#### CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND COHESION

Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate Date: Monday, 27th January, 2014

Street, Rotherham. S60

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Time: 12.00 p.m.

#### AGENDA

- 1. To determine if the matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with Part 1 (as amended March 2006) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.
- 2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
- 3. Apologies for absence.
- 4. Declarations of Interest.
- 5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th December, 2013. (Pages 1 4)
- 6. Evaluation of Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund. (Pages 5 17)
- 7. Integrated Youth Support Service update.
  - Officer to report.
- 8. Date and time of the next meeting: -
  - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, to start at 12.00 noon in the Rotherham Town Hall.

## CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND COHESION 16th December, 2013

Present: - Councillor Hussain (in the Chair) and Councillor Wallis.

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Burton.

#### E35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No Declarations of Interest were raised.

## E36. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2013.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, were discussed.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as an accurate record.

#### E37. VULNERABLE PERSONS' UNIT - SIX-MONTH UPDATE.

Councillor M. Hussain, Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion, introduced DS Nigel Taaffe, South Yorkshire Police, and Carol Adamson, Community Engagement Officer (Community Engagement, Housing and Neighbourhood, Neighbourhood and Adult Services Directorate). Nigel and Carol had prepared an update on the previous six-months' running of the Vulnerable Persons' Unit (VPU).

The VPU was a joint unit ran by the Council and South Yorkshire Police and was shortly due to co-locate in to Riverside House, where all partners would share a base.

Rotherham's VPU was set-up to help vulnerable people, who were often below social care thresholds but, as a cohort, were placing a high demand on the emergency services, in particular the police. The VPU coordinated the case management and information sharing processes for cases involving vulnerable people, to improve outcomes and use of resources. The VPU also had an overview of hate crime, tensions and community tension management.

The VPU used the Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) framework to assess referrals of medium and high risk individuals. The VPU ensued that there was effective information sharing, risks were monitored and reduced and the demand on all agencies was reduced. The use of the VARM ensured that there was an effective audit trails of decision-making and accountability.

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There had been 20 VARMs undertaken on 9 individuals. The VPU intended that they be on-going, regular meetings, and more were planned. However, the VPU did not have any administrative support. Administrative tasks were a key part of the success of the VARM framework.

Case studies relating to the use of VARMs following reports to the VPU were shared. These demonstrated the effectiveness of the VPU in tracking that individual's contact to the Police, and the direct reduction in policing hours. The timeline of the case studies showed that, over time, the call on policing resources was reduced.

The information sharing protocols that existed between the Partner Agencies ensured that all were aware of the referral to the VPU and the interventions already in place. Case notes would inform workers how to approach the individual in-line with the multi-agency interventions.

The VPU had taken on 24 additional cases on behalf of voluntary organisations relating to individuals requiring mental health support. Feedback from Partners was positive in that the cases were moving forward.

Further information was provided relating to: -

- Anti-Social Behaviour Orders:
- Creation on 'Key Individual Networks' (KINs);
- 16 voluntary and community organisations had signed-up as reporting centres so that individuals could report incidents in locations where they felt comfortable;
- Following a RotherFM campaign over the summer months, an increase in reports of disability crimes was seen.

#### Future tasking for the VPU: -

- The move to Riverside House;
- Participation in the Joint Area Groups:
- New anti-social behaviour legislation was expected in April, 2014;
- Project Shanaz in the longer term.

#### Discussion ensued on the information provided: -

- How did the VPU work with individuals when there were multiple and complex issues?;
- Were the ways that the VPU was communicating with individuals the most appropriate in terms of literacy levels, access to technology and language skills?;
- 'Demand management' for the VPU's services whilst it had limited resources.

Resolved: - (1) That the presentation be received and the information shared be noted.

(2) That information be developed for Elected Members in relation to the Vulnerable Persons' Unit.

## E38. AN UPDATE ON THE CREATION OF AN INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE IN ROTHERHAM.

Chris Brodhurst-Brown, Head of the Integrated Youth Support Service (Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services Directorate) was welcomed to the meeting to present the submitted report in relation to development of a performance management framework for the Service. This included a 'dashboard' of Key Performance Indicators and a quality assessment plan.

