

MyWales Ward

News from Harthill, Kiveton Park, Todwick and Wales

Wales Ward Priorities

To support and develop initiatives to improve the local environment.

To support and develop initiatives to improve road safety in the community.

To support and develop initiatives around combating social isolation, loneliness and improving well-being.

To continue to support local community and voluntary organisations, particularly those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic

The Friendly Bench

The Friendly Bench now has a pride of place in front of Kiveton Library. The project was first brought to us by Alana, a local school girl who is now well known and very active in the local community for her commitment to organising and promoting a variety of community initiatives. We funded the project through our devolved budget and worked with Alana and all Partners to make this happen.

The Friendly Bench is all about tackling loneliness, isolation and promoting community cohesion and togetherness. Hence the name! There were some delays owing to the Pandemic but we got there in the end and Cllr Dominic Beck attended the official (socially distanced) opening during August.



Community Skip at Kiveton Park

A community skip was held on the 7th Feb 2020 so that members of the community could get rid of any unwanted rubbish. The skip was placed on the Wales Village Hall car park for easy access. The skip was well received by the community as it was full within 2 hours. The caretakers were on hand to collect rubbish from council properties and were very supportive in helping the event go smoothly.

(Photo taken before Covid)



Defib at Viking Way Community Centre

The Viking Way TARA Group asked for help in getting a Defib fitted onto the external wall of the Neighbourhood Centre. They felt that it would be very beneficial to have access to one given that the area is predominantly made up of older people. It was agreed to fund this through the Capital budget. Start A Heart were also happy to get involved and they donated the cabinet that houses the Defib. The TARA group have worked hard to raise funds so that they can buy replacement pads and make sure there is enough money if it needs repairs in the future. The unit has already been used a number of times since it has been fitted. It is a great community asset that will hopefully keep on saving lives. (Photo taken before Covid)



Area Housing Panel Door Knocking

Councillors and partners, including Rotherfed, Neighbourhoods and Housing, held a door knocking session to speak to residents about the new Ward Housing Hubs. It was hoped that it would generate interest within the community for residents to get involved with spending the funding allocated to the area. The event was a great success as many residents gave us feedback on issues and also many were very willing to get involved in the future activity around the Hubs.

Harthill/Thorpe Salvin Covid 19 Group

The Harthill/Thorpe Salvin Covid 19 group did a fantastic job of keeping the vulnerable people of the neighbourhood fed and looked after. The group made use of the Peregrine Way Neighbourhood Centre to deliver food parcels to the people who really needed that extra help and support during the lockdown period. During the first 3 months the group delivered 375 food parcels to 88 households and 125 people. Most of these were delivered locally however the group found themselves helping people across the Borough. The volunteers were amazing as they took on any task from food shopping to dog walking and collecting medicines for the people who were unable to collect themselves. The group are evaluating their success and considering what they would like to do in the future to further support local residents.