
Wyke Area Neighbourhood Management Update

Briefing Note of the Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods and Housing

1. Purpose of the Briefing Note and Summary

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Wyke Area Committee on Ward activity across the Area.

2. Avenue Ward Update

Achievements

- 2.1 A mix of Heritage and Manchester style bollards have been installed across the frontage of properties on Marlborough Avenue, including the Froebel School, following a number of near-miss incidents involving vehicles and pedestrians, some of whom were school children. It is now hoped such activity will not occur at this location increasing resident safety as well as protecting the verges from vehicular damage.
- 2.2 Following data that demonstrated an increase in burglaries to both households and outhouse buildings, the Ward Members approved funding towards the purchase of alarmed padlocks and PIR sensor alarms to be provided to those at risk of, or recent victims of, burglaries in the Avenue ward.
- 2.3 A partnership between the Neighbourhood Team, the Youth Service, the Parks for People Engagement Officer and a local youth activity organiser, provided a number of activities in Pearson Park throughout the school summer holiday period under the banner 'Lark in the Park' providing much needed focussed and organised activities for young people in the area. Due to Covid-19, many of these activities were organised very differently to the way they have in the past. The activities were targeted only at children and families who were on the park at the time of the sessions. To follow Government guidelines, no more than 30 people in total were involved in any activity.
- 2.4 The faded wall advert for Adsells has been refreshed by a local artist on the gable end of the property on Chanterlands Avenue close to Western

Cemetery. Work to the area of land adjacent to this property is being planned by the local Traders and Residents Group in partnership with the Neighbourhood Team.

- 2.5 One of the Active Citizen projects from 2019 that continues to work in partnership with the Neighbourhood Team has recently secured £10,000 of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to develop the 'Create and Express' project that is based in studio space in the Prospect Centre. The name of the project is BAME vs COVID-19 and its aims are to work with BAME based musicians mainly based in Wyke to act as ambassadors in addressing concerns in their communities, using music as a tool to alleviate the disproportionate impact of COVID-19. The project lead will work with local people in the studio to compose, produce and record music in their own native languages in order to have maximum impact. The project will run until January 2021 and there will be an awareness event held on 19th September at the HANA Community Centre.
- 2.6 The developing working relationship with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (YWT) continues to reap benefits for residents and visitors to the Ward. Utilising the volunteer base available through Friends of the Earth, the initiative targets locations across the Ward and nearby (such as Stepney Lane area) where patches of litter and waste have accumulated in areas around wildflowers and thus detract from the general pleasing views. Volunteer work to reduce such unsightly areas will continue. Since late August, YWT has reported an improving situation with regards to litter and the general environment around Princes Avenue and Pearson Park.

Progress Updates

- 2.7 The Neighbourhood Coordinator met with local Police PCSO to view areas of concern in both the Thoresby area of the Ward and to consider what measures and joint working can be developed to address certain concerns relating to damage to property and general anti-social behaviour.
- 2.8 Members of the Green Corridor Art Project, led by a trained Active Citizen, have moved forward in their plans for improving the environment along the Duesbery Street to Beverley Road cycle track. Following the Butterfly City Project through the planting of specific shrubs that attract rare butterflies, a Butterfly count was held in early August. Also, and more ambitiously, a project to create a mural on the garage walls along the track is being developed by the group as well as further planting of shrubbery that attracts a mixture of insects and birds.
- 2.9 The Neighbourhood Team is working with Love Your Street colleagues to make improvements to a long standing issue of contaminated bins and fly tipping to the front and rear of the flats on the corner of Princes Avenue and Spring Bank, close to General Cemetery. A local resident has become actively involved in talking to the neighbours and trying to ensure the bins are properly presented. The fly tipping is now much reduced and work will continue to ensure the bins are used as intended.

