

Report of the Strategic Director – Environment and Sport to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 14 April 2016

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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 October 2015 to March 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period October 2015 to March 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16.

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 October 2015 and March 2016, 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 No other considerations



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 October 2015 – March 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16 be noted.



11. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Craven Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016

Appendix B - Ilkley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016

Appendix C – Keighley Central Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016

Appendix D – Keighley East Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016

Appendix E – Keighley West Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016

Appendix F – Worth Valley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016

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 October 2015 – March 2016

1. Supporting Older Adults in Silsden and Steeton with Eastburn



Age UK and Keighley Co-ordinators Office are meeting with a number of local residents and partners to discuss how older people as a community of interest can be supported in Silsden and Steeton with Eastburn and how they can receive information about relevant services to meet their needs in their local area. At recent meetings in February 2016 the following health topics were discussed GP's, Health and Well Being, Self-Care, Services provided by Pharmacies, Community Activities and Social Gatherings, Cold Calling, Care Link - Befriending Service, Dementia, Funding, Welcome Packs, Vulnerable Older People, Mobility and Handy Man Scheme. Volunteers and partners with one of the groups are working together to produce a booklet to include examples of local stories and relevant contact information and the group are working on pulling together a welcome pack for all residents. The Groups will continue to meet throughout 2016 to move projects forward as well as apply and target funding to deliver local health assistance and initiatives within the Silsden and Steeton with Eastburn areas.

2. New Deal – Working in partnership



Keighley Co-ordinators Office has been liaising with local councils and Ward Councillors across Craven Ward to discuss New Deal and future related activities within local Neighbourhoods. As Central Government cuts have been cascaded down to local Councils this has had a direct impact, in that, we need people to take more responsibility for doing things themselves whilst still working in partnership to make most of the resources available. Overall, the New Deal Programme brings attention to changing the way the Council and other public services can work together to improve and protect people's quality of life.

Local Councils are now considering how best to move forward and take a leading role in supporting local residents and communities in improving localities. Some recent inquiries from discussions in Craven Ward link to future responsibility for grass cutting, tree trimming, planting of community areas, keeping verges tidy, keeping or disposing of public toilets, local employment and developing community run high streets and disposal of community buildings. Against this backdrop Addingham Parish Council and Silsden Town Council together with Steeton and Eastburn Parish Council are in the process of working on their individual Neighbourhood Development Plans in partnership with Bradford Council. The two parish development plans once approved in full will assist community leaders on behalf of their residents and communities to shape development in their local areas. Further dialogue around possible New Deal proposals and local Development Plans will continue in partnership with Keighley Area Office and other Council Departments.

3. Hothfield Junior School Intergenerational Project – Young and Old Together



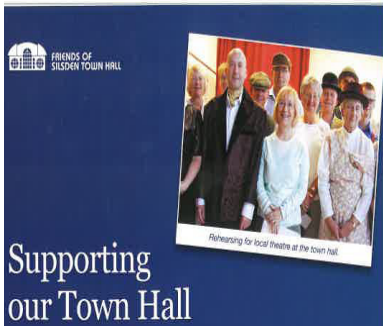
Keighley Co-ordinators Office with Imaginarium SEED and Hothfield Junior School set up a group of 'Knitting Nana's who visited the school on a lunch time period to meet up with children to teach them how to knit over a four month period. The children were quick to learn and shared their new skills with their own family members. The project provided new opportunities for the Nana's to share their own stories of schooldays, childhood games and growing up in war time Britain. The sessions were filled with laughter, chatter and at the end of the project a hand knitted blanket was produced. The children involved were very proud of what they had achieved and the blanket is now on display at the school. A quote from one of the Nana's stated 'when you get to my age and you start to feel like no one really needs you, like you don't have anything to offer – these lovely children have really shown me that it is not the case at all'. The children when asked what they had enjoyed the most replied 'all the conversations we had'. This local project was a great example of bringing different generations together.

