

# Report of the Interim Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on Wednesday 7 December 2022

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## Subject:

Youth Service Update – Bradford East

## Summary statement:

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

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

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

Appendix C – Bradford Youth Service – A working week of a youth worker.

Appendix D – Bradford Youth Service East Ward – Mapping Exercise.

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## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford East Area in the past 12 months.
- 1.2 The report outlines the following information:
- An overview of Youth Service provision in Bradford East.
  - An update on how the Youth Service continues to respond to increased demand and complexity of need.
  - An update on youth provision ward by ward and key developments.

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

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

In October and November 2021, significant Youth Service resources were 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 December and May 2022 Youth Workers focused on balancing the needs of young people through open access youth provision and small group work sessions. This approach enables Youth Workers to offer a menu of support to young people whilst increasing membership and participation.

Over the summer months Youth Workers offered activities in local parks that encouraged young people to respect green spaces and the members of the community. In addition, Youth Workers targeted young people making the transition between primary and secondary school and offered youth work 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** – a number of young people report that they have experienced domestic abuse within their family units.

**Educational Anxiety** – a number of young people report that they do not enjoy school and struggle to engage.

**Isolation** – a number of young people report that they feel disconnected from their community.

**Self-Harm** – a number of young people report that they have used self-harm as a means to cope with personal experiences.

**ASB** – Targeted Youth Work – focusing on young people excluded or not attending secondary school or / and young people whose behaviour is an issue in the local community.

The Youth Service has remained focused on meeting demand and delivered the following support through local youth provision:

**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 exploitation and family breakdown.

**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.

**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.

**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.

### 3.4 **Youth Work 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 East has received over 400 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 an early help approach and navigate local support networks.

In addition, Youth Workers work closely with all secondary schools in Bradford East and help identify students who need support for their 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**

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 and Assistant Ward Officers to map local area issues and develop responses. A good example of how this can be seen is the weekly Anti-Social Behaviour 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.

### 3.6 **Trainees**

In September 2021 Bradford East welcomed a new Youth Work Trainee to the team. The trainees will be with us for 1 year and will support the development of Youth Voice initiatives that ensure young people 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.

### 3.7 **Post Covid Response and Intergenerational Work**

In September 2021 six young people from Bradford East were employed as Young Covid Recovery Ambassadors (YCRA). The Ambassadors undertook local Youth Work training to support them in their role and were integrated in to local teams. They worked alongside Youth Workers to engage young people and identify local area issues. This information was then collated and analysed for patterns and trends and then shared with Public Health Bradford. The information collected by the YCRA was integral to responding to local issues and supporting the community to recover from the Covid pandemic.

### 3.8 **East Wide Provisions**

Bradford East currently leads on the delivery of 3 area-wide projects. These sessions are for young people to attend from across Bradford East. The area-wide sessions are themed to suit young people's needs and interests and increase our Youth Offer. Information regarding the East-Wide provisions can be found in both Appendix A and Appendix B. Appendix D is a mapping exercise undertaken to understand where

strengths exist in the youth offer across Bradford East and Appendix C is an outline of a working week for a full time JNC council youth worker.

### 3.9 **District-Wide Youth Work**

The District Youth Work Team delivers the Breaking the Cycle project which provides an intensive intelligence-led intervention to young people who are identified as being at risk of or who are being actively criminally exploited. The project works with young people, referred in by other professionals across the district where there are concerns or intelligence to suggest the young person is at risk or involved in serious, organised or violent crime, urban street gangs, county line trafficked, those identified as being actively criminally exploited or who may be exploiting others, or sometimes both, those who have higher than yellow Anti-social behaviour sanctions, drugs or weapons markers (as either users of, suppliers of or have been found in possession of), or who have out of character or unexplained missing incidents. Currently the team are working with over 500 individual young people who are on one of 3 levels of intervention - intensive where a young person receives support, which can be as frequently as daily, weekly or lighter touch.

- 3.10 Young people who are referred in to the Breaking the Cycle project have a bespoke 1-1 intervention that works alongside other professionals (including social care, health, education and police) to ensure the young person is flagged appropriately for their exploitation and their risks are appropriately managed. The team use a resilience framework to evidence distance travelled and work every day with colleagues through the risk management meeting to ensure the intervention is making a difference. The Service is also part of the monthly MACE meeting that looks to creatively work with young people who are 18 plus and where there are still concerns about their exploitation. All full time Youth Workers working in Breaking the Cycle are trauma informed, and certified, having undertaken bespoke training they are certified Bronze (Trauma Aware) and Silver (Trauma Informed) practitioners and are due to become Gold certified in late November. This means the Youth Workers in the district team are well placed to work alongside the vulnerable cohort of referred young people who have experienced early childhood trauma, or who are facing trauma now as part of their ongoing exploitation.
- 3.11 Breaking the Cycle has been recognised for their practice, having been evaluated by the Home Office, Warwick University and as part of the Ofsted inspection for Children’s Services that identified that the service was effective.

The team are currently working with 518 open cases, having had referrals totalling 1369 in the lifetime of the project.

#### Risk indicators – identified / evidenced at initial referral

Serious, Organised or violent crime	29%
Urban Street Gangs	46%
County Line Trafficked	32%
Criminally Exploited / Exploiting others	62%
In receipt of a higher than yellow ASB Sanction	42%

Weapons marker (user, supplier, possession)	35%	This figure has only been captured in recordings in the last 6 months
Drugs marker (user, supplier, possession)	46%	
Out of character / unexplained missing incident	27%	

3.12 Recognising that the work of Breaking the Cycle is focussed on supporting those who are criminally exploited the team has secured further funding to upstream the work and this enables work to take place where there are early indicators of exploitation. This includes work in the A&E department at BRI hospital 7 nights a week, working 4pm to midnight the team see young people who attend hospital due to incidents of violence, sharp instrument injuries or with injuries that do not match their explanation. The team will also work with those who present with contributing factors to exploitation like drug or other substance misuse, overdoses and those in mental health crisis. This work has seen hundreds of interventions with young people from across the district and provides support to young people as they go through treatment services at the hospital, which includes on ward and at point of discharge there is an onward support offer. This gives continued support, building on the relationships started in the hospital environment. This work is highly respected and has proven to be successful at identifying early signs of exploitation. The team work closely with clinical staff in the department to ensure the voice of young people is heard and that they get the right support during their stay in the department.

