

# Report of the Strategic Director – Place to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 19 October 2017

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## **Subject:**

**Keighley Area Ward Plans 2017-18 Update**

## **Summary statement**

This report outlines the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April to September 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2017-18.

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## **Portfolio:**

**Neighbourhoods and Community Safety**

## **Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

**Corporate**

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report outlines the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April to September 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2017-18.

## **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 2017-18 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 2017, within Wards that have contributed to addressing the priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2017-18. 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, Street Surgeries; 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 2017-18 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 2017-18 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 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2017-18 be noted.

## **11. APPENDICES**

Appendix A - Craven Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

Appendix B - Ilkley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

Appendix C – Keighley Central Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

Appendix D – Keighley East Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

Appendix E – Keighley West Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 12.1 The Ward Plans 2017-18 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 – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

#### 1. Friends of Silsden Green Places



Friends of Silsden Green Places Environmental Volunteers have organised clearing works in Hothfield Cemetery; made a new flower bed in the cemetery grounds; planted spring bulbs and set up a compost facility. Their next goal is to add seating. Clog Bridge has been cleared and planted with shrubs; bulbs and a range of spring and summer plants. Local people have supported the scheme by watering especially in the warm dry periods so a real community effort. The beck area has a new flower bed providing a wealth of colour. The group links in with other local organisations such as St James Church and they are planning on clearing the grave yard in the September period.

#### 2. Grand De-Party Event Silsden



The Grand De - party event supported by Keighley Co-ordinators Office took place in Silsden Park on Saturday 1 July and was a great success with 500+ people attending. Activities on offer provided entertainment for all the family along with a range of information stalls. The newly established community library had a stall run by local volunteers who support the new library on a weekly basis. The event was supported by many local groups and helpers and has become an annual attraction for the area of Silsden.

#### 3. Scouts and Beavers Litter Picking in Addingham



The Scouts and the Beavers; volunteer helpers and parents came together to take part in a Litter Picking Project in Addingham taking in the Memorial Hall, Addingham Village, Marchup Ghyll, Steeping Stones, Allotments, Recreation Ground, Danny Palmer Nature Reserve, Hoffman's Wood, Cricket Ground, Fields, Bowling Green and MUGGA area. Included on the day was 'Hunt The Bin' Campaign – to find all the litter bins in the village; mark them on a map and take photos. The goal for everyone was to put together a display

about litter and the importance of recycling waste linked to the Environment Day that took place in May.

#### 4. Friends of Silsden Town Hall



Friends of Silsden Town Hall in 2017 have been instrumental in supporting the Community Library Initiative as well as providing a full programme of community activities enjoyed by people of all ages. One of their community ventures was a celebration garden day and plant produce sale including a Gardeners Question Time attended by Katie Rushworth; ITV's 'Love Your Garden'. The event was organised by members of the local Bolton Road Allotments, Silsden. The group continues to work in partnership with Keighley Co-ordinators Office and other local groups and organisations to organise a range of community programmes and activities for all ages.

#### 5. Silsden Stroke Support Group



The stroke support group run by lead volunteer Grace Summersgill takes place at Silsden Methodist Church and is attended by people who may have experienced a stroke and their carers'. The group offers information, advice, and organises a range of activities that focus on encouraging movement and speech and trips out are organised by arrangement. The group is supported by Silsden Methodist Church; Creative Support and Later Life Cobbydale mutual support network; with a focus on helping people in later life

in Silsden; health issues and social well-being. Membership of the group has increased recently with people attending from Skipton and Ilkley.

#### 6. Youth Service – Craven Ward



11 open access sessions are available to young people; detached team on Friday evenings; school holiday period has been a success as calls for service were down - young people's behaviour. A partnership between the Methodist Church in Silsden; Youth service has created a Drop-In session 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month; hoping to increase to twice monthly subject to funding after Xmas. Young people had the opportunity to take part in various activities; Summer Program; Buddies Program 'WRAP' – Wellness Recovery Action Plan Course; Voice and Influence events (Youth Voice and Young Advisors). Sessions on Monday evening's will be used for targeted work - topics or projects; Thursday's to remain open access. South

Craven School is promoting the work in the community; Addingham open access sessions have restarted on Tuesdays; Ilkley Grammar School is allowing workers to promote the sessions available

## Appendix B

### Ilkley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

#### 1. Great Get Together

The Great Get Together (Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June) certainly lived up to its name in Ilkley with residents of all ages taking advantage of a lovely Summer Day for a community celebration on The Grove. Hundreds of people turned up sharing food and enjoying the company of others. Volunteer organisers stretched the £200 grant award from BMDC to ensure the day was fun filled and fabulous, organising everything from sewing 100's yards of bunting to arranging a quiz, tug of war and entertainment.

