

# Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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## Subject:

YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE – BRADFORD SOUTH.

## Summary statement:

This report gives an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford South Area in the past 12 months and outlines the direction of travel for the next 12 months.

*The report outlines the following information:*

- *An overview of youth provision and a timeline of the Youth Services response to the Covid 19 pandemic.*
- *An update on how the Youth Service continues to respond to increased demand and complexity of need.*
- *An introduction to the work of the Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors and their role in the community.*
- *An update on youth provision ward by ward and key developments.*

Appendix A – Bradford South Youth Service Baseline Provision details the current provisions being delivered within the wards in Bradford South.

Appendix B - Bradford Youth Service South Ward Update gives an overview of ward work and developments

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## Portfolio:

**Neighbourhoods and Community Safety**

## Overview & Scrutiny Area:

**Children's Services**



## 1. SUMMARY

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## 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Bradford Council Youth Service is part of the wider Bradford District Youth Offer that aims to ensure the provision of a range of activities and services that take place in safe spaces, where young people can develop a sense of belonging, socialise with their peers and develop relationships with adults they can trust. It recognises that with the right supportive relationships, strong ambitions and good opportunities all young people can realise their potential and be positive and active members of society.

2.2 The Youth Service vision statement is to work with partners to ensure that young people grow up healthy, happy, informed and aspiring; proud of who they are, where they come from, and actively involved in their community.

2.3 Youth Service priorities are aligned to the five key elements of the Bradford District Youth Offer – as detailed in the table below:

<i>Youth Offer Element 1 – Information, Advice and Guidance(IAG)</i> Increase the numbers of young people accessing IAG through digital media.
<i>Youth Offer Element 2 – Voice and influence</i> Increase the numbers of young people participating in Youth Voice opportunities at all levels.
<i>Youth Offer Element 3 – Open access/detached</i> Deliver a diverse youth offer through working in partnership with the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) and local communities.
<i>Youth Offer Element 4 - Targeted provision</i> Increase the number of specific interventions to address the needs of vulnerable young people.
<i>Youth Offer Element 5 - Active citizens and young people's contribution to community life</i> Increase the number of young people having a positive impact on their community.

2.4 The Youth Service is managed as one service. Staff are contracted to the Youth Service and are allocated to areas.

### 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

#### 3.1 Youth Provision

Over the last 12 months' youth provision across all six wards has continued to respond to the needs of young people. Ward teams have worked with a wide range of community partners to ensure that young people have a network of support that enables them to engage in positive relationships. This work has taken place through a range of delivery methods including; detached, outreach and centre based sessions. This approach has enabled Youth Workers to consistently respond to issues faced by young people whilst continuing to promote key public health messages by offering information, advice and guidance.

In October and November 2020, significant Youth Service resource was used to prevent and challenge the seasonal peak in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) associated with Halloween, Mischief Night and Bonfire Night. Youth Workers engaged young people in a 'Consequences' campaign that highlighted the impact of ASB and misuse of fireworks.

Between January and March 2021 intensive detached work was delivered in all wards that specifically supported young people during the third national lockdown. Youth Workers sought to map 'hotspots' that required additional resources to ensure greater community compliance. Between April and June Youth Workers offered a menu of support to young people that supported the idea of having limited contact with others through the concept of bubbles / small groups.

Over the summer months Youth Workers offered activities in local parks and green spaces that encouraged well-being but started to prepare young people for returning to life without restrictions. In addition, Youth Workers also targeted young people making the transition between primary and secondary school and offered *Moving Up* sessions that helped build resilience.

#### 3.2 Responding to demand and complexity of need

Over the last 12 months Youth Workers have responded to a significant increase in referrals from partner organisations to help address the following issues:

**Domestic Abuse** – young people report that they have experienced increased tension and domestic abuse within their family units.

**Educational Anxiety** – young people report that they are anxious and fearful of the learning that they have lost and what this means for their future.

**Isolation** – young people report that they have felt lonely and isolated and a significant amount of family time is spent in different rooms on individual screens and devices.

**Self Harm** – young people report that they have used self-harm as a means to

cope with some of the issues that they have experienced.

