

Report of the Strategic Director - Place to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 6 April 2017

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 October 2016 to March 2017 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 October 2016 to March 2017 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 October 2016 to March 2017, 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 issuebased 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 October 2016 to March 2017 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 2016 to March 2017

Appendix B - Ilkley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2016 to March 2017

Appendix C – Keighley Central Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2016 to March 2017

Appendix D – Keighley East Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2016 to March 2017

Appendix E – Keighley West Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2016 to March 2017

Appendix F – Worth Valley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2016 to March 2017

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:

https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-community/your-neighbourhood/district-and-ward-plans/



Appendix A - Craven Ward 2016 - 2017

1. Friends of Silsden Town Hall - Fun Day At Silsden Town Hall



Friends of Silsden Town Hall throughout 2016 / 2017 have organised many community events for people of all ages that have taken place at Silsden Town Hall. One of these events was a Family Fun Day with lots of activities for both children and adults including

Model Railways, indoor bug hunt and giant bugs, crafts and LEGO along with refreshments. The Friends of Silsden Town Hall continue to fund raise and will be hosting their quarterly meeting on Thursday 2 March 2017 to discuss their programme for the year ahead. For more information you can log onto Facebook or the web-site for up-to date news and events.

2. Knit and Natter Handy Crafts meeting at Steeton Hub Building

Handy Crafts – Monday and Friday Groups 'Knit and Natter' meet weekly and the group is



run by volunteers, self-funding and group members are made up from talented ladies from 40 - 87yrs young. Members are able to socialise over a friendly cuppa as well as helping each other to learn new craft skills. One of their key projects was to produce a 3 D Model of local land marks as a joint craft effort and when completed was donated to St Stephens Church as the groups

contribution to help raise funds towards church roof repairs. The group also organise and run craft events throughout the year and are planning ahead for 2017 and working on producing a craft - calendar project.

3. Steeton Primary School – Bradford District School Parking Campaign



Steeton Primary School took part in the District School Parking Campaign over a two week period. The campaign supported by Bradford Council Road Safety Team, Police and Council Warden Service undertook a week of education with both parents and children in partnership with the school providing written materials and education packs, speaking with parents and educating children at a young age about

road safety. The second week of the programme focused on Enforcement Action to reduce incidents of anti-social parking outside of the school, in and around the school, and immediate streets that can have an impact on the local community. The school

continues to promote safe parking with both children and parents as on-going.



4. Later Life Coobydale - Supporting Older People in Silsden 2017



The Later Life Cobbydale Group supports older people in Silsden with self-help / Health initiatives. Previously the group produced a Later Life Cobbydale Booklet that has been well received throughout the Silsden area. Since working on the booklet the volunteers have also been instrumental in gathering together local information via direct

contact and networking that helped to identify a real need for a local stroke support group. Other volunteers have now taken this initiative forward. Members of the group link in with Airedale Hospital and the local GP Surgery in Silsden. A focus for 2017 is to look into accessibility to local transport options for Silsden making contact with Freedom Wheels as a starting point that cover Skipton and Craven localities – this initiative will be on - going.

5. Stroke Support Group - Silsden



The Launch of Silsden Stroke Support Group took place on Tuesday 15 November at Silsden Methodist Church. The group is run and overseen by a group of local volunteers who meet on 3rd Tuesday of each month. The group also has support from a range of partners such as Creative Support, Multi-Agency Health Group Later Life Cobbydale, local GP Surgery and the Methodist Church Silsden. Activities on offer help with participation and movement assisting those who are recovering from a stroke and also lends support to carers along the way. Refreshments are

provided at each session. Discussion centres on the programme for the year ahead and people also attend the group from Skipton and Ilkley areas.

6. Youth Service



Keighley Youth Service – CRAVEN WARD "Young People Rise to the Challenge" Silsden Youth Centre, Elliot Street - Mondays and Thursdays 6.30pm – 9pm

Due to the Silsden Youth Centre site undergoing a number of changes during the last 12 months, young people have come together to further develop the current youth provision and as such are actively looking at different ways of raising funds. Central to this has been the transfer of ownership of this space to the Silsden CIC. Youth workers have worked with young people and adults in the community to enable them to create a vision which is owned and reflected by the needs of the Local Community. The youth space – Silsden Youth Centre, continues to be well used and can be viewed as a positive community resource in the Silsden area.