Continuing work in the Service was to ensure the provision of youth focused one-to-one support for vulnerable young people. Across the Service a standardised information recording system was being used, with the exception of the Youth Offending Service, which was using the Carework information recording system, which was compatible with the Youth Justice Board. The standardised information recording system improved outcomes and demonstrated a young person's journey throughout the Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS).

Appendix One to the submitted report demonstrated the continuum of needs that was used to organise services within Rotherham's Children and Young People's Services. This diagram, also known as the 'windscreen', showed universal services to acute specialist services. Social care interventions were placed in the highest 'Acute' category. The second diagram in the appendix demonstrated how some of the functions of the IYSS fitted into the Continuum of Needs. The IYSS worked across the windscreen from Universal provision up to and including Acute Specialist Services, alongside social care practitioners.

A comprehensive dashboard of Key Performance Indicators was being created from the IYSS's contribution to the Continuum of Needs. This document included links to the relevant Strategic Plans throughout Children and Young People's Services and corporate-wide.

Consideration was also given to the Youth Offending Services' Improvement Action Plan and Performance Indicators submitted at Appendix Two. The action plan was in response to the outcomes of the Short Quality Screening of youth offending work between 12-14<sup>th</sup> November, 2012, by HM Inspectorate of Probation. All performance indicators had been completed, apart from one Amber rated area that remained. This related to the provision of training, which was due to take place in the early New Year, 2014. It was intended that these documents would form the continuing performance monitoring governance of the Service through the Safer Rotherham Partnership and the Cabinet

Member for Communities and Cohesion.

Resolved: - (1) That the report be received and its content noted.

(2) That quarterly performance monitoring updates relating to the Integrated Youth Support Service and the Youth Offending Service be presented to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion.

#### E39. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: -

Resolved: - That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2014, to start at 12.00 noon in the Rotherham Town Hall.

## **ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - REPORT TO MEMBERS**

1.	Meeting	Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion
2.	Date:	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2014
3.	Title:	Evaluation of Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund
4.	Directorate:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

## 5. SUMMARY

This report provides an evaluation of the impact of the Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund in Rotherham to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. The report also details potential next steps in advance of the programme ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

#### 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet Member,

notes and comments on the contents of this report

#### 7. BACKGROUND

Community First is a four year, £80m government programme, being led by the Cabinet Office's Office for Civil Society (OCS). There are three elements:

- £30m Neighbourhood Match Fund i.e. a small grants programme for some of the most deprived areas in England, being administered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF)
- £50m national Endowment Match Challenge
- Community Organisers

Ipsos MORI have been commissioned by the OCS to undertake regular evaluations of the Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund. Their first evaluation found that:

- £12.5m has been awarded by 600 Panels to 8,500 projects
- There are four main wellbeing project types;
  - Helping people to learn
  - Encouraging people to be active and healthy
  - Connecting people together
  - o Encouraging people to volunteer
- There have been few wholly new projects however this is likely to change as Panels make new local connections.

The objective of this report is to evaluate the impact of Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund in Rotherham to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 and to consider next steps in advance of the programme ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

The paper will be of interest to our local Community First Panels. It will be forwarded to the Cabinet Office to assist with their evaluation too.

#### 7.1 EVALUATION

The OCS saw Community First as:

- A means of enabling small social action projects, encouraging individuals/groups to bring change to some of the most deprived communities in the country
- A tool to support new and existing projects
- Part of a broader power shift, putting local residents in the driving seat, building their capacity and confidence to develop community led solutions

In terms of evaluating the impact of the Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund in Rotherham, the OCS aims detailed above have been used as a basis for this evaluation.

Has Community First enabled small social action projects, encouraging individuals/groups to bring change to some of the most deprived communities?

In short the answer is yes. Community First is delivering £712,000 into voluntary-community sector projects in some of the borough's most deprived neighbourhoods. To date, £396,964 has been awarded by the 11 Ward based Community First Panels to 255 projects. Please see **Appendix I** Community First

Panel funded projects. The Ward based Community First Panel priorities reflect the deprived neighbourhood priorities (Please see **Appendix II** Community First Panel priorities and deprived neighbourhood priorities). The allocation of the Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund was centrally determined. 11 of the 21 Rotherham wards were identified as eligible for this funding, 7 of which include at least one deprived neighbourhood. Community First funding has therefore provided an important source of funding geared to the local deprived neighbourhoods.

