

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TEAM

2021/22 Annual Report



Introduction

Here at Rykneld Homes, the Community Involvement Team (CIT) have had a busy year helping communities to recover and restore some normality after a very challenging couple of years. The team focussed on helping people to reintegrate into communities whilst getting new projects off the ground. They have worked throughout North East Derbyshire, facilitating the vital support and sense of wellbeing that being involved in communities brings.

The CIT has engaged with over **750** individuals, worked with **50** different partner organisations and initiated many service improvements through our dedicated customer-led Service Improvement Groups.

This Annual Report showcases some of the key projects the team have been working on throughout 2021/22.

Projects have ranged from those for families and young people, to reducing social isolation for older people. The team has also been encouraging and supporting local wildlife and consulting with Rykneld Homes' customers on a range of service improvements. The team works in partnership with many organisations to achieve its aims, including Councils, statutory organisations, community groups, charities and many more.

Wider Social Impact

The projects contained within this document are just a selection amongst many other projects the team engages with throughout North East Derbyshire. The impact of each project is shown within the case studies.

This includes the impact on other statutory services, such as policing and healthcare, as well as the impact on the wider economy and environment. For example, by tackling social isolation through supporting community groups for older people, we are significantly impacting on mental and physical wellbeing of older people, which in turn reduces hospital admissions - alleviating social isolation has been shown to increase life expectancy.

These wider impacts for communities are why we do the work that we do, recognising the bigger picture in relation to enhancing communities in the district.





What we did

Chesterfield BMX Club (CBC) successfully applied for funding to deliver a series of coached BMX sessions in Mickley. These were facilitated by a fully qualified British Cycling BMX coach, with equipment provided by CBC. Funding was also gained to purchase safety gear, bikes, and a storage container to safely store them. Bikes and equipment were stored in the Hut as a temporary measure. During the delivery of the BMX taster sessions the CIT and CBC consulted with participants and their parents to see if they would be interested in establishing a BMX Club. This club would then go on to continue to deliver club nights in which they would ensure the track was safe to use, then issue BMX bikes and safety equipment to those who did not own them.

The CIT supported these club sessions by providing a First Aider and delivering cycle safety sessions, demonstrating how to check the equipment to ensure that it was fit for purpose and ready to use. The sessions started by showing volunteers how to use the M-Check method to inspect the bikes. These sessions progressed to show how to adjust the bike components, and deliver basic repairs, such as puncture repairs brake adjustments.

Sessions ran up to the end of September 2021 and were seeing regular attendance of up to 20 young people and adults. Sessions came to an end due to reduced lighting levels but will begin again in 2022 with the aim of continuing to help the club develop.

Introduction

In 2013, Rykneld Homes' Community Involvement Team worked alongside Shirland and Higham Parish Council to fund and develop a BMX track in Mickley.

Whilst the track has been well used since, a formal club and regular coaching sessions had not got off the ground. This was ultimately our aim for the BMX track, with the hope instilling community ownership of the facility, which would help provide long-term care and upkeep of the track.

At the beginning of 2021, we were approached by a member of Chesterfield BMX Club, who was keen to see if they could use their experience to help establish a club.



Impact

The BMX track is one of the few facilities available locally to the residents of Mickley. The track is used frequently by locals and from people from the surrounding area and afar. By establishing a club, the track is likely to be looked after by the community, leading to lower maintenance costs for the Parish Council.

The club will also ensure that everyone who wants to use the facility can do so safely, using BMX specific safety equipment and bikes. Club nights would also mean the presence of a qualified first aider who will be on hand to assist in helping anyone who injures themselves whilst using the facility. Funding was also secured to allow some of the volunteers to gain a national recognised qualification in delivering BMX coaching and to deliver first aid, further enhancing safety but also providing people with fantastic skills to put on their CV.



Introduction

The CIT have been involved with The Big Local since its inception in 2012. The group work with local people and partners to identify needs, then design and deliver projects which improve outcomes for local people.