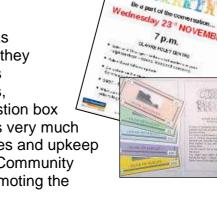


Appendix B - Ilkley Ward

Ilkley Neighbourhood Meeting

Ilkley residents had the opportunity to 'spend' money on their priorities when they attended a Neighbourhood meeting in November. Hosted by the Area Office in partnership with the police, residents were encouraged to express their views and concerns on local issues and help inform and deliver solutions.

Given the increasing demands on budgets a short exercise was undertaken inviting people to spend Ilkley bank notes on what they identified as priorities. Using a ballot box approach the choices encompassed public realm improvements, community facilities, festivals and fun, safer communities etc and included a suggestion box for other ideas. An informal way to gather views, feedback was very much in favour of working together to maintain the vibrancy, resources and upkeep of the town. A presentation was also given on the work of the Community Alcohol Partnership and young people were in attendance promoting the opportunities available at Ilkley warehouse.



NEIGHEIOURHOOD MEETING

Car Parking Review Underway



After much resident concern and campaigning by local Councillors, resources were identified at the end of 2016 to fund a car parking review for the town.

Throughout March 2017 meetings have taken place with various stakeholders and on street and on-line surveys will follow.

On completion of the review which will include current parking arrangements, sustainable transport options and waiting restrictions an illustrated report will be produced. In the interim agencies continue to work pro-actively together to address issues of problem parking and resident concern.

Community Alcohol Partnership

To mark Alcohol Awareness Week in November 2016 the Community Alcohol Partnership supported a series of activities to encourage alcohol awareness. A mixture of young people took part in educational and interactive sessions highlighting, the risks and possible consequences of alcohol abuse and its risks to health and wellbeing.



As part of the sessions the attendees were asked to design a poster to reflect their understanding of the topics raised. Two winners were chosen from the entrants who received a certificate of achievement and a voucher donated by the local Co-op store who are key partners in the CAP.



Dementia Friendly Ilkley



The campaign to make Ilkley a better place for people living with dementia received a boost in October 2016 when Alan Titchmarsh (visiting the town as part of the literature festival) took time out of his schedule to meet with the group and become its patron.

Volunteer Dementia Champions continue to build on their efforts to increase the numbers of dementia friends in the town and

encouraging local businesses to become dementia friendly. As the group promotes 'making an effort to be Dementia Friendly contributes not only to bringing the local community together - but as a town which attracts a significant number of day-trippers, it could be beneficial to businesses'.

Warehouse success

Ilkley Youth and Community Association took over, day to day, responsibility for running the Children's Centre and the Youth Centre – The Warehouse, from Bradford Council in April 2016. The latter half of the year saw much progress being made - more groups use both facilities and the range on offer is varied and diverse. A Martial arts organisation, Kokoro Academy, use the ground floor of the Youth Centre on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. The Youth Service continues to host sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Project 6, an



award winning voluntary drug and alcohol charity, hold counselling sessions, CAB also operate an outreach programme alongside a range of activities delivered through the Children's Centre.

Secretary Ian Laven writes – 'There have been challenges along the way of course but, despite one of the boilers deciding that it no longer wished to play ball, necessitating its replacement and the condition of the buildings not being the best, progress has been made. Gradually, all these things are being sorted; the grounds have been tidied up, new LED lighting in one of the halls has been installed, repairs to the roof have been carried out and the subsequent internal damage rectified and painted.'

Ambitious plans to extend the building with the provision of a sports barn are still being explored and thanks to the continued efforts of the Management Committee the future looks positive.

Youth Service

Through Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) we were able to offer opportunities for young people to attend a local event in order that they could access information on a wide range of health related issues such as healthy relationships, nutrition, and drug and alcohol awareness and furthermore the event provided interactive and fun activities which promoted healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.



The event held February 2016 was well attended by young people from the likley Ward.



