made it even harder to sustain a house and expenses. People on low incomes need benefits to top up their wage.	Partnership events
	High levels of debt, concern about loan sharks working on both Woodside and Buttershaw estates. Residents on Woodside and Buttershaw estates finding it difficult to escape debt. Impacts on high turnover of tenants and increases criminal activity.	Community Events, Luncheon Clubs and Partnership events
5. Children and Young People	Young people find it difficult to find out about jobs. They need motivating and confidence building to look for work.	Youth Service Consultation, Community events
	Young people not being physical active – do not feel safe using play areas and parks. Other interests computer games taking priority	Youth Service Consultation
6. Stronger Communities (Community Support)	People need more information about how they can volunteer and what volunteering involves.	Royds Ward Forum



Tong Ward Key Findings from Engagement with Communities and Partners specific to the Ward in 2014.		
Theme	Key finding	Source (e.g. Ward Forum, HWB Hub etc.)
1. Cleaner Greener	Regular reports of litter across the Ward are addressed by the Clean Team on a daily basis, particularly on main thoroughfares and on open spaces.	Tong Ward Forum, Tong WOT Meetings, Residents, Ward Councillors
	Grass cutting and the clearance of footpaths has improved across the Ward this summer, although there still were complaints from the public, particularly on Broadstone way and with regard to the recreation field here.	Tong Ward Forum, Ward Councillors, Tong WOT Meetings
	Fly tipping is still of concern, particularly in some of the rural hotspots such as Ned Lane, Raikes Lane as well as Madison Avenue, Fontmell Close, Wolston Close.	Tong Ward Forum, Residents, Tong WOT Meetings, Partnership Meetings
	There have been fewer reports of rubbish and bulky refuse in gardens but it is still an issue in Holme Wood.	Tong WOT Meetings, Ward Councillors
	2. Safer Communities	Inconsiderate parking outside most schools across the Tong Ward – Newhall Park Primary, Knowles Park Primary.
	Anti-social behaviour to include criminal damage and burglaries remains high in Holme Wood, but has decreased due to proactive work from the Police and partners. There have been spates of anti-social behaviour on Bierley, off Sayle Avenue which have been addressed by the Police and Youth Service working together with the Young people involved and local residents.	Tong Ward Forum, Tong WOT Meetings, Residents



	Nuisance from off road motor/quad bikes has greatly decreased but there still has been occurrences in some hot spot areas such as Broadstone Way The issue of large numbers of horses illegally tethered on council land has decreased, but not disappeared. It still continues to be a problem on some parts of Holme Wood/Bierley. Regular impoundments and more residents reporting sighting of horses has helped to reduce the number of horses across the Ward.	Ward Councillors, Residents, Tong WOT Meetings Tong Ward Forum
3. Inequalities Health and Wellbeing	The ease of access to fast food and take-aways has taken away the onus for people to cook for themselves and has contributed to poor diets and ill health across some of the Ward i.e. Holme Wood. People have become too reliant on fast food, as it is cheap and quick and many people do not know how to cook, with a detrimental effect on residents' health.	Tong Ward Forum, Bradford South Health Hub, Luncheon Clubs
	More support is needed for people that live alone and have mental health issues i.e. dementia	Bradford South Health Hub, Community Organisations
	Older people not engaging with services available in the area, increasing issues of loneliness and isolation	Tong Ward Forum, Bradford South Health Hub, Community Organisations
4. Incomes, Skills and housing	There is still the need for more people to take up offers of training opportunities and the need for more local places to support local people to look for jobs.	Tong Ward Forum, Community Organisations, Partnership Meetings
	Unemployment remains high across some of the Ward, especially in Holme Wood, with a high dependency on benefits.	Ward Assessment Data, Bradford South Health Hub
	High levels of debt, concern about loan sharks working on Holme Wood. Residents find it difficult to escape debt.	Community Events, Luncheon Clubs Tong WOT Meetings
	Increasing educational attainment in KS4 5+A*-C English and Maths still remains a high priority.	Local Schools Partnership Meetings Ward Assessment Data



5. Children and Young People	Young people find it difficult to find out about jobs. They need motivating and confidence building to look for work.	Youth Service Consultation Ward Assessment Data Partnership Meetings
	There has been an increase in positive outcomes for NEETs. More young people have been directed to further training/education, with over 70 young people gaining accreditation in the Tong Ward. Young people have engaged in community work (Black Carr Woods) and young girls have developed a sexual exploitation DVD for schools. As part of a 13 week holiday programme, young people were taken on a residential to North Yorkshire. Project working with the most vulnerable young people continues at Tong School, with Tic Tac	Youth Service Tic Tac (a Teenage Advice Centre) Tong High School
	Young people are working with the Parks department to design a skate park for Knowles Park. The consultation will also involve local primary schools	Ward Councillors, Ward Leadership Team Meetings Youth Service Parks Department
	High rates of children living in poverty remains a priority across parts of the ward i.e. Holme Wood.	Ward Assessment Data
6. Stronger Communities (Community Support)	People need more information about how they can volunteer and what volunteering involves.	Tong Ward Forum Partnership Meetings
	Encourage more people to participate in community events and activities. The work of the Friends of Black Carr Woods has encouraged local people to attend events in Black Carr Woods and use the facility, which many residents have commented on memories of playing here as they grew up. They were pleased to have rediscovered the woods for their children.	Ward Councillors Partnership Meetings