4. HUB Building - Steeton with Eastburn Parish Council – Building Resilient Communities.



The HUB Building run by Steeton with Eastburn Parish Council offers a range of community activities and facilities such as keep fit, various craft groups, book club, language classes, children's parties, space can be hired for meetings, events or training workshops. The HUB consists of 3 rooms; two of these can be joined to form a larger space. From the HUB the local council is currently working with Keighley Co-ordinators Office to put forward a proposal to develop a Pilot Resilience Plan to support vulnerable people including the elderly and the wider community across the area. This proposal is led by the Chair of the Parish Council who will also be meeting with a representative of CBMDC Emergency Planning Team to discuss ideas and forward planning in more detail. Prior to this meeting other local representatives met and the following points were highlighted - how best to get information out to the wider community; data protection issues; ideas connected to a Resilience Street Campaign and Street Champion Scheme. Other reassurance measures discussed included Neighbourhood Watch, Street Door Knocks and Days of Action. The programme organised from the Hub will be continued to be developed in 2016.

5. Friends of Silsden Town Hall – Supporting the wider community.



The Friends of Silsden Town Hall formed in 2014 and have now held their first AGM. Since this time volunteers have targeted funding to support a range of community activities as well as engaging in on going promotion of the facilities available at Silsden Town Hall. Through the hard work of the volunteers bookings have increased and more people and local groups, organisations are making use of this community space. In addition volunteers have developed a web-site and designed a marketing brochure with support from Halls CBMDC and Keighley Co-ordinators Office. The range of activities organised by the group include a Family Event in October bringing together local groups such as Keighley Model Railway Club, Keighley Model Aeroplane Society, Lego Project, Bead Workshop, Arts and Crafts, Silsden Singers and setting up a Lunch Bunch Café. Other activities have included monthly Tea Dances, Craft Fair, Table Top Sales, Slide Show, Konflux Theatre Group, The Silsden Theatre Productions and Panto. The group continue to meet and are in the process of planning activities and projects to support the local community in 2016 – 17.

6. Youth Services – supporting Young People



Ward Youth Worker.

Support for young people in Craven Ward is provided by the Youth Service, Keighley Co-ordinators Officer within the Neighbourhood and Customer Services, Department of Environment and Sport. Throughout 2015 / 2016 the work with young people in across Craven Ward has been extensive with good levels of participation at both local and district wide events. In addition Open Access Sessions are currently being run in Silsden (x2) and Addingham (x1) and have covered the following programmes including - 1 to 1 Work, Sports, Healthy Eating, Programme Planning, Sexual Health and Outdoor Education. Over the next few months, targeted work with young people will be delivered in respect of Healthy Relationships, Social Responsibility and Drugs / Alcohol and this work will be supported via the

Appendix B

Ilkley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016

1. Dementia Friendly Ilkley

The campaign to achieve Ilkley's status as a 'Dementia Friendly' Town continues to gather pace with a dedicated band of Champions working with individuals, groups, businesses and schools encouraging them to learn more about the condition, raising awareness of how it can affect people's behaviour and understanding.



Regular Dementia Friend sessions take place at the Clarke Foley Centre providing an informative and interactive way for people to appreciate what it is like to live with dementia, as well as to consider the small things that can be done to make a difference. The intent is to create a community in which people living with dementia and their carers feel included, supported and welcome with residents able to continue to live confidently and independently in their town.

E-mail dementiafriendlyilkley@gmail.com

2. Green Dog Walkers

Ilkley Parish Council has agreed through its Community Fund Committee to support the development of the Green Dog Walker Scheme in Ilkley. A non confrontational way to tackle and change attitudes about dog fouling the scheme will be promoted extensively in the spring.

Funding will enable the purchase of Green Dog Walker collars signifying that people have 'taken the pledge' to always:

- Clean up after their dogs
- Use the GDW lead when walking their dog
- Carry extra dog waste bins and be happy to be approached to give a bag to those without.
- Be a friendly reminder to others to clean up after their dog.



leave only pawprints...

Special attention will be given to problem areas where residents have expressed concern and the campaign will be run in conjunction with Ilkley Chat to raise awareness and encourage involvement.