Our service has remained focused on meeting demand and delivered the following support through local youth provision:

**Youth Clubs** – each ward has a youth club that enables young people to come together and socialise through a series of activities and programmes that help develop personal and social skills whilst encouraging thought and action on local area issues. Youth clubs are an essential component in developing independence and reducing dependency on specialist services.

**Peer Support Groups** – the Youth Service has developed a series of peer support groups that enable young people to come together and support each other for issues that are important to them. Many of these sessions have a central activity that helps young people to engage and build trust.

**One to One Support** – young people are supported by a local Youth Worker who will offer a home visit and a series of interventions designed to build trust. Through these interventions youth workers will set goals and targets for young people and help them assess local support networks. This work helps address complex issues such as; Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation and Family Breakdown.

**Volunteering** – as young people become older we encourage them to take on board more responsibility in the local community. Youth Workers support young people to participate in community action projects, helping others and developing employability skills through volunteering.

### 3.3 **Other work targeted at young people with specific needs including vulnerable and at risk.**

The Youth Service continues to provide direct support to young people at risk of exploitation. Through building trust with their Youth Worker, young people have reported feeling less isolated, more connected with their community and safer. Bradford South currently runs a number of targeted provisions all of which offer young people a safe space to engage in positive activities. This work helps raise awareness of issues such as serious organised crime, grooming and county lines. Youth Workers work closely with the Breaking the Cycle Team and support low risk cases in the local community.

### 3.4 **Buddy support as part of Youth in Mind**

The Youth Service has been commissioned to deliver early interventions to young people across the district. This is a collaborative partnership with Bradford District Care Trust and Youth in Mind (YiM) which offers help to young people for their mental health and well-being and seeks to reduce demand on specialist services.

Over the last year, Bradford South has received over 500 referrals from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), School Nurses & other

professionals. These referrals are allocated to Youth Workers who act as Buddies to young people, their role is to befriend them, support them using the Signs of Safety approach and navigate local support networks.

In addition, Youth Workers work closely with all secondary school in Bradford South and help identify students who need support for their mental health and well-being. Youth Workers support these additional caseload in schools, delivering 1:1 work on a weekly basis developing young people's confidence, self-belief and resilience. Youth Workers also support young people in hospital offering interventions that promote self-care and connect them to local services that offer crisis support.

### 3.5 **A partnership approach**

The Youth Service is supported by a wide range of partners in each community. Youth Workers work with local partners to understand the needs of the community and help build capacity to deliver bespoke projects. These projects help build stronger relationships with the local community and increase participation, action and ownership on local area issues.

Within each ward Youth Workers work alongside Ward Officers to map local area issues and develop responses. A good example of how this can be seen in the weekly Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Reports that are shared by the Police with the area office. These reports allow Youth Workers to identify where ASB is impacting on the community. Youth Workers visit the locations, engage the community and feedback to ward officers who track and monitor the impact of the interventions.

Mapping and understanding the root causes of local issues provides an opportunity to plan and develop longer term responses that local partners are supported to lead on. This enables funding to be secured and additional resources to be invested. Examples of these are included in appendix B.

### **New Initiates in Development**

#### 3.6 **Future Boost Trainees**

In October 2021 Bradford South welcomed two new Youth Work Trainees to the team. The trainees will be with us for 2 years and will support the development of Youth Voice initiatives that ensure young people years old have a greater role in shaping service delivery. The trainees will also help identify gaps in provision and develop new projects that respond to the needs of young people aged 16-25 years old. In addition, we will also support six Sporting Chances trainees in their placements within the constituency.

#### 3.7 **Post Covid response work (Young Covid Ambassadors Project)**

The service has built on and expanded the work developed by our Young Covid Ambassadors project. We have created opportunities for a new cohort of Young Covid Ambassadors who will help develop a programme of work that focuses on

Covid recovery, intergenerational activity and well-being. We believe that this could help aid groups of people to overcome some of the impacts of lockdown and isolation. The Ambassadors will help to strengthen public health messages and promote community activity through a series of events in each ward.

In late September 2021 six young people from Bradford South were employed as Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors (YCRA). The Ambassadors are undertaking local Youth Work training to support them in their role and have integrated in to local teams including support for students who are anxious about returning to school. They work alongside Youth Workers to engage young people and identify local area issues. This information is then collated and analysed for patterns and trends and then shared with Public Health Bradford. The information collected by the YCRA has been integral to responding to local issue and supporting the community to recover from the Covid pandemic.

