

Report of the Strategic Director – Environment and Sport to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 24 November 2016

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Subject:

Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17 Update

Summary statement

This report outlines the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April to September 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April to September 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The work outlined in this report has been undertaken to support the Area Committee in the implementation of the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17 utilising the four key elements of the Neighbourhood Service. These four key elements are:
- Integrated Area teams
 - Streamlined locality planning and performance management
 - Connecting the strategic to the neighbourhood
 - Co-ordinating local partnership action
- 2.2 Elected Members, Partners, Services and Agencies are committed to supporting action planning at a Neighbourhood and Ward-level. They have supported Ward Planning and work with Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office to address issues.
- 2.4 Appendices A – F of this report highlight selected pieces of work which reflect the types of activities and actions that have been undertaken between April to September 2016, within Wards that have contributed to addressing the priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17. They are not an exhaustive list of actions but are intended to give a flavour of the nature of activities that have been undertaken.
- 2.5 To enable these specific actions Ward Officers undertake and support a partnership approach which involve Ward Partnership Teams, other specific Ward Partnerships, Days of Action, community engagement activities and approaches and other issue-based neighbourhood work.
- 2.6 Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office continues to support Ward Planning by consultation with and involvement of local residents and partner agencies in decision making through: partnership bodies, local problem-solving groups, special events, action planning and through the work of Council Wardens.
- 2.7 The role of Council Wardens includes supporting community engagement and their work has involved them in Days of Action, Visual Audits; work with schools and individual local residents. This is in addition to their responsibilities for Parking and Environmental Enforcement.
- 2.8 Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office also provide support to new and continuing community initiatives as well as advice, guidance or support in relation to assisting the effective functioning of local Voluntary and Community Organisations as requested.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 No other considerations



4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Addressing priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17 has been undertaken from within resources of Bradford Council and partner organisations.
- 4.2 The Ward Plans' priorities have been used to assist the Area Committee in its Local Area Management role.
- 4.3 Officer support for co-ordination to implement elements of the Ward Plans has been provided by the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Wellbeing placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Ward Plan priorities promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Keighley Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Resources available to Keighley Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17 will directly support the delivery of the District's Sustainable Community Strategy.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Some actions undertaken to address priorities in the Ward Plans will have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions. These will include a consideration of for example energy efficiency opportunities in purchasing new equipment or refurbishing or modifying buildings.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.4.1 Community Safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. A number of priorities supported in the period covered by this report demonstrate a positive impact on community safety issues across Keighley Area.



- 7.4.2 A key aspect of this work relates to supporting the Community Safety Plan, the Council's obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998 and the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

No direct implications arising from the Human Rights Act.

7.6 TRADE UNION

No direct Trade Union implications arise from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The activity outlined in this report addresses priorities in all Wards in the Keighley Area.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 That Keighley Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April to September 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17 be noted.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Craven Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016

Appendix B - Ilkley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016

Appendix C – Keighley Central Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016

Appendix D – Keighley East Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016



Appendix E – Keighley West Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016

Appendix F – Worth Valley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 The Ward Plans 2016-17 are large documents so have not been attached to this report. They can be viewed at:
http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/community_and_living/neighbourhoods/action_plans.htm



Appendix A - Craven Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016



1. New Volunteer Environmental Group:

Silsden Green Spaces is a new environmental group who have come together and their first organised community clean-up took place in Hothfield Cemetery in September 2016. The group committee has 7 members with other volunteers up to 15 helping out with organised environmental activities. To help the group get up and running support was provided by Keighley Co-ordinators Office in relation to borrowing of tools, funding, health and safety and networking with other Council Departments such as Bereavement Services. Meetings of the group are on – going and all the volunteers involved have led the way in showing what can be achieved by working together.



Friends of Silsden Town Hall :

Friends of Silsden Town Hall since their formation continue to organise a range of local community activities one of the latest supporting older people from the Silsden area. The event took place on Saturday 2 July at Silsden Town Hall. All the volunteers 15+ put in a great deal of effort to make the event not only a success but enjoyable for those attending. The event has helped to re-establish an older community tradition of 'Afternoon teas for the elderly'. On the day around 50 over 75's joined each and together enjoyed the music provided by Swing Cat Trio. The event was opened by the Mayor of Silsden, Town Councillor Peter Robinson and funding for the event came from the Harry Beverley Tillotson Trust. The group has on-going support from Keighley Office as required.



