

Report of the Strategic Director, Place to the meeting of the Shipley Area Committee to be held on 26th January 2022

Subject:

Youth Service Update – Shipley.

Summary statement:

This report gives an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Shipley Constituency over 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.

Equality and 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.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Shipley Constituency in 2021.
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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, 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 - 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. While some of our youth clubs have been forced to remain closed during the pandemic due to health and safety concerns, we have managed to hire buildings in order that young people have a safe place to meet.

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 home visits 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. The Youth Service in Shipley 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, Shipley has received a number of 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 secondary schools in Shipley including Bingley Grammar, Beckfoot, Parkside and Salts and also Shipley College and help identify students who need support for their mental health and well-being. Youth Workers support these additional caseloads 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

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.

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.

New Initiatives in Development

3.6 Future Boost Trainees

In October 2021, the Shipley team welcomed a new Youth Work Trainee to the team. The trainee 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 trainee will also help identify gaps in provision and develop new projects that respond to the needs of young people aged 16-25 years old.

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.

Shipley has 3 Covid Ambassadors who 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 issues and supporting the community to recover from the Covid pandemic.

3.8 **Shipley Wide Provisions**

The Shipley youth work team leads on the delivery of 3 area wide projects. These sessions are for young people to attend from across the Shipley Constituency. The area wide sessions are themed to suit young people's needs, interests and increase our Youth Offer and include an inclusion session, LGBTQ+ session and advice and information.

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 Cycle, 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 **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.

7.2 **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

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

7.3 **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

Young people from across Shipley 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 people's ideas, suggestions and thoughts are heard. The strengthened approach to the devolution of the Youth Service 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

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

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

7.5 TRADE UNION

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

7.6 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 Shipley.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The initiatives undertaken by the Youth Service highlighted in this report illustrate the significant help and support Youth Workers do to consistently respond to issues and aspirations of young people.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

No issues

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 This report is for information only.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Shipley Constituency as detailed in this report be welcomed.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix A: Youth Service in Shipley Baseline Youth Provision

11.2 Appendix B: Shipley – Youth Service Ward Updates

Youth Service in Shipley Baseline Youth Provision – 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BAILDON		Baildon Youth Council 5pm to 8pm St Hughes Church	Small Group Session 6pm to 9pm	Detached Youth Work 6pm to 7pm		Detached Youth Work 3pm to 5pm
BINGLEY		Inclusion 6pm to 8pm Cardigan House	Small Group 3.30pm to 6.30pm		Detached Youth Work 6pm to 9pm	Detached Youth Work 3pm to 9pm
BINGLEY RURAL	Open Access 6pm to 8pm Wilsden Community Centre			Detached Youth Work 5pm to 8pm		
SHIPLEY	Open Access 6pm to 9pm Shipley Town Centre		Small Group Session 5pm to 8pm	Detached Youth Work 6pm to 9pm		Detached Youth Work 3pm to 9pm
WHARFEDALE			Open Access 4pm to 6pm Queens Hall			
WINDHILL AND WROSE		Open Access 6pm to 8pm Highcroft Community Centre		Open Access 5pm to 8pm Highcroft Community Centre		
SPECIALIST PROVISION – SHIPLEY WIDE		Information and Advice 2pm to 4pm		Information and Advice 2pm to 4pm Sound LGBTQ+ 6pm to 9pm		

The above table provides an overview of the regular weekly youth sessions that take place in the Shipley Constituency. We also provide a range of activities during school holiday periods and deliver support and guidance for young people in the following schools – Salts, Beckfoot, Parkside and Bingley Grammar and also Shipley College. The main purpose of this work is to support young people with mental health issues through the Youth in Mind programme. Since April this year, 76 young people have received individual support through the Youth in Mind initiative.

Shipley Ward Updates

Bingley

One again, during the second year of Covid 19, we have been unable to open Bingley Youth Café for open access youth provision due to public health risks to service users, staff and the community. However, this has also been a time when young people have needed support and access to youth workers due to the pandemic and issues arising from the pandemic such as isolation, domestic violence, emotional health and well-being and education. Some young people have also told us that their alcohol and drug consumption has gone up during the pandemic.

With Bingley Youth Café being closed, young people have been limited as to where they could go and consequently, have ended up hanging around Bingley Town Centre and Myrtle Park and this has led to anti-social behaviour from some young people. The anti-social behaviour has caused major issues for some businesses and some of the issues have included,

- Young people intimidating members of the public in Myrtle Park and using drugs in the park
- Vandalism to some of the local businesses
- Young people skating in LIDL car park which was dangerous to both them and other members of the community
- Intimidation of local businesses and staff at the tea shop in Myrtle Park
- Damage to the band stand in Myrtle Park
- Other young people felt intimidated by the bad behaviour of some young people

Youth workers have worked with the police, elected members, the Ward Officer and local businesses to reduce the anti-social behaviour over a period of many weeks and, although it has not completely stopped, it has reduced to a significant extent with some businesses now reporting no issues. One business owner said,

'It's been fantastic since the youth workers have been around ... We have hardly seen any issues for weeks and customers are feeling safe to come back ...'

