

CASE STUDIES

BETTER SKILLS, MORE GOOD JOBS AND GROWING ECONOMY

Bringing Skills Training to The People

Thornaby Hub may be a small building but plays a big part in the Clayton Estate community. Thanks to partners working together the centre delivers regular activities for local residents. One of the key mains of this Hub is to work with key stakeholders and develop opportunities for local residents to gain better skills. The Hub is working on the following tangible initiatives that meet the needs of local residents:

- Incommunities – as landlord of the Hub which is leased to Clayton Estate Community Action Group are looking to support and utilise the hub by linking Incommunities Employment Co-ordinators to trial sessions and support residents back to work and provide housing advice, which is a priority and raised regularly with local Councillors.
- Department of Work and Pension's, Community Outreach Coaches to trial weekly support sessions to help individuals and families turn their lives around.
- Skillshouse are looking to deliver the English for Everyone Programme to help a number of learners from Clayton & Fairweather Green who are travelling to other parts of Bradford for ESOL provision access the programme locally.

To get local people attracted and engaged to the Hub a number of projects have been undertaken for the community these include, THRIVE (part of the Clayton Warm Spaces Network established in 2022) for families to meet in a warm space with a brew, chat and activities to keep warm, Grub at the Hub, holiday activities with food, and more.

- 400 people attended free holiday activities, such as sports & physical activities, musical theatre summer school, trips to the Zoo and more through Education's Holiday Activity Funding 2023 funding.

With a successful Family fun day on 31.8.23 to end the summer activities. 10 volunteers including local councillors helped to make the day a success with 372 sausages cooked and not one left.

- The Hub has built positive relationships with residents and worked with partners to turn the hub into a community venue that meets the needs of the community. What's on at the hub is regularly posted on the new Clayton Estate Community Action Group's Facebook page.

Getting to know residents is building the trust that is needed, particularly with young people to help them recognise the benefits and value of the hub as they now want to look after the building and keep it.

- 15 volunteers help at the centre to deliver activities and events, and are actively involved in the family fun day, Grub at the Hub every Friday 12.30-1 pm which is growing and now supports up to 56 local residents with essential food items for £3 a bag, making everyone feel welcome and more.

The appointment of a centre manager has been invaluable and helped to reduce the pressure on a number of statutory services, such as the police, fire brigade, children's/youth services. The hub was a regular agenda item for local Councillors and Ward Officers, due to young people gathering outside the building and causing ASB issues and the need to turn the centre into a positive place, particularly for young people aged 5 to 11 years.

DECENT HOMES



Brighter Heaton: Transforming Communities Together

The collaborative efforts of Bradford West Area Office, local Ward Councillors, Incommunities, and Home Group resulted in a marked improvement in the living conditions and engagement levels of Heaton ward residents.

Statistics from Public Health show there are a series of challenges that affect the overall well-being of residents of Heaton. Suboptimal living conditions and a lack of community engagement were pressing concerns. However, a transformative initiative, aptly named 'Brighter Heaton', emerged as a beacon of hope for this community.

Main Achievements:

The project's success is evident in the numbers. Over 50 households actively participated, signifying a significant increase in community engagement levels. Two large skips were provided by Home Group, allowing residents to dispose of any waste in their gardens.

In addition to improving living conditions, 'Brighter Heaton' took a holistic approach to narrowing inequalities within the community. The provision of energy-efficient measures, including draft excluders and LED lights, proved instrumental in raising the living standards for all residents. Waste disposal education was also a crucial aspect, as it empowered residents with knowledge about proper waste management procedures. This comprehensive approach contributed to a more equitable environment, where every resident could enjoy an improved quality of life.

A key aspect of the project's success was the emphasis on community engagement. Council Neighbourhood Wardens played a vital role in this regard, serving as a bridge between the project partners and the residents. They actively engaged with residents, offering guidance on waste disposal procedures, and providing information about available resources. This personalized approach helped build trust and rapport within the community, ultimately leading to higher levels of participation.

'Brighter Heaton' stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and community-driven initiatives. Through the concerted efforts of Bradford West Area Office, Incommunities, Home Group, and the dedicated residents of Heaton, a transformative change has taken root.

