

Report of the Strategic Director – Environment and Sport to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 3 December 2015

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Subject:

Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16 Update

Summary statement:

This report outlines the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April 2015 to September 2015 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16 and proposes a new format for Ward Plans for 2016-17.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April 2015 to September 2015 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16 and proposes a new format for Ward Plans for 2016-17.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The work outlined in this report has been undertaken to support the Area Committee in the implementation of the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16 utilising the four key elements of the Neighbourhood Service. These four key elements are:

- Integrated Area teams
- Streamlined locality planning and performance management
- Connecting the strategic to the neighbourhood
- Co-ordinating local partnership action

- 2.2 Elected Members, Partners, Services and Agencies are committed to supporting action planning at a Neighbourhood and Ward-level. They have supported Ward Planning and work with Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office to address issues.

- 2.4 Appendices A – F of this report highlight selected pieces of work which reflect the types of activities and actions that have been undertaken between April and September 2015, within Wards that have contributed to addressing the priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16. They are not an exhaustive list of actions but are intended to give a flavour of the nature of activities that have been undertaken.

- 2.5 To enable these specific actions Ward Officers undertake and support a partnership approach which involve Ward Partnership Teams, other specific Ward Partnerships, Days of Action, community engagement activities and approaches and other issue-based neighbourhood work.

- 2.6 Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office continues to support Ward Planning by consultation with and involvement of local residents and partner agencies in decision making through: partnership bodies, local problem-solving groups, special events, action planning and through the work of Council Wardens.

- 2.7 The role of Council Wardens includes supporting community engagement and their work has involved them in Days of Action, Visual Audits; work with schools and individual local residents. This is in addition to their responsibilities for Parking and Environmental Enforcement.

- 2.8 Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office also provide support to new and continuing community initiatives as well as advice, guidance or support in relation to assisting the effective functioning of local Voluntary and Community Organisations as requested.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS



- 3.1 In times of reduced budgets, staffing and funding in the whole of the public and voluntary sectors it is important to concentrate remaining resources on the main priorities which will help improve the quality of life for all in each Ward.
- 3.2 Therefore, Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office is proposing that, instead of containing 18 or more 'priorities', the Ward Plans for 2016-17 focus on the top 6 priorities for each Ward and that for each priority the Plan sets out clear methods for addressing that priority which will include quantitative and qualitative outputs and outcomes that will help identify what has actually been achieved by the intervention of all partners during the course of the year.
- 3.3 These top 6 priorities will be drawn up by Ward Officers in consultation with District Ward Councillors and partner agencies. They will then be agreed by the Ward Partnership Team and finally approved by Keighley Area Committee.
- 3.4 The Ward Plans will no longer be themed by type of issue, i.e. Safer, Cleaner/Greener, Health & Well-being etc. The Ward Officers will refer to these themes in drawing up the priorities but it may be that all the top 6 priorities are Safer and Cleaner/Greener issues. In some Wards there may well be a more wider spread of priorities across several themes. The principles of Stronger Communities and the involvement and empowerment of young people will feature in all of the top 6 priorities.
- 3.5 Furthermore, the principles and ways of working incorporated in Bradford Council's 'New Deal' will feature strongly in terms of the action proposed to address each priority in each Ward Plan. These include community empowerment, increased volunteering, devolution and reducing demand on Council services.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Addressing priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16 has been undertaken from within resources of Bradford Council and partner organisations.
- 4.2 The Ward Plans' priorities have been used to assist the Area Committee in its Local Area Management role.
- 4.3 Officer support for co-ordination to implement elements of the Ward Plans has been provided by the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no significant risks and governance issues arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.



6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Wellbeing placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Ward Plan priorities promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Keighley Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Resources available to Keighley Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16 will directly support the delivery of the District's Sustainable Community Strategy.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Some actions undertaken to address priorities in the Ward Plans will have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions. These will include a consideration of for example energy efficiency opportunities in purchasing new equipment or refurbishing or modifying buildings.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.4.1 Community Safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. A number of priorities supported in the period covered by this report demonstrate a positive impact on community safety issues across Keighley Area.

- 7.4.2 A key aspect of this work relates to supporting the Community Safety Plan, the Council's obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998 and the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

No direct implications arising from the Human Rights Act.

7.6 TRADE UNION

No direct Trade Union implications arise from this report.