3. Community Assets – people and places

A changing landscape in terms of the practical use and financial costs of public buildings has prompted interest about their retention and potential future use in Ilkley. Residents in various collectives are engaged in processes to establish how they can plan proactively to retain assets in the Town.

District Councillors, Parish Council, the Civic Society, Ilkley Youth and Community Association and others have worked co-operatively to identify and nominate buildings of community value. Work will continue throughout 2016 to explore the potential for community ownership and improved use where it will be of benefit to the town.



4. Showcasing and celebrating



**2016
Ilkley and District
Volunteer Awards**

Are you aware of individuals who give time and effort for the benefit of others or who have helped to improve the amenities and resources in your community?
Do you know someone who deserves recognition?
Why not nominate a person to receive an award for outstanding service to our community?
Nominations can be received from any member of the community or voluntary organisations. Nominees must be unpaid members of the organisation.

The 3 Award Categories are:
Community Involvement : aged 25 years and over
Community Involvement : aged 24 years and under
Community Involvement : encouraging sporting activity

Nomination forms are available from:
KIVCA
Riddings Hall, Riddings Road, Ilkley LS29 9LU
Tel. 01943 603348 email: ilkley@kivca.org.uk

Deadline for nominations is Monday 29th February 2016

KIVCA
ROUND TABLE

Keighley & Ilkley Voluntary and Community Action, in association with Ilkley Parish Council, have once more hosted an awards event to recognise and celebrate the work of individuals making a real difference to the lives of people in the Ilkley area.

A real strength in Ilkley is that across the town people volunteer in many different ways, giving so much in unpaid time to improve the quality of life and experiences of others, the awards example and recognise their contribution to community life. From activity in Sports, the Arts, Befriending, supporting the Festival programmes etc the strength and depth of community effort is huge. This successful award ceremony shines a light on and pays tribute to their collective endeavour.

5. Ilkley in Bloom - Clean for the Queen

'If every adult picked up just one piece of litter and put it in a bin, that would be more than 50 million pieces of rubbish disposed of'. That's the sentiment behind the Keep Britain Tidy 'Clean for the Queen' initiative.

Ilkley in Bloom signed up to this event and incorporated into their regular Sunday morning session – 6th March 2016, to tie in with the synchronised effort across the UK.



It is hoped that over the coming months there will be more opportunity and collective effort as part of the campaign to clear up Britain in time for The Queen's 90th birthday, which will be celebrated in June.

6. Young people

Ilkley Inclusion Project is run from Ilkley Warehouse in partnership with Keighley Youth Service and the Specialist Inclusion Team. The session is held on a Monday evening between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. It provides a youth club environment and activities for young people with disabilities, with particular emphasis on developing social interaction and life skills.



young people's needs are met across the ward.

In addition, Keighley Youth Service runs an open access and generic youth club at Ilkley Warehouse on a Wednesday evening. On average, approximately 25 young people attend each session. The Youth Service has also developed valuable links with Ilkley Grammar school and Ilkley Youth and Community Association in order that

Appendix C

Keighley Central Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary October 2015 – March 2016

1. Friends of Devonshire Park - Making more use of local green spaces.



Liz Horn Ward Officer for Central Ward Keighley Area Co-ordinators Office has supported Friends of Devonshire Park to develop the Arboretum project. Kath Toch community volunteer has been leading on the project and has secured £500 from Keighley Healthy Living to develop a leaflet highlighting this local green gem as it includes a variety of trees from around the world. Kath will be organising meetings with a local graphic designer and a local botanist to help with a leaflet design. Other guided walks will be scheduled to take place in Devonshire Park as ongoing throughout the year. Once the leaflet has gone to print it will be distributed to local libraries, schools

and other local venues to promote a key attraction on our doorstep in Keighley.

2. al Hikmah – Showfield, Utley and Beechcliffe - New Deal Supporting Communities



al Hikmah based in Keighley Central Ward linking in with Keighley Co-ordinators Office had been assisting the wider communities in Keighley; in particular when the floods occurred and provided residents with hot drinks, food, assisted with the clean-up operation and were instrumental in setting up the Keighley Emergency Relief Team which works from the Al Hikmah Centre based in Beechcliffe. The group have also helped older people when bad weather hit by doing shopping and clearing drive ways in the Utley area. The group are in the process of producing a video around the theme of recycling with young people. In addition volunteers have been raising awareness on the positive aspects of recycling and with support from the local Imam at East Avenue Mosque this has resulted in more people engaging in recycling across the local area with blue bins now full to the top or recycled materials.