Appendix C - Keighley Central Ward

1. Lunch Time Tree Walks - Friends of Devonshire Park.



The Lunch Time Tree Walks Project covered 9 individual walks with an average attendance of 40 persons and overall 150 individuals attended. The Walks took place in Devonshire Park and funding for the project came from 'Go Walking Project' – West Yorkshire Combined Authorities. History leaflets were produced and the walks were led by a member of another local organisation 'Those Plant People'. It is planned to distributed questionnaires so a true evaluation and report collated. The plan for the future is to undertake further activities with local schools and other funding has been secured from Tesco Bags of Help to run a family and children's project.

2. Central Ward – Town Centre Day of Action and Clean-Up



The initiative took place on Friday 3 March to coincide with the Keep Britain Tidy Initiative – 'Great British Spring Clean'. Partners and volunteers helped to clean a number of streets in and around the town centre, gully wagons were deployed in Lower Highfield and Recycling promoted in Knowle Park with the Shared Church off the town centre given a thorough tidy and clean. Also, in the Airedale Shopping Centre the Fair Trade Event provided refreshments for all volunteers involved in the day and Fire Safety and Crime Stoppers Campaign was promoted throughout the day.

3. No Excuses' Drug Awareness' Workshop



Keighley Area Co-ordinators Office, Police and Youth Service ran and organised a Drug's Awareness Workshop 'No Excuses'. The workshop was delivered at St Anne's Scout Group for both young people aged 10 – 14yrs and parents. The young people and parents had lots of questions and the session was very well attended. Parents at the end of the meeting were provided with leaflets and further information relating to The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (section 5) and Scratch and Sniff Cards that make up part of the 'No Excuses Pact'.

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4. Supporting EU Communities – The Good Shepherd Centre



The Good Shepherd Centre provides support for newly arriving families' from EU countries and for those who have settled and made their home in Keighley. New families are assisted with settling their children into school, adapting to their new surroundings, benefits advice, employment opportunities, educational opportunities and much more. Information is translated into a number of EU languages. English Conversation Classes are organised along with a crèche facility. Other activities focus on

after school club for children, Friday Coffee mornings, Parent and Toddler Group supported by a Health visitor. The centre hosts a number of events throughout the year, works with other local partner organisations and offers a wide range of training modules. The centre is based in Spring Gardens Lane.

5. Highfeild Food Co-op – Walking for Health and supporting communities.



Highfield Co-op have organised a number of local walks in and around the Highfield area taking in local parks as part of their planned routes. They finish their walk with everyone meeting over a cup of coffee and a chat and more walks are planned for the future. Everyone who attended the recent walks was presented with a 'Go Walking T-Shirt or Windbreaker. In addition Highfield Food Co-op are in the planning stages and working with a range of partners to take over the maintenance of some of the local communal

planters located in the Highfield aim with main aim of growing local produce and bringing unused green spaces back to life.

6. Youth Service - Working with vulnerable young women.



Keighley Youth Service is currently working in partnership with Hand in Hand Project to help young women with relationships issues. In this partnership work we around raising awareness on

positive sexual relationships; being safe in a sexual relationship and acting responsible all the time. The project also explores internet safety through discussions around cyber sexual exploitation and watching related educational videos. The group has looked at factors that increase vulnerability around sexual relationships. On the list of these factors drugs, alcohol came top followed by poverty. As a result of this work we have organised a number of Drugs and Alcohol awareness sessions. The project comes to an end at the end of the financial year, but an exit strategy for continued work with these young women is being put in place.



Appendix D - Keighley East Ward

LONG LEE SCHOOL PARKING CAMPAIGN

Working in conjunction with the Area Office and Long Lee School, a two week education and enforcement campaign took place in October 2016. Led by the local police team, with support from BMDC wardens and Road Safety Team, it addressed issues of parking and drop off and had a huge impact on behaviour. Children joined the police team, geared up for the occasion in their 'mini uniforms' and feedback from the school and pedestrians was that it was a very welcome and productive campaign.

Highways' officers later worked with the school to help them introduce a new entry/exit gate on the perimeter by providing a

safety barrier. A debrief on observations of 'pinch points' and how the area might be improved by traffic regulation was shared between departments on completion of the campaign.