Future Plans

- 2.10 A group of residents and business owners in Princes Avenue are looking into potential solutions that would have community support to reduce graffiti that is evident on a private boundary wall on Princes Avenue near to Pearson Park. Westbourne House has also expressed a willingness to get involved. The owner of the property as well as those investigating this matter are keen to see a solution that has the support of all groups in the area and further updates will be provided to Ward Members.
- 2.11 A group of residents are also working with Artlink, which has a new Director, to consider the possibilities of a community craft project. The old advertising space/hoarding next to the convenience store at the corner of Park Grove and Princes Avenue would seem to be the ideal location for a temporary fix.
- 2.12 The Neighbourhood Coordinator is looking with the local Love Your Street colleague, to identify areas of concern specifically in the Margaret Street area, identifying residents keen to work in partnership with the Council to then consider solutions. Further details will be provided at a future Ward Member briefing.

3 Bricknell Ward Update

Achievements

- 3.1 A flashing speed sign is being erected on National Avenue. This is to address the issue of cars driving at excessive speed along the road.
- 3.2 A number of measures are to be introduced across the ward to protect verges from damage. This issue has been raised by a number of local residents and is a particular issue due to the recent heavy rain making the ground particularly soft.
- 3.3 A partnership approach is being used to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour taking place in and around Cropton Park. The Neighbourhood Team, Neighbourhood Nuisance Officers, Fire and Rescue Service, Police and HCaL are working together to reduce the number of incidents.

Progress Updates

- 3.4 The improvement plan for Cropton Park has been agreed. Consultation with regard to the community garden and new play equipment have been delayed but will be taking place in the near future.
- 3.5 The 'Homezone' project on Loveridge Avenue has been formally advertised via the Notice of Proposal for (1) Home Zone Designation and (2) Use. This includes developing the necessary statements and drawings

for the formal notification stage and further consultation with the residents will be undertaken.

- 3.6 A review of the parking on Bricknell Avenue has been completed and options to address the increased number of vehicles using the area will be shared with local residents in the near future.
- 3.7 Following a number of road traffic incidents near to Bricknell Avenue/Chanterlands Avenue roundabout, Manchester style bollards have been installed. This will make local residents feel safer and provide protection for pedestrians.

Future Plans

- 3.8 An additional blue plaque has been approved for Newland Park. This will commemorate the location of the Hull City Transport headquarters during World War Two.
- 3.9 The community allotments on Bakersfield have been rotarvated and can now be re-established as a number of local residents have shown interest in taking plots.
- 3.10 Wyke Rugby Club is starting on their new winter training facility. This will provide the opportunity for local residents to improve their health and fitness within their local area.

4.0 Central Ward Update

Achievements

- 4.1 A new floor design to promote community cohesion has been implemented on Redtop/Tunis Street Park. This includes the word "Hello" written in over 20 different languages.
- 4.2 A 'Bring Out Your Rubbish Day' event has taken place in Sculcoates Lane area and another is planned for the Stanley Street area in January after concerns were raised by residents and colleagues at Love Your Street around fly-tipping. The Ward Members propose to hold more events in other areas of the ward next year.
- 4.3 Ward budget was used to support the clearance of fly tipping. Incidents of fly tipping on Mayfield Street are being monitored after concerns were raised by residents around the problems they have faced. It has also been reported to colleagues at the Love Your Street Team who will also continue to monitor and educate on waste disposal and recycling where necessary.
- 4.4 Following discussions with local residents on West Parade and Stanley Street and also Spring Bank Community Centre, the small bins close to

Collingwood Park will be removed. They will be replaced by larger bins to deter litter and fly tipping that was continuing to blight the area.

- 4.5 A range of activities have taken place over the school summer holidays at Peel Street Park as part of the “Lark in the Park”, a partnership between the Neighbourhood Team, the Youth Service, The Parks for People Engagement Officer and a local youth activity organiser. They were very well received by children and families around the area.
- 4.6 As part of the joint project ongoing with Absolutely Cultured, the Neighbourhood Team and Parks & Open Spaces Team granted permission for artists of Bankside Gallery to use the Peel Street Park Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) as an authorised spray area. The MUGA had become the centre of ASB and “tagging” and it will now improve the area and feel of the neighbourhood by showcasing graffiti art through the Bankside Gallery team.