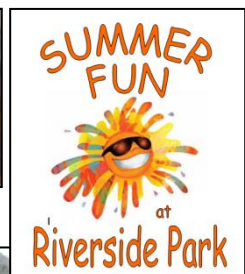
Lots of people worked tirelessly to make sure the event was a success and the added bonus was that unexpected donations on the day resulted in £1,500 for Ilkley and District Good Neighbours and £500 for the Grenfell Tower families.

**People can do amazing things!**



#### 2. Summer Fun

Ilkley Youth and Community Association working in partnership with the Area Office, Youth Service, and Police with support from the Community Alcohol Partnership, Rotary and Ilkley Parish Council provided a variety of activity for young people in Ilkley summer 2017. This included weekly outdoor sessions in the park and taster sessions at Clip n Climb, the Tennis Club, Korkoro Martial Arts and dance, in all 20 separate activities were provided for young people to attend, throughout July and August. As a finale a successful grant award to host a Great Together event the association hosted a community barbeque at Ilkley Warehouse



#### 3. Clean, Green, Safe and Tidy



A number of initiatives to address litter and environmental problems in Ilkley have taken place. 'Spring into Action' resulted in a number of individuals coming forward to litter pick and have on loan litter pickers, gloves and high visibility vests. A closer working relationship is being formed with the Parish Council employed warden to try and coordinate effort and achieve maximum impact. In keeping the town clean and cared for. In conjunction with the Parish Council a litter campaign is currently in production to encourage people to dispose of their litter responsibly and keep the Town and its open spaces tidy.

#### 4. Tackling nuisance and ASB

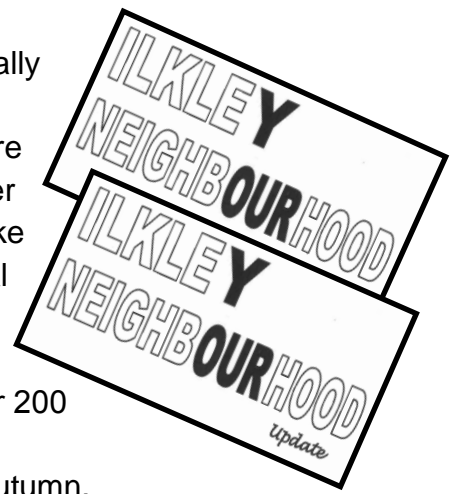


Ilkley is a safe place with low levels of serious crime but occasionally anti-social behaviour can create problems.

Working in conjunction with the Police and InCommunities and Fire Service a joint door to door exercise took place earlier in summer in response to reports of ASB in the Valley Drive area. A bespoke leaflet was produced informing residents of the types of anti-social behaviour and how to report it (on-line and phone numbers).

It also provided an opportunity to promote Online Watch List (OWL), Green Dog Walker scheme and 'People Can', in total over 200 homes were visited.

Further initiatives including Street Surgeries are planned for the autumn.



## 5. Yorkshire Day

Ilkley's Town Crier and chairman of the Parish Council joined the local MP, District Councillors, Parish Councillors and a host of Ilkley residents and representatives from voluntary groups in the annual celebration of Yorkshire day 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

An opportunity to celebrate the county and the town, it was a real feel good initiative with music and entertainment provided by the Phoenix jazz band. At the request of the Parish Council it was also a chance to celebrate and recognise the wealth of activity undertaken by local volunteers, many of whom joined the crowd that meandered along the Grove before gathering at the Town Hall for a rousing rendition of 'Ilkley Moor Baht'at before retiring indoors for tea, Yorkshire Tea of course!



## 6. Youth Service



8 young people from Ilkley Youth Club have been actively involved in participating in Fund Raising activities in and around Ilkley in order to raise funds for an activity of their choice. This has included, visiting local business and asked for donations, making cakes, organising a raffle and manning a stall at Ilkley festival encouraging the public to make their own smoothly drinks. Car washing – visiting businesses and residents in the vicinity a number of cars were washed in the Warehouse car park. Local residents were able to see young

people doing something good in their community dispelling any negative perceptions of them. Summer activity culminated in a 'Great Together' BBQ, prior to which a large group of young people (and a dog), walked the 7 miles from Bolton Abbey to Ilkley, raising over £100.00. In conclusion, Young people appreciated the significance of fundraising and gained a valuable insight in to planning and delivering fundraising events.