Taken together, Panel priorities fall into several broad themes connected to the deprived neighbourhoods and to the wellbeing themes identified by Ipsos MORI.

Ipsos MORI	Rotherham themes	Description
Helping people to learn	Children and families	diversion, engaging parents in
		learning, ensuring best start in life
	Skills training	access to information, adult skills,
		managing debt/household budget
Encouraging people to be	Vulnerable groups	isolation/loneliness amongst the
active and healthy		elderly, health issues e.g. alcohol,
		drugs etc
	<mark>Health</mark>	healthy eating, exercise,
		drinking/smoking and mental health
		issues
	Crime/ASB and	safe/clean streets, tackling hotspots,
	environment	improving appearance of area
Connecting people together	Bringing communities	community
and Encouraging people to	together	heritage/cohesion/development
volunteer		

#### The table below shows that:

- Children and families is a priority in 10 of the 11 areas, attracting 32% of the funding to date, a lot of which has been concentrated on diversionary activities. More focused projects include preschool provision, supporting children and families and engaging parents in their childrens education
- Skills training is another priority in 10 of the 11 areas, attracting 7% of funding. The level of funding may be a reflection on the projects available to deliver and the level of awards. Projects have typically provided education and training, and both personal and professional support e.g. life skills, CV writing etc
- Vulnerable groups is a priority in 10 of the 11 areas too, attracting 15% of funding. Key groups helped include the elderly, people living in food poverty, vulnerable women and their families, the homeless and the new migrant communities
- Crime/ASB and environment is a priority in 7 of the 11 areas, attracting 14% of funding, a lot of which has been concentrated on community groups/projects seeking to improve appearance of their area
- Health is a priority in 5/11 areas, attracting 6% of funding
- Bringing communities together is a priority in 4/11 areas, attracting 26% of funding. Bringing communities together and building capacity has been identified as an important issue

Priority	Panel priority	Allocation (%)
Children and families	10/11	32
Vulnerable groups	10/11	15
Skills training	10/11	7
Crime/ASB and environment	7/11	14
<mark>Health</mark>	5/11	6
Bringing communities together	4/11	26

A full list of the projects granted funding is available, both Panel by Panel and by their priority/theme. This may be of particular interest to local Community First Panels, to monitor the progress of their projects and look at what other Panels have been funding.

Attached at **Appendix III** are some best practice examples of projects. The examples highlight the range of projects supported, the importance of their work in particular to the local deprived neighbourhoods agenda and key outputs/outcomes.

## Has Community First been a tool to develop new and support existing projects?

The answer is Yes and No. New projects have been developed, however, similar to the findings from Ipsos MORI, Community First funding has largely supported existing projects e.g. 137 of the 229 grants (60%), totalling £267,000 of funding (78%), awarded by 10 of the 11 Panels to date (excl Rawmarsh) went to 38 groups/organisations. 18 have been supported by 2+ Panels. This highlights, however, problems with the process and the relative strength of the voluntary-community sector i.e. difficult for Panels to jointly scale projects, projects inevitably apply for funding given level of available awards etc. Panels have, however, increased their knowledge of and links to the work of existing projects e.g. preschool providers and Childrens Centres in Rotherham East, Canklow Community Connections, Rotherham CAN and Rotherham In Root in Boston Castle etc

# Has Community First put local residents in the driving seat, built their capacity and confidence to develop community led solutions?

The answer is Yes and No. Cabinet Office have commended the links made between Community First and deprived neighbourhoods in Rotherham. Feedback from Panel voluntary-community sector members has highlighted how much they have welcomed the opportunity to work with Councillors and senior officers. Across all areas, local residents have been involved in setting local priorities, approving projects for funding and projects representing community led solutions to local issues. The process has been a positive experience and has confirmed that there are groups/organisations in Eastwood, Canklow, Maltby etc who could with the right support play a more leading role in any future work.

## 7.2 NEXT STEPS

A further round of Panels need to be convened as soon as possible to:

- Allocate any remaining Year 3 funding by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 deadline. 6 of the 11 Panels still have £21,065 to allocate.