Residents Needed!

A SPRING CLEAN IN DECEMBER

Residents in Dalton Lane were keen to make a difference in their neighbourhood and working with the Area Office, supported by Big Local, one of their first projects was a 'spring clean' in December.

Linked to 'The Big Tidy Up' England's biggest-ever litter pick residents were encouraged to join in and make a difference, understanding that small actions can be the start of big changes. Since 2008, The Big Tidy Up has mobilised more than half a million people in more than 25,000 groups to collect nearly 120,000 bags of rubbish.

In many cases, these community clean-ups have been just the start - inspiring people to make real and lasting changes in their neighbourhoods



and to come together to work on other initiatives to improve their local environment. Litter picks, gloves and bags were provided and 13 bags of rubbish were collected and stacked ready for collection by the clean team. Lots of ideas for future projects were discussed and the children young people were rewarded for their efforts with a small gift provided through Big Local and a donation from another partner organisation.

MORE – GET OUT MORE

Free outdoor games and activities for 9-15 year olds delivered through 'Get Out More' have run throughout the winter months and provided the opportunity for outdoor games, wild art and campfire cooking. To encourage uptake across the ward Big Local funding provided a minibus to pick up at various points and the sessions have proved very successful.

www.getoutmorecic.co.uk





A FAST WAY TO LEARN



In February 2017 the Area Office was delighted to be invited to attend the Graduation celebrations on the successful completion of Parkwood Primary's second 'FAST' programme (Families and School Together). The school primarily through its Parental Involvement Officer but spearheaded through Save the Children, introduced the scheme last year with excellent results. At heart it is an early intervention programme which aims to build supportive relationships within families and across communities, FAST helps improve children's

engagement in learning and can have a huge impact on their life chances and wellbeing. 18 Families were presented with certificates – wearing graduation robes and hats made by the children. A buffet tea and family disco followed. This has now become an established programme and the Area Office will be involved in its continued delivery.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT....

Chip in and help out, wild cooking and pancakes on a bus....Some innovative ways of engaging with local residents have been trialled through collaborative work with the Big Local partnership. In areas

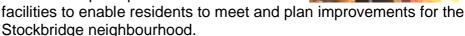
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where there is little in the way of public meeting space the use of the Hale community bus has proved an excellent way to meet with residents and encourage neighbourliness.

Chip in and help out makes use of a local
Fish and Chip shop who offer their





Detached youth workers have delivered activities to young people across the Keighley East Ward. Over the last 12 months youth workers have engaged with groups of young people on

the streets in Stockbridge, Hainworth Wood Road, Long Lee, and Parkwood. Activities have included:

Street based play sessions, Team challenges, Photography, Community mapping, Cycling activities, Alcohol awareness, Personal Safety, Holiday activities – ice skating, Jump Inc, football tournaments, BBQ's.....Young people have been involved in developing their own programme and have started to look at applying for funding to support these activities.





Appendix E - Keighley West Ward

Tea party launch for new "Pick n Mix" group

Older people living around Merlin Top Academy in Braithwaite were invited to meet at the school's newly refurbished community room for a chat over afternoon tea about setting up a social group. Area office staff met with CD worker Pip Gibson and Keighley Healthy Living to look at sounding out people living in bungalows around Braithwaite Avenue on whether they would attend. The area has suffered from anti social behaviour and the new group aimed to challenge isolation among residents, as well as offering somewhere to raise neighbourhood issues. The tea party got people together for food, bingo, beetle drive, knitting and exercise demos, and to see what the level of interest was in a regular group. Residents attending were keen to give it a go, so the Pick N mix



group was launched last Autumn – pick your activities and mix with your friends! The group has offered a chance to try out new activities such as tai chi and walking, and is going strong although few residents from the target area have not joined the group, with many citing mobility issues. The ward partnership team continues to respond to anti social behaviour in the area, including diversionary activity and working with local primary schools.