Later Life Cobbydale 3. Activities and Services for people in Later Life – Health in Communities.

Group membership is made up from local volunteers and supported by representatives from the voluntary and statutory sector including Keighley Co-ordinators Office, KIVCA, Carelink, and Keighley Volunteer Centre. The group originally came together to discuss health issues in community settings and from this point have worked with partners to produce a local booklet 'Later Life Cobbydale'. The information within the booklet will be an aid to assist older people to improve access to services and activities on

their doorstep and encourage those who may be on their own or isolated to take part in local activities. Keighley Office continues to support this group.





2. Steeton Primary School Parking Initiative.

Keighley Co-ordinators Office along with other Council Departments including Highways, Schools Services, Warden Services, Ward Councillors, School Safety Team, Education Services, Local Business people, Local Council and Police came together to look at longer term solutions to ongoing parking problems occurring daily outside of Steeton Primary School and the safety of young people. A number of meetings have been held and this has resulted in a review of the

yellow lining that has now been improved. Consideration given to existing traffic light timing and options. A Police, Council Warden and Bradford Council Road Safety Section Education and Enforcement Initiative scheduled over a 2 week period commencing November 2016. Meetings of the multi-agency partnership group are ongoing and supported by Keighley Co-ordinators Office.



5. Promoting Self-Care in Communities - Silsden

A number of local volunteers supported by Creative Support, Age UK, Dementia Friendly, and Keighley Co-ordinators Office at the July 2016 meeting discussed how 'Strokes' affect people in different ways and the after care services. From this discussion and further investigation the group determined there was a need to set up this type of provision in Silsden. The group have organised a speaker to take directly about 'Running and Organising a Community Stroke Group Service on 15 November at Silsden Methodist Church. The local GP Silsden Practice offered a room free of charge for meeting and welcome the initiative. The group meets on a 6 / 7 week programme and will continue into 2017.

6. Youth Initiatives



Youth Service plays a key role in supporting a range of initiatives such as Multi-Agency Meetings – South Craven, South Craven School, and Ilkley Grammar School in tackling ASB issues linked to actions and consequences of these types of behaviours and a detached team is deployed on Friday evenings to engage with young people. Young people have been involved in support networks with older people bridging the generation gap. Youth Service has encouraged and supported young people throughout the exam period (May – July) to help them make decisions through discussion sessions regarding 6th Form College,

Apprenticeship or University options. Youth Service has been working with other agencies to set up the National Take Over Challenge event in the Keighley District – 5 young people to participate from Craven Ward. Also, a young individual aged 14; national champion dancer has been helped to explore ways of how they can start their own dance class/school in Silsden Youth Centre, working alongside the management group. Young People have played a key role in Silsden by meeting up with management group of the Youth Centre plus other groups and are involved in decision making bodies/processes to develop activities/ projects of interest for their peer groups. Open access youth sessions take place in Addingham, Silsden with a focus on health and well-being including healthy relationships, healthy eating, building resilience in terms of safeguarding, substance use, diet and nutrition, physical activity and emotional health. Youth work staff also support young people some with a range of complex issues. Overall there have been good levels of participation and young people have responded positively in respect of youth service building change and provision.



Appendix B - Ilkley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016

A total of 3 Community Clean Ups have taken place in the Riverside Garden area in Ilkley Spring/Summer 2016. Organised through the Area Office they resulted in real partnership effort, Alongside District and Parish Councillors the group involved comprised of the Youth Service, warden service, church youth workers, local police InCommunities staff, young people and residents who all gave their time to make a difference to this valued amenity.



Several bags of litter were collected and residents had the opportunity to engage and raise matters of concern. The Green Dog Walker scheme was promoted during the event but also through prior publicity on Social Media using Ilkley Chat. It also provided an opportunity for community reassurance following some isolated incidents of ASB in the area.

Community Fun Day



A slightly damp outdoor event launched the first Ilkley Community Fun Day 7th July 2016.