3. Pilot Recycling Scheme Lawkholme – Improving recycling rates in communities.



A pilot recycling scheme has been identified for the Lawkholme area and will be situated on a piece of waste land next to Eastwood Primary School. The site was cleared and bins put in by Recycling Services Bradford Council. The scheme is supported by East Wood Primary School and their local 'Green Council' along with ongoing volunteer support by local group 'Youth Vision'. Attached to the Pilot Programme is an Award Scheme for Communities in that, the more waste items recycled will result in the local community being able to pull down some monetary value that can be spent on other community initiatives such as a young person's trip or installing seating. Keighley Co-ordinators Office will monitor the progress and development of the scheme throughout 2016 – 2017 and liaise with Recycling Services CBMDC.

4. Keighley WPT Supporting Local Business and Keighley Town Centre

Keighley Co-ordinators Office via the WPT process and connecting with the local business community via Airedale Centre Manager and support worker from Regeneration Section supported Small Business



Saturday on 5th December 2015. The aim of the event was to increase and track retail activity in Keighley Town Centre – via the Healthy Streets Initiative. As part of the initiative a reward scheme for shoppers who had spent their cash in Keighley was organised and prizes on offer included a Kindle winner who had shopped at Diamond Soles, Fair-trade Hamper to a shopper at Airedale Opticians, a shopper at 52 Church Street received a M&S dinner for 6 and a shopper at KAOS received 1-Month free parking. During 2016 the Healthy High streets with support from Regeneration Section and Keighley Area Co-ordinators Office are taking forward the proposal to create a Dementia Garden in Keighley Town Centre that would be implemented on land at Church Green. In support of this project proposal WREN funding was applied for and a decision with regard to this funding application will be determined by March 2016.

5. Women's Health Event Central Ward



Keighley Area Co-ordinators Office working with other local partners including KIVCA, Eastwood Primary School, Roshni Ghar, Highfield Community Centre, Lilies of the Valley, Good Shepherd Centre, KAWACC and Holy Croft School together organised a Women's Market Place / Forum Health Event in November 2016. Around 80 women from a range of different communities and backgrounds attended the event. Health stalls, speakers and networking being part of the day. Feedback received highlighted the event was both informative and interesting, providing women with an opportunity to access a range of information

and find out about other local organisations and projects e.g. Oral Health. Seven women who attended found the confidence to volunteer and become involved in the women's planning group. The next large event is scheduled to take place in March 2016 to support International Women's Week with the theme of 'Food, Culture and Inspirational Women.'

6. Youth Services Support Young People – Central Ward



The Youth Service encouraged young people from across Central Ward to participate in a number of Crime Prevention and Consequence Workshops and Activities delivered by Bradford Consequences Project at the Girdlington Community Centre, Bradford. Approximately 60 young people benefitted from raising awareness and the consequences of becoming involved in crime. The Youth Service also has open access sessions at Victoria Park and Keighley Leisure Centre on a Monday evening in partnership with James Project and Highfield Community Centre on a Tuesday evening and BCA on a Thursday evening. On average, each youth

project attracts approximately 30 attendees per session.

Appendix D

Keighley East Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016

1. Big Local – it's all in the plan

Consultation carried on throughout the latter part of 2015 particularly in December, to work on development of the Big Local Plan for the Big Local, Keighley Valley Area.



Residents attended a number of sessions to finalise the plan before submission to agree it and draw down the funding. It has been a long process but hopefully residents will see the benefit from their effort over the summer when funding will be available to support a variety of activity.

The Area Office has been heavily involved throughout and will continue to support the group as it moves

forward over the 10 year life of the programme.