Aiming for a fresh start at Cromer Road

About 15 residents in the Cromer Road area of Ingrow got together for a clean up on two neglected snickets, helping give the area a fresh start. The clean up took place after walkabouts in the area by members and Neighbourhoods staff, and a number of residents expressed concerns about litter, refuse and lack of pride on social media. A doorknock was carried out, to check that all residents were aware of their responsibilities regarding refuse, bulky waste etc and also encouraging them to report concerns including drug issues. At the clean up in November, residents transformed



the unadopted snicket from Cromer Rd to Rawling St, and got to grips with the adopted Cromer Avenue path. Since then, Street Cleansing staff have also given the area more attention with extra litterpicking and digging out longstanding patches of grass and weeds. Another litterpick was held in early March, followed by a thorough sweep by mechanical road and pavement sweepers.

Partners want the best for families

New activity groups for girls, a Work Club, and a pilot community safeguarding project are a few of the outcomes from partnership working in Braithwaite and Guardhouse recently. Partners including primary school head teachers, Children's Centre lead officer, Youth Service, police and Incommunities, have joined the ward officer and members to take forward proposals jointly agreed, particularly aiming at improving the life chances of children and young people in the area. The Girls Groups are run at Merlin Top Academy jointly by JAMES and Youth Service, (more info below); the new Work Club is run by Incommunities at Rainbow Children's Centre and the idea for the safeguarding project is based on primary schools setting out some basic expectations of children and families, and encouraging the whole community to understand their responsibilities to children. The pilot is being developed with Marketing and Children's Service colleagues.



Footpath improvements in Guardhouse

A meeting to discuss what could be done about increased litter in the Braithwaite and Guardhouse area was held in November, when residents, and businesses were invited to discuss where the litter hotspots are, which ones need to be tackled most urgently, how this could be done and by whom. The meeting took place six months after the area's litterpicker of 20 years, Clarence Cardwell, retired from the Council, before new part time staff were appointed to the Clean Team, and deployed in the Braithwaite and Guardhouse area. Since then, Community Payback teams have also



worked on improving snickets in the Guardhouse area, which have been a source of complaint, including the path from School Rd to North Dean Rd, and School Walk to Guardhouse Rd. They have cleared vegetation and edged the paths which had become neglected, and will continue to work in the area into the summer on litterpicking and strimming Council land around one of the paths.

Persistence pays - West Lane landowner finally traced



Work has begun on patch of overgrown land which has attracted a string of complaints, after several years of struggle to identify an owner. Land Registry could not come up with any information on the owner, despite Bradford Council having sold the plot in 2002, where a former Council house once stood. The house had become unsafe after an explosion and was demolished. A request to dig deep into the storage cellars of the Council's Estates department bore fruit - in the form of a memo with the name and

address of the new owner. Within a week or two of being contacted by the ward officer, the landowner had a team on site clearing away years of brambles and rubbish, and was considering a visit to Planning Officers to look at options for development.

Helping young people keep safe

people and the community improving.

Over the last 12 months Keighley West's Youth Worker, Ward Officer, local Police team, James Project and Merlin Top School have worked together as partners to increase the Youth Offer for young people in Braithwaite. Currently on a Wednesday there are two girls' groups at Merlin Top Community Room as well as a session on Thursday at Keighley Young People's Centre. These three sessions are project based to increase awareness and resilience around ASB, Drugs and Alcohol, Sexual Health and Healthy Relationships. They also concentrate on where the young people are at this point in time and giving them opportunities to develop a positive self-image, an understanding of personal safety and safety of those around the community. Over forty young people have been engaging in these projects over the last 12 months, with relationships between the organisations, young





Appendix F - Worth Valley Ward

Operation Onebin team tidies up to keep tourists coming back

Haworth traders and residents got together for a second clean up in time for one of its big events – Steampunk weekend in November. Artist and Haworth gallery owner Sonje Hibbert and Neighbourhood Service staff met volunteer litterpickers, to spruce up the BronteVillage car park and other hotspots. Sonje launched her "Operation Onebin" appeal to traders for funds to buy one new bin and attracted donations of another four bins to be used in the car park. Since then Countryside and Rights of Way have bought another two bins for Penistone Hill, another hotspot for litter.