The CIT are members of three groups under the Big Local umbrella - Children and Youth Support Group, the Community Development Group and the Green and Open Spaces group.

What we did

This year, one of the longest planned projects finally came to fruition. Plans for the Community Pavilion started in September 2011. A lot of hard work, partnership support and determination followed and finally paid off in Spring 2021 when the new building opened. The new building is situated in Barnes Park, Grassmoor, providing a modern facility for sports and community groups in the heart of the village.

During school holidays, a series of activities were delivered at Eastwood Park and Barnes Park. In the past, these sessions have taken place over the long summer holidays but in 2021-2022 we increased this offer significantly. This was made possible by additional funding. It was identified that children and families were struggling with covid-related issues, such as isolation and financial difficulties, meaning fewer people could afford to go on holidays and days out. We therefore felt the group needed to provide more support for families.

In the May half term, covid restrictions did not allow for activities to take place, so we organised food parcels for children 59 children. In all other holidays, we were able to deliver activities and food, all at no cost to participants. The projects have helped developed links with young people and their parents and carers, as well as providing fun, healthy activities for children and young people that increase the mental and physical wellbeing of participants. Due to many factors, particularly the new Community Pavilion, the sessions have hugely increased in numbers and the feedback has been outstanding. During the summer, an ambitious six-week holiday programme was delivered – four hours per day, four times per week. Sessions included Samba Sports, circus skills, animal petting and crafts. Extra funding from Rural Action Derbyshire allowed us to provide a healthy lunch at each session for every child taking part.



Big Local volunteers outside the new community pavillions

Grassmoor Big Local (continued)



What we did (continued)

Plans for the annual gala were sadly canceled due to covid restrictions. On the day this was supposed to happen, the group organised a socially distanced clown to go around the entire village and perform to families from a safe distance.

October half term saw another successful holiday project, followed by various Christmas events - two well attended community theatre shows, offering local people the opportunity to attend a live show at a very low cost, community cinema, Grassmoor in lights - a competition which the team helped to judge, Community Christmas trees, a Christmas charity craft fair and an socially distanced Santa's grotto which over 100 children attended. We provided hampers for children, including an activity pack and village treasure trail to complete.

We then kick started the New Year with an outdoor activity event, providing children with fun sports sessions and healthy food.

Impact

During the summer project alone, 669 volunteer hours were recorded. This is the equivalent of 27 days of time contributed by people to help improve lives for people in Grassmoor.

476 children attended the summer project. This means a significant number of families benefited from activities and food parcels, helping to alleviate the effects of holiday hunger. This will have contributed to increased mental wellbeing for families who may have struggled to afford food bills during the holiday period.

The sports activities will have led to increased physical and mental wellbeing for those involved, promoting healthy lifestyles and inspiring children to get involved in positive activities, giving people ideas and encouragement to try them at home too.

The Big Local has also increased range of activities and groups for people in the local area, such as chair based exercise, a 'Men in Sheds' group, litter picking groups, and a community cinema. Bringing local people together will contribute to reducing social isolation and health amongst the wider population in the village.



A healthy start to the year with multi sports and games

Environmental Projects

What we did

After the success of the swift project last year, the CIT teamed up with the Regeneration Team to identify projects that would fit in with the environmental agenda and could happen within the areas where the team were improving homes through external wall insulation (EWI).

The CIT had learned that hedgehogs are in serious decline in the UK, with numbers having dropped by a third since the millennium. Part of this is because they struggle to roam far enough to find food. Working with the People's Trust for Endangered Species, the team developed a project to create 'hedgehog highways'. This means cutting hedgehog sized holes at the base of garden fences (about the size of a CD case), which otherwise block their nighttime foraging. The team paired up with Sustainable Building Services (SBS), the contractor doing the EWI, who agreed to cut the holes in fences for residents in Eckington, where homes are being improved.

The team have also been working hard to enhance neighbourhoods through planting initiatives. This includes wildflowers, spring bulbs and planting community orchards.