7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The activity outlined in this report addresses priorities in all Wards in the Keighley Area.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 That Keighley Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period April – September 2015 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16 be noted.
- 10.2 That Keighley Area Committee approves the new format for Ward Plans for 2016-17 as set out in section 3 of this report.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Craven Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2015
Appendix B - Ilkley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2015
Appendix C – Keighley Central Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2015
Appendix D – Keighley East Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2015
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12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 The Ward Plans 2015-16 are large documents so have not been attached to this report. They can be viewed at:
http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/community_and_living/neighbourhoods/action_plans.htm



Appendix A

Craven Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2015

1. Friends of Silsden Town Hall - Silsden Town Hall local renewal project.



The Silsden Town Hall building had under a local renewal project been refurbished to a high standard, keeping the historic façade of the building but offering up dated amenities for the use by the local community, organisations and groups. Working with Public Halls Service, Keighley Co-ordinators Office and local residents it was felt the facility needed to be promoted and marketed and developed further to increase usage of the building since the renewal project had taken place. To address future usage local residents with support from Keighley Co-ordinators Office formed the Friends of Silsden Town Hall Group. Since the formation of the group a sub-group to look at funding has been organised along with

a marketing sub –group and activities and community programmes and initiatives have increased. This includes the setting up of a web site, producing leaflets, targeting of funding, and working in partnership with local schools, craft fair, table top sales, tea dances, family activity days, and promotion of the library, historic based events and much more. The group holds regular meetings by arrangement.

2. Keighley Co-ordinators Officer Supporting Steeton and Eastburn Parish Council - 'Cleaner Neighbourhoods'

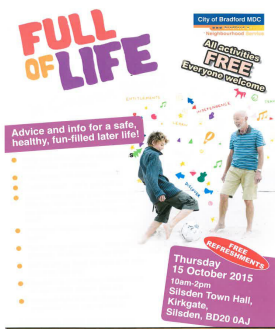


Keighley Co-ordinators Office was contacted by the Chair of Steeton and Eastburn Parish Council about the negative effect of dog fouling across Steeton and Eastburn. To address this issue a number of hot spot areas were identified; Steeton cemetery, Pot Lane - both ends, the footpath across the rear of the hospital from Thornhill Road to Lyon Road Eastburn at both ends, footpath from Parkway to Clough Avenue at both ends and the footpath from Halstead's Way to Currer Walk at both ends.

Due to the scale of the problem Council Wardens were deployed to install a number of temporary 'No Dog Fouling Signs' In addition Clls awarded Area Initiatives monies to place 4 new bins linked to the hot spot localities. The result of the cleaner neighbourhoods' scheme is dog fouling has reduced to zero as confirmed by the Chair of the Parish Council. The placing of the signs has been

such a success another request has been put forward to keep them in place for an additional period.

3. Community of Interest Older People



Keighley Co-ordinators Office engaged in planning of the Forum / Market Place event to support a community of interest 'Older People' Craven Ward. The event will cover topics such as home and fire safety, getting active, wills and power of attorney advice and information, assistance with technology, downsizing, chemist services and befriending. This event will also be supported by local volunteers and Silsden Aid In Sickness who have given a donation of £200.00 to support the event that will take place at Silsden Town Hall. Further links are to be developed to support this community of interest via the Hub Building Steeton; Sing and Smile Charity 'Goldies'; Age UK Bradford – Mutual Support Network Meeting (Older People's Services) to consider improvements to local provision and services across Craven Ward – the event is scheduled for October 2015.



4. Keighley Co-ordinators Office – Community Show Case Event - Silsden.

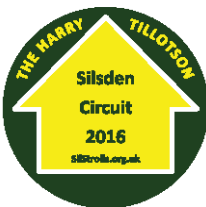


SILSDEN'S GRAND dePARTY

Keighley Area Co-ordinators Office took part in the Silsden Grand Depart festivities – Community Show Case Day on July 11 in partnership with St James Church. The event provided an opportunity to have an information stall where it was possible to promote the wider support available for communities via the Neighbourhood Service and other Council

Departments and engage in direct open dialogue with members of the public - 50 in total on the day. The most common issues raised brought attention to safety, cold calling and door step crime; web-design of the Council and to make it more easily accessibility for the public when they went on line; local housing developments; Council funding; parking hot spot areas; church and community activities; local park maintenance / dog fouling; fire alarms and home safety and un-adopted roads. Information was collated, follow up work took place with a range of Council departments and other partners contacted as appropriate to meet the issues raised by residents on the day.

