



Combined Worker Report 28 November 2020 – 19 January 2021

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Two weeks annual leave was taken during this period by both staff members

Following government Covid – 19 guidelines we are continuing to work from home, until advised otherwise. BS has is overseeing the office installations and deliveries at Henknowle Community Centre, the room is taking shape and is fit for purpose when the timing is right.

Ongoing engagement: Social Media Facebook pages: Insights this reporting period

Gaubless Gateway page			Gaubless Gateway Volunteer Page		
New Likes	No.of posts	Post Reach	New likes	No.of posts	Post Reach
10	246	14,288	12	38	1,239

Online platform – Zoom

Zoom is still widely being used during COVID – 19 and many organisations including Local Trust has advocated its use to replace face to face meetings with multiple users, this will continue till advised otherwise.

Good News Stories

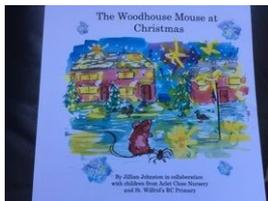


The power of the GGBL network

The Auckland Project alerted us that 50 chairs needed a good home, FREE and at very short notice. Within hours of circulating the information via email and social media, all of the chairs had been allocated awaiting collection and to be used for many years to come. We had four requests for additional information, which then lead onto one person being signposted into South Durham Enterprise Agency for start -up business support.

We have many examples of the network being a massive resource, reaching people far and wide.

Project updates



The Woodhouse Mouse at Christmas –Winter Light's Project supported by the Auckland Project

300 copies of a book distributed to families living in Woodhouse Close Estate, was written and illustrated by Jilly Johnston, in collaboration with children attending Aclet Close Nursery and St.Wilfred's RC Primary School. One aspect of the project was to let children know that whilst Christmas in 2020 might look a little different to previous years, it was no less special. A special thanks to the Bishop Auckland Covid19 response group for contributing previous funding received, making this project possible.

Community Development Lead work - I continue to attend AYCC weekly manager meetings, receiving organisational updates and have attended two monthly board meetings, sharing local opportunities and GGBL updates. A new collaboration between Woodhouse Close Church, AYCC and the Auckland project (TAP) has resulted around social prescribing activities, should a funding application be successful.

West Auckland Neighbourhood Watch -after a discussion with West Auckland residents and with the new Neighbourhood Inspector Peter Lonsdale around reports of anti- social behaviour, we are working with residents to explore setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Peter is now aware of all of the collaborative activities and developments taking place around young people's activities; such as the Youth initiative and an application in to us, to deliver Streetgames Door Step activities in partnership with Parish Council, the Vinyard Centre, AYCC and others.

BASH AAP meeting -representing GGBL at the online Teams meeting, it was great to hear Gaunless Gateway's work being highlighted by AYCC and Neighbourhood Inspector Peter Lonsdale. There was a presentation by Durham Constabulary around proposed custody changes relating to current premises and a potential new- build custody offer.

Plan development process - Gillian C has developed a system for the collection of documents, images and relevant links relating to the plan review process. As part of this process a visual front page is being used as an interface with google docs. A timeline of work has been added and a focus group has been carried out which will feed into the new plan, with an update at the next full meeting.

Legacy statement- all DM's should have received a discussion paper relating to the legacy statement from Jeanette H.

Recommendation: that a separate meeting is arranged, facilitated by Barbara / Jeanette to look at this in more depth, before the next full partnership meeting.

Local Trust Kickstart feasibility- in December 2020, three Big Local Reps were commissioned by Local Trust to consider the feasibility and benefit of Local Trust developing a programme under the DWP Kickstart scheme. As part of the development of the feasibility they conducted a short, focused engagement which I attended. I am aware that a delivery partner organisation situated within the Gaunless Gateway area is also exploring the Kickstart Programme. See initial [Local Trust engagement report](#) here.

Project updates

Trades 4 Care – the Chair and Vice Chair visited Raby Castle on-site to view work that has taken place as part of Connor's bursary award. There has been some excellent media coverage of the Trades 4 Care project. See link to [latest press release here](#)

Changing Relations CIC – following on from work carried out to date, Changing Relations is forming a new steering group to help them move forward, including young people. The advert was circulated across our network which has resulted in two expressions of interest, including one young person.

H.C Horizons CIC –are nearing completion of the feasibility work with Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club. The report will be made available soon.

Project proposal- Streetgames

For discussion and decision: The proposal document has been circulated to all DM's in advance of this meeting. Streetgames is a charity that has been working both locally in Woodhouse Close and on a larger scale with Local Trust in other Big Local areas. They are requesting £4,000 to engage with young people in West Auckland, linking into the Gaunless Gateway funded Youth Initiative delivered via AYCC and the role of the Vinyard Centre youth and family work, parish council and others. The project will enable portable equipment, including baked potato oven to be used as part of the project. A steering group will help direct this work moving forward.

