

COALFIELD Work Plan 2019/20

Area Priority	Actions	Progress
Support Traders groups in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row (and other areas where appropriate) to develop initiatives to increase footfall	Monitor and develop the current Retail Support project	The Retail Support project supported a number of activities and events across the three shopping areas including additional and improved planters and troughs, bunting and Christmas celebrations. The project has now ended and a balance of Neighbourhood Fund returned.
	Continue to support environmental improvement of the shopping areas	The remaining balance of Neighbourhood Fund has been reallocated to 'Environmental Improvements for the benefit of shopping areas', with the lead agent being the Area Community Development Lead, under the direction of the Board. ONGOING
Deliver educational, environmental and physical improvement projects to encourage communities to take pride in their local area	Support 'Friends of' groups and community groups to encourage local residents to get more involved in their local environment	Friends groups across the area have been supported to deliver community activities to get local residents involved. A Friends small grant scheme is available to any local group who have correct permissions and governance in place.
	Encourage local residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and continue to deliver 'Love Where You Live' activity	Residents, groups and volunteers continue to support the Love Where You Live Campaign and keep their neighbourhoods tidy. The continuation of this important work will be encouraged via the VCS network, local schools and in partnership with colleagues in Sunderland City Council
	Deliver an educational programme to all primary schools in the area via the My Space, Our Place project	The My Place, Our Space project is working with all 15 primary schools across the Coalfield area. Environment week will be delivered in each school to each year group and will include educational and practical sessions to encourage children and young people to take care of their own environment. The project is on hold until the new academic year ONGOING
	Research the feasibility of installing inclusive play equipment at specific sites to enable children with limited mobility to access play areas	This has been discussed at the last two Place Board meetings as part of the fixed play condition survey. An update was provided to the December Area Committee and a further update to the January 2020 Place Board. Inclusive equipment is being installed at Newbottle, King George V and Flatts play areas.
Celebrate and support long standing and historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities	Explore and deliver community projects with the VCS Network to engage local residents in cultural activity	The old pitwheel from Elemore Colliery has been installed at the entrance to the former mine. A number of VE Day 75 events and activities were planned but had to be postponed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.
	Continue to support Houghton Feast	The 2019 Houghton Feast was supported, once again, by Neighbourhood Fund. The plans for 2020 Feast are uncertain due to the Covid 19 situation.

Improve road safety	Develop an intelligence led Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) programme across all wards.	Proposed locations have been forwarded to Highways who will gather any other relevant information e.g. accident data, details of any other traffic calming measures, speed survey requirements and provide a project timeline in terms of undertaking additional intelligence gathering, assessment of the data and the procurement process. ONGOING
	Develop a Road Safety educational programme with local schools	A poster competition has been developed for primary schools. The prize for the winner will be signs for the areas around the school. There is currently a range of educational activity being delivered in schools.
Tackle specific hotspot areas which are an eyesore or cause a blight on the neighbourhood	Develop a process to identify and address neighbourhood issues	Issues raised via the Place Board are directed to the relevant service area who are invited to attend meetings as and when relevant.
	Work with partners and service areas to implement multi-agency solutions to identified issues	Working with partners via LMAPS a number of joint initiatives have taken place to improve hotspot areas. Recent walk-about in the Hetton ward have identified specific issues which are being addressed by the relevant service area/partner
	Encourage young people to be involved in environmental awareness as part of detached youth provision (People Board priority)*	School holiday provision includes an element of environmental awareness, including litter picks. The Friends of Herrington Country Park hold regular 'family' tidy ups in the park to encourage children, families and young people to Love Where they Live. Youth clubs and detached provision will encourage young people to think about their environment and how human behaviour can have a negative impact

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Reduce stress caused by financial concerns by providing information and access to advice services	Develop, deliver and monitor the R U Ready for UC project	During the last reporting quarter there were over 30 drop in sessions available at the Hetton Hub and ShARP. A total of 60 people have been supported during the quarter, 30 of who were accessing the service for the first time. People have been registering for, and accessing, their Universal Credit account, and have been supported with job search. The March Area Committee agreed to extend the project for a further 12 months from July 2020, with revised outcomes. ONGOING
	Promote services available locally by ShARP, Gentoo and VCS Network partners	ShARP deliver benefit and money management advice across the Coalfield area and promote their service widely via the VCS Network. Advice on Prescription is currently being delivered in 6 GP surgeries across the area.
Reduce isolation and improve social participation and access to services for older people, vulnerable adults and carers	Provide access to support for carers by delivering and monitoring the Caring for Carers	During the last quarter, colleagues from Sunderland Carers Centre have attended VCS Network meetings and engaged with a small number of local organisations and community groups. As part of the Caring for Carers project a resource pack and on-line facility for organisations has been