5. Keighley Co-ordinators Office – Supporting Active Residents Silsden Strolls.



The Ward Officer was contacted by the co-ordinator of Silsden Strolls to inquire about funding to develop the second phase of the project. Previously 4 Strolls (walks) of 3 – 4 miles long had been developed. The second phase would create further strolls (walks 5 – 8) including a 7.1/2 mile walk Silsden Circle. To implement the second phase of the project around a £1,000.00 was needed. Silsden Strolls was advised to put in for the Community Chest Grant that proved to

be successful. Along with the Community Chest Grant awarded other grants and support were obtained from West Riding Ramblers, Keighley Rotary Club and Sovereign Health Charitable Trust. The project has been well received and a great success as people have praised the clarity of instructions and mapping; found the way marks extremely useful in boosting confidence to follow a particular route; has helped people to get more active; people have discovered more of their own countryside on the doorstep and the project has added to the tourist commercial footprint of the local area.

6. Council Services – Control of Fly-Posting in Silsden and Steeton with Eastburn.



A number of complaints had been received by Keighley Co-ordinators Office, Ward Officer Craven about the levels of fly-posting on display in the public environment in both Silsden and Steeton areas. The act of Fly-posting is displaying adverts and other promotional materials without permission on buildings, posts, poles or litter bins and elsewhere in public. Fly – posting in the Craven Ward is mainly undertaken by businesses and community groups who want free advertising. However, the result is areas can become untidy, messy with 'saturation coverage';

where the built up community environment becomes unsightly. Officers of Bradford Council followed the correct legislation in line with the Planning Act 1990 and Highways Act 1980 that allows Local Authority's to remove illegal fly-posting. With regard to fly-posting issues in Craven Ward; Council Officers will be deployed to undertake control procedures as required to deal with the problem as if left unchallenged fly-posting will have a longer term negative effect on the built community environment and areas.



Appendix B

Ilkley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2015

Blooming Marvellous

Ilkley in Bloom received a silver gilt award in the Yorkshire in Bloom awards 2015 in the town category.

This tremendous group of volunteers have a very positive working relationship with Cleansing and the Bradford Parks and Landscapes team. Special effort has been this year to ensure that sustainable planting will help mitigate the effect of reduced funding for the flower beds in future years.

This was supported through an award of 2014/15 Area Initiative Fund, recognising the value and impact their effort has in the town.



As the Judges commented “It is clear that many different organisations are working together within the Ilkley in Bloom Group and that the younger generation both at Ilkley Grammar School and Ashlands Primary School are being encouraged which is really significant for the future.”

The Parish Council is also hugely supportive of the work of Ilkley in Bloom and identifies it as a priority in their 2015/16 Action Plan.

Parking problems



An on-going concern throughout the year has seen a joint approach by the Police and Warden Service to address concerns and respond to issues reported by the public, Councillors and Parish Council about parking problems.

Pavements are for People

By keeping pavements clear for pedestrians we can make our roads safer for everybody.

Drivers who park vehicles on pavements cause danger to pedestrians - especially children, the elderly, the blind and partially sighted, parents with prams and the disabled community.

You could be **committing an offence**.

Pavements are not built to take the weight of vehicles, so the local authority may also have a **claim for damage** caused to the footpath too.

Remember

- Keeping pavements clear keeps pedestrians safe.
- If the road is not wide enough to park your vehicle safely, find somewhere else such as a car park, lay-by or a quiet side road.
- If you park your vehicle wholly or partially on a pavement you commit an offence of obstruction.

For further information, call **101** and ask for your local Neighbourhood Policing Team or visit www.westyorkshire.police.uk

or contact Bradford Council **01274 431000**

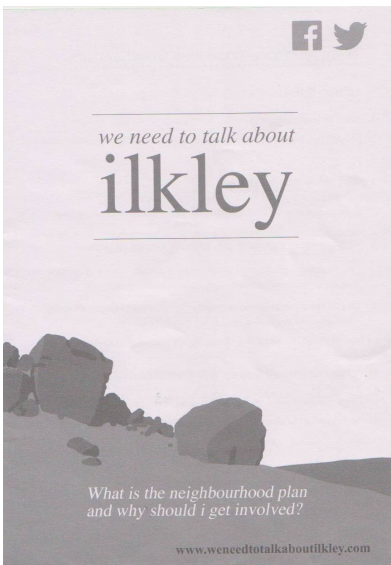
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Area Initiative Funding was used to purchase leaflets reminding drivers of their responsibilities and these have been used across the town. A number of reports have resulted in police visits and penalties have been issued for obstruction. In turn this has generated complaints and criticism from local residents but we attempt collectively to try and make improvements.

