

## **BRIEFING PAPER FOR FAILSWORTH AND HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**

### **Community Development Officer Update**

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#### **Purpose of Paper**

The purpose of this paper is to update the Failsworth and Hollinwood District Executive on Community Development events and projects.

#### **Amplifon Hearing Checks**

On Wednesday 17 August a Hearing Health Day, ran by Amplifon, was held at Failsworth Town Hall.

Over 30 people were screened with 17 of those being passed on for further testing. A number of people expressed an interest in visiting the Oldham Amplifon branch including the Mayor.

The success of the event has meant that other ward members are interested in rolling the Hearing Health Day out into Chadderton, Saddleworth, Royton and Crompton.

#### **Westminster Garden Party**

On Saturday 3 September, the Wild West themed Westminster Garden Party took place.

The Westminster Garden Party is an annual event which usually takes place at the beginning of July which unfortunately was not feasible this year. The event will return to its usual time next year.

The weather was against us this year, with rain pouring for the entirety of the event, meaning we had to close the event early. However, the event was well attended; with

plenty of little cowboys and cowgirls to get involved with our best dressed competition. We also took this opportunity to engage with the local residents with regard to the 3 weekly bins.

## **Failsworth & Hollinwood Fun Day**

The annual Failsworth & Hollinwood Fun Day took place in Higher Memorial Park on Saturday 24 September.

This year's attractions included a cute pet competition, falconry, crazy golf, archery, a fairground and face-painting & crafts run by Oldham Play Action Group. We also had craft, charity, health and information stalls including:

- Cancer Support
- Men in Sheds
- Ambition for Ageing
- Early Help
- Amplifon
- Environmental Health
- 3 Weekly Bins.

Early Help spoke to a total of 43 people about their service; 4 people were referred into the service for health checks, 3 people for support to stop smoking and 1 person would like to volunteer.

The District Team took the opportunity to engage with the residents with regard to the consultation for the Public Space Protection Order in Higher Memorial Park. Around 30 feedback forms were completed at the event.

## **Upcoming events and projects**

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Failsworth Remembrance Sunday Parade is due to take place on Sunday 13 November. As in previous years, the parade will form up at the Failsworth Health Centre Car Park at 10.20am with the procession to step off at 10.40am prompt, under the control of the Territorial Army.

### **Failsworth Christmas Lights**

The Failsworth Christmas Light Switch-On event is due to take place on Friday 25 November from 4pm.

This year we will be having a 'Party around the Pole' with entertainment at Failsworth Pole and a surprise guest character to turn the lights on at 7pm.

## **Hollinwood Christmas Lights**

The Hollinwood Christmas Light Switch-On is due to take place on Friday 2 December from 4pm.

A Christmas Market will commence at 4pm in Oasis Academy Limeside School, followed by the light switch-on at 6pm by Rainbow Dash (My Little Pony) and Chase (Paw Patrol).

## **Lower Memorial Park Christmas Carols**

An intimate Christmas Carol event will be taking place in Failsworth Lower Memorial Park this year on Friday 16 December from 4pm. The event will be run by members of the bowling club at the park and residents association with both Ann Bates and me overseeing.

## **Parkrun**

One of the actions in our District Plan under Health & Wellbeing is to reduce issues in Failsworth West relating to child weight. With this in mind, it was suggested that we set up a junior parkrun in Daisy Nook Country Park. The sports development team are moving ahead with this, looking into the prospect of starting a 5k parkrun and eventually starting a 2k junior parkrun.

Hopefully our 5k parkrun will be up and running by the end of 2017.

## **E-Network**

My first big project is to look at setting up an E-Network with active residents, community, faith and voluntary groups, as well as local businesses and partner agencies. The hope is that this will encourage representatives to learn from each other, support each other and where necessary work together to create a shared community vision and voice.

I would like to encourage representatives to pass on information for any classes, support work, events and offers that are taking place across the Failsworth & Hollinwood District. This will enable me to issue a bulletin on a monthly basis to all in the network allowing for wider advertisement and greater communication.

If you are interested in joining the E-Network or would like to discuss how this would benefit yourself, please contact me on 0161 770 5434 or at [Jodie.Hendry@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:Jodie.Hendry@oldham.gov.uk).