### **3.8 South Wide Provisions**

Bradford South currently leads on the delivery of 3 area wide projects. These sessions are for young people to attend from across Bradford South. The area wide sessions are themed to suit young people's needs, interests and increase our Youth Offer. Information regarding the South Wide provisions can be found in both Appendix A and Appendix B.

## **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 The Youth Service base budget remains unchanged for 2021/22. The service will continue to fill vacancies and recruit additional staff to fulfil commissioned service delivery inc: Youth in Mind, Breaking the Cycles, Young Covid Ambassadors and Positive Futures. Some of this commissioned work is geographically specific which may mean that we see demand being met with additional Youth Work resources.

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

The implementation of the planned budget for the Youth Service is subject to the internal risk management plan of the Council and progress is reported to the Place Departmental Management Team.

## **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

No issues.

## **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

The Youth Service as part of the Council's commitment to the District has a responsibility to ensure that the service is accessible to all young people and that participation in the service reflects this approach.

## 7.2 **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The Youth Service delivery enables local initiatives to be supported, encouraging groups and individuals to undertake activities that improve the social, economic and environmental well being of their communities.

## 7.3 **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

Greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts was a consideration of the Buildings Review.

## 7.4 **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

Young people from across Bradford South engaging in weekly sessions and specialist provisions are directly and indirectly involved with supporting and developing community safety within their local area. Voice and influence is central to youth work delivery ensuring young peoples ideas, suggestions and thoughts are heard.

The strengthened approach to the devolution of the Youth Service as will allow for:

- an increased sense of local democracy for both young people and communities
- young people to be more active in democratic, decision-making processes alongside their political representatives
- the voice and influence of young people to remain central, meaningful and paramount in identifying and addressing needs and issues in their communities
- the requirements of the localism/devolution agenda to be met effectively and efficiently

## 7.5 **HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

There are no direct Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations below.

## 7.6 **TRADE UNION**

All budget proposals are subject to consultation with the Trade Unions.

## 7.7 **WARD IMPLICATIONS**

The information in this report is related to all wards in the constituency and appendix B outlines the Youth Service projects and activities delivered across South.

## 8. **NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None.

## 9. **OPTIONS**

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



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

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

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford South Area as detailed in this report be welcomed.

## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix A: Bradford South Youth Service Baseline Youth Provision

11.2 Appendix B: Bradford South – Youth Service Ward Updates

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1 Youth Service – Bradford South Area report. Bradford South Area Committee Meeting, 25th February 2021.

## Appendix A

### Bradford South Youth Service Baseline Youth Provision - 2021

<b>TONG WARD</b>			
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Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Monday 4:30-6.30pm	Targeted Group	TFD Centre	Weekly
Tuesday 5.30-8.00pm	Youth Club	Holme Wood	Weekly
Wednesday 5.30-8:00pm	Targeted Group	TFD Centre	Weekly

<b>WYKE WARD</b>			
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Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Wednesday 6.00-9.00pm	Targeted Group	Delph Hill Centre	Weekly
Thursday 6.00-8.00pm	Youth Club	Delph Hill Centre	Weekly
Friday 5:30-8:00pm	Targeted Group	Delph Hill Centre	Weekly

<b>QUEENSBURY WARD</b>			
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Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Mondays 5.30 - 7.30pm	Targeted Group	Victoria Hall	Weekly
Wednesday 5.30-8.00pm	Youth Club	Victoria Hall	Weekly
Thursday 5.30-7.30pm	Youth Club	Victoria Hall	Weekly

**ROYDS WARD**For more information contact Stephen Harrison, 07582101715, [stephen.harrison@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.harrison@bradford.gov.uk)

Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Tuesday 6.00- 8.30pm	Youth Club	Buttershaw Youth Centre	Weekly
Wednesday 6.00-8.30pm	Targeted Group	Buttershaw Youth Centre	Weekly
Thursday 6.00- 8.30pm	Youth Club	Buttershaw Youth Centre	Weekly