One such project saw the CIT supporting Eckington Parish Council, who have collaborated with One Planet Matters (a national environmental group and social enterprise) and NEDDC to create a number of community orchards across the District. We planted a large number of trees in a quiet green space in Marsh Lane. The group also planted an area in Renishaw and plan to create more community orchards across the District. The CIT will continue to support the project, helping contribute towards the 'One Million Trees' movement.

Introduction

One of the key aims of the CIT is to enhance the environment through projects that will encourage wildlife, through the enhancement and creation of habitats. The team have worked hard to develop projects that will protect endangered British animals this year. They have also helped communities to create spaces for wildlife, that in turn enhance the aesthetics of local neighbourhoods.

Impact

The hedgehog project is ongoing, but has already seen a number of highways being created. The plan is to expand this to other areas in the District and to visit the local primary school to deliver a lesson on hedgehogs to help encourage conservation amongst the next generation.

The community orchards will create spaces for local people to visit and relax, whilst benefiting local pollinators and birds.

The team has also created or improved other green spaces, further details of one such project can be found within case study number 4.



Plant, Pick, Paint & Party

What we did

The CIT set up a series of partnership meetings, involving as many different organisations with an interest in helping to improve Mickley. This group included local Councillors, Derbyshire Voluntary Action, Children's Services, the local primary school and more. From these meetings, a plan was put together to plan a Halloween party in the October half-term. In previous years, this party has been organised by the CIT, and has been free of charge to those attending. However, this year it was decided that the community would only be able to attend for free if they took part in one of two volunteering opportunities put on during the day (those who didn't would be asked to pay a small donation to enter).

The volunteering opportunities were the planting of spring bulbs just off Bronte Street, participating in a community litter pick, or painting the storage container being used by the BMX club. The plants would help to brighten the village every spring and the location is very central, so they will be visible to anyone entering the village. The litter pick would help encourage children to take pride in their surroundings and keep the village tidy. The painting would enable the BMX club to make use of the container, which was donated and in need of improvement.

We were supported by our Estate Caretakers, who gave out litter picking equipment, PPE and a safety brief for participants. The CIT coordinated the planting, which was arranged in consultation with NEDDC Streetscene, so that they would leave the areas uncut during the spring when the flowers would emerge. Sadly the painting element of the event had to be postponed due to rain being forecast on the day.

Introduction

The CIT have worked alongside a number of partners and the community to help enhance wellbeing in Mickley. Last year the team was instrumental in making significant improvements to the community building at the heart of the village. The next step was to get the building used by the community.

To coincide with the completion of the works, the team arranged a Halloween party with a difference.



Rykneild Homes
at the heart of communities

MICKLEY HALLOWEEN EVENT

Planting
Come and help plant spring bulbs on the green spaces around Bronte Street

Painting
Help paint the storage container next to the BMX track

Picking
Get involved in a community litter pick from the Hut to help keep Mickley tidy

Party
Halloween themed family party with food, entertainment, games and disco

The planting, painting & picking runs from midday until 3pm.

If you come and help with any of these, even if for a short while, you and your family get a token for FREE entry to the Party at the Hut from 5pm til 7pm (£2 per child without a token)

OPEN DAY AT THE HUT FROM 12-3PM
Come and see your new and improved community space

Friday 29 Oct

Contact the Community Involvement Team for more information on 01246 217670



Plant, Pick, Paint & Party (continued)

Impact

All of the events were a fantastic success. In spite of the cold and wet weather, we had a fantastic turnout for the litter pick and planting, with more than 30 children participating. Ten large bags of rubbish were filled, further helping to encourage pride in the community amongst the next generation.

Mickley is an isolated community, and we continue to work in the village to promote community cohesion and enhance the aesthetics of the estate. A lot of work has gone into Mickley over this year which has massively enhanced the properties our customers live in, to save them money through efficiencies and increase the overall look of the estate. The EWI has transformed many of the properties in Mickley, and working with the TARA and Parish council, we continue to improve their community building and help establish new groups. Planting of bulbs and trees will also bring colour to the estate and promote pride in their communities.