3.13 The district team also provides a service to young people in crisis through the work of the focussed deterrent car. This sees police and youth work colleagues working together across the district deployed to live time incidents of serious violence, with a remit of working together to prevent incidents of violence reoccurring once victim and perpetrator have been removed from a street-based incident. The team is deployed in the aftermath of incidents of serious violence and fill the vacuum often left when the victim has been taken to hospital, suspect arrested and what is left young people in the streets.

- It is de-briefing young people after an event who haven't been directly involved but might have witnessed it.
- To speak with witnesses of serious violence after an incident to see if they will support prosecutions or consent to interventions and support.
- To deploy into areas in which have high levels of ASB / concern around child exploitation to engage with young people.
- To deploy alongside proactive police and partner's resources, to de-brief tactics such as stop and search.

3.14 Officers undertaking this work with Youth Workers are positive about the difference made with one officer recently feeding back to their Inspector that:

*"It was the best shift she has worked in a long time and how her eyes have been opened to the work that Breaking the Cycle does. She had no idea how vulnerable some of the youths are that you work with, and she could not believe how they opened up to the Youth Worker and the valuable intelligence they were offering up when speaking to them.*

*Most of the caseload is in the area where the police officer works and she realised*

*that one of his caseload is one that she had referred a few months ago. It has given her faith that the system works and the referrals we make are actioned. She is going to go back to her team and reiterate how valuable the referrals are.*

*It is clear that the partnership between the Youth Service Breaking the Cycle and the Bradford District Policing is working and that Bradford is leading the way in this level of partnership working.*

- 3.15 The Youth Service also have a district team of trainees, recruited to work on the UNICEF Childs Rights agenda. This team of young people are undertaking level 3 learning in the college and are deployed into placements across the district.
- 3.16 The Youth Service, as part of its district-wide offer, provides workforce development to the youth work practitioners working across all parts of the district. Over recent months the service has inducted new starter training that has developed understanding of world affairs and the impact these have on our district. The “solutions not sides” information sessions were organised to provide an understanding of the conflict in Palestine and Israel. This packed training session enabled youth workers to have a safe space in which to discuss the situation and to understand its impact on the districts’ citizens. This training is to empower youth work staff to start and feel increased confidence to have difficult conversations with young people in youth work settings.
- 3.17 The district team has also utilised their skills and knowledge and are the provider of training around county lines and criminal exploitation for the multiagency safeguarding partnership. This has seen large numbers of people who work with young people from a variety of settings trained to spot and be more exploitation aware. Every Neighbourhood Policing Team has also had a bespoke awareness and training package about the work of the Breaking the Cycle team. We have also delivered training to 2 youth club settings outside of district, a health centre / GP Practice team and students and staff at the college in Shipley and Bradford.
- 3.18 The Youth Service has run a very successful kickstart programme, recruiting 20 young people to be trained to become sports leaders and disability workers. Each participant has had part of their working week in their own learning where they have worked towards gaining a range of sports qualifications, and part of their week where they have worked in placements in a range of locations that has enabled them to put into practice their sports learning. As they have come to the end of their kickstart placements a number of the young people have gone on to secure employment with the Council and with some of our partner organisations.

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

- 4.1 The Youth Service base budget remains unchanged for 2022/23. The service has filled vacancies and recruited additional staff to fulfil commissioned service delivery including Youth in Mind and Breaking the Cycle.
- 4.2 The District Youth Service Team is funded through a combination of Council budget (Children’s Services & Public Health) external grants (Violence Reduction Unit) and ‘fee earning’ externally commissioned services (Health).



## **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 East are 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 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 and
- 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 East.

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

None.

## **9. OPTIONS**

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

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

9.3 That Bradford East 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 East Area as detailed in this report be welcomed.

## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix A: Bradford East Youth Service Baseline Youth Provision

11.2 Appendix B: Bradford East – Youth Service Ward Updates

11.3 Appendix C: Bradford East – A youth worker’s week.

11.4 Appendix D: Bradford East – Area Mapping of Services

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1 Youth Service – Area Committee Report 2021

**Bradford East – Youth Service Provision**

Day	Activity	School	Frequency	Target group
Wednesday	1:1 Support	Hanson	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Tuesday	1:1 Support	Feversham	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Tuesday	1:1 Support	Immanuel	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Tuesday	1:1 Support	Laisterdyke	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Tuesday	1:1 Support	Dixons City	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Tuesday	1:1 Support	Carlton Bolling	Weekly	Health and Well Being
Monday	1:1 Support	Bradford Academy	Weekly	Health and Well Being

The above table provides an overview of the work that is delivered in secondary schools in Bradford East. 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 Work Connect groups.