**WIBSEY WARD**For more information contact Tracey Gill, 07582100683, [tracey.gill@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.gill@bradford.gov.uk)

Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Monday 6.00-8.00pm	Street Club	Wibsey/Odsal/Bankfoot	Weekly
Tuesday 7.00-8.30pm	Youth Club	Online	Weekly
Wednesday 6.00-8.30pm	Detached	Wibsey/Odsal/Bankfoot	Weekly

**GREAT HORTON WARD**For more information contact Zwelani Mayo 07582107053, [zwelani.mayo@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:zwelani.mayo@bradford.gov.uk)

Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Monday 6.00-8.00pm	Youth Club	Great Horton	Weekly
Wednesday 6.00-8.00pm	Target Group	Scholemoor	Weekly
Thursday 6.00-8.00pm	Youth Club	Great Horton	Weekly

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Day/Time	Activity	Location	Frequency
Tuesday 4.00-6.00pm	Peer Support Session	Buttershaw Youth Centre	Weekly
Thursday 4.00-6.00pm	Peer Support Session	Park Ave FC	Weekly

<b>Friday</b> <b>5.00 -8.00pm</b>	<b>Peer Support Session</b>	<b>TFD Youth Centre</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
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<b>SCHOOLS WORK</b>				
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<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Target group</b>
Monday & Tuesday	1:1 Support	Tong	Weekly	YIM
Wednesday & Thursday	1:1 Support	BBEC	Weekly	YIM
Friday	1:1 Support	Appleton	Weekly	YIM
Tuesday & Thursday	1:1 Support	Forsters	Weekly	YIM
Monday	1:1 Support	Queensbury	Weekly	YIM
Thursdays & Friday	1:1 Support	Coop Grange	Weekly	YIM
Tuesday	1:1 Support	Dixons City	Weekly	YIM
Wednesday	1:1 Support	Dixons Kings	Weekly	YIM

The above table provides an overview of the work that is delivered in secondary schools in Bradford South. Each youth worker will hold an average case load of 12 young people who they provide one to one support to over a half-term. This enables youth workers to work with a large number of young people over the course of a school year. The impact of these early interventions helps reduce exclusions and maintain attendance whilst also reducing the demand on specialist services. The support received is unique to each individual but often focuses on emotional well being, anxiety and low self esteem.

The impact of this '*school based support*' has been the growth of '*community based*' peer support groups across the constituency. These groups offer young people the opportunity to share the 'self care skills' that they have learnt with others. We commonly refer to these groups as Youth in Mind – Peer Support groups.

## Appendix B

### Bradford South – Youth Service Ward Updates:

#### Great Horton

Youth workers have worked closely with local community partners to address a range of local issues inc; Anti Social Behaviour (ASB). Through a targeted approach we have built trust with the community and identified cohorts of young people who need to be supported. Through sustained contact and interaction with the targeted groups we have helped to reducing levels of anti-social behaviour on Beldon Road (reduced incidents reported on Beldon Road noted by multi-agency meetings), Coppice Wood Grove (residents acknowledging the work done by the service), Wyvern Close continues to be supported by our engagement with young people around the area. Youth Workers remain concerned for the root causes of ASB including SOC. We continue to work with the *Breaking the Cycles* team to map issues and identify responses.

Youth Workers have continued to build successful community partnerships that provide young people with an opportunity to engage in new activities that promote health and well-being. As a result of our partnership with the *Capital of Cycling* more young people have participated in an online project learning how to recycle bikes. The components are delivered to young people who get to keep the bikes after they have been built. The project aims to increase recycling and reduce pollution.

Youth Workers work in partnership with *Scholemoor Beacon* to deliver a range of projects and activities. As a result of engaging young people in these sessions many have be diverted away from ASB. In addition, we have also worked together to meet the needs of vulnerable young people identified as needing personal, social and emotional support. Our partnership with the *Youth Association* has resulted in more visibility of Youth Workers in and around Great Horton Village Hall, increasing the interaction levels with young people.

