

Examples of Achievements and Activities

During

Quarter 4 2018/19

PEOPLE

Objective: Reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime

Second Knife Amnesty Event - Gedling Borough Council supported the second Nottinghamshire Police Knife Amnesty Event in March. 635 knives were handed in across Nottinghamshire including at a reception point in the Civic Centre in Arnold. This is the highest number since the amnesty launch in 2013. Weapon searches in open space, test purchases to ensure that knives are not sold to those under 16 and talks to schools were also carried out. The amnesty helps prevent potentially deadly weapons falling into the wrong hands.

Community Theatre - Work has continued with The Pythian Group on knife crime prevention holding eight events in Q4 for young people.

Objective: Provide a range of leisure activities for young people

Diversionsary Activities at Local Youth Settings - Diversionsary activities continue to expand with Netherfield Youth club starting to deliver Smash up badminton sessions in the New Year. Youth Club Staff will be attending training and will therefore be delivering the session within the youth club setting to allow the sessions to be sustainable.

The delivery of club 1 individual fitness activities will commence in January at Newstead Youth Club. Sessions have been planned by the coaches to give the young people in Newstead the opportunity to try a range of activities.

These activities have been possible following funding secured by Gedling Borough Council.

Carlton Forum's Pools - Due to improved training of staff, a pool plant review and a programme of planned preventative maintenance the good news is that Carlton Forum have not cancelled a swimming lesson or closed the swimming pools due to a plant room failure since February 2018. As a result of this operational stability, improved pool programming and good staff Carlton Forums swim school has grown in members and income.

Record number of kids learning to Swim - Gedling's swimming pools are at an all-time high in terms of the number of children currently on the 'learn to swim scheme'. By the end of March, there were 2669 compared to 2223 in March last year, which demonstrates the excellent teaching standards and overall service at the sites that is attracting so many new customers.

Football Development - Football Development Group meeting held on Monday 21st January, with representatives from 9 different clubs. Topics discussed included Local Football Facility Plan, Playing Pitch Strategy and the confirmed FA level 1 course running at Redhill in April/May 2019.

A Community Infrastructure Levy application successful for funding towards Lambley Lane Rec to make necessary improvements to the football facilities on that site. Initial consultation with Lambley Lane Rec users has taken place and an FA Pitch inspection has taken place.

Objective: Reduce hardship and provide support to the most vulnerable

Warm Homes on Prescription - The innovative Warm Homes on Prescription service has continued to grow in 2018/19 which has been its most successful year to date. A total of 14 low income households suffering priority medical conditions have been supported with improvement works such as improved insulation or heating systems to remove hazards in the home and lift householders out of fuel poverty. The project partnership approach has been recognised and picked up the Efficiency East Midlands "*Collaborative Working Award 2019*".

The council recently adopted an Energy Company Obligation Statement of Intent which seeks to attract substantially more funding from utilities companies in 2019/20 to help vulnerable households in the borough.

Netherfield Cinder Path - The Cinder Path received approximately £90,000 funding from WREN, Gedling Homes and Gedling Borough Council in September to refurbish a space that is well loved by residents. The new route was opened by the Mayor in March 2019 and local schoolchildren attended from Netherfield Primary School and Colwick St Johns Primary to undertake a local history quiz on the day.

The improvements have opened up the route so it feels safer for users with new lighting installed, old lighting reconfigured, dead and diseased trees and shrubbery removed. Four new interpretation panels have also been installed depicting the history of Cinder Path and its link with the former Bourne factory, the history of the local railway line and information boards to promote walking and its health benefits.

Gedling Mineral Line - A Strategy has been developed for the implementation of a cycling/walking route along the mineral line. With the current landowner being Network Rail and the responsibility for cycling and walking sitting with Nottinghamshire County Council, the Borough Council is seeking to work with Nottinghamshire County Council to come up with a plan for moving the project forward.

The Locality Coordinator for Netherfield has been in regular liaison with Network Rail regarding improvements to the current condition of the route.

Plans are also being developed to extend the work of the Cinder Path to take in Manvers Street and to link with the Mineral Line route. This section is also owned by Network Rail. Detailed design work is being undertaken and costed and then will be presented to Network Rail to inform and influence delivery possibilities. £3,500 funding from Gedling Homes has been received to undertake this work.