District Councillors have had meetings on site in ‘problem’ areas with the Highways team and instigated a meeting with the Council’s Chief Executive in the town, discussing a number of matters including car parking difficulties and commuter parking provision. These issues remain priorities for the Ward requiring further action.



Ilkley Neighbourhood Plan



2015 has seen the furtherance of Ilkley Parish Council's intent to create a Neighbourhood Plan which will help explore how to provide much needed local housing, support high street shops, develop local job opportunities and provide local amenities that meet the needs of the community.

The Parish Council was one of the first in the constituency area to begin this process and considerable effort has been put into its development, which simply aims to bring the community together to share ideas and build consensus about the needs and priorities for Ilkley.

The questionnaire generated over a 1,000 responses and a public exhibition was held in May to display the findings and to give members of the public a chance to meet with potential developers of housing and other organisations involved with the

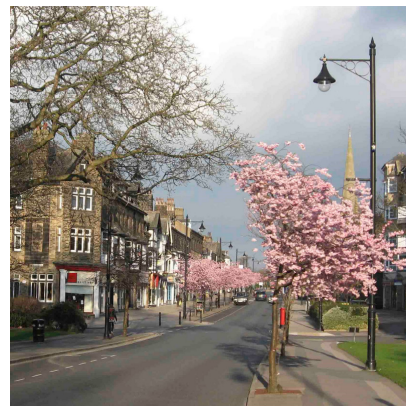
Neighbourhood Plan including Ilkley Civic Society and the Ilkley Design Statement group.
<http://parishcouncil.ilkley.org/neighbourhood-plan/481-our-ilkley.html>

Sadly Cllr Paul Kitching who was very much at the forefront the development of the plan died suddenly in May 2015 within days of being appointed as Vice Chairman of the Council. The energy and enthusiasm he brought to this work can't be underestimated and will continue to inform its development as the Parish Council takes the plan forward.

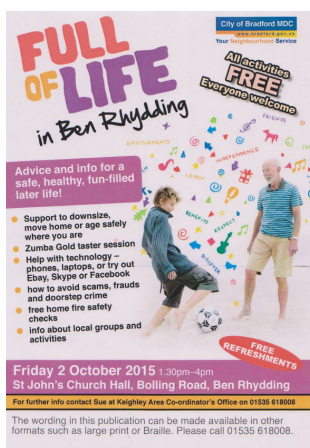
Improvements to the Grove

Over the summer work has taken place in respect of public realm improvements on the Grove including the replacement of two cherry trees removed earlier in the year due to disease.

Funded through an award of Area initiative Fund the work was carried out in conjunction with Highways (as weather and contractor availability permitted). The latter stages of project include replacing flags and repainting bollards, bins and lampposts.



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Full of Life in Ben Rhydding

September 2015 - as part of Older People's week an event aimed at the 50+ age group was organised by the Area Office at St John's Church, Ben Rhydding.

A range of partners were on hand to advise on issues such as home and personal safety, downsizing, coping with technology plus information from local voluntary groups and warmer homes. All of which contribute to ageing well and enjoying a happy, healthy and productive later life.

Appendix C

Keighley Central Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2015

1. Youth Vision – The Community ‘Doing it for Themselves’ - New Deal – Lawkholme



A new group Youth Vision has been established in the Lawkholme area of Central Ward. The group have come together to improve the Play area on Parson Street, be involved in a Pilot Recycling Project with Bradford Council and have taken a lead as been recognised as the Friends of Victoria Park. The group have worked closely with Parks and Landscape Services Officers, Keighley Co-ordinators Office to paint and undertake small repairs in the play area, cut back the tress to improve sight lines and have taken part and supported organised

community days of action and organised local area litter picks. Once the Recycling Scheme gets off the ground and new bins installed the group will be taking a lead on organising the launch event for the wider community and will promote the benefits of recycling within Lawkholme and surrounding local areas.