Youth Workers managed to make contact with the young people who have been causing anti-social behaviour and are currently trying to build better relationships and to engage the young people in more positive behaviours.

Throughout the past 12 months, detached youth work has taken place for 12 hours per week in the Town Centre and Myrtle Park. While much of the work has been focused on relaying public health messages and ensuring that young people are staying as safe as possible during the pandemic, youth workers have also offered support in a range of issues including dispelling some of the myths and conspiracy theories around Covid 19, drugs and alcohol, mental health and staying safe, particularly in response to possible issues of child sexual exploitation and grooming around the park. After the disruption the pandemic has caused in terms of education, a number of young people have expressed worries and concerns about their education and future prospects.

Unfortunately, there have been some hate incidents in Bingley in terms of LGBTQ+ young people and also BAME young people who have been victims of abuse from another group of young people. We have managed to identify the perpetrators and will continue to work with them to change behaviour while supporting the victims. A small group of young people were involved in an arts project with a professional artist where they used art to explore hate crime.

We have continued to deliver our highly successful Youth in Mind group and have been able to

hire Bingley Little House to deliver this work. The group meets weekly and has grown in numbers over the past 12 months. The group focuses on peer support, staying safe and building resilience and young people are invited to join after they have received one to one support from a youth worker around mental health and when they feel ready to join a group situation. The group has provided an opportunity for young people to make new friends which has been an excellent outcome for young people who have suffered social anxiety and exclusion.

In August 2021, the Youth Service supported the first Farmer's Market in Bingley after the various Covid restrictions. Our Covid Recovery workers and young people spent the afternoon talking to members of the public about the Youth Service and handing out 'random acts of kindness' in an effort to cheer people up after 18 months of the pandemic and it seemed to do the trick!

Our successful inclusion group is now up and running again face to face as we have hired Cardigan House so the young people can finally meet their friends in person. The young people continued to meet digitally during the pandemic and carried out a range of projects including making art work which was taken to Bradford Royal Infirmary to place on the walls in the wards. The young people have benefited from participation in a range of arts, team and sports activities and even went on a barge trip in the summer where they learned how to steer the barge and operate the locks.

Shipley

Due to not being Covid secure, we have been unable to open Shipley Youth Café over the past 12 months. The ventilation issues have now been resolved and we are hoping to re-open in January 2022. Hiring a space in the Kirkgate Centre has enabled us to deliver a weekly open access session, but most of the work has been detached, and again, there have been pockets of anti-social behaviour, mainly in the parks and around the Town Centre.

We are fortunate to receive left over food from Greggs at the end of the day on Thursdays and Saturdays. Youth workers distribute this food regularly to our more vulnerable families through 'garden gate' visits on a weekly basis. This has been a life saver for some young people, particularly care leavers and young people living alone. It also provides a weekly opportunity for our staff to visit more young people in their home to identify any issues they may have and support them to resolve them.

Again, referrals for young people suffering mental health have been steadily increasing in Shipley, many as a result of increased anxiety due to Covid 19. In order to continue to support young people following their initial period of 12 weeks of individual support, we have developed a new Youth in Mind group particularly aimed at more vulnerable young people. The group meets weekly and as well as providing a safe space where young people can develop support strategies for each other, have access to youth worker support, they can also have fun through a range of educational activities.

We continue to provide advice, information and guidance for young people through our partnership with 16-2-25 Advice, Advocacy Action, an advice agency that does exactly what it says on the tin! Through this partnership, young people from across the Shipley Constituency have access to advice around such areas as benefits, debt, access to housing and education.

During 2021, we established the first LGBTQ+ session for young people at the Kirkgate Centre in Shipley. By basing the provision in the town centre, it is more accessible to young people across Shipley and the group is open to all LGBTQ+ young people. The session was established due to need expressed by young people of the LGBTQ+ community who wanted a safe place where they could meet with their peer group, enjoy a range of activities and have a safe space where they could discuss issues/problems/feelings with a youth worker. In January 2022, we will welcome a

new Youth Worker to the Shipley Team who will continue to develop this work as well as hold the lead responsibility for work with LGBTQ+ young people across the District.

Shipley Town Council have recently expressed an interest in supporting work with young carers in the area. The Youth Service is hoping to develop a partnership with Carers Resource to create new provision in Shipley to support young carers, many of whom have suffered isolation and loneliness during the current pandemic.