- Monitor the progress of their Years 1, 2 and 3 projects and to look at what other Panels have been funding
- Begin planning for Year 4, where the highest percentage of Community First funding is concentrated i.e. 33% of funding (£209,303). Panels are required to allocate Year 4 funding by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 – therefore Panels have the most funding to allocate in the shortest timescale.

There is also merit in beginning to consider now what will happen beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, the end of the Community First programme. The Endowment Match Challenge (EMC), being managed by the South Yorkshire Community Foundation (SYCF), will run from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. Their challenge is to attract company contributions which the Government will match. Post 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, any monies raised through EMC will be rolled into SYCF's small grants process. We have asked SYCF what constructive help we could give e.g. how we could work to build sustainability by bridging the Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund and the EMC element of SYCF's small grants programme.

There have been difficulties associated with this external funding, however, the funding has been welcomed and is being well used. The key now is planning for Year 4 and life beyond Community First.

#### 8. FINANCE

Community First is enabling funding of £712k to vol-com sector projects.

#### 9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

To date, all deadlines have been met in order to secure and draw down Community First funding. Community First is external funding and any contractual arrangements are between CDF and groups/organisations.

#### 10. POLICY AND PERFORMANCE AGENDA IMPLICATIONS

Community First supports priority activity within our most deprived communities; strengthening community based activity and resilience and promoting community based action through voluntary and community sector partnerships.

## 11. BACKGROUND PAPERS AND CONSULTATION

Cabinet Office letter to Local Authority Chief Executives, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011 plus various CDF guidance.

Update Reports to Area Assembly Chairs Meetings.

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## Appendix I

## COMMUNITY FIRST PANEL FUNDED PROJECTS IN ROTHERHAM

PANEL	YEARS 1 & 2	YEAR 3		
	Number of projects	Number of projects	Balance remaining (£)	Next Panel
Rotherham West	13	7	0	TBC
Wingfield	18	9	2,327	TBC
Keppel	9	4	626	TBC
Rotherham East	27	16	1,459	TBC
Boston Castle	16	8	5,097	TBC
Hoober	14	7	0	TBC
Rawmarsh	20	6	9,573	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>
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Valley	18	6	1,983	TBC
Silverwood	8	6	0	TBC
Rother Vale	11	10	0	TBC
Maltby	11	8	0	TBC
TOTALS	165	90	21,065	

## **COMMUNITY FIRST PANEL PRIORITIES VS DEPRIVED NEIGHBOURHOODS PRIORITIES**

COMMUNIT Y FIRST	Priorities (Years 3-4 )	DEPRIVED NEIGHBOURHOO DS	Priorities
Rotherham West	-Support families, children and young people	Ferham/Masbrou	-Education
	-Address isolation/loneliness amongst over 50's, people vulnerable/with disabilities	gh	-Health
	-Provide health and wellbeing including healthy eating/exercise		
	-Increase availability/awareness of employment skills/training,		
	skills and aspirations of young people, independent living and money matters following welfare reform		
	-Improve appearance of area & increase community safety		-Crime/ASB and Environment
Wingfield	u	Х	X
Keppel	и	Х	X
Rotherham East	-Increase amount of/take up of current preschool provision	Eastwood	-Education
	-Increase availability/awareness of job/skills/training opportunities/benefit advice	East Dene	-Adult Skills 🗓
	-Diversionary activities for young people to address ASB		
	-Bring communities together		-Community engagement
Boston Castle	-Ensure best start in life for children and their families	Canklow (C) Town Centre (TC)	-Learning healthy lifestyles (TC) -Educational attainment and skills (TC)
	-Prevent isolation/loneliness amongst elderly		
	-Bring communities together		-Support/build community (C)
	-Enable people to access and/or provide people with skills training for work/budgets		-Improve access to employment opps (TC)
	-'Other'	_	-Plan/deliver different (C)
			-Target prolifics (C)
			-Reduce crime/ASB (TC)
			-Work with willing (C)
			(0)
Hoober	-Ensure best start in life for children and families	Х	X
	-Support those who are vulnerable within community		
	-Support growth of a sustainable/competitive local economy		

