Keppel Ward

Over the past 12 months since the review, we have been:

- Engaging with the various activities and groups based in the ward
- Responding to community concerns covering Crime / ASB, speeding and the environment

The shift to ward based working has ensured a positive focus on Keppel and provided dedicated resources to support our local work.

**Engaging with the various activities and groups based in the ward**

**Dragons Dens / Community Awards**

We held our first Dragons Den in 2018 for groups to pitch for funding. The event brought some groups together for the first time. We received an e-mail the following day from a participant saying ‘thank you’ for staging the funding event which gave them the opportunity to meet other groups. They went on to say ‘It was quite humbling . . . and inspiring to see people go out of their way to make situations better.’

We decided to aim for bigger and better in 2019 and held a combined Dragons Den / Community Awards. The event in February was attended by 80+ people from across the ward. Again, it was humbling and inspiring to hear of the work people do and to thank them for this.

**£6,700+ awarded to 15 local groups**

15 individuals and 1 group were presented with awards for community work. Inc 2 Longstanding Service

**Santa comes to town**

We worked with Wortley Rotary to enable Santa and his Elves to visit Thorpe Hesley on Christmas Eve

**Millmoor Juniors**

Supported the club to erect a players shelter and purchase of Football Kits
**Artworks** Councillor Clark and the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator attended a banner making event. The banner is now displayed in the Town Hall and has an entry in the LGA ’From Suffrage to Citizenship—Celebrating 100 Pioneers publication

**Responding to community concerns**

**Crime / ASB**

- PCSOs very supportive. Held a community meeting with them in Thorpe Hesley in July 2018. Re-started surgeries. Plans to hold Joint surgeries with Cllr Clark in Thorpe Hesley from June 2019

- Ward based CCTV deployed

- Police, Housing and Neighbourhoods undertook reassurance visits to Wellgate Lodge with security packs, further visits to vulnerable tenants planned

- Improved provision e.g. Thorpe Hesley / Barnsley Rd play areas

**Speeding**

- Community meeting held in Thorpe Hesley in January 2019 attended by 50+ people. Concerns parking on pavement, speed / volume of traffic, re-routing and HGV signage

- Requested speed / volume of traffic counts

- Deployed illuminated speed sign on Thorpe Street

**Environment**

- Replaced 3 bins in Barkers Park which have been relocated where paths cross to increase footfall and encourage less rubbish to be dropped in the park

- Finally, important again to recognise role played by local community. Presented a resident with an award who arranged a litter pick attended by 100+ people

**Future Plans**

We will continue to work with Local Groups, Partners and Voluntary Organisations to ensure that the ward priorities for 2019/20 are met.