Hosted by Specsaver the event held outdoors at the Moors Shopping Centre was held to publicise and celebrate the range of voluntary activity in Ilkley. It gave groups the opportunity to promote their organisations and encourage volunteering and interest in a variety of activity. Partner agencies including the Police, Fire service and

Area Office were in attendance to give advice and engage on issues of concern.

Residents were invited to think about priorities in the area and how they would use limited funds on a variety of services by 'voting' using cash available to them in an interactive consultation event hosted by the Area Office.



Ben Rhydding – A New Group



Thanks in part due to an award from the Community Chest, Creative Support (plus partners) launched a new Care + Wellbeing Café in Ben Rhydding in September 2016. Providing refreshments, entertainment along with information, advice and support to older people and their carers, the group runs on the third Thursday of the month between 1.30 – 3.30 pm at St John's Church, Ben Rhydding.



Friends of Riverside



Attempting to respond to resident concerns regarding litter in Riverside Park, a meeting took place in August to explore the potential interest in forming a new 'Friends of' group for the area.

Preceded during the day time with a clean up and wider consultation with park users about what they liked and/or didn't like, the feedback was generally good with many people travelling from outside the area to enjoy the park amenity.

The introduction of two new 'Big Belly' bins was felt to be a very positive step and in general people were very pleased with the facilities.

Whilst there was no interest in forming a 'friends of' group at this moment in time, residents felt a series of clean ups where people could volunteer - dependant on availability, was a positive way forward.

Community Alcohol Partnership



Primarily a campaign to educate the public on the impact alcohol abuse has on our communities the Ilkley CAP launched spring 2016



A multi agency partnership it includes Ilkley Grammar School, alcohol outlets, police, Bradford Council, youth services and Ilkley Youth and Community Association, working together to create and implement an action plan to tackle alcohol related issues in the Ilkley area.

The aim is very much focused on working together to address any underage alcohol consumption problems through education and prevention.

Youth Service

As detailed in earlier stories the Youth Service has helped encourage young people to be involved in various aspects of community life. In general helping to promote healthier life styles, reduce litter and waste, improve adults' perceptions of young people and ultimately encourage young people to be responsible by taking positive action. Working closely with Ilkley Youth and Community Association and the CAP to develop provision at the Warehouse, a number of funding bids have been submitted to hopefully increase future provision and young people have been fully involved in the process.



Appendix C – Keighley Central Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016



1. Friends of Devonshire Park - Keighley

A series of Lunch Time Tree Walks has been developed by volunteers from the Friends of Devonshire Park Group supported by Keighley Co-ordinators Office. The walks take place on a Wednesday every month from September 2016 through to February 2017. A previous pilot programme prior to September was implemented and between 6 – 12 people attended. Due to the success of the project over 30 people are now taking part at any one session and in the process are finding out more about their own area and what is on their doorstep. Each of the organised walks gives an insight into the different types of trees in the park and has

the support of a representative from those Plant People a local CIC. Funding has been sourced for information leaflets. Other volunteers connected to the group are looking at the Devonshire Park play area as the next major project.



2. Recycling Scheme Lawkholme – Becoming more sustainable with community support.

Eastwood Primary School, Green Council and Youth Vision have secured £1000.00 from Keighley

Town Council to purchase re-usable recycle bags with the aim of adding more sustainability to the Pilot Recycling Scheme introduced to the area in 2016. The bags will be utilised to set up a door to door collection service as well as raising awareness about recycling and encourage more households to take recycle bins and reduce the amount of waste going to land fill. The bags have been sourced with support of Keighley Co-ordinators Office, Marketing Services and will carry the wording Lawkholme Recycling Project together with the Logo's of Eastwood School and Youth Vision. In addition a number of recycling assemblies took place between April - September 2016 promoting the benefits of recycling and encouraged residents to take more recycle bins. The assemblies were supported by Recycling Service, Keighley Office and Staff from Eastwood School.



3. Sangat Centre - Older Men's Group Forums.

Keighley Co-ordinators on a six weekly cycle has been attending an older men's forum group. The Ward Office at each of the meetings between April – September 2016 has been accompanied by a representative from a range of different agencies and Bradford Council Departments including, Fire Service, Recycling, Police and Council Warden's. The six weekly forums have had an average attendance of between 15 and 20+ people. Topics of discussion have focused on neighbourhood issues, young people, home and fire safety, parking,

recycling and bin usage and drugs. The meetings are organised by Mr Rabini from the Sangat Centre. The meetings have helped to forge stronger relationships between the community, agencies and Bradford Council Departments. The next meeting of the older men's forum will take place in November 2016.