Conway Park - Refurbishment Plan and Strategy has been produced for Conway Park and further work to align this with the Borough's Heritage Strategy is planned. A funding bid has now been submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme for an Adult Gym and a further bid submitted to WREN for children's Play Area.

WeRHere - WeRHere is a counselling service for families who are facing crisis and the Council agreed a Service Level Agreement and grant funding with the service for 2018/19.

WeRHere supported 19 clients and delivered 313 sessions in the first 6 months of 18/19. Figures for the second half of the year are due in May 2019.

GBC Staff Training - An Improving Health through Warmer Homes course was co-ordinated for GBC staff. 13 members of staff from, Community Relations, Housing, Public Protection and Customer Services attended the course delivered by the Notts Energy partnership.

Objective: Promote and encourage pride, good citizenship and participation in the local area

Heritage Brought Alive Project - On 15th March Gedling Borough's "Heritage Brought Alive Project" was launched at Café 1899 at Gedling Country Park. The event included a book launch, the unveiling of mosaics created by local children, a mural and a short film showing information about the borough's historic places, people and industries. The project, made possible thanks to a £74,900 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the work of volunteers over the last 15 months, is part of the council's heritage strategy with more projects planned to follow.

Memorial to Florence Paton - A memorial to Florence Paton, the first woman Member of Parliament in Nottinghamshire has been installed at Carlton Hill Garden for the Blind. She represented the Rushcliffe Constituency for Labour from 1945- 1950. In 1945 Rushcliffe included Gedling, Colwick and the entire urban district of Carlton. Artist Hilary Cartmel was commissioned by Councillor Roxanne Ellis along with the International Women's Day steering group to produce the memorial. The art work describes some of Florence's key political concerns and her links to the local area.

Caribbean Elders - This local elders group was previously unconstituted, without a bank account, internal policies, nor any membership administration and totally reliant upon former Gedling CVS staff for all arrangements, from booking of meals, day trips, Christmas outings, guest speakers and regular chair based exercise sessions. As a result of ongoing one to one support from the Council since the closure of Gedling CVS, the group now has a committee of four individuals, a bank account, has adopted a constitution and full set of required policies, membership forms and maintains a membership register. The group has also participated in high profile media projects over the last two years and was successful in receiving a further three year's grant funding from the County Council in 2018 with support from the Community Investment Manager. Three members of the group also regularly attend meetings of the Gedling Seniors Council.

Eagles Nest Community Centre and VCS Hub - One year on from the successful asset transfer, recent one to one meetings and discussions with Eagles Nest have yielded outstanding outcomes at the Eagles Nest CC. Eagles Nest has just filed the first full year's Annual Report and is now making a £5k surplus, is fully booked and delivering a wide range of programmes and activities, including parent and toddler groups, social and creative activities for older people, intergenerational sessions and much more. Plans are underway for further reinvestment back into the centre as follows.

The Eagles Nest has acted as a mentor to other groups considering Asset Transfer, and a natural progression of this has been the establishment of a VCS Resource Hub at Arnot Hill House. We have actively promoted the facilities through the COMMUNITY E Newsletter and Contacts, which has led to at least two new groups signing up to use the facilities. Collaborative work is also underway between GBC, Eagles Nest and NCC to improve the Gedling search facility of the Notts Help Yourself website.

Pride of Gedling Awards - In March we hosted the third Pride of Gedling awards event, showcasing the outstanding work of the people who live in the borough, especially those who make such a positive contribution to society. The entrants this year were some of the strongest yet. A judging panel of councillors and Nottingham Post editor, Mike Sassi, had the difficult task of selecting a winner. On the night there was a huge array of emotions listening to the incredible stories of the people nominated.

Chinese New Year Event - The Council, with support from Gedling Play Forum delivered a family arts and crafts event offering Chinese New Year inspired activities. Local company, 'Handmade Theatre' provided story and puppetry workshops and around 160 children attended with their parents. The event also hosted the popular traditional Lion Dance outside the Civic Centre.

Members Community Initiatives Fund - The Members Community Initiatives 18/19 fund closed on 15th March and final outturn reported. Initial analysis shows that around 145 community groups and organisations have benefitted from funding this year.