## Appendix A – Continued - East Wide Youth Service Provision:

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>ECCLESHILL</b>	<p><b>Junior Youth Club</b> 5.00 – 8.00pm</p> <p>Ravenscliffe Youth Centre Supported by Young Volunteers.</p>	<p><b>Young Women and Girls Group – Youth work connect</b> 5:30-8:30pm 11 – 19yrs (TP) <b>Fagley – Outreach Session</b> 5.00 – 7.00pm (OA)</p>	<p>Youth Work Connect 4- 6pm</p> <p>Table Tennis – By JUMP 7-8pm</p>		<p><b>Senior Youth Club</b> 6:30 – 9:30pm Ravenscliffe Youth Centre</p> <p><b>To include: Detached Youth Work</b> 6:30 - 9:30pm.</p>
<b>BOLTON AND UNDERCLIFFE</b>	<p><b>Eccleshill Library Youth Work Connect</b> 5.00 – 7.00pm</p> <p>Schools based at Feversham Academy</p>	<p><b>Detached Youth Work</b> 6.00 - 9.00pm</p>	<p>School Based at Hanson School</p> <p><b>ABS Outreach Youth Work</b> 6:00 -8:00pm</p>		<p><b>Sorted Youth Group</b> 7.00- 9.00pm St James Church. In partnership with Sorted Youth.</p>
<b>IDLE AND THACKLEY</b>	<p><b>ABS Outreach Youth Work</b> 6:00 -8:00pm</p>	<p>School Based Support Immanuel School</p>	<p><b>Idle Rec Play Session</b> 3.30 – 5.30pm</p> <p><b>Thorpe Edge Youth Project</b> 5.00 – 7.00pm Springfield Centre</p>		<p><b>Springfield Youth Café</b> 5.00 - 7:30pm (OA) In partnership with the Springfield Centre.</p>
<b>BRADFORD MOOR</b>		<p>School Based Support at Laisterdyke School</p> <p><b>Laisterdyke Youth Club</b> 6:45 – 9.15pm</p>	<p><b>New Communities BD3</b> - 6.00 - 9.00pm Laisterdyke Youth Centre.</p>	<p>Bradford Moor Pass – Youth Session -</p>	<p><b>Laisterdyke Youth Club</b> 6:45 – 9.15pm</p>
<b>LITTLE HORTON</b>	<p><b>MAPA Youth Club</b> 6.00 – 8:00pm (In partnership with MAPA Arts and Cultural Project)</p>	<p>Schools based at Bradford Academy and Dixons City Academy</p> <p><b>Young Women &amp; Girls Group – Parkside Centre</b> 6.30 – 8.30pm</p> <p><b>Canterbury Youth Club at Horton Park</b> 6.00 - 8.00pm</p>	<p><b>Detached Youth Work</b> 6.00pm -9:00pm</p>		<p>School Based at Bradford Academy</p>
<b>BOWLING AND BARKEREND</b>	<p><b>Youth Session – Karmand Centre</b> 6:45 – 8.45pm</p>	<p><b>School Based Support –</b> Carlton Bolling School</p>	<p><b>Detached Youth Work</b> 6:15 -9:15pm</p>		<p><b>Youth Session – Karmand Centre</b> 6:45 – 8.45pm</p>
<b>SPECIALIST PROVISION – EAST WIDE</b>	<p><b>SOUND – LGBTQ+ Youth</b> 6.00 – 8.00pm</p> <p>All LGBTQ+ Youth groups are run in partnership with the Equity Partnership.</p>	<p><b>SPECTRUM – LGBTQ+</b> Every 2wks 5.00 –7.00pm</p> <p><b>Phoenix – Trans Youth</b> Every 2wks 6.00 – 8.00pm</p>		<p><b>SHADE – LGBTQ+</b> Every 2wks – 5.00 – 7.00pm</p>	<p><b>Saturday – Youth Café / Young Leaders</b> Once a month 1.00 – 3.00pm</p>

## **Appendix B:**

### **Bowling and Barkerend Ward:**

#### **Area Achievements and Developments:**

- We have undertaken targeted detached youth work sessions with young people in regards to low level anti-social behaviour within the Undercliffe Lane / Beech Grove area. This has involved engaging with young people in their own space and exploring with them what they would like to see in their community. Through this work positive relationships have been formed between workers and young people.
- Funding has been secured to develop the Community Pod within the grounds of Carlton Bolling School. This is a partnership between the local community, young people, the Council and the school. The old run down eco POD, within the grounds of Carlton Bolling School, will be replaced with a new POD which will be developed into a community space. Once in place, Youth Workers alongside Ward Officers and the local community and young people, will aim to make the space a warm and safe and accessible place.
- We have secured premises at Chatham Street, in partnership with Incommunities, to run a youth project. The Chatham Street Youth Project will launch in December 2022. This was an identified gap in provision in the area and will give a much needed youth project to young people in the Otley Road area.
- A group of young people from the Beech Grove area have been targeted through intensive youth work with Bradford Moor Pass and the Youth Service. These young people are now engaging with Workers and are involved in the development of the community POD. The young people are keen to see a youth provision in their area.
- We are now offering a full day of youth worker support in Carlton Bolling School. We have one to one appointments for young people in regards to their social, emotional and mental health. This work helps to connect young people to Youth Workers and then into youth provision in their own local community.
- We deliver 2 x open access youth sessions a week from the Karmand Centre. These sessions are busy and well attended by young people from the local area.
- Young people have planned and delivered an Eid party at the Karmand youth session, they planned activities, negotiated with local restaurants to supply food and they invited young people from the other areas of the district to celebrate with them. The party was a huge success, lots of smiling faces and amazing food.
- 2 young ex-volunteers who attended the youth session in the ward are now employed as youth workers for the Council. The youth sessions in the ward continue to offer opportunities to develop young people into young leaders, volunteers and into employment.
- The development of a young women and girl's youth session, in partnership with the Early Help and the Family Hub on Barkerend Road, will launch in January 2023. This targeted provision will enable more young women to access youth projects in the local area.

## **Eccleshill Ward:**

### **Area Achievements and Developments:**

- The young volunteers group continues to strive – supporting and putting something back into the local area for the benefit of others, volunteering weekly in delivering an open access session for young people aged 8-11. As a group, they have also been actively involved in consultations around making green spaces more accessible for girls, UNICEF and the rights of a child and underrepresented groups of young people, as well as Bradford Council's Locality Plan. Youth Work training has recently taken place for these young people, to help them develop and progress, and in November 2022 they were shortlisted for the Telegraph & Argus Community Stars Award in the Young Active Citizen Category and will attend the finals on **Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**
- 3 x weekly open access sessions are delivered from Ravenscliffe Youth Centre. These sessions have covered a range of issues which include positive and healthy relationships, knife crime, sexual health, anti-bullying, environmental work, mental health and emotional well-being, anti-social behaviour and consequences, as well as fire safety.
- 2 x targeted sessions are delivered from the Ravenscliffe Youth Centre. A youth work connect group targets young people who are struggling with their social, emotional and mental health and a table tennis session takes place in partnership with Jump.
- Young people from across the ward were identified through partnership work with the local police, voluntary sector partners and schools in regards to low level bonfire anti-social behaviour. A group of young people were targeted by the service and offered a place on a fire intervention project. 10 young people took part in the fire intervention project with the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- Holiday provision took place across the ward which included a 4 day, 4-week open access summer camp for young people at the Ravenscliffe Youth Centre.
- A group of 45 young people from across the ward went on a trip to a theme park in the summer and had a fantastic time, this was the first large trip since the COVID pandemic.
- The Summer Transition Camp – Moving Up took place for 4 weeks over the summer with young people from across the ward who were transitioning from primary school to secondary school. They took part in activities to develop their confidence, to build resilience and develop peer support networks. The Moving Up project finished with a 2 night outdoor residential. The young people who attended the 'Moving Up' project continue to be supported in secondary school.
- We have developed work within Fagley, working alongside partner agencies. The Youth Service have had a consistent presence delivering sports and multi-activities within Fagley Park from April to Oct 2022, alongside different partners over this period of time including JUMP, Play Bradford and Fagley Community Association. From this work, young people have been signposted to other existing provision. Approximately 10% of current membership at the Ravenscliffe youth sessions are young people from the Fagley area.
- A meeting room at the Ravenscliffe Youth Centre has been turned from a dull room into a warm inviting comfortable group work space. Young people worked with a local artist volunteer to create a fantastic space for young people to use.