4. Grouse Street Gardening Group – Lawkholme – Local People taking an interest in their area.

Residents of all ages who live in Grouse Street Lawkholme have come together to form the Grouse Street Gardening Group. The group have had support from Ward Councillors, Keighley Co-ordinators Office and Community Pay Back Team. Support for the group has included cutting back of trees, bushes and clearing of paths. The group has been working with Keighley Co-ordinators Office and Highways to obtain permissions to take over the community planter for growing vegetables, spice plants, herbs and its future maintenance. The group have applied for Community Chest for startup and insurance cost and to Keighley Town Council for funding to install metal railings around the planter to improve the environmental aspect. Other residents have commented how nice the street looks.



5. ‘Women Central Ward – Getting Together and Promoting Community Cohesion.

Throughout April – September 2016 women from Central Ward have been supported by Keighley Co-ordinators Office and other women’s organisations to establish Women’s Forum Meetings Central Ward. Representatives have attended from Soroptimists, Mothers of Eastwood School, Holycroft Parents, Good Shepherd Centre, KIVCA, Lilies of the Valley, Roshni Ghar, KAWACC, Highfield Community Association, Cliffe Castle Conservation Group, Keighley Healthy Living, Keighley Children’s Centres, Racial Justice Network and, Parents. The women’s forums brought women together from many backgrounds and different walks of life to share experiences, network, share ideas and take a lead in promoting community cohesion. The Forum meetings provided a platform for some of the women to speak in public for the first time highlighting an improvement in confidence levels. The forums have averaged from between 30 / 70 women at each event x 3. As from September 2016 the women’s forums will be incorporated into the newly funded E5 Lottery Partnership Programme under the name ‘Women of Keighley and will be organised by a member of the E5 partnership. This has been a real joint effort by all the women from Central Ward who played a part in the establishment of the Women’s Forum Initiative.

6. Youth Service Initiatives



Young People have been actively involved in community activities and programmes e.g. Community clean-ups; Days of Action CSE and Voter Registration, Sky Ride cycling activities in local parks and (UAK) girls and women; workshops addressing illegal substance use; consequences of becoming “a runner”; the law, impact on health, wellbeing, family; local communities, safeguarding, CSE, Bullying, ASB. Eastern European young people have been supported via Highfield Community Centre. The Young Advisors Group is representative of the diversity of communities across Central Ward communities and plays a key role in supporting their peers. A partnership has been developed by the Youth Service, Roshni Ghar and Highfield Community Centre to facilitate work with girls/young women. 8 young people from BCA were supported in securing employment May – June; have been involved in Voice and Influence decision making forums at constituency and district level; supported with their exam results and options; and the team continue to support young people not in education, employment or training to complete action plans and look at options. The Youth Service deploys a Street Based Youth Team to support young people across



Central Ward.



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Appendix D – Keighley East Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016

Tales from the Riverbank



Following the floods late 2015 early 2016 the remedial work of cleaning, clearing and consulting with residents followed on.

In Stockbridge this entailed investigating the potential for a clean up along the riverbank which carried the debris from the floods for months after the initial impact. This work is now being co-ordinated by a central team (looking at the whole stretch of river) but the volunteer effort and subsequent improvements are testimony to the endeavour of those involved. Working with partners from the Environment Agency and BMDC Drainage and the EA Flood Response Vehicle, neighbourhood consultation took place in the Stockbridge and Redholt areas to gather personal experience from residents affected by the floods, update on work ongoing to reduce flood risk and encourage sign up to the flood warning scheme. Area Office Staff were also involved in resident consultation at the Flood Review Meeting July 2016.

Planning for a play area

One of the priorities identified through the Big Local programme is to develop play provision in the Hainworth area. An area of land had been identified for possible play development but there was some dismay to find that it could be used instead for housing.



