



# Walsall Area Partnerships

## **Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall - Sheffield Area Partnership Area Manager Report**

**Updated 15 March 2017**

### **Ongoing Updates on the Actions for Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall - Sheffield Area Partnership**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

**1.1** The headings of our work streams reflect the four main priorities of the Walsall Plan 2013 - 16, which are as follows:-

- Supporting Businesses to thrive and supporting local people into work
- Improving Health including well being and Independence for older people
- Creating Safe and Sustainable Communities- Reducing levels of crime and providing the right Environment for people to live in
- Improving Safeguarding and Life Chances for Children and Young People

The report for this Area Panel focuses on some of the work carried out within the community by local groups and partner agencies.

#### **2. Area Plan Development**

**2.1** The Area Plan for the local Area Partnership has been developed in line with strategic priorities as set out for the Borough through the 'Walsall Plan' and the strategic plans identified by each of the thematic strategic boards. Local intelligence has been adopted to ensure a local delivery plan is adopted that meets the needs, challenges and aspirations of local communities across the partnership area. The development of this is currently being discussed as part of wider work with the Leadership Group for Walsall.

### **3. Brownhills Ward**

Some key highlights for the ward include;

#### **3.1 Brownhills Community Association –**

The association as youth provider through the commissioned youth service for the current year, has recently had to make changes to the offer available to the young people of the area. At the present time the committee, management and youth leaders are considering what the future could look like and are working with local partners to reach a conclusion.

To discover more about the forthcoming events, to book a space within the facility or to explore existing sessions the website found at [www.brownhillscsca.org.uk](http://www.brownhillscsca.org.uk) . The provision in this location provides an excellent platform for people to build confidence, develop new skills and enhance employability through the use of performance arts and common interest groups.

#### **3.2 Brownhills West Community Group**

Local partners continue to support the group and meet with them at the centre on Shannon Drive to ascertain the issues that are raised by local residents and to develop potential solutions to improve the overall appearance and community experience of this area.

A recent litter pick saw local residents, Walsall Council, whg and West Midlands Police come together to remove small items of litter from the streets and to where possible clear out larger items from the open space. Unfortunately the following week saw a large fly tipping incident on the estate, but we shall continue to work hard to improve the appearance and support the development of community cohesion activities.

**3.3 Northfields Way –** The barrier system has now been installed for several months at this location. Since the installation we have seen very few comments from the community, and are working to secure the final access to the canal to prevent any further issues with motorcycles utilising this area as a cut through.

**3.4 Clayhanger Village Association –** At my last update I reported that at the last general meeting of the association an announcement was made that the association was to desolve. The decision was not an easy one for the group to make. Following this announcement the association are

continuing to discuss the lease arrangements with the local council to surrender the lease and hand back the building.

### **3.5 Mini Moto intervention project**

As part of further works to support the prevention of off road bikes using the open spaces in our area an extensive plan to progress through the Clayhanger area of the ward is being progressed. This will see the installation of a variety of measures to reduce the ability to access the green spaces and protect the flora and fauna of the area from this negative usage.

## **4 Pelsall Ward**

Some key highlights for the ward include;

**4.1 POPRS** – Preservation of Pelsall Remembrance Service group was formed as a response to the announcement that arrangements for future remembrance services were no longer possible in their current guise. Local ex-serviceman, Alan Dodsworth has so passionately set up the group to ensure a service or remembrance is continued in the local village for many years to come. At the recent community meeting the chair announced that due to fundraising efforts of the Pelsall Community the parade and service will continue for 2017.

**4.2 Friends of Pelsall Common** – The group recently hosted a litter pick to support local activity around keeping the area clean and tidy, the volunteers did an amazing job and removed a great deal of litter from the village as part of this event.

### **4.3 Pelsall Councillor Connect Ward Forum –**

To date there have been two ward forums set up through the local councillors to engage with the community and develop priorities for the area in the coming year. The first forum saw approximately 26 people in attendance with over 60 attending the second forum earlier this year.

As a brief example of actions progressing towards the delivery, currently a project around speeding initiatives is being developed, and school gate parking is being scoped with neighbouring area partnerships and examples taken from other areas of the country also being considered.

### **4.4 Neighbourhood Watch**

The neighbourhood watch scheme for Rushall, Shelfield, High Heath and Pelsall continues to develop and momentum is building for this throughout the communities of these areas. Brownhills has recently been connected in with the Rushall group and have made progress with the conversations across the whole area partnership footprint to establish a widespread coverage.

The promotion of the West Midlands Police WMNow service has been actively undertaken through this group locally and there is now a much greater presence on social media;

Facebook; Rushall, Shelfield, High Heath and Pelsall Neighbourhood Watch

## **5. Rushall – Shelfield Ward**

**Some key highlights for the ward include;**

### **5.1 Rushall May Fayre**

The popular Rushall May Fayre is due to be hosted again this year, the event takes place on May day and is to be held in its usual location in Rushall Park. Organisers have been promoting the event with an increased presence on social media to share this with wider communities.

