



Combined Worker Report April 2021



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BS – 2 week's annual leave taken in this period, SG – 1 week's annual leave taken in this period.

Following government Covid – 19 guidelines we are continuing to work from home, until advised otherwise.

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. We are adapting to accessing some meetings via the TEAMS platform, this is a preferred choice for several organisations so to gain the widest reach across the partnership we must remain flexible.

Gaunless Gateway Big Locals Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=gaunless%20gateway%20big%20local>

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=gaunless%20gateway%20big%20local%20volunteering>

Good News Story

King James Women's Institute (WI)



As part of a long-term national campaign - Keep Britain Tidy, King James WI is one of many WIs back together to continue their litter picking across the country. Gaunless Gateway Big Local funded the group their own litter picking equipment last year but due to Covid Gov, guidelines all picks were suspended, this has always been a great opportunity for the members to meet up with friends while tidying up within their community.

◆ Development Worker

Capacity building and support

[Gaunless Gateway Political Activity and Involvement Policy](#) has been circulated via our network and social media platforms, alongside the following statement ' Gaunless Gateway Big Local is one of 150 areas in England with responsibility for spending £1million pounds by March 2026, meeting needs and affecting positive change in communities. We work in a politically neutral way, without political attitudes, content, or bias.

Legacy statement progress – tasked with looking at other Big Locals processes, another North East Big Local has engaged and shared their process. BS has agreed to pull together existing information and formulate a discussion document for the Decision Makers to comment on before May's monthly meeting.

Future projects – the Decision Makers have been working with a number of partner organisations over the last several years, supporting them with short- term project funds and small grants, offering worker support to help build capacity, joining the dots and being responsive to evidence-based needs led project ideas across their Big local area.

One role of the Development Lead is to act as existing and new projects manager and to develop a strong network of organisations and groups that can deliver Big Local outcomes and community impact.

After a series of community conversations, the Partnership agreed to offer 2-3 years project support as part of its legacy planning review, to enable organisations to develop at both local and strategic levels and to explore longer term sustainability. A number of projects have been identified to date.

Discussion and decision –how would the Decision Makers and partnership like to proceed in assessing the suitability of these longer term funded projects with potential to include them in their legacy planning?

Auckland Youth and Community Centre (AYCC-) participated with recruitment and interview process of new 10hour per week, Digital Community Development Worker supporting residents of Woodhouse Close Estate to get 'Better Connected' over twelve months. An appointment has been made pending suitable references.

South Durham Youth Offer Alliance – attended the first meeting to explore a 'Youth Alliance' made up of organisations offering support and activities for Children and Young people across South Durham. Organisations in attendance included AYCC, BASAAP, County Durham Sport, GGBL, North East Youth (NEY), Streetgames and Youth Focus North East. An 'Alliance' approach (rather than a partnership approach) option was agreed as the way forward, as this would open up opportunities to secure funding and raise a collective voice around policy and how to influence it.

A framework of how to work together, frequency and membership will be further explored.

Streetgames – operating as a pilot in West Auckland as a pilot funded via GGBL and West Auckland Parish Council, with worker support via the Vineyard Centre and Auckland Youth and Community Centre; plans are underway to purchase mobile equipment for use across the area. Suitable outdoor space has been identified and the Parish Council are in the process of replacing fixed equipment, including goal posts, in the top half of their recreation area. Indoor space within West Auckland Working Man's Club can also be utilised for appropriate games, such as table tennis and appropriate activities as identified by young people.

West Auckland Homing Society and West Auckland Football Club- funding advice and support given and information shared around wider West Auckland developments and potential for collaboration discussed.

West Auckland Parish Council (WAPC)- meet every second Monday in the month. I attended the April meeting via zoom and updated on West Auckland Resident Group activities, currently being supported in the early stages by us. This new group; Chaired by Emily Haythornthwaite has met twice and at the initial meeting it was agreed to form a Village Greens Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, as part of group activities. There is only one new group formed which was clarified at this meeting. A member of the WAPC has been invited to join the group and feedback on activities at the monthly PC meetings.

Streetgames@West- it has been agreed that a monthly written progress report will be circulated to WAPC members via their Clerk by GGBL development worker.