## Appendix C

### Keighley Central Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

#### 1. Eastwood School working in partnership



A Successful Community Forum took place at Eastwood Primary School, on 11 July. Residents had a direct opportunity to speak with Council Officers from Keighley Co-ordinators Office, Cleansing and Enforcement Section, Youth Services, and BHCA – Bradford Hate Crime Alliance. Other partner organisations who supported the meeting were the Police and Eastwood School Staff and members of local group Youth Vision. Residents were able to raise local issues with some attendees offering to also become involved in local volunteering initiatives. Eastwood School works in partnership with Keighley Co-ordinators and are in the process of looking at a parking proposal to address road safety in and around the school.

#### 2. All Saints Church in partnership with Highfield Food Co-op



All Saints Church, Highfield Food Co-op organised a series of film nights showing various productions. The film nights were well received with a request for more films for children. On the films shown the topics covered were asylum; local politics and communities coming together. At the end of each production a discussion workshop took place. The message from the full programme was people regardless of background had more in common than they realised. Volunteers connected to the Highfield Food Co-op are progressing a 'grow your own initiative' for the Highfield area.



#### 3. The Great Get Together – Fun Day Friends of Burgess Field



The above event was organised by volunteers with support from Keighley Co-ordinators Office. On the day there was a range of activities including a sack race; egg and spoon race and tug-of-war. Youth Service supported the activity programme by organising the race competitions and over 150 people attended along with the Mayor of Keighley town Council and John Grogan MP. This is now an annual event in the local community.



#### 4. Clean Sweep Day of Action

Keighley Co-ordinators Office; Highways; Cleansing Services organised a 'Street Sweep' Day of Action with local residents playing their part by parking their vehicles in another locality on the day so sweeper vehicles could have direct access. The area covered included Devonshire Street West; Drewery Road, Lime Street, Cartmel and Back Cartmel Road, Ada and Back Ada Street and Endersor Road. Other days of action / clean-ups have been organised across the ward with the next one taking place at Knowle Park.

## 5. Crime Stoppers Campaign



Keighley Co-ordinators Office, Police, Elected Members and MP's Office with volunteers promoted the Crime Stoppers Campaign across Central Ward in 2017 over a 3 month period. Residents were contacted directly; the campaign proved positive in that more people came forward to report incidents of crime occurring in their local community. The message - Residents can report crime anonymously by ringing 0800555111 or go on line. Information provided by residents was important as working together we can make our communities safe.

## 6. Youth Service – Supporting Young Women and Girls



Over the past 6 months the youth Service has increased provision for young women and girls in Keighley Central Ward. Youth Service has set up town centre provision – Girls Drop-in where they can access support and advice from Youth Workers. They can hang out; engage in activities or receive advice and information from staff. This session is followed by Detached Youth Work in Keighley Town Centre localities targeting vulnerable and at risk young women. This project is a partnership between Youth Service and Keighley Healthy Living. We have also recruited two new casual staff and are in the process of setting up Saturday provision at BCA - young women from the Lund park area. This project will be launched on the 14<sup>th</sup> October, and is being supported by BCA – Bangladeshi Community Association. A member of staff will also be supporting a girls group in Highfield in partnership with Highfield community centre. We are committed to providing a quality service to all of our young people, where possible working in partnership with other organisations and community groups.

## Appendix D

### Keighley East Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

#### 1. Tour de Yorkshire and Easter Fun

'Eggstra' activities for young people took place over the Easter holiday period thanks to Big Local. Grant awards supported 'Out in the Aire' Forest Schools who organised an Egg Hunt, and Forest Schools fun & games in Stockbridge & Damems. A BMDC Animation Grant of £200 also provided the opportunity for young people to literally put the 'flags out' as the Tour de Yorkshire passed through the ward in April 2017. A colourful, creative art & craft session - using natural dyes gave young people the opportunity to create bunting and banners for the route of the cycle race. Both example ways to 'increase the opportunity to play for all people aged 1 – 101 years in the Keighley Big Local area



#### 2. Flood Resilience

Following the damage and distress of the floods in December 2015 effort has been put into mitigating problems in the future including enlisting the help of local people in making environmental improvements to the riverbank. A series of action days have taken place with volunteer helpers



tackling issues of lingering flood debris and clearing litter and vegetation. BMDC cleansing team followed up removing bagged waste (see below) and Area Office staff manned a Flood Roadshow with Environment Agency staff and others at Keighley Library (May 2017) to talk about flood plans and how we can work together to tackle problems across the district in the future



#### 3. A Clean Sweep

**74 Gullies – cleaned, 13 bags of litter – collected**

**2 burnt out wheelie bins – removed, 9 roads – swept**

**53 residents engaged** - All in a morning's work in the Stockbridge area of Keighley thanks to the combined efforts of the gully wagon team, clean team, warden and mechanical sweeper. A heavily parked area it took collective effort to ensure that vehicles were off the streets and the teams had access to the drains and kerbside. We hope to repeat the exercise in the other 'half' of Stockbridge later in the year, it is of huge reassurance to residents who have suffered flooding incidents in the past and an opportunity to engage and encourage responsibility on keeping the area and drains clean and clear.