2. ‘Reach–Out Keighley’ Initiative in partnership with the Police



Keighley Co-ordinators Office, Central Ward Partnership Team process on Monday 4 June in Keighley Town centre saw the launch of Reach Out Programme for Keighley. This is an exciting scheme involving partner agencies and Keighley Neighbourhood Policing team. Reach Out for KEIGHLEY combines existing public outreach workers and government agencies who come together to volunteer a few hours each week to Reach Out a helping hand to vulnerable members of the public. The agency volunteers each bring their own areas of expertise and local knowledge, and together identify any member of the public in Keighley who may benefit

from alcohol support, drugs intervention, housing provision, mental health support or something as simple as warm clothes and a cup of coffee. Agency representatives can be seen in and around Keighley in their distinctive purple hoodies and polo shirts. The team covers the lay out of the town centre and the initiative is ongoing.

3. Friends of Burgess Field – Making use of local green space



Supported by Keighley Area Co-ordinators Office the Friends of Burgess Field undertook a small community clean – up prior to organising their first Community Fun Day that attracted over 100 people from the Highfield, Braithwaite and Shann Park localities. The Friends of Burgess Field by sparking an interest in their local area have been instrumental in bringing the wider community together, promoted community cohesion, made better use of a previously under used community green space that suffered from a glut of general fly-tipping. The group are working closely with Area Co-ordinators Office and Parks and Landscape Services to look at further improvements such as creating steps up to the bowling hut, installing bins, planting of wild

flower areas along with arranging planting of 30 trees they have obtained free from the Woodland Trust.



4. Town Centre Litter Campaign



Dropping litter in Keighley Town Centre along with bird feeding was a major problem. The Ward Officer via the WPT process contacted the manager of the Airedale Centre to ask him to speak to other town centre businesses emerging as 'street litter hot spot' areas. To address littering problems it was arranged for the Council Warden Service supported by PCSO's to be deployed to undertake days of action - Town Centre 'Litter Campaign'. Wardens spoke to shoppers about dropping litter and this resulted in 14 fixed penalty notices issued with a fine of £75.00 in North Street, Keighley Bus Station,

Town Gate and Cavendish Street. The Litter Campaign had the effect of reducing the amount of dropped litter in and around the Town Centre. The Ward Officer supported by Warden Services will continue to organise additional patrols and future days of action to keep the Town City tidy.

5. Local Partners empowering local communities - Highfield



Organised by Keighley Area Co-ordinators Office the Highfield Working Group meets on a quarterly basis and partners are representative of the statutory and voluntary sectors. The meeting allows for in - depth discussion on topics such as community provision; area needs; sharing information on local developments. Discussions brought attention to gaps in provision for young women / girls, young people and play opportunities / activities for the under 12's.

The partnership process helped support the forward planning for a local renewal project of the Highfield Centre; to enhance the existing facilities through re – design of the building with the result of making it more sustainable for the future to meet the needs and demands of the community. Keighley Area Co-ordinators Ward Officer, Liz Horn, Management of the Highfield Centre have worked together with officers from the Planning department of CBMDC to develop plans. The local renewal project will enhance existing amenities, create additional opportunities for local employment, volunteering, and better address issues of local priority, deliver additional multi-benefits in the future, and support the development of the local community infrastructure - ongoing.

6. Eastern European Communities



Area Initiatives monies of £500 awarded by Central Ward Councillors was used as match funding to support a local Health, Education and Well-Being Project headed by The Good Shepherd Centre St Anne's School and Lilies of the Valley Organisation in support of EU Communities. The project delivered a successful weekly programme of health and conversation English Classes to representatives from the Polish, Czech and Slovak community. The programme has enabled people to build their confidence by learning conversational English -

teaching programme is by Pearson Longman. Two of the students who took part in the programme have been able to find permanent employment and some have undertaken volunteer positions at the Good Shepherd Centre.



Appendix D

Keighley East Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2015

1. Long Lee School - Traffic Issues

Unfortunately along with other schools in the area the issues of speeding, inconsiderate and too often dangerous driving and parking, became a real issue at Long Lee Primary School and the Ward Officer was asked to work with the school to pull together a multi agency meeting to look at solutions to the problems that were being experienced.

With representation from the Police, Highways, Road Safety Team and District Councillors a number of meetings have taken place since and whilst still a work in progress there is a confidence that working together we have addressed some of the worse behaviour, including one incident of a race hate crime. Developing a positive working relationship with the school and creating mechanisms for parents to log concerns in the absence of the Wardens or Police alongside some practical improvements to the site will hopefully pay dividends over the coming months.



