

Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive

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1 Purpose of Report

To provide the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive of an overview of the work being undertaken by the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Team.

2 Failsworth & Hollinwood District Team Update

2.1 Caseworker

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The District Caseworker has been providing support to the ward Councillors and members of the public; dealing with enquiries and issues raised in Failsworth & Hollinwood. The majority of the enquiries are environmental and highways. Dealing with issues can range from working with partners, land ownership enquiries, liaising with utility companies, arranging site meetings, attending community group meetings, liaising with residents, local businesses etc. The Caseworker also provides support by organising ward surgeries and updating these weekly for press release and via posters.

Examples include targeted work arranging meetings/consultations to resolve outstanding issues in specific areas where progress is halted until a resolution is achieved. Co-ordinating meetings and work with internal and external departments to progress lengthy cases. Monitor the case work system to keep outstanding issues low and close cases off where possible. Attending external meetings where cases become crossed over with other agencies eg Greater Manchester Waste Authority in the interest of keeping cases live, not forgotten etc.

2.2 Community Development

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The Community Development Officer and the Apprentice Community Development Officer have been working with varied groups across the district on a variety of projects. The most successful being the work done by the residents of Dalton and Mather Street, who continue to expand each time we meet. It is hoped with the help of the Malton Gardens Community Group we can take the best practices to other alley ways within the district.

Over the last few months the Community Development Team have been involved with a number of campaigns/events: These include

- National No Smoking Day
- Falls Awareness Week
- Failsworth Carnival
- Westminster Road Garden Party
- Hollinwood Sports Plan
- Centenary Boulders within the Higher and Lower Memorial Parks
- Summer bedding plants around Norman/Wesley/Minor Street
- Hollinwood Business Park - Apprenticeship Event
- Enterprise in Oldham Event
- Failsworth & Hollinwood Fun Day

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Xplorer Orienteering

Xplorer Orienteering has been taking place at Daisy Nook on the first Saturday monthly over the summer months. This is a project I have been working on with British Orienteering, the other district SDO's and is a Borough Wide programme also running at Tandle Hill Park, Dunwood Park, Alexandra Park and Uppermill Park. This is a fantastic family activity aimed at children age from preschool to end of primary school age groups.

As well as being really good fun, this promotes family activities, gets people out in the fresh air, learning new skills such as map reading and becoming more healthy in general.

LTA Great British Tennis Weekend

The Great British Tennis weekend is a national initiative from the Lawn Tennis Association with the aim of getting as many people as possible to go along and play some tennis.

The event took place on the brand new facilities at Failsworth Sports Campus and was a great success. In total over 80 people came along and played some tennis on the day.

On the day we provided participants with Robinsons Barley Water and fresh Strawberries and Cream, kindly donated by TESCO Failsworth.

Participants played free tennis, mini tennis, family tennis and cardio tennis. We aim to continue our partnership work with the school and are looking to create a new tennis club from the Spring of 2015.

Cycling

This was the year the Tour de France started in the UK with the first two stages passing nearby to Oldham. We managed to attract £5K funding and have purchased new bicycles and helmets to be stored in Failsworth. There is an existing Junior Cycle Project which runs from Limeside Oasis school. We are looking to encourage more adults to cycle, get people over 50 cycling as part of the Ageing Well Programme, and promote more family cycling and female only cycling groups.

We will also be looking for community volunteers to become involved with the cycling project, and for them to become official British Cycling 'Cycle Leaders' and confident to take small groups of cyclist out on rides.

Failsworth School and Oasis Academy

We are continuing the work we do with both these Senior School by training up year 9,10 and 11 students to gain the Sports Leaders UK Level 1 qualifications. In total 120 students annually will take this nationally recognised qualification which teaches them many leadership and communication life skills, gives them the confidence to coach and speak in front of groups and can also lead to amazing volunteering and paid sporting opportunities.

Failsworth & Hollinwood Summer Activities

Over the summer months, we have teamed up with Failsworth Sports Campus and delivered a programme of sport Mon – Fri for young people to come along and enjoy.

On average around 30 young people have attended these sessions each day and they have enjoyed a range of sports including football, Dodgeball, tennis, kwik cricket, volleyball and have also taken part in arts & crafts activities across at the Youth Centre.