Bingley Rural

We have continued to deliver detached youth work across the Bingley Rural area. There have been sporadic incidences of anti-social behaviour in Bingley Rural which youth workers have responded to and worked alongside the police to identify and target key individuals to try to engage them in more positive behaviours.

Unfortunately, Denholme Youth Café has been closed since the start of the pandemic due to health and safety concerns in terms of the size of the building and the ability to socially distance and provide adequate ventilation. When restrictions were lifted, it was discovered that the lack of use of the building had led to it becoming very damp and carpets and furnishings were destroyed by mould. Members of the management committee have done a sterling job in bringing the Youth Café back into use and we hope that we will be able to re-commence indoor sessions early in 2022, Covid allowing. Not being able to use Denholme Youth Café has caused anti-social behaviour issues in the village with the young people literally having nowhere to go. Youth workers have tried to be creative and taken a range of equipment to engage young people in sports, team games and other outdoor activities in local parks.

Some of our beautiful nature spots in Bingley Rural have proven popular with young people, particularly during the summer months. After a young man very sadly drowned at Goit Stock in March, youth workers stepped up detached youth work around Goit Stock and Doe Park to try to deter young people from swimming in potentially dangerous waters. The problem was exacerbated, particularly in Doe Park, where young people were using cannabis and alcohol and then going into the water. We hope to continue to develop our relationship with Doe Park in 2022 to address these issues, but also to look at ways that we can get local young people more involved in Doe Park so that they develop a sense of ownership and responsibility for the area.

Our positive relationship and partnership with Wilsden Village Hall continues to grow. The Village Hall has had a fantastic refurbishment and young people and youth workers alike were thrilled when the Village Hall designed the coffee bar in the theme of a 'diner' and named it Sam's Diner in honour of a young person who was very popular in the area, but had sadly taken his own life.

Early in 2021, Wilsden Village Hall and the Youth Service made a partnership bid to deliver a Random Acts of Kindness project in Wilsden. The Area Committee asked that we deliver the project in all 6 wards of Shipley. While we have not completed the full project, mainly due to restrictions and fears around Covid, we have managed to deliver random acts of kindness to well over 200 people across the Shipley Constituency and engaged community members of all ages and a range of backgrounds.

Cullingworth has posed problems in terms of anti-social behaviour, however, we have been working alongside the police to address the issues and look at ways of engaging young people in more positive behaviours. A very brief discussion before Christmas revealed that the new Village Hall runs a successful youth club and there may be possibilities of developing a partnership to address the needs of the more vulnerable young people in the area.

Baildon

Provision in Baildon continues to be a mixture of building based small group sessions for more vulnerable young people and also detached work.

Again, Baildon has, unfortunately suffered anti-social behaviour which is being carried out by a small group of young people in areas such as Jenny Lane, Sandal Primary School and the rugby club. The young people have caused damage and graffiti, however, we are aware of this group and are working with them to try to engage them in more positive behaviours and activities. We have established a weekly session at Baildon Methodist Church with this group of young people and during the group sessions we are working towards helping the group make better choices, making them understand what anti-social behaviour is and how it affects everyone including themselves. In the long term, we hope to encourage these young people to become more positively involved in their local community.

Detached youth work takes place in a number of areas across Baildon and we have made contact with 2 or 3 groups of young people. Many of the young people are not causing any trouble, but do tend to hang around and smoke cannabis, with some young people telling us their cannabis consumption has increased since the start of the pandemic.

We are currently in search of a larger premises in order that we may deliver building based sessions to larger groups of young people and in order to further engage with the young people that we have met on the streets during our detached work.

Twice a week, we receive left over food from Greggs and this is distributed by our youth workers to some of the more vulnerable families and young people in Baildon during our detached sessions on a Thursday and Saturday. The food is delivered to young people's homes which also gives youth workers an opportunity to check in with families and young people and pick up any emerging issues.

The Youth Service continues to work in partnership with HALE to deliver Baildon Youth Council which meets on a weekly basis at St Hughes. Baildon Youth Council is growing in numbers and now around 15 young people are involved with some of the longer serving members acting as young leaders to support newer members.

Two members of Baildon Youth Council attended a climate change event at the Kirkgate Centre in Shipley and spoke in front of all the delegates at the event about why they believe tackling climate change is important. They also promoted their youth session at the event and probably spoke in front of 50 to 60 people which was very daunting for them at first, but they did an amazing job! Following this session and back at a Baildon Youth Council meeting, the young people engaged in a session around the plastic free campaign.