COMMUNITY FIRST	Priorities (Years 3-4)	DEPRIVED NEIGHBOURHOO DS	Priorities
Rawmarsh		Rawmarsh East	- Employment/employability/educ ation
	-Reduce isolation and deprivation		-Health
	-Make the area look better		-Crime/ASB, Housing and Environment
	-Bring generations together -Celebrate identity and achievement -Improve connection and communication		-Community engagement
Valley	-Support growth of a sustainable/competitive local economy	East Herringthorpe	- Employment/employability/educ ation
	-Ensure best start in life for children and families -Support those who are vulnerable within community		-Health D
			-Crime/ASB, Housing and Environment Community engagement
Silverwood	-Support growth of a sustainable/competitive local economy	Dalton/Thrybergh	- Employment/employability/educ ation
	-Ensure best start in life for children and families -Support those who are vulnerable within community		-Health
			-Crime/ASB, Housing and Environment
X	X	Dinnington	-Community engagement -Keeping safe -Housing and Environment -Children/young people/families
			-Jobs/training -Health
Rother Vale	-Crime/ASB and facilities for young people	X	X
	-Communities/environment		

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	-Health of vulnerable individuals i.e. warmth, drugs/alcohol and teenage pregnancies -Access/learn new skills -Community heritage		
X	X	Aston	-Young people -Employment -Health
Maltby	-Crime/ASB/safe environment -Communities/environment -Health of vulnerable individuals i.e. drugs/alcohol -Learn new skills and raise confidence/aspiration	Maltby	-Community engagement -Crime/ASB -Housing and Environment -Health -Skills/employability
	-Diversionary activities for young people		-Children/young people/familie

## SOME BEST PRACTICE EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY FIRST PROJECTS

### Children and families

## Coleridge Childrens Centre c/o Erskine Rd Community Centre (Rotherham East)

- Parent and toddler group, targeting new arrivals to Eastwood, providing high quality early years learning, highlighting to parents importance of play and how to prepare and cook healthy low cost meals
- Gone from strength to strength drawn interest and praise from a range of professionals

#### Badsley Moor Lane and St James Parent and Toddler Groups (Rotherham East)

- Parent and toddler groups, targeting parents/carers and children in East Dene aim was to expand
- Promotional material and open days have increased membership and enabled upgrades

## **Unity Centre Nursery (Rotherham East)**

- In partnership with Roma Khamoro project aimed to increase take up of pre-school provision by
  - Roma Slovak families
- Ran family learning sessions, raising awareness of child safety, dangers of smoking during pregnancy and of healthy eating

## Learning Together ABC Family Challenge (Rotherham East, Boston Castle, Valley and Maltby)

- Encouraged parents to become involved in childrens learning
- Ran 10 sessions in central area, received positive feedback from schools, Childrens Centres and families

#### Skills training

#### The Learning Community (Valley)

- Aiming to increase take up of life skills and employment support by fostering "Community Advocates"
- Outreach team will provide support too e.g. CV writing, job-search/interview techniques etc

## Valley Employment Surgery (Valley)

- Increase employment prospects by hosting weekly drop in employment surgeries looking at CVs, application forms, job-search and interview preparation, setting up email addresses etc
- Aiming to persuade potential employers to come and do talks too

## Brampton and Cortonwood Drop In Employment Advice and Mentoring Schemes (Hoober)

- Employing a sessional worker to provide advice and guidance to the unemployed
- Taking referrals from Job Centre and working in partnership with Young Peoples Connexions Service

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 Enable people to apply for a small bursary to access training, travel costs and buy clothing for interviews

### **Rush House Online (Rotherham East)**

- Accommodate homeless young people
- Provide access to ICT equipment and internet to find education and employment opportunities
- Take up to date has exceeded expectations targeted 60, at mid-point 65 beneficiaries

### JMLB Genesis (Rotherham East and Boston Castle)

- Targeted unemployed learners to increase familiarity with IT, given shift to on-line systems
- Ran two 15 week courses

#### WEA (Rother Vale)

- Targeting people aged 19+ in Treeton who have limited or no ICT skill
- 7 week course will cover basic word processing, internet and e-mail

### Active Regen (Rotherham East and Boston Castle)

- Target young people through sport to provide accredited/non accredited qualifications/work experience
- Skills to include decision making, budgeting and time management