	Neighbourhood Fund funded project	developed. The roll out within the locality was planned for April/May, but is now delayed due to the Covid 19 situation. Support for individual carers and families is ongoing.
	Facilitate access to social activities to reduce loneliness and social isolation	VCS Network members offer a wide range of activities and support to reduce isolation amongst those in the community who need it. A number of Coalfield Healthy and Active Programme (CHAP) projects, recently funded by Area Committee are on hold until after the summer. ONGOING
	Explore the development of digital solutions to combat social isolation	The Neighbourhood Fund Coalfield Communities Connected project is delivered in 8 local community venues. A range of support and subjects of interest are on offer to provide a socially inclusive service for local residents. The March meeting of Area Committee agreed to provide funding for a revised two year project to support residents to access IT and become more digitally included. ONGOING
	Support the Community Transport project to build capacity in order to provide more transport solutions for local people	ELCAP Community Transport now has four mini buses and provides a wide range of services and support to local residents. In addition to the successful shopping bus, operating twice a week, accessible transport to lunch clubs, social clubs, health activities and other provision is available. The service is offered to all sectors of the community including older people, less mobile residents, children and young people. Neighbourhood Fund was allocated to ELCAP Transport to employ another part time driver. ONGOING
Encourage and support local residents to eat healthily and take part in wellbeing activity.	Support children and families during school holidays with alternatives to school lunches	A Call for Projects for summer holiday activities will be made via the VCS Network. ONGOING
	Support adults to take part in physical activity to improve health	The CHAP programme described above will support this. There is also a wider range of provision across the area which is promoted via the VCS Network ONGOING
	Encourage families with pre-school/primary age children to eat healthily and take part in physical, fun, activity	Working with the Change for Life Team, local organisations and schools are being offered the opportunity to take part in services and activities available
Develop self-care and prevention projects to improve health outcomes for local people	Gather local intelligence and data to inform further actions	Data and intelligence provided by CCG and Public Health colleagues has informed the Coalfield Healthy and Active Programme (CHAP)
	Work in partnership with health partners to develop locality-based initiatives	The CHAP programme is a joint funded initiative between Area Committee, Public Health and CCG
Increase digital inclusion in local communities	Continue to deliver and develop the Coalfield Communities Connected	The Neighbourhood Fund Coalfield Communities Connected project is delivered in 8 local community venues to give learners a wide range of ICT

	project to meet the needs of the community	subjects to improve their skills and support them to become Digital Citizens. In the first year of the Digital Inclusion project over 1500 additional Digital structured learning hours have been delivered to residents in the Coalfield area. A range of support and subjects of interest are on offer to provide a socially inclusive service for local residents. Further funding has been agreed by Area Committee to develop a two year project to further support residents to access IT and become more digitally included ONGOING
	Support local organisations to provide access to computers and support to local residents	As above
Support capacity building in local VCS organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working	Encourage collaborative working amongst local organisations through partnership projects and attendance at the VCS Network meetings	Local groups are encouraged to attend VCS Network meetings, and share information about projects and opportunities. Neighbourhood Fund projects are required to work in partnership with others.
	Continue to support and work with community groups and volunteers as part of the SIB 'Step up' project	During the last year 48 new volunteers and 52 existing volunteers have received support from the Step Up project. A total of 22 local groups have also received support. The project will continue until August 2020 ONGOING
Support provision of activities for young people that increase their confidence and involvement in community and area events and projects	Continue CAN DO fund. Invite successful applicants to feedback results to People Board	There have been 8 successful applications to the CAN DO Fund during the last year. ONGOING
	Support positive engagement and provide activities during holiday periods	
	Provide centre based activity	A project to provide a two year youth activity programme was approved at the December Area Committee. This project will include centre-based and outdoor activity in line with Covid 19 guidelines and ensuring young people and workers are kept safe ONGOING
	Provide intelligence led detached youth work in areas of concern or high levels of ASB *Jointly with Place Board	As part of the two year youth activity programme commencing in April, detached or outreach will be carried out in relevant locations
	Work with services and organisations to provide support to improve teenage mental health	Washington Mind is currently delivering a Neighbourhood Fund project to address this issue.