This Christmas, young people were involved in the Christmas fair in Baildon and will be looking to make some awareness raising issues for social media in 2022 to promote their work in Baildon and to explore issues such as climate change.

Wharfedale

During the pandemic and the times of lockdown, detached youth work in the Burley area enabled youth workers to make contact with new groups of young people from the age of 13-16 years. Due to the lockdown, there was nowhere for young people to go and so, they had found places in the village to hang out and meet their friends. The young people presented issues around drugs and staying safe in their community and, with the support of Burley Parish Council, we have been able to deliver a weekly small group session that has offered support and guidance as well as a place

to go and, involving some of the more vulnerable young people.

Unfortunately, the young people have caused some anti-social behaviour and we have been asked not to continue to deliver this session at the Village Hall. We are hoping to open discussions with the Village Hall in 2022 to see if this situation can be remedied and if not, we will be looking for alternative premises as we are really keen to continue our work with this group of young people and other more vulnerable people in the area.

Detached work in Burley has enabled us to identify groups of young people on the streets that we have not previously had contact with. We wish to continue to work with these groups of people, particularly as we have identified issues around cannabis use and some anti-social behaviour.

The Youth Service offered a session of basic youth work training to volunteers in the community and we look forward to discussions with volunteers, the Parish Council, YouthQuake and other community groups to ensure that the needs of all groups of young people are met in the area.

Windhill & Wrose

We have been lucky to have Highcroft Youth Centre in the Windhill & Wrose area and we have been able to use the building for the whole of this year due to its size and the fact that we have been able to make the building Covid secure.

Activity at Highcroft Youth Centre has increased massively over the past 12 months and it now houses the Breaking the Cycle Project as well as a team of youth work trainees. It is slowly becoming a community hub of activity including an afterschool club run by Superstars, a weekly Wrose Adventurers session, 2 open access youth club sessions and an indoor bowling session for older members of the community.

Young people attend the youth club on a Tuesday and Thursday evening and have been involved in a range of sports and arts activity and the young people enjoy a regular cook and eat session. A small group of young people have also set up a roller skating activity in the sports hall and there are plans to train staff so that we can make greater use of the climbing wall.

Detached work has continued to take place across the Windhill & Wrose area and again, Windhill & Wrose has suffered from spikes in anti-social behaviour. Youth workers have taken sports equipment into the parks as a means of trying to engage young people in more positive behaviours.

We have a new Ward Lead for Windhill & Wrose who starts work in the area in January 2022. With additional staffing, we hope to increase the number of youth sessions we offer in Windhill & Wrose and also continue to develop our partnership with Windhill Community Centre and other youth based organisations in the area.

Covid Recovery Team

It is important to mention our Covid recovery Team who have only been around since the Autumn of 2021, but had a positive impact already in the Shipley Constituency. The team consists of a leader in charge, 2 Covid recovery workers and 3 Young Covid Ambassadors and they have their work cut out as their contracts will end in March 2022.

The aim of the Covid Recovery work is to support fearful young people in returning to more normal life after the pandemic and supporting older more vulnerable people in the community through intergenerational work.

Having less than 5 months to do the work, the team have hit the ground running and are already

bringing a Covid recovery element to youth provision across the Shipley Constituency.

The team hope to work in 4 schools including Parkside, Salts, Bingley Grammar and Beckfoot and also Shipley College to support young people who are particularly fearful or have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. There are still young people who have not returned to school or college following the pandemic and these young people will be supported to return to school through home visits and sessions in school and in the community.

The team have already received 2 individual referrals and after 'garden gate' visits and support from the youth worker, one young person has now returned to school on a reduced timetable and has been signposted to our small group sessions in the community. A second young person is currently isolating, but before the isolation had taken encouraging steps and attended the cinema. This was the first time the young person had been out of the house in 6 weeks. The young person will be attending a small group session once the isolation period has come to an end.

The intergenerational element of the project is well on the way and the Covid Recovery team have identified and established a provisional working relationship with 6 community organisations: Windhill Community Centre, Hale Project, St Hugh Church Women's group, Kirkgate Centre, Carr Lane Community and Shipley Baptist Church all of whom are keen to set up a youth provision. The team have also supported 4 community events including a Come Dine with Me session, litter pick, food bank and a table top sale. The Covid Recovery team also supported young people's involvement in a Cop26 event, a plastic free awareness session, 2 Christmas fairs and Christmas Dinner events held at the Kirkgate Centre and Windhill Community Centre.

Between now and March 2022, the team are planning an 'acts of kindness' project for Valentine's day, a diversity and inclusion event for International Women's Day and continued involvement in environmental work. The team will also develop a series of drop in sessions at Shipley College and continue to support the ongoing youth work in the Shipley Constituency while ensuring a Covid recovery element to our work.