Staff that has progressed from our sports volunteers to official Oldham Council casual staff supported the programme over the summer as well as two excellent sports volunteers.

Rounders

As part of the 'Streetgames' programme we have been delivering some sessions in Rounders each Thursday on Limeside Park over the Summer. We have linked in with the Hollinwood Hub on this project. We need to look at the way we market and promote activities as this should have had more people attending we feel.

Streetgames Project

Some funding has been secured to deliver a Street games project over a two year period. This project is to be delivered to young people across the district and engage them in a variety of sporting activities, developing them as individuals by them gaining experience/qualifications, meeting new people, trying new things, giving them volunteer opportunities and to have a lot of fun! The project is us working in partnership with OCLL and will be delivered over BWT at Failsworth sports Centre then moving to various outdoor venues from Spring 2015.

Connecting Communities Project

As part of the work we do with Failsworth Sports Campus, a project called connecting communities has attracted some funding to give 20 targeted pupils from the school opportunities they wouldn't have had.

Some of the activities they are taking part in include sport and dance, but also gives them social opportunities such as cinema evenings. The girls have been enjoying horse riding the most so far.

Walking Football

In the forthcoming weeks we will be setting up Walking Football for Over 50s in partnership with Failsworth Sports Campus. The project is aimed at Over 50's to get out in the fresh air, have some fun, meet new friends and enjoy themselves. This project will run at Failsworth Soccer Centre.

Primary Schools World Cup Event

Working with OCLL we organised a World Cup event for Primary Schools from across the borough of Oldham. Each school played the role of their adopted country on the day. Over 120 young people took part and enjoyed themselves. As well as the football, it gave schools a great opportunity to teach the cultural history of their adopted country, make flags and support their team on the day.

Cobra Kan Karate Club Success at the Oldham Sports Awards 2014

We have been supporting Cobra Kan Karate Club over the past couple of years. As part of the work we have successfully attracted funding for them. This has enabled them to upskill their coaches and volunteers with official qualifications.

The club has made huge progress since almost having to close their doors a couple of years ago. The club has moved into new premises, their army of volunteers has renovated the building, painted it and kitted it out to amazing levels.

At this year's Oldham Sports Awards, the club picked up both Oldham Club of the Year and Oldham Coach of the Year. The club has two world and European champions and is looking forward to taking part in the World Championships this October which are being held in Portugal. The club has been doing a massive amount of fund raising, bag packing etc to enable their students to travel and take part. We wish them every success.

Cobra Kan Karate will go on to represent Oldham at the Greater Manchester Sports Awards, held at Lancashire Cricket Club in November.

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GMYN Road Safety Course**

7 young people attended the UPS Road Code programme delivered by Greater Manchester Youth Network and UPS staff. As well as learning about what to be aware of driving on the roads, they got to try out driving simulators. After testing their knowledge they received a certificate and goody bag. All the young people said they felt it was really useful and would help them be more aware when they learn to drive.

Saddleworth Show

Staff and young people have been working with their peers in Saddleworth on a project with Saddleworth Rotary over the last few months. This culminated in them running the VIP area at the recent Saddleworth Show. They are now completing a CMI qualification in Leadership.

Summer Activities

As well as our usual evening activities, over the summer staff, volunteers and Senior Member Helpers have delivered a programme of activities. Every week young people accessing Soccer Centre provision were able to take part in art & craft activities at Failsworth Q. We also ran weekly sessions at Limehurst Youth Centre.

Weekly bake and take sessions gave young people the opportunity to plan and make 2 course meals for the whole family.

Junior and senior members had the opportunity to visit Heaton Park, Tandlehill Park, Hollinworth Lake and Chester Zoo.

Kerrching Funding

Youth Forum members were successful in securing £1000 funding from Kerrching (Youth Opportunities Fund) for community and fund raising activities until the end of March.

3. News & Events

3.1 Malton Gardens

Malton Garden Community Group (residents from Dalton Street and Mather Street) has gone from strength to strength over the past 12 months and their

hard work has paid off, winning best Community Garden category in the Bloom and Grow competition. The group were thrilled and life couldn't get any better when they received news that they had been nominated for a Pride in Oldham Award.