Recommendation: that the partnership has further discussion about the role Streetgames could offer as part of their legacy plan. More information about the [Local Trust offer can be found here](#)

Partnership Support and Volunteer Broker work

- **Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust** - ongoing support with volunteer recruitment opportunities and partnership support duties
- **Volunteer recruitment** - several new volunteers have signed up to support ongoing activities across that benefit the partnership
- **Volunteer Broker befriending and organisational check-ins** -this is ongoing and very rewarding to hear how our volunteers and organisations are managing in challenging times
- **Better Impact Portal** - the online platform is still within the trial period, with existing data being transferred over which is fairly time consuming. The free trial has been extended by nearly three months. During this period they have updated their previous portal changing the layout, improving navigation and functions

- **Baptist Church** - volunteer support given and partnership support offered
- **Northern Learning Cluster (November)** -partnership support assistance given to Simon Underwood.
- **Bishop Auckland Bowling Club** -partnership support given.
- **Local Trust Rob Day-** supported Local Trust policy team through signposting partnership members to support with policy development and change.
- **Coachee and Coach engagement** - support is being given to an individual to gain her Coachee qualification to allow further training to take place. Once training is complete, her career aspiration is to offer professional and personal development of individuals
- **Wear Valley Community Action Group** - the group have gifted GGBL a speaker and 8 microphones to be housed at Henknowle Community Centre and will be collected when government guidelines permit. This equipment can better our funded area and we are extremely grateful for their kindness.
- **Cardboard Castle club-** partnership support given.
- **Family Action -Active Families-** support given with signposting and engagement opportunities
- **Irene Graham-** ongoing engagement with former Decision Maker. Irene sendsy the Volunteer Broker Season Greetings to everyone across the partnership and misses you all dearly, especially the decision-making members
- **Local Trust Leadership new course / workshops roll out** - a partnership member has been identified and nominated by the Volunteer Broker to be considered for the next Leadership course.
- **Baptist Church Food Donation** -an extremely kind GGBL volunteer and her husband donated a large selection of identified essential food items for the church to add to their pantry. This community hub provides cooked meals to non-church members within their community, in accordance with government guidelines. They were overjoyed by the generous contribution, dropped off by the Volunteer Broker
- **Zoom Champion support** -ongoing support given to enable the partnership to access this platform
- **Bishop Auckland Alcohol Partnership-** social media support given to raise awareness of the impacts of alcohol and the work of this partnership.
- **'We're a town on the move'** - I have submitted a short video to support Bishop Auckland in a bid for substantial funding to continue the regeneration of the town. This is one of many to form a small part of the proposal. The positive ripple effect across the partnership will continue to cement and nurture new and existing groups and organisations, while creating new projects.

Project proposals for discussion and decision / recommendation N/A

Crossover and collaboration of GGBL workers	
Auckland Youth and Community Centre (AYCC)	Online monthly staff meeting attended to share information and update progress, into and from, AYCC
Changing Relations CIC	Project requested support to circulate steering group vacancy opportunities across GGBL network to help to build capacity within their organisation. They were looking for individuals 16+ yrs. We were able to signpost a 17 yr old in the process and an enquiry was received from another individual
Communities in Control surplus vouchers	£80 was distributed 4 x £20 to: The Well, Woodhouse Close Church Community Centre, Little Chefs Big Chefs CIC and The Baptist Church; to support ongoing food programs of support available to distribution hubs that service the whole of the partnership, essential items were purchased and distributed across the area. A huge thank you to Vicki McGowan for sharing the surplus vouchers, each group received them in time for Christmas.

Gaunless Gateway Big Local Christmas Quiz	Lee Brownson (GGBL Chair) pulled out all the stops for this fun, festive quiz where we all laughed and sung through the family friendly rounds. It was a great way to wrap up the year, he has set the bar high as we are now getting requests for another quiz during the year.
Local Trust event Building Better Politics with Lord Mark Malloch – Brown	This webinar discussion centred around issues that the current pandemic has highlighted and what steps we could collectively take to build a better economy, society, and planet, with community power as a core element. GGBL was selected to table a question received from a delivery partner (AYCC) The session is available here https://vimeo.com/491299198
Local Trust Worker event	An event for Big Local worker across the country to wrap up the year and debrief over matters that have arisen throughout the year (Covid- 19 specifically).
Neighbourhood Watch	Volunteer and development support given to residents interested in exploring the potential to develop a local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme underpinned by Neighbourhood Watch guidelines, policies and procedures. The formation of the group is currently at the early stages
Reaching Out Across Durham (ROAD)	An online meeting was requested from F Smith to discuss volunteer opportunities for one of her clients, both organisations aims and outcomes were discussed and support and signposting is in place to find a suitable role for this potential volunteer.
Youth Worker Principles course support and feedback	Attended a tutor led session with We met with Dave McCreedy (AYCC) one of the delivery partners to discuss progress and support requirements. To complete the accredited L2 course
Woodhouse Close Community Centre Minibus	Partnership support and signposting given to John Lethbridge and Development Lead support given to funding sources.

Online Training / workshops: this is not an exhaustive list and does not list all individual meetings relevant to our job roles, just a snapshot of topics covered and some positive outcomes from attendance

Delivery body	Training / Workshop	Status	Initials
Aitkin Associates	Youth Worker Principles Level 2	Completed	BS & SG
Golden Tree CIC	First Aid for Mental Health Level 2	Completed	BS & SG
Action Learning Set	Action set	Ongoing	BS & SG
Time banking UK	An introduction to Time banking	Attended	BS & SG
Durham Community Action	Understanding GDPR	Completed	BS & SG