# **Keighley West Good News Stories**

## Better Skills, More Good Jobs and a Growing Economy

Bracken Bank Men's Shed and Youth Service - A grant from CBMDC supported the Lion's Den Men's Shed to share their woodwork and construction skills to co-design and deliver a project with young people from Keighley West. Working with the youth service, they are designing and building skate boards and portable equipment

such as ramps. The project is not only intergenerational but also provides opportunities for upskilling young people and improving employability.



## **Decent Homes**

**Landlord training** – free training offered by CBMDC to landlords promoted on social media. The training covered roles and responsibilities and information relating to all stages of a tenancy from pre to ending and houses of multiple occupancy.



#### **Good Start Great Schools**

Play Bradford, Play Forum—We have worked with partners to enrich play opportunities for children through the provision of sustainable play opportunities (via shared resources) in the Bracken Bank area.



Partners include: Woodsworth Exploring, Get Out More, the Sue Belcher Centre and the Early Years Alliance.

## **Better Health, Better Lives**

Working alongside the Family Hub, The Pop-Up Food shop is a partnership between Keighley Parish Church, the Incommunities Money Matters team and the Early Help Coordinators and Access & Take Up Team. Staff are on hand to offer support, advice and signposting about a whole range of family



related issues, including supporting eligible families to access the 2 year offer of 15 hours free childcare.



# **Safe, Strong and Active Communities**

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and can also offer Helen, (not her real name) "a way of getting out, increasing my confidence, being able to talk to people and learning information that I might not know". Resident engagement has helped identify volunteers and opportunities for them to contribute to their local area through voluntary action and in doing so, gain many positives for themselves

too.



Volunteers at The New Keith Thompson Centre's Residents' Christmas Dinner.

#### A Sustainable District

The council's Youth Service Team have been working in Bracken Bank to set up a cycle maintenance project where young people can learn the skills they need to enable them to fix bikes. They learn all aspects of cycle maintenance and plan on doing a long distance cycle ride on the Leeds/

Liverpool canal.