Our work in Mickley continues to increase the reputation of RH and strengthen our relationship with our customers.



The CIT approached Sustainable Building Services (the contractor delivering the EWI in Mickley) to ask if they could provide food for the party. They funded a wood-fired pizza van to give out 70 free pizzas at the event (tokens for which were given out when participants volunteered during the day).

At the party RH provided Halloween themed snacks and refreshments, and paid for a DJ to play songs and coordinate party games.

The party enabled the chance for the renovations made to the Hut to be showcased to the community. The CIT coordinated these improvements, which included new windows, a new roof and an improved storage area. The CIT put up a presentation board next to the snacks to showcase what had been done and encourage participants to join the Tenants and Residents Group, which is in need of volunteers.



Introduction

Customers told us there had been an increase in litter due to more people walking in their local area during lockdowns and covid restrictions. During this time, many groups and individuals got involved with litter picking and environmental improvements in their local communities. We wanted to capitalise on this momentum and support the local people that were already making a difference. These projects were able to take place when other covid restrictions were in place because they were outdoors, and participants were able to socially distance.

What we did

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve communities, we planned and delivered a series of community clean-ups. Key areas were identified by the RH Housing and Support Teams and Estate Caretakers, as well as through conversations with our customers. We linked in with various local groups, including walking groups, a book club, established litter picking groups and Church groups. The following sessions were held in the 2021/22 financial year:

- April - Danesmoor
- May - Holmewood and Heath
- June - Eckington
- July - Dronfield
- September - Renishaw
- October - Stonebroom
- March - Holmewood and Heath

Impact

100+ large bags of litter were collected during the entirety of the picks. The appearance of estates improved which in turn increased residents' pride and connection to their community. Customers were encouraged to get involved with Rykneld Homes.

People who attended were signposted to existing litter picking and environmental groups, community groups and health and wellbeing sessions, such as walking groups and book clubs.



Introduction

The CIT coordinate a range of customer involvement groups. These include the 'Your Scrutiny Team' (YST), the 'Involved Tenants

Group' (ITG), the 'Digital Involvement Group' (DIG) and the 'Tenants and Residents Associations' (TARAs).

These groups focus on improving services and are consulted on issues that affect RHs customers.

In with the new

Operational Group Board

The CIT have been supporting the creation of our new 'Operational Group Board' (OGB). This is a sub-board group made up of RH customers from across the District. The group have a strategic focus and will be responsible for passing work to the existing involvement groups.

The group look at RH performance, compliance with Housing Standards, complaints and the creation of the customer annual report.

The CIT will continue to work closely with this group in 2022/23.

New TARA in Stonebroom

This year also saw the creation of a new tenants and residents association (TARA) in Stonebroom. The CIT heard of a new community group who had come together to improve the lives of residents in the village.

The group were having to rely on donations from members to cover their basic costs, including room hire and printing costs. The CIT therefore worked with the group to support them to become a TARA, meaning RH would fund their core costs.

This will enable the group to thrive and continue to help improve community wellbeing.

Together with Tenants

What we've done this year

Like many community groups that rely on volunteers, the involvement groups had a challenging time during the covid pandemic. As restrictions eased in the late spring, the CIT were able to begin hosting meetings face to face, after a long period of online meetings. Recognising the benefits of being able to join remotely, we worked with RHs IT Team to host meetings in our Boardroom that could be joined online, as well as face to face.

This year the ITG were consulted on a range of services, offering the customer perspective on how these are delivered. The group helped improve the way we promote our Capital Repairs Programme and were given the opportunity to judge both a most improved garden, and best kept garden competition. The group also facilitated and judged a good neighbour award. Each of these competitions encourage and recognise community spirit and estate improvements across the District.