## **Idle and Thackley:**

### **Area Achievements and Developments:**

- Seeing a lot of families struggling through the cost of living crisis, a group of Idle and Thackley young people decided they wanted to develop a food bank hub. They worked with Youth Workers to visit food banks, spoke with shops and suppliers to understand how they could access resources and worked with other local organisations to see what already exists. They are now in the process of creating a food hub in the Thorpe Edge area.
- The Youth Service has continued to work with the Springfield Centre co-delivering a Friday evening youth club. The session is open access with sports, cook and eat, movie nights and issue based topics such as healthy relationships, bullying, sexuality, mental health and self-harm. The sessions are busy and led by the Springfield Centre.
- Supporting the Springfield team, the Youth Service supported the delivery of a 4-week transition project over the summer for young people moving from primary to secondary school.
- A Doctor Bike session took place in the ward over the summer, where young people brought bikes and worked alongside youth workers and bike mechanics to fix their own cycles.
- The Emotions session developed into the Thorpe Edge Supportino's group over the summer. This session supports young people 11-18 who are struggling with their social and emotional mental health. The group has been successful in creating a number of young volunteers and community activists who are involved in community-based projects in the Idle and Thackley Ward.
- The play sessions, in partnership with The Big Swing, have been a huge success over the summer months. The sessions took place on Idle Rec from 3:30 to 5:30 every Wednesday. Over 200 children and young people have taken part in the project, from building dens and playing sports.
- Due to increasing reports of and issues in regards to anti-social behavior within the Thorpe Edge area, Youth Workers undertook a targeted detached project, working with the Springfield Centre and the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Young people were identified and targeted, with the aim of building relationships with Workers and for them to understand consequences of their actions.
- A new youth session starting in the new year, in partnership with the Rockwell Centre, will target 15 young people between the ages of 10 to 13 who are involved or at risk of committing anti-social behaviour. These young people have been identified as being involved / at risk, through a multi-agency partnership response for the Thorpe Edge area. The project will run over 12 months and will aim to develop relationships between workers / police and young people and help them understand the impact of ASB on the local community.
- Work has continued with Immanuel School over the past 12 months, with workers working with young people who are struggling with their social, emotional and mental health. This is one to one support work, with the aim of guiding young people into local youth provision to strengthen their peer support networks in their own communities.

## **Bolton and Undercliffe:**

### **Area Achievements and Developments:**

- We have developed a youth session on a Monday evening at Eccleshill Library. This gives a much welcomed indoor space for young people in the ward. The session is a small targeted group (due to the size of the space). This is a new and developing session. Young people who attend are often sign posted through the school-based sessions and case work.
- Work has continued and the partnership strengthened with Sorted Church. The service supports the weekly youth club on a Friday evening and supported the summer activity programme over the school summer holidays.
- A partnership has been developed between the youth service and Bolton Villas Church. A new open access youth club will be starting in January 2023 and will run on a Monday evening 6-8:30pm.
- A session was developed with a local Ward Councillor and volunteers in Peel Park over the summer. Volunteers and Workers delivered a range of sport sessions and arts and craft activities.
- Young people, with support from a Ward Councillor have developed a fantastic piece of art work on the side of the bowling hut in Peel Park. It's a beautiful design and makes the bowling hut look amazing!
- Working with the Ward Officer and local Councillors an indoor space has been secured in Peel Park for use in May 2023. Youth Workers will be working with community partners and young people to create a warm and welcoming space.
- Work continues to develop at Delta Academy @ Hanson School. Through partnership working the Youth Service will be undertaking the following sessions in Hanson School from January 2023.
  - A dinner time drop in session for year 7 students – this will take place once a week.
  - An after school Youth Club in the School, this is a partnership between Sorted Church, the Youth Service and Delta Academy.
  - Continue with the one to one support sessions for students who have social, emotional and mental health needs.
- Due to rising reports and issues in regards to anti-social behavior within the Swain House area, Youth Workers undertook a targeted detached project, working with the Ward Officer and the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Young people were identified and targeted and work took place holistically with the whole family and partner agencies, such as the Youth Justice Service and the Breaking the Cycle project.



## **Bradford Moor:**

### **Area Achievements and Developments:**

- We worked in partnership with the Laisterdyke Hub and Bradford Pass to deliver Family Fun days through the food activity programme for families in the BD3 area. These sessions took place over the Easter school holidays and over the summer holidays. The sessions were busy with over 200 families a week accessing food and activities.
- The Youth Work Connect Group at the Laisterdyke Youth Centre has allowed young people to develop their confidence and skills. Many of these young people are now active young volunteers supporting projects within the area. The young people have supported the HAF holiday programme, they have helped put together food parcels, supported younger children in sessions and have blossomed into confident young people.
- Young people from the Bradford Moor area are part of a youth grant-giving panel for the arts. This involved Workers supporting young people to create criteria for the grants, create application forms and for young people to agree on what makes a successful bid. The group is currently meeting monthly to assess bids and award funding.
- After we had reports of anti-social behaviour in the Bradford Moor area, the Youth Service and Bradford Pass undertook outreach work to target the young people involved. This involved late night detached sessions (up to midnight on some days), opening the Laisterdyke Youth Centre later in the evening to steer young people into positive activities and away from ASB. A number of young people responded well to the interventions and a project was developed with these young men. The session took place on a Thursday evening for 12 weeks over the summer. Workers and young people built positive relationships and undertook fun and engaging activities in the centre.
- The Gambian young women's group made hanging baskets over the summer and distributed them to members of the local community and to local community groups.
- The Young Women and Girls group went on a trip to Flamingo Land. For many of these young people this was the first time they had been to a theme park. They had a fantastic day (even though it rained) ...
- Through the BD3 Unite partnership a number of new youth provisions have been established. There is now a weekly youth session in Thornbury area and 2 extra new youth sessions at the Laisterdyke Hub run by Bradford Pass. This means there are now 5 youth sessions a week running from the Laisterdyke Hub.
- A number of 'Fishing' trips have taken place over the last 12 months. Young people have really enjoyed the experience of getting out of the city centre and travelling to the country side and doing something they have never done before.
- Work is continuing at Laisterdyke School where one to one cases continue to be at a high level of need.