#### Queensbury

Youth Workers continue to work in partnership with QCP to support young people to access a wider range of provision in the local area. A good example of this is illustrated in the work delivered over the summer. Working with QCP as our main partner enabled us to draw down additional funding from HAF to increase the reach to children age 7-19yrs and target those on FSM. This allowed us to include activity such as dance and karate delivered by the professionals involved free of charge and QCP provided lunch and refreshments for all participants

Young people from across the area came together to build relationships, keep active, maintain positive engagement in the summer including sports, arts, cooking, teamwork, confidence building and having fun in the summer

Over 50 children and young people attended the provision and every child participated for free, we were able to give trial sessions at clubs and activities in the area with the hope they may engage after summer especially in the sports and activities available weekly

After this the youth sessions have seen an increase in new members and young people from the area have engaged with youth workers. Whilst, youth workers have also highlighted some students from the summer programme who may need additional support to succeed in school and offered to follow this up in Tic Tac session. We hope to continue to build on this partnership with additional support from our Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors.

## **Royds**

Youth Workers have continued to support the development of the Shoulder to Shoulder partnership which helps bring together a wide range of community partners. The partnership provides an opportunity to share information and agree actions that increase opportunities for young people to use Buttershaw Youth Centre and other local projects. For example; over the summer young people had the opportunity to participate community action projects with Stepping Stones that helped improve the green space around the centre.

Youth Workers continue to work with Sandale to provide additional support through after school sessions that target young people that require support to help improve their mental health. Youth Workers are also developing a new project to provide young people with a safe space to explore personal identity. This project further extends the number of specialist groups run by the youth service and local partners.

Youth Workers support Big Joe's Boxing Academy to deliver a number of sessions that encourage young people to participate in non-contact boxing club. The club promotes the value of health, fitness and nutrition as well as looking at how to improve mental health. This is a very popular club that is currently oversubscribed.

## **Tong**

Prior to summer 2021 the team worked to detail the support on offer to young people moving on to the high schools in the local area. Support on the sessions were offered to both primary schools and to the high schools where the team have been working with over recent years. Liaising with the primary schools we identified a number of young people who required the support to transition to high school and with this completed several home visits, giving an outline of the plan for parents going into the summer. To build this relationship early on helps to make young people feel welcomed and reduces the anxieties that some young people have about meeting new people or, going to new places. We replicated this approach with the high schools we work with, as we often see the transition impacts the high schools differently, as they have to put things in place for continuous support in their school. We highlighted siblings, who had concerns about brothers and sisters coming to the school, these were identified through our one to one support and then fed back into our well-being leads for further discussion. In previous years we have been into the primary schools to highlight this work and running the pilot scheme for moving up in Holme wood we have found this invaluable. Unfortunately, due to Covid we had not been able to follow this previously successful model. We have however, developed a programme of support for the primary schools regarding transition and well-being that will take place in the new year, which in turn will help further develop the transitional experiences of years 6 to 7.

Support for young people again has been invaluable for the readiness of those moving into year 7 in a new school. Throughout the summer programme we have offered group sessions that have been aimed at building young people's confidence and answering questions that help to reduce some of those felt anxieties.

The team have throughout the summer supported young people into some of the other nurturing sessions that happen in the local area, these have included arts, sports and well-being sessions. This is in the hope that whilst the team are still supporting young people in a school setting there is a sense of community connectivity for further support in their local area.

We have a large number of young people who came to the project relaying to staff how much they have valued the sessions at the centre. One young person has stated that they "don't know where

they would be if it wasn't for the sessions". The brilliant thing about the project over the summer is that it doesn't just last the summer it continues to support as long as it is needed in one way or another. Whether this is a continuation of the support from our sessions or whether it is connected into the vast array of partners we have developed to support of vision of purpose and belonging. In either case we support young people to thrive both in and out of the school environment.

Partnership work is a continued process for the work we do at the TFD and realise that if we are to be a successful project having the partners that share our thoughts and want to have a long term visions are integral. At the centre we have a number of projects that have helped support young people, Dance united are one of these projects we have supported over the summer period. Dance united at the TFD centre have completed a week intensive dance and arts project utilising the support of the centre to deliver to young people, the community based arts session was collaboration between Dance united, The Valley Project and the Youth Service.

The TFD centre hosted another arts project developed by a local person the team have supported three days of arts action for the community. The United Arts project aimed to support families to come together to take part in the arts, with activities on canvass to spray painting the project encompassed a range of arts activities for all the family.