The group also focussed on RH's adoption of the Together With Tenants Charter. This recognises the importance of working closely with tenants, to ensure their voices are heard and that they are able to shape our services. The CIT consulted with the DIG on what improvements could be made in relations between RH and its tenants, the results of which have already been put into action, for example through communications training for all staff.

The YST were unable to meet for much of the pandemic thanks to many members being unable to get online. The group relaunched towards the end of the financial year and are now working hard to scope out a new scrutiny project, looking at RH's Lettable Standard. The group has seen its numbers rebolstered and has an ambitious program of scrutiny projects for the coming year.



Neighbourhood Improvement Budget

Introduction

This year, our Neighbourhood Improvement budget (NIB) has been re-launched. Although this came towards the end of the financial year, we managed to fund a range of community groups in 2021/22.

What we did

In February 2022 the CIT re-launched the NIB with a budget of £6000. This funding was available for groups to apply for until the end of March 22. We promoted this to the voluntary sector and our customers through our social media and customer magazine. In the short period this fund was advertised we received 7 applications, with all of these being successful.

This year was the first occasion we were able to use our new Digital Involvement Group to judge applications and give their scores and comments on the applications we received. This enabled us to gain more insight into our customers' thoughts on the proposed projects within the applications.

The following projects were funded in the 2021/22 financial year:

Community Showground Project Gateway Improvement - The group requested £457 of funding to create better access to the allotment site, shop and toilet. The project has allowed people with mobility issues the ability to access the site.

Wingerworth Community Fields Fun Day - This group have put on a fun day for all in their community for many years, which had stopped due to covid. They requested £497.77 to fund portable toilets, first aid cover, some entertainment equipment and publicity. The fun day is always well attended and great for the community.

Wingerworth Men in Sheds - Their application requested £500 to put some of their members on first aid training. Working with tools can be dangerous so having trained people available to assist in the event of an accident is greatly beneficial to this project. The group allows men in Wingerworth somewhere to go and socialise doing something that interests them. They also make items to sell to fund the group.

Grassmoor Holiday Activities - The group has delivered activities in Grassmoor for young people year on year and is always well attended. It provides entertainment and refreshments for lots of young people over the school holidays. They have applied for £500 to fund some activities during the school summer holidays in 2022.

Wholey Place Community Group - The CIT have been working with the group for a few years now and they are going from strength to strength. They are now in a position to put on events for the community and have requested £500 to enable them to do that and fund transport for its members to attend a community trip.

Killamarsh Town Team - The group has applied for £500 contribution toward the purchase of a defibrillator for their community. They are in the process of raising the additional funds needed to make this purchase, which will be invaluable for their community.

Holmesfield Youth Project - This is a new group that has formed to provide activities for the young people in their area. They have requested £500 contribution toward their project to deliver activities during the summer of 2022.



Tackling Holiday Hunger

What we did

ECKINGTON

In April, Feeding Derbyshire started an Affordable Food Network, to help to make food projects more sustainable and be able to offer support to more people. Eckington Pantry was one of the pilot projects. In October, Eckington Community Pantry's Christine Gale and Jessica Popperwell-Barker were interviewed on BBC Radio Sheffield about the Pantry.

The pantry has its own permanent home in Eckington Business Development Centre and is available to anyone living in the area who needs support due to financial difficulties. The pantry offers a broad range of quality food and household goods. Due to increased demand, the pantry increased opening to two days a week, currently Wednesdays 10am - 12pm and Fridays from 10am to 12noon. For a joining fee of £2 members receive a quality hessian bag for life and a membership card. After that customers make a suggested donation of £3.50 per shop which allows them to choose 15 items. The donations help to make the project sustainable.

We also provided free parcels for families in every school holiday. This year, the CIT supported the Pantry to establish new food suppliers to donate including the Coop at Killamarsh and Morrisons at Halfway. New volunteers were recruited to respond to increased demand.

In September, Andrew Forsey, the National Director for Feeding Britain, visited Eckington Community Pantry and Gussie's Kitchen in Chesterfield.