2. Fitness, Festivities and Fun

Seated exercise, singing sessions, Halloween and Christmas parties, followed by New Year fitness sessions to work off the excess! Just a taste of the activity delivered (inside and outside) across the ward in the last 6 months. Residents at Red Holt in Keighley used Halloween as an opportunity to get together and have fun, make new friends and engender some community spirit. Likewise residents in Clover Rise held an outdoor event – both areas are now working with Manningham Housing Association to establish Tenant and Resident groups. Hainworth Wood hosted its own Halloween party and a series of Christmas events for the various groups using the centre. Just samples of the activity taking place across the ward all helping to encourage neighbourliness and wellbeing.



3. Raining and pouring – the best and worse of times

Before and after Christmas, neighbourhoods in the ward suffered from the heavy rain and resulting floods. Early in December a particularly heavy deluge saw a flood of rubble wash down outside the Hainworth Wood Community Centre and young people were quick to help out and clear up.



The Stockbridge and Riverside area was particularly badly affected on Boxing Day with a number of residents forced out of their homes and many others left without heating and coping



with significant damage.

The one thing the weather didn't dampen was the neighbourliness and kindness shown on the day and since. Volunteers from the mosque arrived with hot food, the local fish and chip shop opened its doors providing food and hot drinks and somewhere to keep warm. Residents were out in force sweeping and clearing and Councillors, the clean team and army were thanked for their effort and help.

4. Dog Chipping Green Dogs?

Hainworth Wood Community Centre hosted a free micro-chipping event at the centre in conjunction with the Dogs Trust February 29th 2016. From April 2016 the law is changing and all dogs need to be chipped and contact details updated.

56 dog owners turned up with their pets and 47 dogs were chipped (the rest were checked to see that they were chipped and details correct).

Working in conjunction with the Area Office the centre also promoted the Green Dog Walker Scheme – encouraging residents to sign up and encourage others to always pick up after their dog. Wardens were on hand to press home the message and 12 residents signed up on the day.

5. Community Cleans Up



In conjunction with InCommunities and the Hainworth Wood Community Centre a Community Clean Up took place in the area Monday 15th February. A group of parents and young people joined staff for a litter pick and over 12 bags of rubbish were taken away by the cleansing team. The estates team from Incommunities also removed some bulky items all resulting in significant improvement.

Wardens issued a number of notices to households with furniture stacked in the gardens and follow up visits ensured that they had been removed. After a couple of hours in the outdoors everyone benefitted from free soup and a bread roll back at the Community Centre. A number of schemes developed along the lines of a 'loyalty card' to encourage sustainable effort to keep areas clean and tidy will be explored Spring 2016 working with Big Local.



6. Young people

Youth workers have been delivering detached youth work across the ward in order to extend the reach of the youth service. Workers have undertaken consultation around the interests of young people and will develop these sessions further over the summer months. Areas include:

- Stockbridge
- Dalton Lane
- Long Lee
- Hainworth Wood
- Spring Bank & Red Holt

In addition, a new open access session is now running from Keighley campus targeting young people from the Keighley East ward.

Appendix E

Keighley West Ward – Ward Plan Actions Summary April– October 2015 – March 2016

New Deal – residents join the conversation in Fell Lane and Laycock

Concerned about Fell Lane and Exley Head ? Want to help make improvements ?



Come and join the conversation....

Residents of the Fell Lane and Laycock areas of Keighley were invited to discuss doing public services differently as part of the Council's New Deal project to reduce demand on services.

Residents aired local concerns in small group discussions on the themes of rubbish and recycling, pride in the neighbourhood, community spirit and feeling safe. They were also guided to look for ways in which people can be more involved in the solutions.

The Fell Lane meeting felt that local people are proud of the area, and heard about individual residents who make a huge contribution to cleaning up the area by regularly litterpicking, also an active Neighbourhood Watch. However there were issues which authorities needed to pursue such as litter enforcement, anti social behaviour and drug dealing.

The Laycock meeting focused on the community-run Village Hall which is hugely successful and attracts a wide range of users, also the tight knit nature of the ageing community where people do look after each other. Residents felt there was not enough information on crime in the area relating to population, and welcomed the idea of community speedwatches.