2. Conesultations (sic)



Throughout summer 2015 the peal of an ice cream van heralded the fact that the Big Local Development worker and Ward Officer were in the neighbourhood to talk to residents about what mattered to them, in return for filling out a questionnaire and having a chat they were treated to an ice-cream.

In total 6 early evening 'conesultations' took place, the approach allowed us to talk to residents in a number of smaller neighbourhoods across the ward and proved an

innovative way to start some on street discussions and debates and trigger some ideas for future work.

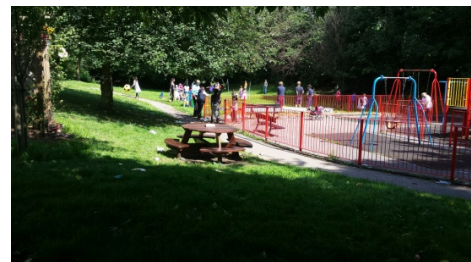
3. It's Rubbish.....August 2015



Responding to community concern about the state of a local play park, a Day of Action took place in the Stockbridge Beeches Play Area. leafleting beforehand saw a number of residents and children turning out to help and the end result saw over 20 bags of rubbish + dumped mattresses, old toys and fridge carcasses removed from site. With assistance from the Big Local worker including some funding to trim back the trees

and brighten up the space, the before and after pictures show the transformation that took place.

Similar events were also held in Dalton Lane and Pope Street later in the month.



4. Glen Lee Lane resident concern



Glen Lee lane residents approached the District Councillors at the end of 2014 to voice concerns about the speed, weight and volume of traffic using this road. They had raised a petition and a 'special meeting' was held to discuss the issues raised.

Subsequently a meeting took place with District Councillors and representatives from Highways - planning and structures to discuss the options available and alleviate resident concern.

As a result of that advisory signs were placed on Glen Lee Lane in Spring 2015 and follow up meetings have taken place to discuss other action to potentially form part of a traffic calming scheme to be presented to the Area Committee 2016/17.

5. Community Centres and buildings - help and support

The award of core costs to Long Lee Village Hall and to Hainworth Wood Community Centre provided some certainty and security for them to deliver a variety of activities in their localities. It also raised expectation that they complied with guidance as well run centres. The Ward Officer provided help and support to help ensure that the centres were able to fully comply with this.

In East Morton a 2014/15 award of Area Initiative Funding saw the replacement of some windows;

elsewhere in the village residents are exploring options to convert the now disused toilet block into a community shop. Riddlesden War Memorial Institute benefitted from an award from the Community Chest to provide new curtains and garden equipment. A positive working relationship with the local Asda Store resulted in an award of over £13,500 for external refurbishment to Hainworth Wood Community Centre.



6. Childs play.....

After school clubs, Stay and Play sessions, half term activity days, family fun days, summer

sessions provided through the Community Play and Activities Unit (including a trip out to Baildon Play Day) and a series of on street play activities provided by the Play Ranger team have provided plenty of opportunity for children and young people to take part in a variety of activities in the ward.

It included the first ever Children's Festival courtesy of Big Local and families were encouraged to 'go down into the woods' and

take part in Forest School sessions delivered at Hainworth Wood. The potential to start a new Scout group was explored (still a work in progress) and provision for our children and young people continues to be a main feature of work in the ward, particularly so given that this was the number 1 priority for residents in the Big Local consultations.



Appendix E

Keighley West Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2015

Driving up recycling in Braithwaite

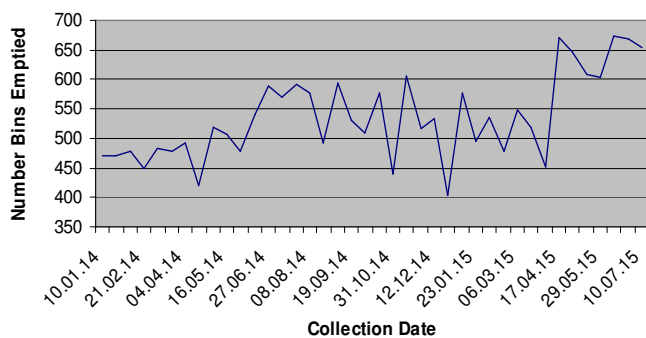
Council wardens, ward officer, environmental awareness and recycling staff teamed up for regular house by house promotion of recycling in the Braithwaite, resulting in scores of extra recycling bins being picked up.