#### **SWITCH Inclusion Services CIC (Boston Castle)**

- Offer financial education covering banking, best energy deals, credit unions, doorstep lending,
  - loan sharks etc and opportunity to meet a money mentor
- Will link up with Canklow Community Connections

## Vulnerable groups

## Clifton Learning Partnership Tackling Food Poverty (Rotherham East)

- Targeting most financially vulnerable families, identified by schools, Children Centres and IYSS.
  - by offering a 1 day session during each school holiday period when people will prepare food, receive a hot meal and a food bag to take away
- 294 participants, predominantly Roma, but White British and British Asian too, and 10 volunteers

## **Stepping Stones Cook and Eat (Maltby)**

- Cooking course targeted at vulnerable families on a low budget
- 25 participants new parents now visiting the centre

#### Food AWARE CIC Valley Food Value! (Valley)

- Cookery lessons to be delivered to an accredited Level 2 Certificate in Food Handling
- Will be run in partnership with High Greave School and parish council

#### GROW Family Support (Wingfield, Keppel, Rotherham East and Boston Castle)

- Support women and families experiencing unemployment and benefit problems, mental health, isolation etc by offering one to one or peer group support
- In one area, 51 participants ie 19women/32children, in another 37 participants ie 15women/22 children

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Gained employment, took up volunteering, secured tenancies and issued warm packs

## Maltby One Stop Shop Advice Service (Maltby)

- Free welfare rights and debt advice service
- Take up to date has exceeded expectations

## Roma Khamoro (Rotherham East)

- Develop people champions through volunteering who will become role models by running weekly advice service and sessions on community pride
- Up to 50 people attending weekly advice service and another 3 being mentored as community ambassadors completed a litter pick and supported development and delivery of last year's Eastwood Village Fun Fest

#### Crime/ASB and environment

# Rotherham CAN Casting Innovations (Wingfield, Keppel, Rotherham East, Boston Castle, Hoober, Valley, Silverwoood and Maltby)

- A unique, mobile recycling education programme using waste aluminium which begins with initial litter picks and awareness raising and culminates with a micro-recycling scheme producing saleable items
- Cabinet Office discussed project with Rotherham CAN

## **Canklow Community Connections Adopt A Street (Boston Castle)**

- Newly formed TARA seeking to encourage community involvement and a sense of pride by adopting and cleaning designated streets then installing signs
- Two streets have been cleaned up in partnership with Rotherham CAN
- There are now 8 active participants in this group

## Ferham Community Group Clean ups (Rotherham West)

- Tidy ups engaging families and children
- First event in September 2013, run in partnership with Streetpride, attracted 50 participants especially adults and children from the Roma community

#### China Town TARA and Model Village Community Association (MVCA) (Maltby)

- Both received funding to run 4 community action days including skips, litter picking and wild flower garden / bulb plantingTidy ups engaging families and children
- Provided IT courses and equipment for junior sports teams too
- MVCA days attracted a total of 400 participants



#### **Rotherham in Root (Boston Castle)**

- Development of a Canklow community garden, enabling people to grow their own produce
- Tools and other equipment have been donated by local partners garden now well established
- Exploring facility for a lock up store

## Eastwood / East Dene Cookery Course (Rotherham East)

- 6 week course hosted by Rotherham Fire Station where people will learn how to budget and cook healthy meals on a small income in a peer support group
- Involves local Councillors and ASDA supermarket

## High Greave School Parent/Carer and Toddler Group (Valley)

- Healthy lifestyle project
- Will start with cookery workshop and exercise including swimming and zumba

#### Bringing communities together

## Bowling Clubs (Wingfield, Keppel, Rother Vale and Maltby)

- Following changes to lease and maintenance arrangements, several bowling clubs received funding to enable volunteers to undertake work
- Benefitting 6 clubs; Barkers Park, Greasbrough, Treeton, Thurcroft, Coronation Park and Maltby Main

## Inspire Rotherham (Rotherham West, Wingfield, Keppel, Valley and Silverwood)

- Builds on a University of Sheffield project where children will be trained as researchers and supported to lead a community action project
- Culminates in a local event presenting
- 50 young people participated in Silverwood project

#### **EVCA Fun Fest**

- Annual event aimed at bringing all sections of community together
- Diverse planning group ensured 2013 event was well attended with c 500 people