Progress Update

- 4.7 A highways scheme is being investigated after residents raised concerns regarding the lack of available parking on Blake Close. Once the different options are provided by the Highways Design Team, the Neighbourhood Team and Ward Members will work closely with residents to determine a solution.
- 4.8 Quotes have been requested from the Council’s Parks & Open Spaces Team for improvements to the Middleton Street Pocket Park. This will include estimates to replace various pieces of equipment and install new equipment as requested by residents. Work has started to clear up the park and remove overgrown vegetation.
- 4.9 The highways project on Vane Street is due to be completed by the end of September. The works aim to make the area safer after residents raised concerns around vehicles using the one way system illegally.
- 4.10 Repairs to the basketball court at Tunis Street/Redtop Park are due to take place shortly to improve the playing surface. The works have been supported by the Ward Budget.

Future Plans

- 4.11 Working with a cycling company, the feasibility of introducing bike libraries in conjunction with some of the primary schools within Central ward is being investigated. The proposal would enable children to hire a bike for a year; the hire cost includes maintenance for a year. As the child grows, the project would provide a bigger cycle to encourage the continued use of a bike.

- 4.12 Work is progressing on Beverley Road Baths building and the scaffolding is now all erected. The next phase of the project is to repair the roof and then move on to the interior work on the pool area and gymnasium.
- 4.13 Additional site meetings have taken place at the National Picture Theatre on Beverley Road and the initial clearance work has been completed. Conception Architects have visited the site and are in the process of updating the condition survey following the removal of obstructing vegetation. The project is ongoing.

5.0 Wyke Area Updates

- 5.1 Following completion of the HLF funded improvement works in Pearson Park, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in the Park on 27th August, 160 years from the date when the Park was originally handed over to the citizens of Hull by Zachariah Pearson. The Lord Mayor led the ceremony with members of Pearson Park Trust. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event was by invitation only with various organisations involved in the restoration of features in the park invited along with representatives from the Friends Group. Marian Shaw, the great, great grand-daughter of Zachariah Pearson also attended the event. The ceremony was featured in the local media. Focus will now be on maximising the use of the park by all sections of the community in accordance with the targets set by the Heritage Lottery fund.
- 5.2 The Neighbourhood Teams have been central to the Council's community response to the COVID-19 pandemic. From Monday, 15th June, Neighbourhood Co-ordinators undertook a dual role in carrying out their normal Neighbourhood Co-ordinator duties whilst also supporting the continuing work of the Community Hubs in responding to residents requests submitted through the Hull Helpline. A review of the ongoing Community Hub operations in August, enabled Neighbourhood Co-ordinators to return to normal duties from Monday, 18th August, 2020.
- 5.3 Working arrangements will be periodically reviewed but require flexibility in order to respond to any increase in demands through the Hull Helpline but also to priority Ward projects.
- 5.4 Neighbourhood Co-ordinators have been tasked to prioritise discussions with Ward Members to identify potential Ward budget projects. This will enable colleagues to develop project proposals for discussion with Members.
- 5.5 Ward and Area Tasking Partnership meetings recommenced during July, 2020 through the holding of virtual tasking meetings. Updates will be provided to Ward Members through Ward briefings.

6.0 Next Steps

- 6.1 During the current COVID-19 pandemic, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator resources have been redirected to the Council's community response activities. Neighbourhood Co-ordinators returned to normal duties in August with the development of Ward budget projects a priority.
- 6.2 The Neighbourhood Team will continue to work closely with Ward Members, local residents, community groups and partner agencies to local identify issues and deliver solutions. Regular meetings and events allow partners and residents the opportunity to discuss issues of concern and develop projects for the benefit of the local neighbourhoods and the wider community.

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