Continuing the theme of the arts, we have helped to develop a project in the community around poetry. Kirsty Taylor a local celebrity, worked on a project named front room poetry, with many young people given the floor to express in spoken word important issues in their life. This was set up in the middle of the football field on Holme Wood, bringing something different to an area that perhaps have not welcomed such an experience previously.

Over the summer we have worked in partnership with Clarion housing to develop a sports project out of the TFD and this culminated in the launch of the project happening at the end of the summer programme. This kick starts a project that will bring a variety of activities to the centre to support young people in being healthy and active.

Outloud is a project that we as a service have help build capacity to support the ongoing need for interventions around health and well-being. Over the summer period, supported by the BD4 Community partnership we hosted a mental health first aid course for young people from our Youth in Mind sessions. Keen to help develop peer support we developed the event to add value to our ever increasing list of young people in need of social and emotional support. The outcome of which will be that they will be equipped to help others identify their own wellness and understanding of what keeps them well.

One of our other great developments around partnership work, has been the sessions we have developed with the STEMM department at Bradford university. Linking in with the project we have successful brought Lego robotics to the centre and developed skills on computing and coding. Our aim in the summer was to develop a CSI session where young people would be integral to a "who dunnit" scenario, with all the crime scene lab being brought to the TFD centre. Unfortunately, due to Covid, and their team being unwell, this did not take place but will in the next holidays.

We place real value on the partnerships we have developed and enhanced over the summer period and they will form strong bonds to continue the community support in the future. We always pride ourselves on the vast array of sessions that young people can access and this can only be achieved with the input and development of local partners.

Over the summer period we continued our previous efforts to supporting young people and the community through our detached programme. Sessions have taken place weekly liaising with the police, the wardens and ward officers to highlight any incidences of anti social behaviour. We have generally engaged young people in areas of concern such as local shopping parades and areas of

high public use. Utilising our knowledge and relationships with the groups we have often been able to support groups of young people to move to areas where they are perceived to cause less issues including parks and the field at the TFD. Here we have been able to organise small games.

We have had only a small amount of the usual anti-social behaviour reported in these places and the success of the reduction is the knowledge and relationships of the youth service. Working in the community, working in the local schools and knowledge and relationships with the families have been key to this reduction.

## **Wibsey**

Youth Workers have started to develop a partnership with Park Ave in the Community. It is hoped that this will enable more young people to use the local facilities at the club and access additional programmes of support run by the club. Youth Workers hope that this will provide an opportunity to support the club with links to volunteering, training and employment.

Over the last year our youth work team have seen a significant increase in the number of vulnerable young people that access our universal provision. A number of these young people have needed to be supported on a one to one basis in order to help with issues such as anger, low self esteem and self harm. As a result Youth workers have worked closely with services such as Children's Social Care, Early Help and the Police to ensure that young people are safe and families are supported.

In response to the increased levels of vulnerability, the youth work team delivered a Summer Transition Programme that worked with local schools to target vulnerable young people in year 6. Over the summer these young people were supported through positive activities that provided them with an opportunity to feel more confident about starting secondary school. These young people will continue to be supported over the next year and it is hoped that this will reduce the risk of exclusion and the need for specialist support.

## **Wyke**

Youth Workers have continued to build strong community relationships with local partners, businesses and families. Our relationship with Appleton Academy enables us to build relationships with a wide range of young people whilst also supporting those who are more vulnerable. Our approach in school sees us offering 1 to 1 support, building trust and breaking down isolation. An impact of the work has seen the development on a local peer support session.

During the summer Youth Workers secured the use of two facilities that had been closed during the pandemic, allowing us to run regular weekly sessions at both Delph Hill and at Bradford Park Avenue. Both of the venues have enabled the Youth Service to run sessions in a safe environment and have allowed sessions to run no matter what the weather.

Over the summer period Bradford Park Ave ran a summer programme which we were able to signpost families too which provided not only activities but also provided meals, something that some families struggle with during the holidays.

Youth Workers have also worked closely with our partners Capital of Cycling, this has not only allowed young people to gain new skills but has enabled social mobility for some young people by providing them with bikes so they can access sessions.