The team aimed to speak to as many householders as possible on alternate Fridays between March and June, when the recycling collection takes place, building on awareness work done the previous year by environmental awareness staff with Our Lady of Victories Primary School, Rainbow Children's Centre and older people's group at Foster Gardens.

A total of 308 requests were made throughout the project for new recycling bins, inserts or repairs to existing recycling bins.

The lowest recorded bin count before the project was 419 on 18th April 2014 with the highest recorded bin count reaching 673 at the end of the project on 12 June 2015

RO5 Wk1 Fri Braithwaite Round



Restoring pride in neighbourhoods

Partners and residents came together to carry out a thorough clean up in small areas of Braithwaite as part of a series of mini events in the area.

Keighley Area Co-ordinator's staff worked with 10 residents, Incommunities, Places for People and Community Payback on smartening up the Whinfield Close and West Bank Close and Rise areas, where there were neglected areas of land as well as litter and dog fouling.

The clean ups saw footpaths edged, roads swept, litter picked and public land spruced up. A private landowner was also invited to take part by clearing longstanding fly tipping from his land.

Both clean ups followed doorknocks and leafleting to encourage local residents to pass on information about who is responsible for fly tipping or dog fouling, and to join in on clean up day.

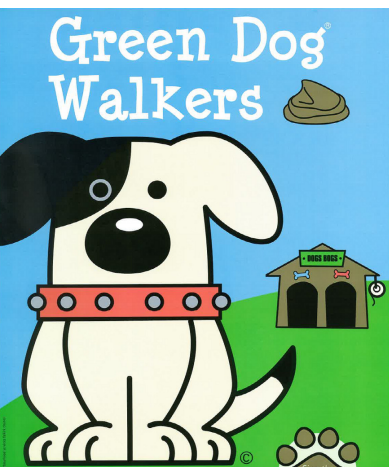
The first clean up in Whinfield Close also involved piloting a leaflet to encourage reporting of fly tippers (left). Further mini clean ups are to be organised.



Catching up with residents – new ways of engaging

The Keighley West ward officer has been looking for new opportunities to meet up with local residents to promote services or uncover any issues, and over summer has attended the following:

- Oakbank School parents evening – arranged information stalls for parents and young people, including Safer Schools, Youth Service, Young People's Info shop, Neighbourhood Watch, and recycling. Also 9 Green Dog Walkers were signed up.
- Bracken Bank Boosh fun day – very successful event led by CD worker with consultation on local issues by Incommunities. Attended by around 350 people with 14 Green Dog Walkers signed up.



- Keith Thompson Centre fun day – supported survey on planning for the centre's future, also promoted Braithwaite Improvement Partnership's proposals for play and encouraging new members.
- Yorkshire Housing's Salisbury Rd fun day – supported with leafleting wider area to encourage more residents to come and meet near neighbours; information on OWL, recycling, Green Dog Walkers.
- Dogs Trust drop in, Keith Thompson Centre – supported by Area Office and Dog Wardens, around 55 dogs had a free health check, 30 were microchipped for free. Ten owners signed up to Green Dog Walkers.

Young People's jobs and training event

Young people across the ward were invited to a special jobs and training event in July, aiming to link them up with training, apprenticeships and job opportunities.



Organised by Bradford Council's Neighbourhood and Youth Services, with support from Incommunities Open Fields staff, the event offered a wide range of advice on jobs and training, along with housing advice and information on self employment..

A range of organisations attended with training opportunities at all levels, qualifications, work place experience, apprenticeships, and courses which help prepare the way for applying for jobs, such as confidence building.

The organisations include Bradford Council Young People's Information Service, Incommunities Open Fields and housing advice, Prospects, Aspire-i, JobCentre Plus, Centrepoint and the JAMES project.



Appendix F

Worth Valley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – September 2015

No Excuses – drugs awareness project

Worth Valley ward partnership team's concerns about parents being unable to recognise the smell of cannabis and the rise of its use among young people has prompted an innovative drugs awareness project, No Excuses.



In July, a team led by Keighley Area Co-ordinator's office including police, Youth Service and Incommunities, successfully bid for Safer Communities funding for specially produced scratch and sniff postcards, which have the smell of cannabis and legal highs.

A partners' pack is now being put together in order to roll out the project firstly in the outer Keighley wards, followed by the whole area. The pack will consist of the scratch and sniff cards, leaflets from Crimestoppers about cannabis farming, the Talk to Frank website details offering guidance on drugs issues, and a record sheet to capture how many residents use

the cards and at which locations.