Now another trader, Diane Park is highlighting the need for more work to be done in Haworth Churchyard, which is visited by thousands each year. Diane and regular volunteer Anthony Medd joined church and parish council representatives, Bereavement Services, Parks and Landscapes, ward officer and ward councillors to look at planning a volunteer day at the end of March.



Volunteers do Oakworth proud!

Over the last 18 months, Oakworth has seen a total of 7 community clean ups, attracting hundreds of volunteers who have worked in scores of locations including HoldenPark. Two complementary projects, Operation Oakworth and Perk up your Park successfully brought volunteers together to tackle litter hotspots on roads and footpaths, and in HoldenPark, to benefit the entire village in November and March. (Picture shows volunteers Christine Sharp and Zoe Arnold on Slack Lane). The ward officer also visited Oakworth Scout group to outline everyone's responsibility to keep the environment clean and encourage young people to take part in the



clean ups. In addition, Bradford Council has installed a solar powered Big Belly bin in Station Rd, which has nine times the capacity of a traditional litterbin, in order to resolve frequent complaints about litter there. The bin it displaced has been installed at the junction of Slack Lane and Cure Hill, and another installed on Moor Drive next to the playing field.

Finding a way to protect valuable services

The ward officer has been involved in continuing discussions with a range of organisations and members on ideas for sustaining services which are important to local residents, including:

- Haworth toilet blocks and car parks facilitating discussion with operational staff and parish councillors on the day to day running of the toilets and car parks, costs etc in order to inform future decision making
- Holden Hall supporting the development of a new trust with advice and help on publicity, funding and contact with VOSO, to help equip the group to gradually take on the sustainable running of the hall
- Friends of HoldenPark organising a site visit with officers and members in order to inform the group's bid for funding for CCTV from Keighley Town Council, aiming to reduce ASB and very costly damage in the park.



New attempts to tackle old problems - Gas Street and Ebor Lane

Regular littering and fly tipping continue to cause a nuisance and an eyesore in the lower part of Haworth, so partners tried something different in a couple of locations:

- Residents around the Youth Shelter in Gas Stree were given a chance to outline any issues they have in a survey in March, and an opportunity to join in a community clean up later in Spring.
- Police and council ward officer met KWVR staff at Haworth Station to discuss issues with litter and anti social behaviour – the station will be upgrading their CCTV to deter this.
- Fly tipping on very steep banking down to Bridgehouse Beck in Ebor Lane (above) was tackled by Calder Valley Search and Rescue Team. The eyesore could not be cleared by volunteers because of the dangerous slope, and as no landowner can be identified, the Council could not pursue them to clean up. The access to the bank has also been blocked with tree trunks to deter fly tipping in future.



Clearer view from the "island" in traffic scheme

Consultation on a new 20mph traffic scheme for Cross Roads unearthed a separate problem which Highways staff have been able to tackle. Neighbourhoods staff facilitated an earlier discussion with ward and parish councillors when officers heard that the triangle traffic island at the junction of Hebden Road and Lees Lane needed "decluttering" of signs, planters etc to improve safety, and most traffic should be directed down the safer slip road. The ward officer also supported a Highways consultation event in October at Lees Primary School about the proposed scheme, which included the additional measures. These changes have now been made as part of the 20mph scheme within budget.



Young people support hall's new future



Members of Oakworth youth club have contributed funds from their subs to help buy new curtains for their base at Holden Hall which has recently had roof repairs and an internal refurbishment. The group are keen to see the hall stay open so their Friday night sessions can continue, and have welcomed the bid from a newly formed trust involving User Group members to take over responsibility for running the building. The youth project offers a wide range of activities including recreational activities, themed

workshops, cook and eats, information, advice and guidance and life skills which are developed and delivered with input from young people.

Haworth Youth Project is continuing on a Tuesday evening at Haworth Community Centre. The session is well attended and is also going through a similar process to Holden Hall where a voluntary group plans to start running the building, allowing youth provision to continue. Oxenhope Youth Project has secured funding from the Parish Council to continue youth activities at Oxenhope Community Centre on a Friday evening over the next financial year. One young person has also taken on an active role with the Parish Council to represent and advocate on behalf of young people from Oxenhope.