Mini clean ups continue

Partners and residents in Braithwaite got together to spruce up two streets and a set of well used steps in December. The clean up in Whinfield Drive and Coronation Way was the third in a series of mini clean ups across the estate, and was being organised by Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office and Incommunities, supported by residents, district and town councillors.

Everyone who took part enjoyed a mince pie and hot drink at the Keith Thompson Centre nearby. Another clean up planned for the Clean for the Queen weekend on March 4, was postponed due to snow. The clean up in Broster Ave and the School Walk footpath aimed to tackle fly tipping around the edge of the field crossed every day by many children attending Our Lady of Victories School, and will be rearranged as soon as possible

The Area Office also took part in a clean up in the grounds of the Sue Belcher Centre, Bracken Bank, and along Bracken Bank Ave, in February, along with Incommunities and Bracken Bank and District Community Association.

Partners get together in Braithwaite

Organisations and groups working in Braithwaite, Keighley, have begun to meet and share information about what work they are doing in the area, what gaps there are currently, and what major issues and concerns need a joint approach.

Two meetings for partners have been held so far at Merlin Top Academy in November and March. Members, social landlords, schools and children's centre, voluntary groups, police and various council services including Youth Service have all met to firstly map all that's on offer to residents in the area, and to consider how to approach shared issues.

Outcomes from the meetings include talks about setting up a community magazine for the area, work to set up a new scout group at Merlin Top Academy, discussions about the new Early Help offer shortly to be piloted in Keighley, and considering reviving the Braithwaite and Guardhouse annual Gala. There has also been general information sharing which will hopefully lead to increased uptake of services and better resident engagement.



7 pm Wednesday 28 October
Trinity Church, Fell Lane, BD22 6AA

- Tell us what matters in your neighbourhood
- Tell us what you and others are doing to help, and how we could encourage more people to join in
- What help do people need to do more for themselves and their community?

We'll be talking about the effects of cuts in council and other public services – we need everyone's ideas on how to do things differently!



For further info please ring Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office 01535 618008 liz.parker@bradford.gov.uk



Keighley Green Dog Walkers asked to start counting...



Green Dog Walkers in Keighley were asked to help tackle a suspected seasonal rise in dog fouling on the streets.

Irresponsible dog owners may see dark mornings and nights, rain and snow as another excuse not to pick up their dog foul, but Green Dog Walkers can help pinpoint locations on their usual walking route where there's an increased problem. The Area Co-ordinator's Office asked Green Dog Walkers to start counting piles of dog fouling and keep a note.

A report from a Green Dog Walker of increased problems on pavements and a snicket in the Salisbury Rd\Litton Rd area off Fell Lane saw the Area Office, Yorkshire Housing and Manningham Housing staff get together to jointly doorknock the area, to remind dog owners to pick up after their dog

Staff also asked residents if they could identify the owners involved, so Council wardens or social landlords could outline their responsibilities along with promoting the Council's Green Dog Walker scheme, which is a friendly way of encouraging all dog

owners to pick up after their dog, and always carry bags.

As a result one local dog owner was identified and contacted, and more doorknocking in the area is planned for April.

Successful new session for Braithwaite youth

Through consultation with young people, the Youth Service in Keighley identified that young people in the Braithwaite area did not have any youth provision apart from the Friday evening youth club.

As a result, the Youth Service has now extended the provision to include a youth club on a Thursday evening between 6pm and 9pm, specifically aimed at young people aged 14 and above. This officially opened in January 2016 and attracts approximately 20 young people on a weekly basis.

The focus of the session is project work including information, advice and guidance (education and careers), health and wellbeing, a music project, local issues and lots lots more!



Appendix F

Worth Valley Ward - Ward Plan Actions Summary April – October 2015 – March 2016

A smarter car park for visitors and residents

A team from Community Payback has worked with Parking Services, ward officer and members to improve a huge car park in Haworth.

The Bronte Village car park off Weavers' Hill has four levels, and is used by thousands of visitors every year, but had become overgrown and uneven in places. It has also been a target for car break ins.