Intergenerational Event - On 30th March the Youth Council hosted a spectacular intergenerational event at The Beacon, working collaboratively on the planning with members of the Gedling Seniors Council. The event was attended by over 40 members of the younger and older communities, incorporated jokes, poetry, filmmaking and photography and involved structured, speed dating style debate on six key issues identified by the planning group. These were:

- School life
- Bullying/Cyberbullying
- Prejudice and Discrimination
- Loneliness and Isolation
- Mental Health
- Knife Crime, fear of crime
-

Outcomes from the event will be:

- A manifesto for change on the above issues to be presented to policy makers and influencers
- A film presentation to be showcased at Council and Partnership meetings
- A permanent art installation (subject to further funding)
- Further intergenerational collaboration.

Haywood Road Community Centre - All agreed pre transfer financial investment in the site has been completed and a successful WREN bid has enabled development of the external grassed area. A Formal CAT submission has been received in late March 2019 from the Haywood Road Community Centre Committee. Next step will be to trigger formal consultation and make an assessment of the application post Easter break.

Wollaton Avenue Community Centre - Following one to one meetings and financial support to enable the group to produce a business plan with assistance from Community Accounting Plus, Gedling Play Forum has submitted a new business plan to the Council for comments with a view to taking on a new lease for the Wollaton Avenue building in Gedling.

Newstead Centre - Support from Locality was commissioned and delivered in September 2018 to develop a vision and business plan for the Newstead Centre. As a result, the Committee has been re-galvanised with old and new skilled members joining/rejoining the existing committee. An interim monthly grant of £900 has been awarded by GBC under an SLA for the period from January to June 2019, to enable the group to put their business plan into action, and to make applications for funding to invest in the site, including proposals to relocate the community café and improve WIFI connectivity. Ongoing support in this to be provided by the Newstead Locality Coordinator.

Netherfield St Georges Centre/ Netherfield Medical Centre - The Community Investment Manager has been supported the St Georges Centre in applying for funding to appoint consultants to develop a business plan and design feasibility study for the development of a new Children, Young People and Families Hub . A subsequent Awards For All application, prepared on behalf of Netherfield Forum LTD, was successful to the tune of £10,000.

High quality business plan and design feasibility studies have been produced regarding taking on the current adjacent Medical Centre, a detailed valuation of the site commissioned and a further grant submission has been made by the Community Investment Manager on behalf of the group to the NCC LIS Capital Fund Feb 2019 for a further £10,000 to engage in wider consultation and technical development of the proposal. Outcome May 2019.

A high level meeting took place in March between Netherfield Forum, the GBC Community Investment Manager, Vernon Coaker and local Elected Members with a view to engaging with the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund in lieu of a substantial £500,000+ bid to enable purchase and first phase development of the site. Next steps are to formally submit the business plan and project design feasibility study for consideration as part of the Netherfield Locality work and to hold a business meeting with the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund.

COMMUNITY E-Newsletter - The Community E-Newsletter have been distributed to over 2159 representatives of voluntary, community organisations and the general public in the Borough, providing information about VCS Support initiatives, events, volunteering and funding available in Gedling.

Objective: Improve health and wellbeing

New Year's Day Parkrun - Gedling held an event on New Year's Day which attracted 466 runners. This was the highest ever attendance at Gedling parkrun many of the runners then went over to Colwick to do it again at 10:30am. 126 runners were tourists from Sydney as well as Leeds, Wellingborough, Exeter, London, Dewsbury and Lincoln. There were 5 participants taking part for the first time.

Boditrax - The leisure centres have been trialling a Boditrax machine that measures body composition enabling customers the ability to measure the makeup of their body, fat, muscle, water etc. simply and quickly by standing on the machine for a short time. This provides a baseline assessment for members at the start of their fitness journey, which can then be used to demonstrate improvements. 998 assessments have been carried out in the 5-week trial, demonstrating how useful customers are finding this assessment.

£10,000 for Food Environment Project - GBC has been awarded £10,000 from Nottinghamshire County Council to undertake a Food Environment project during 2019/20. This builds of preparation work done by the Locality Coordinators with local partners and the local GP in Netherfield to start the process of developing a cookery book for the local community.

The project will be seeking to deliver:

- Local people attending cook and eat sessions.
- Number of people attending social eating events.
- Number of community champions identified and trained
- Provision of slow cookers to vulnerable clients
- Creation of costed healthy eating recipe and sharing.
- Community recipe books targeting different ages.
- Number of sessions at school holiday activities including providing healthy meals and cooking skills.
- Capturing ideas from local community into newsletter.
- Number of local people engaged and offered affordable healthy eating advice at events.
- Public health analyst data report.
- Information to inform future funding bids.