## Little Horton:

### Area Achievements and Developments:

- A group of young people from Little Horton took part in the '**Pass The Baton Event**' to welcome the Commonwealth Olympic Torch to the City and the launch of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. The group cycled from Lister park in Manningham to Roberts park in Saltaire. They had a great day and represented the ward exceptionally well.
- The young women's and girls' group at the Parkside Sports Centre has continued to grow over the past year. 20+ young women now attend the session on a weekly basis.
- The girls group from Parkside Centre participated in 2 bike riding activities with Baildon Rec over the summer. This helped them pursue new skills and also gave them the opportunity to visit other areas of the district.
- The development of a partnership with MAPA Youth Arts to provide an Open Access youth provision every Monday between 6-9pm. The session is developing and alongside this, workers are undertaking outreach work in the local area.
- The development of a partnership with One in A Million to run Youth Provision from the former Bowling Hut at Horton Park on Tuesdays between 5-7pm. These sessions are only open to young people from the Canterbury area.
- We have developed a partnership session with the Parkside Sports Centre to continue to deliver a football / sports session on Saturdays from 3-5 pm. This session has been successful in targeting young men from the local area who are known to be involved in anti-social behaviour. The session targets young people through sport and enables them to talk about crime and actions and consequences.
- Young people from the Saturday youth session planned and fundraised so they could go on a trip to a 'Go Karting' track over the summer. They had a fantastic time. The trip helped to build relationships between workers and young people.
- Youth Workers worked with Bradford Play Network and partners to deliver play sessions over the school summer holidays from Parkside Park.
- Youth workers and young people supported MAPA to deliver the Annual People's Day Festival to celebrate the culture and heritage of the African Caribbean Community. The event attracted over 1000 people from across the City.
- We have been successful in a funding bid to develop the youth work offer in the Canterbury area. The funding will enable the service to work with young people to purchase resources and develop targeted projects for young people at high risk of anti-social behaviour.

## **East Wide Provision:**

### **Achievements and Developments:**

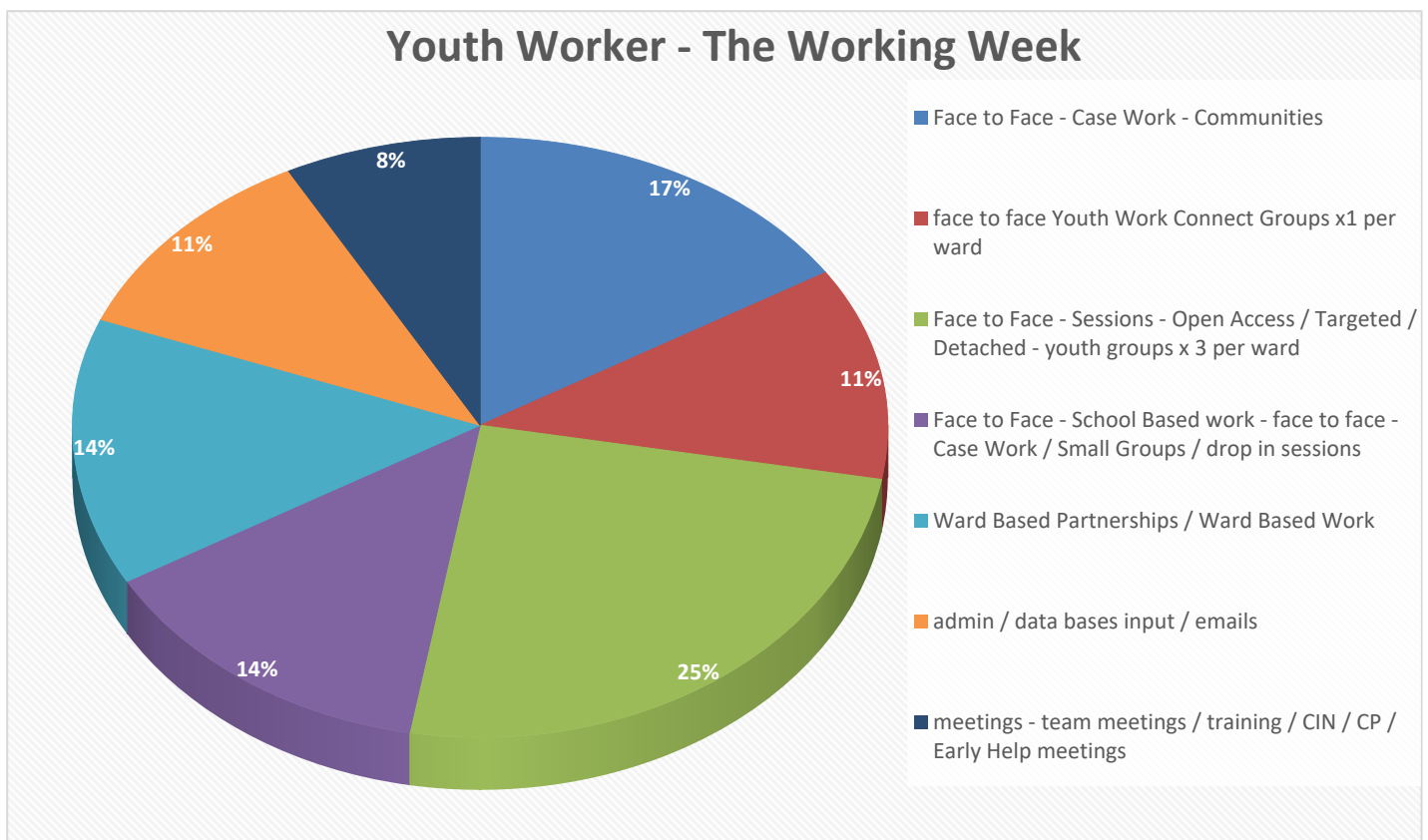
- Bradford Youth Service East Team has continued to develop and deliver LGBTQ+ youth work sessions for young people. The service currently runs 4 LGBTQ+ youth spaces that meet weekly / 2 weekly and include an under 16s provision, over 16s and specific trans / non binary spaces. All these groups are delivered in partnership with the Equity Partnership.
- Since November 2021 a new partnership agreement with Equity has been developed that sees both organisations working ever closer together to ensure the voice and needs of LGBTQ+ youth in Bradford are supported and addressed. This has included LGBTQ+ and trans Specific training for youth workers working directly with young people in schools, youth settings and communities. The development of an LGBTQ+ workers group that aims to address needs from the bottom up and works with the Equity Partnership to address gaps / service needs has been developed. This will also be supported by the development of a district-wide youth voice group, that will be led by young people and aims to consult and listen to the voice of LGBTQ+ youth in Bradford. The group will feed in to the Equity Board of Trustees, Bradford Pride Committee and other youth service channels that enable youth voice, ensuring that young people's needs and concerns are addressed.
- District wide events this last year have included – LGBTQ+ History Month celebrations – a range of activities and events for young people, LGBTQ+ Summer programme – a district wide programme for LGBTQ+ youth during the school holiday including the first ever LGBTQ+ summer school and district wide events and activities. The youth groups also supported this year's Bradford City's Rainbow Laces Campaign.
- Bradford Youth Service also helps with the delivery of Bradford Pride and is a key partner in the delivery of the youth area.
- Throughout the year the Bradford East service has supported over 150 individual young people to access support, attend peer groups or by working with young people in a one to one setting.