#### 4. 'Street Talking' – Street Surgeries



The latest combined effort between the Police and Area Office and District Councillors to meet with local residents, listen to concerns and address issues in a series of 'Street Surgeries' took place across the ward through an unseasonably wet (and cold) summer. Well received by residents a number of productive doorstep conversations took place. Over 500 houses were visited and information about Crime stoppers and Council Services delivered to each. Initial concerns about why the police were in the area gave way to appreciation and residents were supportive of similar activity in the future. A further series of Street Surgeries are planned for the latter part of the year.



### 5. Perseverance 'Plays' off

For a number of years residents have complained and campaigned with regard to the lack of play provision in the Hainworth Wood Area and this year thanks to Big Local their vision is about to become a reality. Despite setbacks along the way with changes to other funding programmes the scheme was agreed as a priority and the £80,000 cost has been met in its entirety through Big Local. Working closely with BMDC Design team contracts have now been awarded and work on the scheme is about to start. It has required real determination to see this project through but local residents have persevered and with all agreements in place it should prove a well-used and popular amenity, in operation before the end of the year.



### 6. Youth Service

Workers have engaged with young people across the Big Local area to explore interests and the types of activities they would like to see delivered. Detached workers have developed good relationships with groups of young people from Hainworth Wood, Stockbridge and Parkwood. Weekly activities are delivered in these areas and young people have benefited from one to one support around a range of issues including CSE awareness, school and college issues and emotional wellbeing.

Young people are now starting to take an active role in programme planning. The open access youth club is well attended, with some of the group working towards the 'Lord Mayors Award'. As part of a cultural awareness activity they took part in an 'opening of fast' to celebrate Ramadan. They also hosted a meal as part of the 'Great Get Together' with attendance from across the Keighley constituency.



## Appendix E

### Keighley West Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

#### Year of Safety campaign launch and Citizenship work

Braithwaite and Guardhouse Gala hosted the launch of a campaign, The Children's Year of Safety, aiming to bring the community together to keep children safe. Lord Mayor Cllr Abid Hussain attended to officially launch the campaign, after having met the winner of a logo competition for the campaign, Tiannie Jessop of Our Lady of Victories Primary School (right). The Year of Safety focuses on different themes each half term, with the first being "Come to school every day and on time". These messages will be promoted through schools and community organisations, including a quiz which tests residents' current knowledge on safeguarding issues.

The Year of Safety complements work being done in the three local primary schools on Citizenship, funded by a Police and Crime Commissioner Safer Communities grant won by the Area Office on behalf of the ward partnership team. The sessions cover subjects equipping children to make good choices, also to develop empathy and cohesion



#### Youth workers support gala

Youth Service staff worked alongside other agencies including the JAMES project to put on fun activities at Braithwaite and Guardhouse Gala in September, including ever popular face painting (left). Local young people took part in team games and challenges, as well as chatting to youth workers about services for young people and children in the area. Some young people volunteered to help out on the day and supported first aid. Youth Service are looking forward to seeing the event continue and grow in the future.



#### A close shave for North Dean Avenue

Partners, residents and Cllr Farley got together to smarten up the North Dean Ave and Road area of Braithwaite with some serious strimming and cutting back.

Land owned by Incommunities and Barratts which had become overgrown and tipped on was given a close shave.

The owners have committed to long term maintenance which should permanently improve the appearance of the area.



#### Doggy drop in at Ingrow Primary School.

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leave only paper trails.

Dog owners who hadn't had their animals microchipped got it done free at a neighbourhood drop-in at Ingrow Primary School in April.

The drop-in took place in the school car park, when free microchipping and health checks were carried out by the Dogs Trust assisted by Bradford Council dog wardens, along with a chance to become a Green Dog Walker, where owners promise to always clear up after their dog and carry extra poo bags to help any other dog owner without one.

Information about a range of neighbourhood issues were also on offer, including advice on crime prevention, new recycling arrangements, and opportunity for residents to name their least favourite grotspot, then sign up to join in with other residents in a community clean up.

### **Street surgeries in Keighley West**

Residents across the Keighley West ward had chance to stop and chat to police, ward councillors, council officers and other partners on a series of street surgeries in September.



