

KEIGHLEY WEST GOOD NEWS STORIES

Better Skills, More Good Jobs and a Growing Economy

Bracken Bank's Future Engineers



A group of students from Bracken Bank attended a model engine workshop run by LEAP and Bradford College. Approximately ten young people were accompanied by youth workers from Bradford Youth Service and took part in different engineering workshops, trying out new skills and speaking to people in the industry as well as current students.



Decent Homes

Intergenerational Soap Box Derby



The Keighley team from Centre Point, a charity supporting young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, entered the Bradford Super Soap Box 2023 challenge. Linked by WO, they worked with the Lion's Den Men's Shed, Bracken Bank, to get the vehicle Soap-Box-ready. Both groups really enjoyed the experience of working together on the project and sharing their knowledge and skills.



Good Start Great Schools

Bradford Stories at The Good Shepherd Centre



Parents and children attending the Good Shepherd Centre and students from Our Lady of Victories Catholic Primary School (OLV) in Keighley West benefited from an interactive and exciting reading journey on board the Literacy Trust's "big yellow bus" (the Bradford Stories Bus). There was a buzz of excitement as the Literacy Trust staff read stories to the participants and as children and students explored all the nooks and crannies the bus offered. At the end of each session the children and students took away a



free age-appropriate book as a gift to further their excitement of and interest in reading. This was the first visit of the bus with future events and connectivity planned. The Literacy Trust will link into the Keighley Schools Together partnership and there will be further work developed with the Good Shepherd Centre and across other areas.

Better Health, Better Lives

Age UK Friendship Group in Bracken Bank

In partnership with Age UK, staff from Bradford Council's Neighbourhoods and Community Services team, Incommunities and West Yorkshire police visited residents in Bracken Bank during July to speak to people about how they like living in the area, how well connected they are with their neighbours and whether they'd like to be part of developing a friendship group for older people in the area who might be feeling or at risk of loneliness and isolation. This is part of ongoing research that Age UK are compiling around loneliness



in people aged 50+ in the Bracken Bank area after previous research suggested that Bracken Bank is a hotspot for loneliness. Since the initial engagement, approx. 12 residents have now been meeting together and co-designing craft and activity sessions. Through this, people can improve their health and well-being through socialising, having meaningful connections, and taking part in activities together.



Safe, Strong and Active Communities

Community Celebrations



Several groups across the ward received small grants to enable them to celebrate the King's



Coronation with their neighbours and communities. There was bunting, afternoon teas, garden parties, and lots of fun. What a great opportunity for people to meet, get together and have fun with their local community.



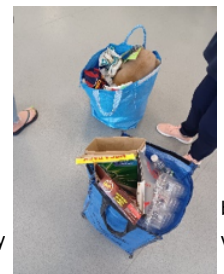
A Sustainable District

Merlin Top Environmental Ambassadors



AWO and Neighbourhood Warden have linked in with Merlin Top Primary School's Environmental Ambassadors, a group of year 6 pupils. They have involved the CBMDC Recycling Advisor team and are developing other work, which the pupils are central to planning to take action on

environmental initiatives. Students had a variety of ideas including: -design posters around driving to school and the impact of leaving car engines running while waiting; - improve recycling by putting coloured boxes in classrooms to match different items which can be recycled; - planting and growing things – possibly a gardening club; - posters designed by students about picking up dog poo which would be then put up in local community.



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