SPRIING - The SPRIING project has been successfully extended for an additional 12 months to March 2020. Both GBC and Gedling Homes have secured funding for the part time co-ordinators. Referrals continue through a range of sources and 31 community navigators are now signed up to the project and have gone through an induction and training. A 12 month evaluation will now take place and planning for the next 12 months is in place. The caseload currently stands at 60 people and the project has been redesigned to include regular 'SPRIING Link' social and information events, and is building a wide range of partnerships with local and strategic groups and organisations.

ROSPA - Gedling's leisure centres have been awarded the silver standard in the ROSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) external health and safety award scheme. These awards offer organisations an opportunity to prove their ongoing commitment to raising health and safety standards.

Facility Improvements - During Q4 Carlton Forum has improved the squash courts with filled and painted walls as well as the floor being sanded and relined, to improve the overall experience of customers utilising the facility. Additionally the upstairs toilets have also been redecorated with new vanity units and lighting. Feedback from customers has been very positive about both areas.

Leisure Transformation - During quarter 4 a consultant began work on the Leisure Facilities Investment Strategy and Physical Activity Strategy, which will be used to shape the future leisure provision in the borough.

Bonington Cinema - Significant growth has continued for the Bonington Cinema during Q4 with attendances for the year up from 17,500 in 17/18 to 32,000 in 18/19. Screenings specifically aimed at parents with Babies & Toddlers have now become a regular feature of the programme.

Health and Wellbeing Newsletter - Two editions of the Community Health and Wellbeing newsletter sent out to over 3000 subscribers and contained information on a number of activities and services provided to improve health and wellbeing including: Falls Prevention advice, Change4Life snack swaps, NHS Cervical Screening campaign, smoking advice, online gambling support and Everyone Health's latest weight management service.

Memorial to Thomas Hawksley - Following an award of £10,000 from Severn Trent an artist has been commissioned to create a memorial to Thomas Hawksley, who famously pioneered a network of pumping stations with steam engines, to enable clean drinking water to be piped to homes and businesses. A steering group for the project comprised of members of Arnold Local History Group, the director of Papplewick Pumping Station, and a number of local history enthusiasts have selected Richard Janes to produce the memorial. Richard Janes has previously worked with the Council on a memorial and decorative benches at Gedling Country Park. A number of local schools will be involved in finalising the design of the memorial. Hawksley was born in Arnot Hill House and the completed art work will be installed in Arnot Hill Park in the autumn.

PLACE

Objective: Provide an attractive and sustainable local environment that local people can enjoy and appreciate

The Gedling Big Spring Clean - The campaign was launched across the borough to help communities who want to do more to keep tidy where they live, starting with a clean-up day on 16th March supported by community leaders and attended by volunteers who were provided with litter picking equipment, waste bags and high-vis clothing. The clean-up comes as the council announces further plans for investment in frontline services in the borough, including the introduction of a new Rapid Response Cleaning Team to further strengthen efforts to deal with litter, dog fouling and fly tipping.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points - Fourteen new electric vehicle charging points have been installed in Netherfield and Carlton with more to follow.

Burton Joyce Neighbourhood Plan - The Burton Joyce Neighbourhood Plan was officially made (adopted) by Gedling Borough Council on 10th January 2019. This means that the Neighbourhood Plan is being used in conjunction with the Aligned Core Strategy (2014) and the Local Planning Document (2018) to determine planning applications in the Neighbourhood Plan (being the parish of Burton Joyce).

PERFORMANCE

Objective: Improve the customer experience of dealing with the Council/ Give taxpayers value for money

Gedling Borough Council Funding Strategy - The Community Investment Manager has produced an External Funding Strategy for the Council, in collaboration with a Funding Strategy Steering Group. The draft document has been presented to a meeting of the Senior Leadership Team and Service Managers in Q4 and is collating final amendments before the document is formally adopted by The Council.

Objective: Maintain a positive and productive working environment and strong staff morale

Wellbeing at Work - Latest staff newsletter circulated including information on: No Smoking day, salt awareness, online gambling, staff activities and Menopause information. A new blood pressure monitor has been purchased to offer staff Blood pressure checks in the workplace. So far 14 members of staff have taken up this offer. Additional Bone Density and NHS health checks offered to staff in January 2019.