This triggered interest in the whole issue of land allocation and alerted residents to the Development Plan Documents. A couple of sessions were hosted at Hainworth Community Centre to brief residents on how they could make comments and to support them in contributing to the plan documents online. It also provided a catalyst for further discussion about the use of other sites, the advantages and disadvantages of each and raised awareness of how residents can mobilise and engage in the planning process. A play area is still envisaged for the area and £30,000 has been secured through Big Local to be utilised in Yr 2 of the programme 2017/18.

Cleaning, Clearing and Caring....



Clean ups have taken place in Dalton Lane, Stockbridge and Hainworth Wood and responses made to blight and fly tipping across the ward. A range of people made a difference from the BMDC Clean Team, residents helping out, to a Scout team assisting in the challenge to help clear fly tipping in Hainworth Wood. With grants available to support clean up days from Big Local; communities have been encouraged to get involved and make a difference where they live. Key to long



term sustainability is education and in Stockbridge a reward programme encouraged families to spend a couple of hours over summer to litter pick and keep the area clean and tidy. Regular attendees built up points which they used in exchange for a family day out.



All played out....

A priority in both the ward and Big Local plans – creating more opportunities for play was a focus for development over the summer months.

The Council Children's Play Services now provide activity in the Stockbridge area alongside Hainworth Wood Community Centre



Keighley Big Local wants to encourage more play in a safe environment outside your front door

7-8PM Wednesday 17th August
Community Football for
Children aged 5-11years

7-8PM Thursday 18th August
Community Football for
Children aged 11 years+

Hainworth Wood Rec

Are YOU coming out to Play?

One Hour Street Play supervised by JB Sports Coaching
Awarded an All for Play Grant by Keighley Big Local Partnership
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and a further range of activity has been provided thanks to the award of Big Local 'All to Play for Grants'. This included a range of street play sessions at a variety of locations, encouraging parents to

be involved and repeat the activities after the organised sessions closed. Tiny Tots to teenagers were catered for and the sessions proved so successful they are scheduled to be repeated in the autumn half term break. Adults had the opportunity to play out too – small grants also paid for knitting groups, gardening advice,

Eid parties and singing groups.



Waste – away

Improving recycling rates is another priority in the ward plan and will see some focused work in the coming months. Residents in the Riverside area of Keighley have recently taken the message on board and set up their own community composting site. Thanks to a Big Local grant residents purchased a number of community caddys and distributed them out to each household, food waste is collected and taken to the shared composting bins newly located on site.

The group have met throughout summer on Thursday evening. It's an opportunity to get to know neighbours, share gardening ideas, plant swap and drink tea!



Youth Service

Detached youth workers have developed relationships with groups of young people from across the Keighley East ward. Youth workers are working alongside a young volunteer to promote Big Local grants for youth activities. This project helps to ensure young people across the Keighley Valley are able to access support in order to apply for future streets grants. Young people involved in assessing Youth Opportunity Fund grants (YOF) concluded that in many cases groups did not have the skills and experience to develop their ideas in a way which is participatory, inclusive and sustainable.

This project enables young people to be involved in the grants process in a meaningful way. It ensures the needs and interests of young people are reflected in applications. Young people will learn valuable skills through their involvement in the project both in developing their ideas and applying for funding and in decision making.



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Appendix E – Keighley West Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016

A cleaner walk to school

Children across Keighley West ward have been challenged to help take care of their neighbourhood at sessions in schools with Neighbourhoods staff.

Pupils at **Our Lady of Victories RC Primary School** (pictured right) took part in a mini cleanup on a footpath which is used by many pupils to get to school. The path, from School Walk to Guardhouse Rd, crosses a large field which suffers from litter and fly tipping, also residents have complained that streets in the area are a dog fouling hotspot. The children worked alongside the retiring litterpicker for the area, Clarence Cardwell, to encourage them to take up the baton after his departure, and heard about the council's Green Dog Walker Scheme.



Neighbourhoods staff led a class session at **Ingrow Primary School** and attended a parents' drop in to promote the Green Dog Walkers scheme in order to deter dog fouling and littering in the area. They also asking parents to use the "scratch and sniff" drug scented cards which are part of the No Excuses drugs awareness project.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School assemblies also heard about the Green Dog Walker scheme, in order to encourage any children with dogs in their household to persuade the whole family to take part. The scheme was also promoted at **Worth Valley Primary School's** gala on Saturday May 21 with a Guess the Name of the Dog competition.