Partners will be encouraged to use the pack at any community engagement opportunity, for example at school parents' evenings, or on a one to one basis, to alert as many people as possible to the smell and the dangers of both cannabis and legal highs such as mephedrone or amphetamines. This should help with detection of cannabis supplies or farms, equip parents to challenge their children's drug use and link them to sources of support.

Perk up your Park !

Perk up your Park is a new initiative in Holden Park spearheaded by [Friends of Holden Park](#) working with the local CD worker, Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office and Parks and Landscapes. The project is a response to a perceived increase in litter and broken glass, at a time of reducing Parks and Landscapes resources to deal with this.

Perk Up Your Park offers an opportunity for local residents, businesses, schools, churches, community groups and anyone who values the park to become involved in its care.

The project was launched at the first litterpick in August, when 20 people took part. Since then, Friends of Holden Park have successfully bid for Community Chest and sponsorship by Parkway Furniture, which has funded litterpicking packs with a branded Hi Vis vest for volunteers who commit to regular work keeping the park clean.

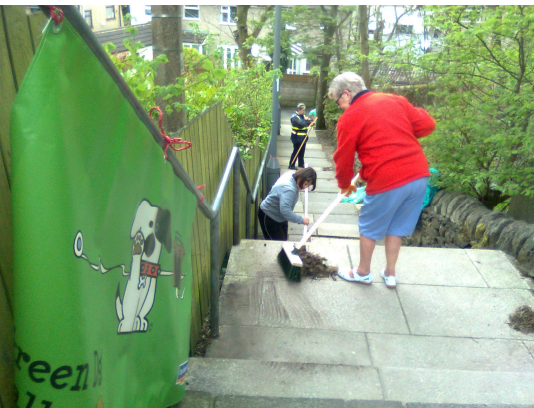
Working alongside the CD worker, the Area Office has written, printed and distributed flyers and posters, organised logo design, equipment purchase, and liaison with Parks and Landscapes. Regular Perk up your Park events will be arranged and new volunteers warmly welcomed.



Green Dog Walkers

The Green Dog Walkers scheme has been promoted by the Area Co-ordinator's Office, members and partners at events over summer, in an attempt to harness the strength of feeling about dog fouling in the area.

The ward officer visited Friends of Central Park Haworth and Holden Park, also Oxenhope and Haworth, Stanbury and Cross Roads parish council meetings to promote the scheme, and supplied Green Dog Walkers materials for St Gabriel's Church dog show, Stanbury, and Oxenhope Village Fete. Nine Green Dog Walkers were also recruited at Oakbank School's parents evening in July and 12 by the "dog poo fairy" at her special appearance for Holden Park's Fairy Fest in August.



Area Office staff also targeted doorknocking at two reported dog fouling hotspots to ask residents for information about who is responsible – Providence Crescent, Oakworth and Sun Street, Haworth. In each location, extra visits were made to dog owners suspected of allowing their dogs to foul in the area, alerting them to the risk of fines.

As a result of the Oakworth doorknock, a snicket clean up (pictured left) from Providence Crescent to Dockroyd Rd was suggested by a local resident and carried out by Area Office staff and five volunteers, with the aim of deterring fouling on a well used school route.

Another Green Dog Walker suggested Penistone Hill Country Park, Haworth, needed a clean up, as it is heavily used by dog walkers and is in a high profile tourist area. One clean up was organised in August with plans for another shortly, along with seeking funding for extra litter bins on the highway around the country park.

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- Help and information about wills and power of attorney
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Tuesday 6 October 2015 10.30am-2.30pm
Haworth Village Hall and Community Hub
Butt Lane, Haworth, BD22 8QJ

For further info contact Liz Parker at Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office on 01535 618008

FREE REFRESHMENTS

A drop in style neighbourhood forum targeting over 50s was tested out at Haworth Village Hall, Butt Lane, in September, linking to Older People's Week.

The Full of Life event offered a chance to try out table tennis, Zumba Gold or a kindle, iphone and laptop, and to chat with a wide range of advisors on wills and power of attorney, avoiding scams and fraud, fuel efficiency, home fire safety, and how to approach downsizing or decluttering for a safer home.

One attendee was keen to revive his old hobby of table tennis, and spoke to Keighley Table Tennis Centre about this, while another planned to start attending Zumba Gold classes. Seven residents joined Online Watch Link and various services received referrals as a result of the event.