Wibsey Ward Key Findings from Engagement with Communities and Partners specific to the Ward in 2014.		
Theme	Key finding	Source (e.g. Ward Forum, HWB Hub etc.)
1. Cleaner Greener	Litter and fly tipping in hot spot areas	Ward Forum, Community Events, Coffee mornings, WOT, Ward Councillors
	Improvements to Wibsey Park required, particularly with regard to the nature trail and play equipment	Ward Forum, Community Events, Lunch clubs, WOT, Ward Councillors
	Dog fouling problems reported	Ward Forum, Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, WOT, Ward Councillors
2. Safer Communities	ASB reported in hot spot areas	Ward Forum, WOT, Community Events, Coffee Mornings, Ward Councillors
	Complaints about parking issues on the High Street and speeding on Netherland Avenue by local residents	Ward Forum, Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, WOT, Ward Councillors
	Young people hanging round in groups, caused concern to local people	Ward Forum, WOT, Ward Councillors, Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Community Events.
3. Inequalities Health and Wellbeing	Older people not being engaged people feeling isolated	Ward Forum, WOT, Ward Councillors, Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Community Events.
	More activities for older people required	Ward Forum, WOT, Ward Councillors, Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Community Events.



	More healthy eating initiatives and Physical activities required for local people	Ward Forum, WOT, Ward Councillors Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Community Events,
4. Incomes, Skills and housing	Concerns raised about peoples debt levels and the increase in number of loan sharks	Ward Forum, WOT, Ward Councillors Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Community Events,
	High number of young people looking for employment.	Ward Forum, WOT, Ward Councillors Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Community Events,
5. Children and Young People	Young people not being physical active – do not feel safe using play areas and parks. Other interests computer games taking priority	Ward Forum, WOT, Ward Councillors Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Community Events,
	Young people find it difficult to find out about jobs. They need motivating and confidence building to look for work.	Ward Forum, WOT, Ward Councillors Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Community Events,
	Young people hanging round in groups – perception of ASB	Ward Forum, WOT, Ward Councillors Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Community Events,
6. Stronger Communities (Community Support)	Low numbers of people volunteering in the Ward (given up unpaid time	Ward Forum, WOT, Ward Councillors, Coffee Mornings, Lunch Clubs, Community Events.



Wyke Ward Key Findings from Engagement with Communities and Partners specific to the Ward in 2014.		
Theme	Key finding	Source (e.g. Ward Forum, HWB Hub etc.)
1. Cleaner Greener	Regular reports of dog fouling in parks and public open spaces across the Ward at various hotspots to include Towngate, Green Lane, Sal Royd and Judy Woods. There has been some improvement in Oakenshaw Park over the latter months, due to promoting the Green Dog Walkers Scheme.	Ward Councillors, Ward Partnership meetings, Wyke Ward Forum, Wyke WOT meetings, Resident Groups
	Grass cutting and the clearance of footways has improved across the Ward this summer, although there have been concerns in Oakenshaw Park and Wyke Park, which have been addressed.	Ward Councillors, Ward Partnership meetings. Residents, Friends of Parks' Groups, Wyke WOT meetings
	Overgrown vegetation/ weeds across the Ward to include Lower Wyke, Hanson Fold , Rooley Crescent/Radfield Drive, Markfield Close still an issue, but have received fewer complaints this year.	Ward Councillors, Ward Leadership Team Meetings, Wyke Ward Forum
2. Safer Communities	Inconsiderate parking outside schools in the Wyke Ward at the start and end of the school day, but especially around Appleton Academy, Low Moor C of E Primary	Ward Partnership meetings, Wyke WOT meetings, Residents ringing the Warden Manager
	Anti-social behaviour at various hot spots across the Ward such as Mayfield Rise, Wycoller. A special forum was held to address the issues around Mayfield and the behaviour has improved here.	Ward Partnership meetings. Wyke WOT meetings, Residents, Youth Service
	Nuisance from off road motor/quad bikes at various hot spots to include Judy Woods, Delph Hill. Reports have decreased substantially this summer; due to increase of off road bikers provided by the Police and increased reporting from residents.	Ward Forums, Wyke WOT meetings, Ward Councillors, Residents



3. Inequalities Health and Wellbeing	Larger number of older people living in the Ward, some of whom are isolated with no recognisable family support.	Ward Councillors, Ward Partnership meetings. Bradford South Health Hub
	Increased support for families living with and affected by mental health, including dementia.	Wyke Ward Forum, Ward Partnership meetings
	To encourage the take up of physical activity to tackle obesity and associated problems across the Ward and across all age groups, although there has been an improvement in the year 6 obesity rate.	Wyke Ward Forum, Ward Partnership meetings. Ward Assessment Data
4. Incomes, Skills and housing	Lack of training opportunities, need more local places to support looking for jobs.	Ward Partnership meetings.
	The opening of Low Moor Railway station due to take place towards the end of 2015 and the take up of business units across the Ward will hopefully generate more jobs for the local community.	Ward Partnership meetings, Business watches meetings.
5. Children and Young People	Working with young people, particularly NEETS, has increased their confidence and there has been an increase in them taking up training courses and further education.	Ward Councillors, Wyke WOT meetings, Youth Service
	Very positive contribution and involvement from young people in Oakenshaw and Wyke, working with Ward Members and Friends of Groups to plan and secure funding for improvements to both skate parks.	Youth Service, Friends of Wyke Park, Ward Partnership meetings, Ward Councillors, Oakenshaw Residents' Association
6. Stronger Communities (Community Support)	People need more information about how they can volunteer and what volunteering involves.	Ward Partnership meetings, Ward Forums, Ward Councillors.
	Need to share more Council information across the Ward to residents and community groups. A leaflet is being produced to inform of all activities on offer for adults across the Ward.	Coffee Mornings. Luncheon clubs Ward Meetings, Wyke WOT Meetings