Through the Pantry group, the CIT applied for and were successful in achieving funding to run summer, October, Christmas, February, and Easter holiday activities. The summer sessions were delivered in partnership with Eckington Cricket Club, the rest were delivered by the CIT with support from the Parish Council and Pantry volunteers.

In the October half term we delivered our first family social eating event at the Civic Centre. Families enjoyed a hot, two course meal plus autumn themed crafts and a circus show.



The Coop at Killamarsh provide weekly donations to the pantry, collected by volunteers. These donations would otherwise be thrown away.

Introduction

The need for cheap or free food provision is a national issue and sadly residents of North East Derbyshire haven't been immune from the struggles to afford basic provisions and feed families.

The CIT has committed to responding to this need by establishing and supporting holiday hunger programmes for families struggling to feed children during the school holidays, and community pantries for year round support.



Tackling Holiday Hunger (continued)



RENISHAW

We wanted to do something over the Christmas holidays in Renishaw, after the three lockdowns. The team were aware that many families were struggling financially, so a free event, which included free food for all children would help take pressure off parents. Renishaw is an isolated village with poor transport links. The event featured a visit from Santa, which can be an expensive activity at many places. The event was funded through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and the large community room was provided free of charge by the Parish Council. All families that use the Pantry in Eckington were invited to the Christmas community pantry in Renishaw including a show – the elves and the shoemaker – Santa's grotto, food, Christmas crafts and a disco.

The community Christmas party at Renishaw was a brilliant combination of crafts, a disco, food, games, the elf and the shoemaker show and of course a visit from Santa!

STONEBROOM

This was the first time we had delivered this program in Stonebroom. Working with the Parish Council, we were able to secure a venue and get it ready for the summer holiday program.

As expected, with the introduction of the FareShare subscription in Mickley, we saw more people take up the offer in Stonebroom. During these sessions we saw participation levels of around 60 young

MICKLEY

Following on from previous years, the CIT, working with the Mickley TARA established 8 Holiday Hunger sessions in Mickley. We delivered one during the Easter Holiday, one during May half term and another six during the Summer School Holidays.

The Easter and May half term events were delivered during lockdown rules, so we couldn't commission activity providers to provide activities for its participants. Instead, we put together food parcels with food provided by FareShare and developed some literature with activity ideas participants could take part in at home. Each participant was given a food hamper designed to support parents to feed their children during the holidays. During each of these events, we supplied over 40 children with food per event.

Leading up to the summer holidays, HAF were able to secure additional funding from Derbyshire County Council to enable us to put on a range of different activities throughout the summer. By this time, the most restrictive lockdown restrictions had been lifted, but we still had to operate with caution.

The summer program ran much the same as the previous sessions, however, if participants wished, they could stay for the whole two-hour session and take part in activities. The activities we commissioned were:

- Extreme Wheels laser Quest and KMX
- Mobile Climbing wall
- Circus Skills
- Children entertainer (Balloons and bubbles)
- Ozbox
- Multi sports instructors
- Mickley BMX Club

During the summer we had similar numbers of children attend, minus a few. The Infants school in Mickley had purchased a subscription from FareShare and were offering residents the opportunity to collect food most mornings from the school. As a result, we saw the number of people taking up our offer in Mickley reduce.



Chair Based Exercise

What we did

We were approached by Stonebroom Social and Games Club to ask if we could deliver regular sessions to their members. The club is very vibrant, with good attendance at weekly Friday morning sessions. They play a mixture of games, including table tennis, new aged kurling and bingo.

We had delivered a taster session prior to the pandemic. Once the restrictions eased, the group were very keen to begin meeting again and were conscious that some members will have struggled to exercise during the lockdowns. We therefore committed to attending their session once per month to deliver an hour long session for their members.

Participants are asked to complete a health questionnaire prior to attending and if necessary, get permission from their GP to join in. Sessions are varied and try to focus on being able to continue to live independently and avoid falls. They begin with a gentle warm up, followed by stretching and strength exercises using resistance bands. The sessions end with some exercises to improve cardiovascular health, including the dreaded "running for the bus".