## Appendix C:

### A Youth Workers Week:

Youth work is a varied profession and youth workers often find themselves doing a wide range of things over the working week, these include:

- **Community-based case work:** Young people are referred into the service via Early Help, Social Care and through the YiM project. This work involves assessing the young person's needs, supporting parents and carers, sign posting and supporting into other services, providing opportunities to get involved in community events or sometimes just been there to listen and support the young person. This work involves home visits, walk and talk sessions or visits to projects / groups.
- **Delivering Youth Work Connect Groups** – These are small focused groups that have small participation numbers. The aim of these sessions is to support vulnerable young people, who are struggling with their social, emotional and mental health and don't have the confidence to attend open access youth clubs.
- **Open Access Youth Sessions** – these are sessions that are open to all young people. Each area runs 3 sessions a week (some of these maybe in partnership).
- **School-Based Sessions** – a Youth Worker will work in school for either half a day or a full day a week, supporting students and delivering one to one sessions or small group work based on the needs of the students in school.
- **Ward-Based partnership development / ward-based work** – Youth Workers develop partnerships with the third sector as well as with other statutory agencies to expand the youth offer in the ward. Workers look and apply for external funding (mostly in partnership) to develop projects and again expand the youth offer.
- **Admin / Data Bases / reports and systems** – Workers are required to input on data systems such as IYSS and MYMUP. This is so we can map who we are working with and what areas they come from.
- **Meetings on behalf of young people** – workers attend meetings in regards to their area-based work and also attend meetings in regards to children and young people. For example, Child Protection Meetings. They may also attend meetings with young people – as an advocate.



## **Appendix D:**

### **Mapping of Youth Work Provision – Bradford East:**

Youth Workers have undertaken a mapping exercise in each of the wards in Bradford East. This is a piece of work that can be added to and developed. The maps will develop over the coming months to include sports activities / venues and unformed groups. The maps will be used to identify any gaps in provision and along with geographical demographic data they will help to direct future Youth Service developments.

# Appendix D:

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**Detached Work**  
**Ward Wide – Covers all Hotspots**  
 > Tue (6pm – 9pm) 11-19 Y/O

**Sorted**  
**(Idle Methodist Church)**  
 > Fri (7pm-9pm) 11-19 Y/O

**Sports & Arts and Craft**  
**(Idle Rec)**  
 > Wed (3:30pm – 5:30pm) 8-16 Y/O

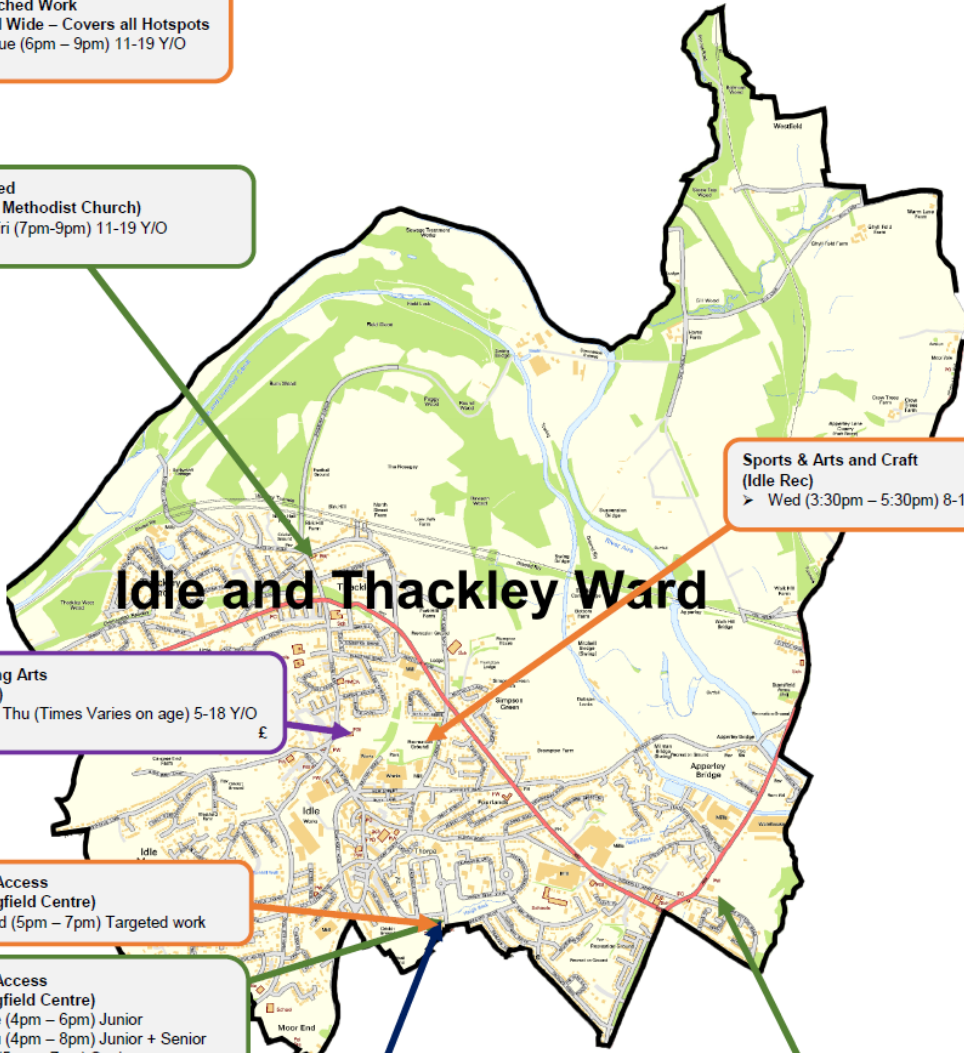
**Performing Arts**  
**(Stage 84)**  
 > Mon + Thu (Times Varies on age) 5-18 Y/O  
 £