Gala heralds new activities in Braithwaite and Guardhouse

Braithwaite and Guardhouse Gala was held for the first time in many years this September, bringing partners and residents together in a first step towards re-establishing what was a popular annual event.

The gala, held at Merlin Top Academy, is just one way in which partners in the area have worked together to develop new activities. These include the launch of a new Scout Group at Merlin Top Academy, which is already fully subscribed and run by volunteer parents. Discussions have begun about what other kind of activities are needed for children and young people in the area.



A lunch event was being planned to test out the demand for an older people's group serving the top end of the estate, involving Neighbourhoods, CD worker and Keighley Healthy Living, in order to use the community space in Merlin Top Academy on a regular basis and challenge possible isolation among residents of the Incommunities bungalows, which are also subject to anti social behaviour.

And partners have met to discuss the practicalities of developing a community magazine in the area in order to help residents make the most of existing activities.



Developing active young citizens

Young people attending Youth Service clubs in Keighley West have been gaining experience in fund raising, planning youth sessions, peer mentoring and other volunteering opportunities including attending weekly Keighley Inclusion sessions to support and befriend young people with disabilities. Youth Service staff encourage young people to become senior members at the clubs at Sue Belcher Centre, Bracken Bank and Keith Thompson Centre, Braithwaite, so that they can take a lead role in planning and running sessions. They also supported young volunteers in making a big contribution to Braithwaite and Guardhouse Gala, when they acted as marshals, picked litter and raised £108 by face painting and running a cake stall (Picture right, Sarah Wall, youth support worker). The young people will decide how this money should be spent at the youth club.



Allocating land for the future

The Area Office arranged a drop in session in July at Keighley Library to help residents take part in consultation on how land should be allocated across the district. The Land Allocations Development Plan asked for views on which areas should be used for new homes, industry, community use, and also green belt and open areas for sport and recreation. More than 100 people attended to find out how to make a response in writing and online.



Planning for emergencies in Goose Eye and Laycock

Residents affected by the winter flooding in Goose Eye and Laycock met with Bradford Council's Emergency Planning and Neighbourhoods staff to start work on a local emergency and flood plan. The meeting in June gave residents chance to get involved in developing a plan setting out, roles and responsibilities in case of emergencies, who to contact, basic resources needed and where these should be stored. Since then Goose Eye residents have begun to add to the plan online.

People Can....care for their neighbourhood

Bracken Bank residents including children and young people joined in a clean up at the Sue Belcher Centre grounds in June. It complemented work by Community Payback, who cleared a heavily littered path leading to the back of the centre from Elmwood Road, which is well used by local school children. The team also removed weeds and grass on the tarmac "bumps" for skateboards and bikes. The local CD worker Pip Gibson, Area Co-ordinator's Office and Incommunities staff were joined by residents to give the "bumps" a thorough sweep, and asked what people think of the space as it stands. The clean up also include digging out weeds surrounding the games pitch which is very well used.



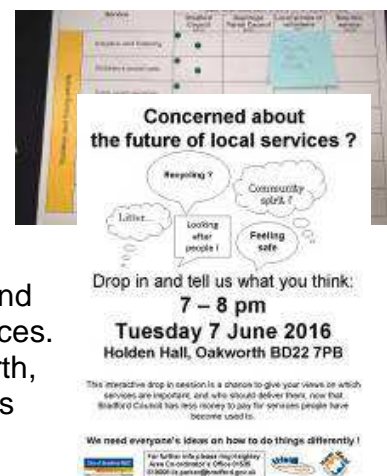
*Residents around the Bankfield area of Braithwaite joined in sprucing up the streets in August. The clean up in Bankfield Drive, Walk and Mount concentrated on removing litter, weeds, overgrown vegetation also loose bricks and stones which could be used for anti social behaviour.



Appendix F – Worth Valley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016

Big questions for Worth Valley residents....