The organisers released the following information earlier in February; Competition entries for May Queen and Princess now being taken. This year's May Fayre will take place on the playing fields on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May. Girls aged 7-9 for the Princess, 10 + for the May Queen. Applicants must be a Rushall resident, attend a Rushall school, or be involved with a Rushall Community group (brownies/guides etc). Please contact Sue Blakemore, 01922 442956 to enter, by 25th March. Winners will be drawn 'out of the hat' by an independent person

### **5.2 Walking Football** –A recent agreement for the use of facilities at Manor Farm Community Association sees the local PCSO Dave Bryan developing a Walking Football team for the over 50's at this location. Walking Football encourages Walsall's older generation to rediscover their love for sport whilst experiencing the physical, mental and social benefits of regular exercise. Funding is now being sought to support the initial start up of this initiative.

If interested please contact:  
PCSO Dave Bryan at Aldridge Police Station  
Tel: 101 Ext: 881 6011

email: d.r.bryan@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk  
Every Thursday from 10.00am – 11.00am

- 5.3 Spring Close Neighbourhood and Community Group** – The first wave of physical improvements in the garage area of the close has now been completed, this included the relocation of tenants into one garage block, renovation of some garage fronts and a new tarmaced surface. Bollards and a barrier have been installed to restrict non residents entering the garage area in a vehicle.

A further wave of improvements have been discussed with the Clean and Green team and is with partners for consultation at present regarding the possibility of higher fencing and a gate at the entrance to the park from Spring Close, and a tarmaced pathway through to the main areas. Recent identification of Section 106 funding is being explored to support the cost of completing these works.

- 5.4 Manor Farm Community Association** – The association continues to deliver a wide range of activities, including the successful silver scheme. Developments around the toy library facility have now commenced to bring back to life the much loved facility back into use and development of the offer expanded. A recent invitation from the Mayor saw a large group of volunteers from the scheme attend the Mayors Parlour for an afternoon of celebration for the hard work and effort the volunteers give to their community.

## **6. CCTV**

- 6.1 CCTV for Brownhills, Rushall-Shelfield and Pelsall** - We currently have access to two cameras that can be deployed in the area:

Camera ;1 Currently located in Victoria Road, Pelsall.

The camera remains in place following a third incident which took place over the Christmas period. Police colleagues continue to investigate this matter.

Camera 2; Out of service

In addition to our Area Partnership cameras we continue to work in partnership through the confidential tasking and coordination group meetings to utilise CCTV opportunities across partner organisations where need is identified and relevant to their areas of work.

The camera located in Victoria Road has previously seen requests for downloaded footage from police colleagues, there have been no further

requests for footage in relation to recent incidents taking place at this location.

Requests for cameras in other locations are considered based on intelligence and data, the community are encouraged contact relevant departments where concerns require reporting;

Private residents can report matters directly to the Community Protection Team by any method below;

Telephone (01922) 650000

Email [communityprotection@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:communityprotection@walsall.gov.uk)

It may also be possible that one of the following council departments can assist in the first instance:

- Walsall MBC 01922 650000
- Environmental Health 01922 652223
- Clean & Green 01922 653344
- Trading Standards 01922 652210
- Walsall Mediation 01922 637713

## **6.2 CCTV Report to Cabinet – 15, March 2017**

Please see the attached CCTV report, discussed at Cabinet on 15, March 2017.

## **7. Partner Agency – Spotlight on Neighbourhood Policing - Key Updates**

### **7.1 Neighbourhood Police Team**

Sergeant Debbie Gallon and her team of officers and PCSO's are now making great progress, since the Christmas period we have seen a real focus on developing greater integration within schools across the footprint with a nominated representative for each.

As an ongoing piece of work, in partnership with Area Partnerships, Community Protection, Natural England, Canal and Rivers Trust, Clean and Green services, and local ward councillors, a large scoping exercise was undertaken and a detailed plan of action is almost ready for implementation to reduce the access points for mini motorcycles across our green spaces to reduce this type of behaviour impacting upon our wildlife and community.

WMNow was launched prior to the last Area Panel and continues to be promoted amongst our communities. It provides a messaging service from

WM Police, delivering updates via email regarding your local area and crime ASB along with some safety tips and advice regarding specific actions you can take to safeguard your property and possessions. See poster overleaf.

The 'Beat the Burglar' initiative developed by Inspector Sophie Worthington will have been delivered prior to this meeting, which sees a focus on communities and provides an opportunity to meet the police team and partners on 17, March between 10am and 2pm, in Tesco Brownhills, and Pelsall Village Centre. This activity is replicated across the outer policing sector in Darlaston, Bentley, Willenhall, Aldridge and Beacon as well as here in our partnership. A verbal update will be provided in relation to this at the area panel.



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