The Green Doctor program is an excellent initiative that provides free, impartial advice on how to save energy in the home and access other services and initiatives available. They can provide

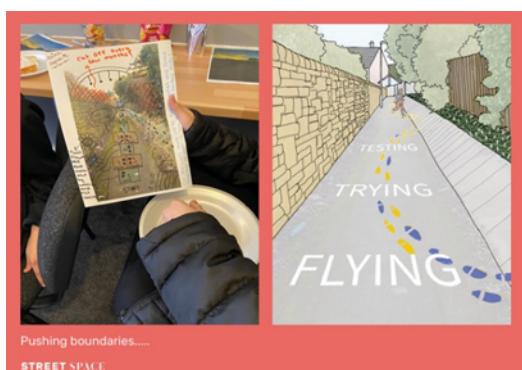
different kinds of support, whether that's advice on paying off debt with energy or water companies or spotting other concerns for a referral to other services.

However, the Bradford Council has prioritized the goal of ensuring everyone has a comfortable home that meets their needs and helps them lead fulfilling lives. The council aims to increase the supply of homes of the right type, quality, and location to meet the needs and aspirations of the diverse and growing population in Bradford. They also aim to retrofit existing housing stock to create energy-efficient and adaptable homes.

This case study serves as an inspiring example of how targeted interventions can lead to tangible improvements in the lives of community members. As we reflect on the journey of 'Brighter Heaton', we are reminded of the potential for positive change.

GOOD START, GREAT SCHOOLS

Childrens route to success!! Together We Can



Local young girls bring their ideas to life to help transform the Hollings Road snicket creating a safe and enjoyable space for local children and families to walk to school. Participants also gained a real-life experience in community engagement and public realm design and received a certificate for their participation in this innovative programme.

- Street Space Founder Director Philippa Banister secured a small grant from JU:MP to deliver the Safer Snickets project in Manningham.
- Ward Officer identified 3 potential key locations that would benefit from this project.
- Ward Officer linked Street Space to Hollings Youth Association where 9 young women aged 11-14 expressed an interest in the project and attended workshops at Hollings Youth Association. The workshops involved mapping the most common routes they take on a day-to-day basis. They shared comments about how they feel at different times of the day using these routes and created mood boards of inspiring images to shape the snicket.
- Ward Officer arranged a site visit with Street Space and the PC Women & Girls Engagement Officer who collectively agreed on the Hollings Road to White Abbey Road snicket due to its close proximity to Dixons Manningham and Green Lane schools.
- The girls started by developing a manifesto for 'Safe Snickets' to measure the success of any interventions created and then developed ideas first in 2D by editing current images of

the snicket before bringing ideas to life in 3D using a model kit. The local Mosque and Schools were consulted on the project and the final design was chosen. Everyone involved had lots of fun!

- The ideas were developed by working with designers and architects before supporting the installation of their interventions, such as Painted hopscotch, Painted birds & words: Start - Testing - Trying - Flying - Take Off, Laser cut wooden or vinyl birds to hang to/from the lamp column and stake/fence, painted in-steps – bringing them to life in the space and monitoring their impact.

Stakeholders and Consultations:

- Street Space, JU:MP: Secured funding for the project.
- Ward Officer, PC for Women & Girls Engagement Officer, local Councillors: Instrumental in supporting the project, working with Street Space and local girls to help finalise the location and make links with young women through Hollings Youth Association.
- Cleansing Services, Signage Team: Supporting the girls to litter pick the snicket & install a post for the birds in flight.

The purpose of the safer snickets project is to work collaboratively to transform an unloved snicket or small public space.

BETTER HEALTH, BETTER LIVES

BRINGING GOOD HEALTH TO YOU NEIGHBOURHOOD HEALTH SCREENING



The Farnham Community Association has been actively working with a local community partnership group to organize an event aimed at the early prevention of high blood pressure and diabetes among adults aged 30-60. The event focused on catching early signs of these factors, which would help the NHS understand early signs in that age bracket. The centre utilized its own volunteers to assist with the welcoming and signing process, reducing waiting times, and alleviating pressure on doctors. With a long history of running events of this nature, the Farnham Community Association is actively working for the benefit of residents in the area.

To address health inequalities within Bradford West, a system-wide approach is being undertaken to support service users, Primary Care Networks (PCNs), and communities in addressing their mental health and physical needs using a prevention approach. City Ward have hosted health

checks focusing on blood pressure, diabetes, and healthy living. An event in September 2023 at the Milta Islamic Mosque on Ivanhoe Road, which attracted over 80 participants in just 3 hours. This was supported by the local area office we were the link between PCN and Farnham Community Association with putting the two together so the event could take place.