Residents in Oakworth were asked to take part in an activity designed to find out which Council services are important to most people, and how they might be delivered differently. The interactive session ran just before Oakworth Village Society's June meeting, and provoked conversations about who is best placed to deliver the services that local people want in the future, as well as whether some services should be stopped altogether. In a sticky dot and post it note exercise, residents were asked what Bradford Council, Keighley Town Council, and groups or volunteers could contribute to delivering a vast range of services. Similar discussions are ongoing with Parish Council members at Haworth, Stanbury and Cross Roads, and at Oxenhope, and will continue to focus on the District Plan in finding new ways to sustain services.



....some answers too as residents lead Operation Oakworth !

A new resident led clean up initiative in Oakworth began over summer, with a weekend blitz of litter hotspots in July involving over 40 volunteers working at around 14 locations.

Operation Oakworth began out of frustration among volunteer litterpickers

Debbie Ives and Val Cadamarteri with the surrounding countryside being spoilt by rubbish from cars and dog fouling. It became a whole community effort involving CD worker Pip Gibson, churches, local guides, Oakworth Primary School and the Cricket Club.

Staff at Oakworth Co-op also helped to kick start the initiative by donating a new bin which has been installed at a litter hotspot at Cure Hill. Local residents say the bin has already made a big improvement.

On the clean up day, residents were kitted out by the Area Office and offered free scones to set them up for the morning's work, hosted by Oakworth Methodist Guides and Oakworth Cricket Club, with a thank you cuppa afterwards at Christ Church.

In the run up, sessions promoting the Green Dog Walker scheme and how to care for the neighbourhood were run at Oakworth Guides and Primary School by the ward officer and a volunteer, also involving the village's outgoing Gala Queen and guide Lilly Bower, who had written to authorities about dog fouling. As a result the Area Office placed new dog fouling signs on the main road in Oakworth.

Volunteers got together again in September for a debrief and agreed to repeat the operation on November 19



“Operation Onebin” exceeds its goal in Haworth

Traders and residents in Haworth have begun clean up areas which are bringing the area down with litter and overgrown vegetation. The initial focus was Bronte Village Car Park in Weavers Hill which gives a first impression of the village to many visitors. Artist and owner of the Main Street gallery Werxzovart, Sonje Hibbert, recently set out on “Operation Onebin” – her challenge to local businesses to rustle up enough funding for one new bin in the car park. Sonje raised £300 needed for the bin quickly, and was offered more second hand bins from resident Gillian Stanley who works for Bradford based GSM Products Ltd, which makes and installs bins. Haworth, Cross Roads and Stanbury Parish Councillors agreed to fund a further bin for the car park. Nearly 20 residents and traders then got together at the car park along with ward and parish councillors and Neighbourhoods staff to sweep paths and litterpick parking bays. A further clean up is planned in time for the next village event– Steam Punk weekend in November.



Scout leaders asked to support drug awareness work

Scout leaders in the area have been asked to take part in the No Excuses drugs awareness project, aiming to alert parents to signs of drug use. Ward officer Liz Parker explained the project, which involves using scratch and sniff drug scented cards, to leaders in September and left 15 packs for use across the constituency. Oakworth Juniors football club committee also signed up to use a pack earlier this year, and Neighbourhoods staff will continue to use the cards at Oakbank School parents evenings. Police Ward Officer Eddie Irving has offered to run info sessions on drugs for parents and staff at primary schools and will deliver these at schools including Oldfield Primary.



Working with young people - wherever they are

Youth Service detached and outreach work across Worth Valley has alleviated issues around young people congregating in groups and being involved in anti social behaviour. Over summer, Haworth, Oxenhope and Oakworth centre based provision was replaced by detached and outreach work in the parks and local hot spots. Youth workers have delivered workshops around personal safety, consequences of crime, drugs and alcohol misuse and CSE work and have continued to work closely with schools.:



* **Haworth Tuesday Nights** - 30+ different individuals attended, average 25 at each session since re-opening September 2016. * **Oxenhope Friday Nights** – 40+ different individuals attended, average 25 at each session. Youth Service is continuing to support a varied programme of activities for young people including volunteering and accreditation work. * **Oakworth Friday Nights (above)** – 50+ different individuals attended, average 30 at each session.

Programmes incorporating recreational activities, themed workshops, cook and eats and life skills are developed with young people, Holden Hall User Groups and Youth Service staff. Young people are further empowering themselves by working towards developing a youth committee to enable them to influence decision making.

