



Brownhills, Rushall-Shelfield & Pelsall Area Partnership Area Manager Report – updated November 2013

Ongoing Updates on the Actions for Brownhills, Rushall-Shelfield & Pelsall Area Plan

1. Purpose of the report

This report seeks to inform the elected members of the Brownhills, Rushall-Shelfield & Pelsall Area Partnership of some of the work carried out within Brownhills, Rushall – Shelfield & Pelsall wards. The information in the report was correct at the time of writing, 18 November 2013.

2. Work Stream priority – Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Partners Involved – ASB unit, IYPSS, WM Police, Walsall Area Partnership, Walsall Housing Group

Apache CCTV for Brownhills, Rushall-Shelfield & Pelsall -we currently have access to two cameras that can be deployed in the area.

- Camera 1 Highfield Rd North Street, Pelsall
- Camera 2 Ivatt Close, Shelfield
- Camera 3 Pelsall Lane, Rushall (On loan from Area Partnership 2).

IYPSS continues to provide Detached youth work which have been taking place

- **High Heath Park, Shelfield** – Anti social behaviour has decreased significantly as the detached team continue to engage with the young people





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- **Nest Common Pelsall** - Police continue to give the area passing attention, IYPSS detached team go into the area regularly and try to engage with the young people, but IYPSS are finding that many of the people are older and therefore out of their remit.
- **Kings Road, Rushall** – issues concerning the bungalows, the area is fenced off and the young people have been moved on to Radleys Park by the police in line with our community safety strategy, to move groups away from houses and onto open green spaces. The young people “hang around” in the park and the IYPSS detached team are engaging with the young people and the police regularly patrol the area. There is no evidence to support that the young people are causing Anti social behaviour. Whg, Police and the detached team continue to work together to monitor the situation.
- **Highfield Rd North, Pelsall** – Are suffering from a spate of break’ ins and burglaries from the new builds. The Area Partnership in collaboration with partners installed CCTV to catch the perpetrators and to provide reassurance to local residents. The Contractors have also fitted their own cameras.
- **Ivatt Close, Shelfield** – Due to the number of wheelie bins being set on fire in the locality, 2 CCTV cameras were installed at strategic location in an attempt to capture the perpetrator.
- **Grange Crescent / Hawthorn Rd, Shelfield** - Work is underway to complete submission for a request for closure of alleyway. Area is being closely monitored by the Police.
- **Swan Pool Grove in Shelfield.** – Anti social Officer is investigating incidents of Light columns being vandalised after being hit by pellets.
- **Whitehorse Rd, Brownhills,** - incidents of off road motorbikes causing a nuisance day & night.

3. Work Stream priority – Creating cleaner and tidier neighbourhoods

Partners Involved –, Walsall Area Partnership, Clean & Green services, Countryside services, Friends of Parks groups

- **Brownhills Common** – Following a number of consultation events through Brownhills. Works has now been agreed. A “Friends of Brownhills Common” has been set up; their interest will also include Holland Park. Members have been





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selected for various positions, but the group is yet to be constituted, which they will hopefully, will be able to complete by the end of the year.

- **The Princes Trust** has been involved with working with Brownhills CA to help refurbish some of their rooms. It has been an excellent opportunity for the new recruits to learn to work as a team and build relationships as well as gain some new skills.
- **Community Payback** – worked with Pelsall Labour and Clean & Green services to cut back some shrubbery which was providing a screen for criminal activity, as well as blocking visibility for those using the alleyway. As a result of the work there is clear visibility from the alleyway right across to the access on Church Rd, making it safer for local residents who use the access and as a deterrent to criminals as there is no hiding place. Cutting back the shrubbery has helped to visibly improve the area.
- **Holland Park, Brownhills** – around 50 young people and some parents got the opportunity to work with a graffiti artist at Holland Park in Brownhills to improve their local skate park.
Green spaces staff worked closely with 'A Colourful Crowd' part of Walsall Art College and the graffiti artist Kilo Sinstars.
Young people of all ages helped to create colourful Ramps designed with younger and older Budding artists. Kilo helped them to create unique designs to give the skate park a whole new look.
All young people were encouraged to get involved in spraying the designs onto the skating ramps.
The skate park was renamed 'The Dinky' which is now graffiti on the skate box – the name was a collective decision made by all.
The young people really enjoyed the day and worked as a team to get the project completed.
- **Radleys Park, Rushall**– work will be undertaken with Community payback to thin out the bushes and undertake a litter pick to improve the overall environment and allow clear visibility through the woods.