However the group continue to work hard within the community and a new string to their bow is there monthly luncheon club at a nearby Cafe (Nostimos on Hardman Lane); £2 will get you a sandwich, tea or coffee and a slice of cake. Meeting at 12.30 and will continue to meet every first Tuesday of the month. It doesn't stop there; work is underway organising the Big Tidy Up as part of Keep Britain Tidy targeting the Dean/Dalton/Mather Street area on Saturday 22nd November 2014. Further details will be circulated to members in due course.

3.2 Christmas 2014

Hollinwood

The Hollinwood Christmas preparations are in their early stages with a view of expanding the celebrations for Christmas 2014. It is envisaged to hold a Christmas Market within Oasis Academy running from 5pm-8pm. Following on from the success of special guest star Sponge Bob Square Pants last year, it is hoped we will have an even bigger name to switch on the new extended Christmas lights this year.

Date for the Hollinwood Christmas celebrations will be Thursday 4th December 2014.

Failsworth

Failsworth Christmas celebrations were significantly overhauled in 2013 and Christmas 2014 will follow the same format. As last year there will be a Christmas Market at St Johns Church Hall along with an additional venue within Failsworth Town Hall running from 1pm-7pm. There will be live entertainment from the Pole from 5pm with the lights switch on commencing around 7pm with a view of the entertainment continuing until 9pm.

Forward with Failsworth and Cllr E Garry have been busily getting local businesses along Oldham Road involved by encouraging them to dress their front windows and perhaps have a mini wall mounted Christmas Tree.

Date for the Failsworth Christmas celebrations will be Friday 12th December 2014

3.3 Failsworth & Hollinwood Community Fun Day - Higher Memorial Park

The first Failsworth & Hollinwood Community Fun Day took place on Saturday 20th September 2014 at Failsworth Higher Memorial Park.

The event was a great success with many partner agencies involved. We had our local community safety organisations, the TA, GMP and Greater

Manchester Fire Service, in attendance with their vehicles. The Territorial Army had great success with recruitment for the Army Reserve and the GM Fire Service also enlisted many for their Fire Risk Assessments.

Two Failsworth residents whom are coordinators of Home Watch in their area were also asked to come along to enlist others to the scheme; they had great success with signing up around 25 residents.

Our own Community Safety Officer was also in attendance to make people aware of Home Safety and Personal Awareness.

John Crompton, the Chair of Failsworth Historical Society brought his WW1 exhibition to the event which previously had been situated in Failsworth Library.

The RSPCA and Oldham Cancer Support were invited to the event to raise awareness about their charities and for some fundraising.

Grassroots came along to our event to raise the profile of all the good work they do; they were selling items that had been made at their facilities as well as doing some planting and making fresh apple juice with their apple press.

The Oldham Community Leisure Bouncy Castle and Climbing Wall were very popular. Our Sports Development Officer and two of his staff brought along lawn games and volleyball for the children to play. He also invited Sensei Gill, the world champion in karate for over 40s, to put on some demonstrations; Sensei Gill also had great success with many children wanting to sign up and join her classes.

Lots of attendees took a crash course lesson on a unicycle with Pamela from Unicycle for Health, including Councillor Sean Fielding from Failsworth West.

An interactive magic show was put on by Carita from Funky Fitness and Fun as well as some line dancing.

Our Youth Development Worker and some of her staff and volunteers had a face-painting stall at the event; there was a queue all day with lots of children walking around with camouflage, as lions, butterflies and batman.

LollyMania Mascots provided the event with the much loved Minnie Mouse. We organised for a busker to sing at the event; she was a huge hit having some attendees dancing and singing along with her.

The Mayor of Oldham, Fida Hussain opened our event as well as staying for a while to see all of our attractions. Tony Lloyd, the Police and Crime Commissioner came along to see all of our efforts commenting on how beneficial these events are for the community; he also closed our event.

Jodie Hendry - Apprentice Community Development Officer

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 For the Failsworth & Hollinwood District Executive to note the report.
- 4.2 Agree the priorities for 2014/2015