

Ilkley Ward Good New Stories



(Better Skills, More Good Jobs and a Growing Economy)

Ilkley Grammar School, Friends of Ilkley Railway Station and Northern Rail.

Working with young people, offering opportunities to volunteer at the station giving more personal ownership of the environment, thus reducing instances of ASB. To visit the Northern Rail depot in Leeds to find out more about jobs available working with Network Rail or Northern Rail; e.g driver, depot staff, engineer.



Ilkley Ward Working in partnership with Incommunities Housing (Decent Homes)

Ward Officers and Ward Councillors supported residents by adopting a joint approach to addressing their concerns linked to a number of old obsolete garages and ASB issues back Collyer View Ilkley. By working in partnership and liaising with residents Incommunities have agreed to demolish the garages in 2023 helping tenants to live well in their own homes.



(Good Start Great Schools)

A number of local schools took part in a school planter competition and project working alongside The Friends of Ilkley Railway Station, Improving Ilkley Group, Keighley Co-ordinators Office and representatives of Network Rail. The planters were displayed on Ilkley Railway Station. The school planter project and competition was a central part of the Alan Titchmarsh visit, as Mr Titchmarsh was in attendance to officially open the flower beds on Station Plaza; viewing improvements to the station platform; viewing local plans for future projects alongside awarding prizes to the local schools who had taken part.

The event was well attended and young people were supported on the day by parents, grand-parents and school representatives.



Health and Wellbeing Event (Better Health, Better Lives)

The Health and Wellness Event was a promotional campaign to benefit the BID businesses in the health, fitness, and wellness sector. The Wharfedale and Silsden CP - Health had been offered a free stand enabling partnership representatives to engage with members of the general public, collect feedback of what matters with regard to well-being. Also, to support the Wharfedale and Silsden Community Partnership Health Ilkley Bid organised a free quarter page colour advert as part of a 9-page supplement insert in the Ilkley Gazette on the 25th August Ahead of the Wellbeing Event. On the day, 22 local businesses took part including demonstrations such as reflexology, free 10minute spinal check with a local chiropractor, a group personal training demonstration and a podiatry analysis. Anytime Fitness demonstrated their state of the art "in- body scanner" with one of their personal trainers available to answer any fitness and nutrition questions. Content for the advert and display was taken from promotional material and reports from the early days of the Wharfedale and Silsden Community Health Partnership. It was a great day to promote the partnership as well as engage with visitors and residents from the local community.



Covid Memorial Gardens (Safe, Strong and Active Communities)

The official opening of a Covid memorial at Paradise Gardens, Ilkley Park took place on Sunday 3rd July.

The area set aside for the new memorial is in a quiet area of Ilkley Park near to the old bridge. The area has had a new pathway created, daffodil bulbs planted along with a cherry tree walk complementing the memorial stone.

The memorial was created as a permanent tribute to those who died in the area during the pandemic and is situated in a fitting location to remember and pay tribute to those who died as well as the many people who worked incredibly hard to help people and families through the pandemic.

The project was supported by Ward Councillors, CBMDC Officers, Moss and Moor Local Garden Centre Business and volunteers from the Friends of Ilkley Park Group.



Riverside Park Memorial Gardens (A Sustainable District)

The Friends of Riverside Park Group in partnership with Parks Services are working on ongoing plans to improve Riverside Memorial Gardens and improve the embankment which abuts the steps from New Brook Street on either side of the steps. The area was massively overgrown, full of weeds and dead shrubs. This area has now been cleared on one side and treated to ensure it can be planted without invasive species (weeds) reappearing. The plan is to return the area to its former glory with colourful and diverse planting and to provide a multi seasonal display to be enjoyed by visitors to the park as well as complementing the Memorial flowerbeds.