These health checks are part of efforts to promote better health and well-being within the community. By raising awareness about common health conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes, individuals can take proactive steps to manage their health and make informed lifestyle choices. Regular health checks can help identify potential health risks early on and enable timely interventions.

It's great to see initiatives like these taking place in city ward to improve the overall health and well-being of the community!

SAFE, STRONG AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

KEEPING IT GREEN AND KEEPING YOU SAFE



This area designated as village green status has been blighted with the constant noise and anti-social behaviour of off-road vehicles accessing Allerton Green for years. The issue has been two-fold with local residents bringing their off-road bikes/quads and also people from out of the area driving their vans onto Allerton Green and offloading bikes/quads and bringing their whole families. The offroad bikes have also been causing issues on the roads surrounding the access points. Police and Bradford Council officers have previously undertaken several measures to try and resolve the issues but have not been able to reduce the antisocial behaviour.

Bradford West Area Co-ordinator's office have led on the work with Local ward councillors, NPT and officers from Bradford Councils Countryside and Rights of Way and Safer Communities to address the anti-social use off-road vehicle accessing into Allerton Village Green and Chellow Dene area, but still allowing access for residents.

The main priority of the intervention was to secure the access points. There are 9 access points, we have identified 5 access points which need measures put in place to restrict access to off road vehicles.

Phase 1 - new gate and extra bollards have been installed at the entrance off Meadowbank Avenue, still allowing access for residents. The barriers at Meadowbank Avenue are the first to be installed with the co-operation and support of the landowners and residents. New PSPO zone signs have been put in place on lampposts and residents have also been asked to support by continuing to report incidents to the police.

Phase 2 - Field gates and kissing gates to be erected at the access points off North parade and Ivy Lane.

Phase 3 - working with Highways we are looking at putting measures in at 2 other access points.

Since the gate has gone up on Meadowbank Avenue the police have said there has been a marked reduction in the calls to service. Also, residents have welcomed the scheme and said there has been less issues.

Police patrols have been stepped up in the area and colleagues from Operation Steerside are regularly carrying out operations in the area.

This area is fostering better sense of safety and trust among its residents and services this will lead to stronger and more resilient communities. Since the development of this project:

- Restricted access for off road vehicles
- Less off-road vehicle nuisance
- Reduced calls to service for police/council

A SUSTAINABLE DISTRICT

Clean Air, Safe Streets = Healthier and Happier YOU



Girlington Primary school was part of School Streets which was a pilot scheme introduced at nine Bradford schools in 2021. It involved schools that were not on major roads and saw the road around the school gates closed to cars at drop off and pick up times. It was in a bid to encourage more families to walk to school and to reduce dangerous congestion around the school gates and subsequently to reduce air pollution whilst also improving health and wellbeing. Unfortunately, due a number of factors the scheme was temporarily suspended.

Bradford West Area Office led on revitalising this work in Girlington, working together with partners including Council highways, schools and local volunteers from Greener Girlington.

The Scheme is now operating at two schools in the heart of Girlington, Girlington Primary School and St Philips CE Primary Academy with the aim to: Reduce congestion around the school; Prevent dangerous driving, parking and turning outside school where there are lots of children and families; Reduce air pollution (caused by engines running) and noise pollution; Provide a safer, calmer, happier, healthier space for our children; Encourage walking, cycling, wheeling and scooting to school.

Local community group Greener Girdlington have worked with parents and the wider community to recruit volunteers and manage the street closures with the support of the West NPT and Bradford West Area Office. Council highways officer provided the initial training for school staff and since then Bradford West Area Office has done training sessions with the volunteers. Over 20 Parents and residents have got involved and are volunteering as school streets stewards.

This project has seen a considerable reduction in the number of pupils being driven to school. More pupils are being let walk to school by themselves. It has led to an overall calmer start and end to the school day.

The volunteers are getting more engaged with school life and other initiatives in the community. Attending JUMP sessions at the school around health and nutrition and fitness sessions at Masjid Umar on Kensington Street. Positive feedback from the schools, parents, pupils and residents.

- *Children are calmer school start, more pupils walking*
- *Its tension free I don't have to worry about my little ones leaving me side.*
- *I don't have to worry about cars driving onto the pavement without looking out for small children.*
- *Theres more space for children to move around, jump and run.*
- *There have been so many times before this road closure when cars drove so fast and recklessly just to get as near to the school entrance as possible.*

These schools now are looking to be part of the Bradford Clean Air Schools Programme (CASP).