**Open Access**  
**(Springfield Centre)**  
 > Wed (5pm – 7pm) Targeted work

**Open Access**  
**(Springfield Centre)**  
 > Tue (4pm – 6pm) Junior  
 > Thu (4pm – 8pm) Junior + Senior  
 > Fri (5pm – 7pm) Senior  
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**Scouts, Cubs & Beavers**  
**(St Johns, Appley Bridge)**  
 > Wed – Thu (Times Varies on age band) 6-14 Y/O  
 £

**Open access & mixed ability sports**  
 > Tue (7pm – 9pm) 8-15 Y/O  
 £



# Eccleshill

Youth Service  
 Sports  
 Community  
 Drama/Bands  
 Educational  
 £ Costs  
 P Partnership

**Rockwell Centre**  
 (Summerfield Ln)  
 > Thu (5pm – 7pm) 8-13 Y/O  
 £

**Play Bradford**  
 (452 Harrogate Road)  
 > Tue – Fri (3:30pm – 5:30pm) 5-13 Y/O  
 > Sat (12pm – 3pm) Families  
 £

**YACAD**  
 (St Lukes Church)  
 > Bee Creative – Weekdays (3pm – 6pm) 4-8 Y/O  
 > Drama – Weekly (5pm – 6pm) 4-8 Y/O  
 > Performing Arts – Weekly (5pm – 6:30pm) 8+ Y/O  
 £

**Eccleshill Swimming Pool**  
 (Harrogate Road)  
 > Times varied throughout week  
 £

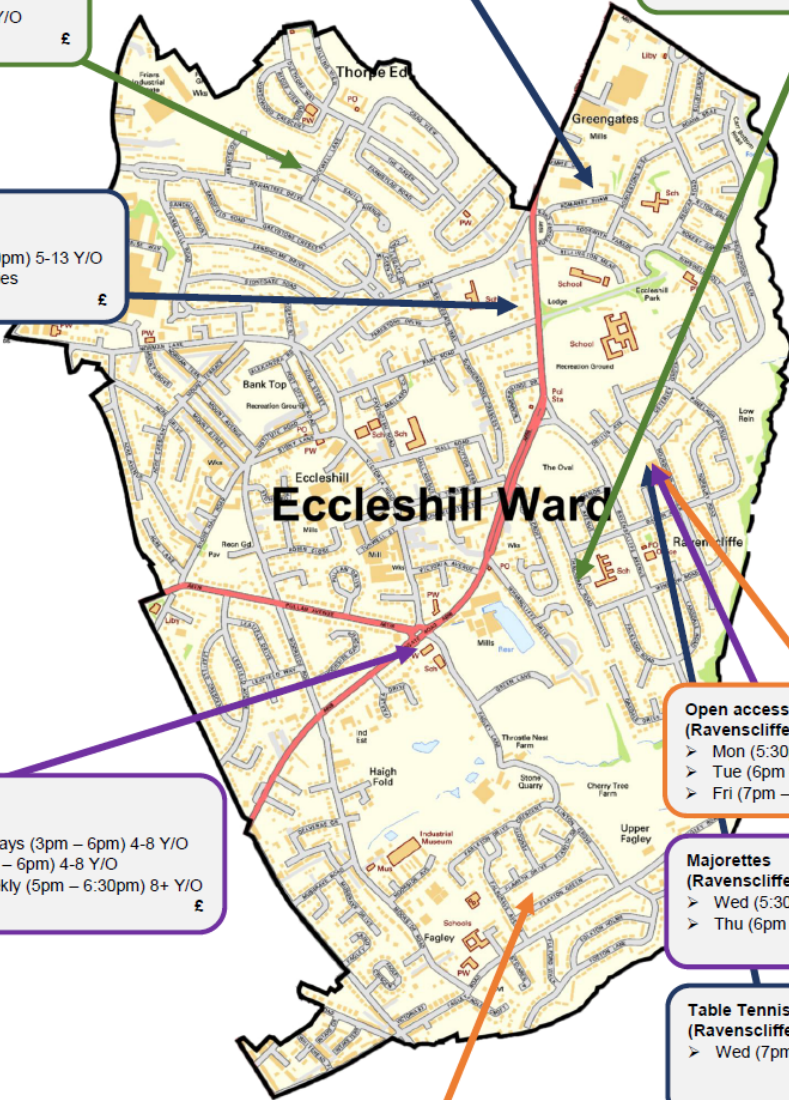
**Gateway Community Centre**  
 (Thackeray Road)  
 > Dance – Tue 5-13 Y/O  
 > Holiday activities for family's  
 £

**Open access & Targeted Sessions**  
 (Ravenscliffe YC)  
 > Mon (5:30pm – 7:30pm) -8-11 Y/O  
 > Tue (6pm – 8pm) – 13+ Y/O  
 > Fri (7pm – 9pm) – 13+ Y/O