The surgeries took place in Fell Lane, Braithwaite and Bracken Bank, offering a visible presence and giving residents the opportunity to come out and speak directly to partners about any local issues.

The surgeries also promoted what people can do to help themselves, for example Neighbourhood Watch, reporting crime or joining in a community clean up. Partners took away a range of issues to tackle from each surgery.

### **Laycock residents walking with a purpose!**

Regular walkers and residents in Laycock took litterpickers for a ramble in April to tackle rubbish around the village.



The "walking litterpick" and drop-in was based at Laycock Village Hall and gave anyone concerned about litter on footpaths and thrown into hedges a chance to help clear up before the growing season began.



Staff and ward councillors were also at the drop in to discuss other neighbourhood issues over a cuppa, and to equip walkers with litterpickers, gloves, bags and high-vis vests.

## Appendix F

### Worth Valley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2017

#### **Worth Valley ward update, October 2017 Cleaning up a quiet corner of Haworth**

Residents have taken part in two clean ups on land around Ebor Lane and Bridgehouse Beck, improving a nature area and a slope down to the beck which was covered in years of litter. The first clean up took place around a path off Ebor Lane to the nature area which forms part of the Railway Children's walk. The second clean up was carried out with support from Haworth Masons from the Mill Hey side of the beck, where litter has been thrown over a wall over years. The clean ups were arranged after residents expressed concerns about the neglected state of the banks of Bridgehouse Beck, and both clean ups attracted around 20 volunteers each time.



#### **Churchyard clean up reveals hidden gravestones**

Volunteers taking part in a second clean up in Haworth Churchyard dug out gravestones which may not have been seen for decades, hidden under years of leaf mould. In June, volunteers worked on graves cleared at the first event in March, scraped leaves off more gravestones, and carefully dug down to find graves which local historians knew were there

but were not visible. Volunteers met again in August to discuss regular work which could be done in between major clean ups in the churchyard, with some regular volunteers and the Bronte Society agreeing to take on specific sections of graves. Now the plan is to encourage more people to devote a little time on a regular basis to the churchyard and make sure it looks as valued and cared for as it is by so many.



#### **Booklet helps older people to Get Connected !**

A new directory listing scores of groups and activities for older people around the BD22 area of Keighley has been published. The booklet, Get Connected, is aimed especially at older people who may not use the internet but who want to find out about activities in their area. It has been put together by a group of organisations serving older people (right) including Dementia Friendly Keighley, local Catholic and Methodist Church representatives, Keighley Elderly Initiative Group, Hanover Housing, and co-ordinated by the ward officer with support and funding from Bradford Older People's Alliance. The idea was first floated by ward councillors who were concerned about older people living in more isolated areas, and who may not have access to the internet. It will be offered through agencies working with older people such as health centres and housing providers and will also be on the council website.



#### **Improving Haworth for residents and tourists**

Users of Haworth's biggest car park off Weavers Hill should see an improvement in maintenance after Parking Services agreed to regular strimming and significant tree work,



following cutting back by Community Payback. New crime prevention signs are also due to be installed to replace existing worn signs, and a coach driver survey is being devised to sound out views on current provision of coach parking and a range of other issues. The survey is intended to complement other work being done through Bronte Country Partnership and Haworth, Cross Roads and Stanbury Parish Council on facilities for both visitors and residents, and sustaining Haworth as a destination in the future.



### **Seeing the difference of a year's clean up work**

Volunteers at a clean up in Oakworth have noticed less rubbish round the village since they got together for the first time in Summer 2016. Operation Oakworth, an occasional event where residents tackle litter on routes in and out of the village, was first held after concerns were raised about litter and dog bags spoiling the area. On the fourth clean up, held a year later on Saturday July 8, ten volunteers felt the village was looking cleaner, evidenced by a much smaller pile of bags after the event, with more volunteers doing their bit in between clean ups too. However the

group were keen to get together again for a November clean up when they expect more litter to be revealed as vegetation dies back.

### **Browside action day and youth shelter makeover**

Haworth Browside has been the focus of environmental work over summer, starting with a resident survey about issues in the area. Dog waste and the need for a greater police presence were the top concerns, but people also praised the friendliness of the area and good transport connections. An action day and street surgery in June saw the council gully wagon, mechanical sweepers and volunteer litterpickers cover as many streets as possible in the area, along with police, warden and ward councillors speaking to local residents about any concerns. In August the youth shelter off Apsley St received a face lift, with Parks and Landscapes staff cutting back shrubs surrounding it and a team of young National Citizens Service volunteers repainting the shelter and giving the area around a thorough clean.