Introduction

Two members of the CIT are trained chair-based exercise instructors. These exercises are designed to help people with limited mobility to maintain strength, flexibility and heart health without having the risk of falling.

Impact

The sessions are incredible beneficial and many participants have commented that their overall health has improved as a result.

As well as being good for participants physically, the sessions are also great for mental health. This is thanks to people being able to exercise as a group with peers, supporting one another and having a fair few laughs along the way.

We have also been able to promote other opportunities to get involved in healthy activities and introduced the group to other sports that can be done from a seated position, including 'boccia'. The team will also be delivering a 'Dementia Friends' training session to the group in the coming year.

The CIT have also delivered chair based exercise to groups in Clay Cross and Coal Aston and will continue to offer taster sessions to get new groups involved.



Introduction

Rykneld Homes has several blocks of flats that don't have the facilities available for its customers to have their own bins. This often means that external bin stores are provided to enable its customers to dispose of their waste, away from their property. The bins RH typically provide are general waste and paper recycling. We recently trialled large recycling bins in the bin stores Stonelow Green in Dronfield to encourage our customers to recycle. These bins can only have certain items placed in them and if they are contaminated, these won't be collected by NEDDC's refuse team. The bins stores have also been subject to fly tipping, so to try and combat this, a wildlife camera has purchased.

Impact

TBy having this equipment, we rely less on equipment owned by NEDDC. This enables us to deploy resources faster to gather evidence to support any action we may take on tenancies. This can then reduce the time officers need to spend on cases, enhances our relationship with tenants who are experiencing issues and ultimately improves lives and the environment in North East Derbyshire.

What we did

With advice from NEDDC's environmental health team and Police, RH's CIT procured a wildlife camera, protective case and solar power bank. The device was purchased to deter people from fly tipping in the bin store but would also have the ability to be use buy other teams including CIT, the Community Sustainment Team (who deal with anti-social behaviour) and any others who needed it.

Before the purchase of the camera, RH enquired about making use of the resources of the Environmental Health and Community Safety teams at NEDDC. Their cameras are well used, meaning making use of them would take too long to be able to make an effective impact in the problem areas. We therefore purchased one for use solely by RH, which has been on constant use since it arrived.

The camera has been deployed at Stonelow Green to deter fly tipping and as a result, cases of fly tipping have reduced. The camera was also used by the Community Sustainment Team to observe issues of ASB in North Wingfield and captured evidence that was used in court to secure a conviction.

**Stonelow Green in Dronfield was
the first to benefit from the use of a Wildlife
Camera**



Introduction

The CIT are always keen to support groups or events that cater for children and young people. We bring activities to established groups, or help new ones get off the ground. This year was no different and we enjoyed getting back to working face to face with children and young people throughout North East Derbyshire.

Impact

The CIT have helped a two groups that support children and young people to gain funding, which in turn helps create sustainable positive activities and chances for young people to learn and socialise with other children in their community.

Putting on activities at clubs and events enables the team to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage children to get involved in their community.

What we did

Holmewood: During the summer, the team supported several free family events organised by Holmewood and Heath Healthy Futures group. This included crafts, sports and healthy foods. The events were popular, even during poor weather!

Clay Cross: A group of volunteers set up a new youth club in Clay Cross, which has been well attended. The CIT delivered a bath bomb making workshop and offered funding support to the group.

Grassmoor: The CIT have attended the local youth club several times to consult with the young people and deliver activities such as boccia and healthy eating workshops.

Forest School: The CIT linked in with a volunteer led Forest School which runs in Kenning Park, Clay Cross. The school runs throughout the year, welcoming all children during the school holidays. The team have supported the group with funding, marketing, planning and summer holiday delivery planned for August 2022.

Holmesfield: The CIT met with a voluntary youth club in Holmesfield to support with funding and holiday activity planning. The team plan to support the group further in 2022.



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