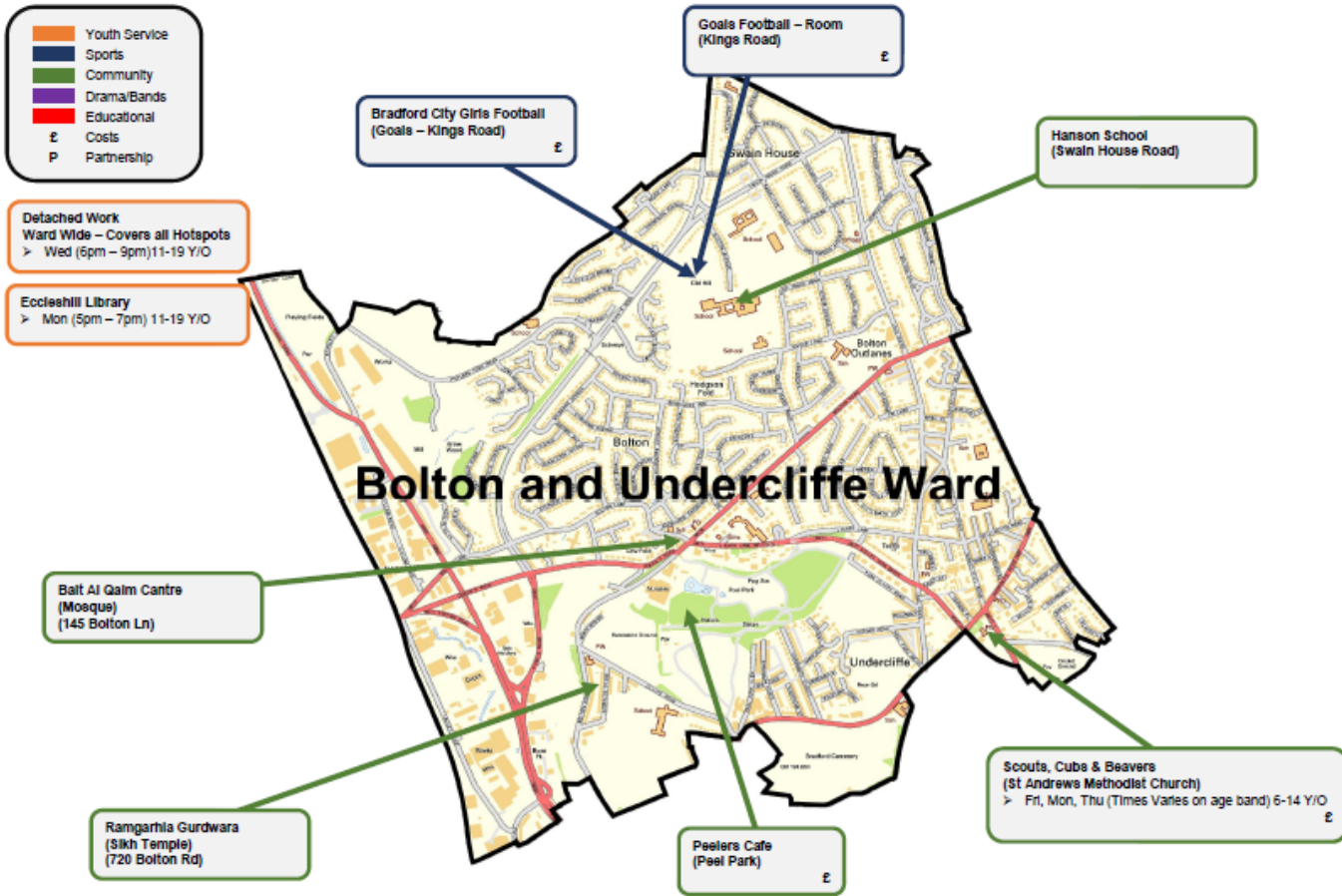
**Majorettes**  
 (Ravenscliffe YC)  
 > Wed (5:30pm – 7:30pm)  
 > Thu (6pm – 7:30pm)  
 £

**Table Tennis**  
 (Ravenscliffe YC)  
 > Wed (7pm – 8pm) 7-15 Y/O  
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**Detached / Project work**  
 Fagley area & Park



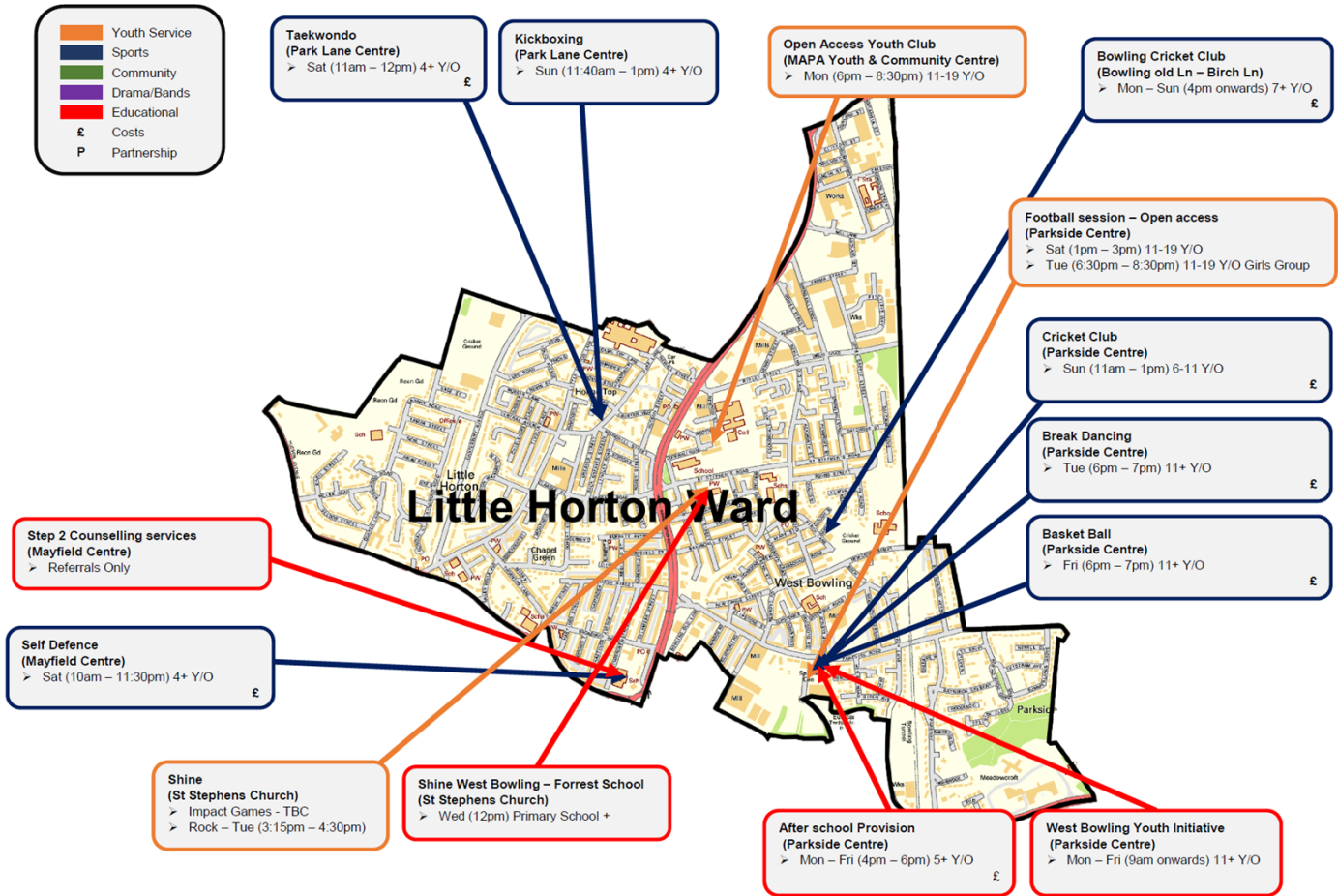




**Bolton & Undercliffe**



# Little Horton



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