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- **Rushall JMI** – took part in a daffodil bulb planting session with the Park Ranger. Bulbs were planted around the school in raised beds, with the support of two Park Rangers. The bulbs were supplied by a parent.
- **Princes Trust** - new intake as part of their team building and improving/learning skills painted the railings under the Pelsall Clock which had recently had the Dr McCullough plaque replaced.

4. Work Stream priority – Healthy lifestyles

Partners involved – NHS Walsall, Walsall Housing Group, Walsall Partnership, Social Care & Inclusion, IYPSS, Greenspaces, Sports and Leisure

- **Sports & Leisure** continue to deliver a range of activities across various venues in the Area Partnership, for some of the activities in Brownhills there has been lower take up than was predicted. We are working within the Partnership to see how we can better engage with the local residents to increase take up and what they actual would like to see delivered.
- **Schools** – take up of sports activities to help increase physical activity with the help of Sports & Leisure has received resistance. We are looking at innovative ways of how we can engage with schools to get the message across.
- **Health watch event** – aimed at all local residents to raise awareness and increase residents participation
- **Walsall Health care forum Event being held** on the 28th November, at the Leather Museum 11am –2pm exploring depression and Mental health issues.

5. Work Stream priority – positive Activities for Young People

- **Rushall Skate Park** – Following consultations, work is underway to identify funding streams for the project. First phase of the project has commenced to improve footpaths/ shrubbery / plantation.





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- **Brownhills West Community Hub** - NACRO continue to deliver the provision on the estate on Monday evenings. They run two sessions, one for the younger children and another for the older children.
- **October half term** – A good turn up of young people at the centre, taking part in various activities. The young people always celebrate Black History Month
- **Junior Youth Club** now running from Pelsall Youth Club on Friday evenings 5.45pm – 8.15pm. Aimed at 9-11yrs old. Up to 15 young people attend. The Youth team are liaising with local school to encourage the young people to come to the youth centre and see what is on offer, has many are not aware of the youth centre and what it provides.
- **Pelsall Youth Club** – numbers have increased at the youth centre and the young people are involved in numerous positive activities
 - .1.1. **Redecorating** the kitchen area, the theme decide upon by the young people was New York Diner theme.
 - .1.2. **Christmas Choir** – a number of young people have decided to get together and start a choir group and they are planning to attend Pelsall Hall residential home at Christmas, to sing carols.
 - .1.3. **Youth Inspectors** - Seven young people were chosen from the Area Partnership to become Youth Inspectors. They will be involved in visiting the youth centres across the borough and look at ways standards can be increased.

6. Work Stream priority – Support for elderly

- **Rushall Labour Club** – An information & rising awareness session was held on the 14th November to target the elderly who attend a regular show. We were able to target approx. 150 elderly residents from across the Partnership to raise awareness of the darker nights, bogus callers and personal safety.
- **A Christmas Party** is being organised for the local elderly residents at Rushall Community centre on the 19th December .Led By Manor Farm CA
- **Allotments Group** – numbers have steadily increased and the group continue to meet regularly and share ideas and support each other.





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- **Another luncheon club** has been introduced at Rushall Community centre in response to demand from residents. Luncheon clubs on Monday & Wednesdays offer hot meals, which have to be pre ordered. There is a coffee morning held on Thursdays.
- **Manor Farm CA Silver Scheme** has seen 968 people pass through their books for services
 - The demand on their maintenance service which is open to all continues to increase
 - **Befriending service** – is also seeing a demand. New calls are being received every day.
 - They have recruited 71 Volunteers, who have been trained and continue to offer their free time to help & support those who need it in the community. Due to Manor Farms CA commitment to recruit & train volunteers they have been awarded the “Investors in People Award”, a national award recognising their work and dedication.

7. Other activity -

- **Pelsall Village Centre** - Royal visit by Prince Edward took place on the 18th October. Attended by 3 local schools in Pelsall.
- **Welfare benefit drop in sessions-** we are looking to run a number of drop in sessions across the Partnership in the New Year to targets young parents to ensure that we have maximum take up of free schools and general advice on benefits.
- **Budget Consultation events** – were held across the Area Partnership to engage resident’s views on budgets cuts for 2014/15.
- **Participatory Budgets consultation on Verge Parking** – Letters were hand delivered to residents regarding the proposals. Consultation was carried out with effected residents throughout a 2 weeks period through various venues across the Partnership.
- **Cheque Presentation** – Partners visited Air Ambulance at Tattenhill Air field on the 15th November to present them with a cheque for £585.50p which were the raised proceeds from the “It’s A Knock out” event. It was a very interesting morning with an opportunity to talk to the staff about their work.





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