In November and December, the Community Payback team carried out major cutting back around the car parks and footpaths to the village, also digging out the edges to reveal kerbing.

Parking Services will look at improving potholed surfaces in Spring, and cleaning up dirty and faded signs. Later, members and the ward officer will sound out interest amongst local residents for getting involved in restoring the picnic area on the upper level too.



No Excuses – you know that smell !

Hundreds of people have now taken part in the No Excuses drugs awareness project in Keighley, which was launched mid January.

The project, which involves using scratch and sniff cards to educate people on the smell of cannabis and other drugs, was also promoted at a second Oakbank School parents evening in February 3 by Neighbourhood and Youth Service staff.

Also primary schools in the Worth Valley and Keighley West have been asked to include No Excuses in their transition plans for parents of year 6 children at a meeting with the ward officer. Some of the school head teachers also see the pack as a valuable resource for educating staff in relation to family concerns.

So far, 52 of 100 No Excuses packs have been given to partners, which include schools, social housing providers, police officers, youth workers, neighbourhood watches, Parish Councils, voluntary organisations and churches . The packs contain the scratch and sniff cards, leaflets, advice for parents and illustrations of drug equipment so they can use them with their clients or customers.



At least 400 residents have now used the scratch and sniff cards, including parents of Oakbank School children, members of the public at the Airedale Centre, also customers in Oakworth and Oxenhope Co-ops and Haworth Spar.

The Keighley wide project is a partnership between the Neighbourhood Service, Youth Service, Police, Incommunities with help from Project 6, and was funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Work will continue in the Worth Valley and other outer Keighley wards, then moving into the remaining wards. The project team will shortly discuss the potential for linking up with work on new psychoactive substances, formerly known as legal highs.

Planning the future of local services



Parish Council chairs, Ward Officer and members have begun conversations about the New Deal initiative aiming to find new ways of sustaining local services in the Worth Valley

Both Oxenhope and Haworth, Stanbury and Cross Roads Parish Council representatives have been asked to consider whether they may have a role in the delivery of some services, and if so, which services they might include. Both councils are keen to sound out local people's views on this. In Oxenhope, the ward officer attended the Parish Council participatory budgeting event with a New Deal activity, which involved asking residents to consider who is best placed to deliver services that local people want in the future.

In a sticky dot and post it note exercise, residents were asked what Bradford Council, the Parish Council, and groups or volunteers could contribute to delivering a vast range of services, or whether some services should actually stop. It is hoped a similar exercise can be carried out in other locations in order to gauge public opinion on this.

Site visits help resolve highways issues in Worth Valley



The ward officer invited senior Highways officers and members for a tour of longstanding highways issues across the ward, in order to resolve or draw a line under some of them.

The locations included Cross Roads, where residents complain about congestion and driver behaviour around Lees Primary School, also poor sight lines at the junction of Haworth Road and Hebden Bridge Road. This issue will now be resolved with new signage, and a scheme worked up in

conjunction with school, to go to public consultation as soon as possible. The tour also included a churned up verge in Stanbury (left) which has been the subject of complaints and relates to the shortage of parking in the village. Highways staff hope to find ways of making the verge look better using road planning, while members will be speaking to the village primary school and Parish Councillors to explore other options for parking for parents, possibly including a "park and stride" scheme using an ancient footpath from one end of the village.

Ski-ing adventure for Oxenhope young people



Youth Work across the Worth Valley incorporates open access provision at Oxenhope Community Centre, Holden Hall and Haworth Community Centre, as well as detached/outreach sessions across the valley.

After initial outreach work with young people, and working in partnership with the Parish Council at Oxenhope and The Friends of Holden Hall Users Groups at Oakworth, two open access sessions have been set up and are attracting 30+ young people each session.

The young people are involved in planning programmes and directing activities. A group of approximately twelve young people from the Oxenhope Youth Club recently visited Halifax Ski Centre during the February half term period to participate in ski and snow sports.

The visit was organised in partnership between Oxenhope Parish Council and the Youth Service in Keighley. Young people are benefitting from new experiences, building confidence and gaining accreditation for their engagement in a wide variety of youth work activities