North East Learning Cluster Saturday 10 April 10.30-1pm - participated along with other GGBL residents at well attended workshops sharing learning and exploring:

1. Impact through a housing project – Distington BL, Cumbria – Pete Duncan – Community Led Housing specialist and BL Rep
2. Impact via an active partnership – Lawrence Weston BL, Bristol – Ian Smith BL Rep
3. Impact by working with the local council – Felicity Shoosmith, North Tyneside Council and members of Whitley Bay BL
4. Impact with support from Local Trust - Jayne Entwistle

Project Updates

'Beyond the Foodbank'- plans to develop this project had been suspended due to Covid. It has been agreed to develop and pilot a range of activities using the resource booklet purchased via GGBL and Scotto Trust, incorporating some train the trainer workshops for practitioners and volunteers at Woodhouse Close Church Community Centre in collaboration with The Auckland Project working alongside schools and community groups.

◆ **Partnership support and Volunteer Broker**

Big Local Live Tarek's Community Podcast 1 Year Anniversary - (GGBL Remote Roving Reporter)

I was delighted to be invited to this special occasion, I attended Easter Sunday and met others from Heston West Big Local area. All those in attendance took part in a quiz and Tarek spoke of his journey as a podcaster which has led to smaller bitesize interviews, he has awarded the honour of The Hero of Hounslow for his service to the community. I passed on our gratitude for capturing some of our group's stories and an interview with Lee Brownson our Chair.

Engage Britain

Partnership support given to Jeanette Harold to bring together 9 partnership members to have a discussion via zoom, a new charity that brings people together to tackle our country's biggest challenges called Engage Britain has been created to capture the public's voice. They believe that people across Britain should have more say on the important decisions that affect them – like what happens to our NHS or how people can get the care they need, the discussion covered this topic and was well received and totally engaging.

The Auckland Project (TAP) - Woodhouse Close Project Launch Round Table event

SG, Alan Anderson and Ann Williams – Maughan attended a TAP launch event to discuss the key areas of existing support on the estate and to add stakeholders / partners to the mapping exercise TAP are undertaking to capture all the assets. Within the area. Gaunless Gateway Big Local received positive feedback on GGBL information sharing both via their email network and social media.

Gaunless Gateway Big Local – Carbon Footprint Reduction

Ongoing support to source wifi-enabled tablets for Decision Makers and staff, reduce with the aim of reducing printing at meetings and help the long-term sustainability of an environmentally friendly partnership.

AYCC

A potential opportunity for AYCC to capture the organisations youth engagement across the partnership and beyond, Tarek Mrad - Heston West Big Local has offered to interview staff for a podcast.

Data Protection Officer – potential volunteer support sourced, different avenues are being explored to support the organisation.

Volunteer Sign Up

2 volunteers signed up in this period

Better Impact Portal

The online system is being populated with data. The platform has received an update and new instructional videos have been released. An online meeting was attended to input new data for the partnership, this is gathering pace.

Local Trust Policy Advocacy Team additional feedback and support

Amanda Stone – Arts & Charity Consultant & Coach held a 1 to 1 with myself to discuss my role and form a mini action plan for a task, all information forms part of a bigger anonymous collation of feedback to Local Trust

Bishop Auckland Alcohol Partnership meeting

SG and Ann Williams- Maughan attended to gain an overview of the ongoing and upcoming interventions in place, there is potential for a separate group to be replicated in West Auckland.

Changing Relations CIC

We now have 2 volunteers attending their steering group who can support on their future projects and feedback where appropriate.

Zero Suicide Alliance free online training

This sensitive training was circulated and has made such an impact on one organisation they have asked all the team to take the time to complete the short but powerful course.

(ZSA) is a collaboration of National Health Service trusts, charities, businesses and individuals who are all committed to suicide prevention in the UK and beyond. They are an alliance of people and organisations coming together around one basic principle: Suicide is preventable.

You can find more information and attend their free online training here:

<https://www.zerosuicidealliance.com/training>

Meetings attended and minutes / notes taken, written up and circulated

- Full Partnership Monthly Meeting
- West Auckland Village Greens & residents Group
- Bishop Auckland Table Tennis cCub (BATTTC)

Project proposals for discussion and decision / recommendation – N/A

Combined Work and Collaboration

West Auckland Village Greens & Residents Group

West Auckland Village Greens – Neighbourhood Watch Scheme information.

This scheme was set up due to ongoing and worsening anti-social behaviour in the area. This scheme has the back-up from the local Inspector of police and the local council. This scheme is just in its infancy, and will originally focus on the village greens in West Auckland and St Helen's.

There is scope to widen the areas if there is sufficient buy in. Information posters and leaflets have been printed off for circulation to local business owners and residents.

Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club (BATTTC)

BS and SG attended a meeting, there have been several changes in the management structure and the partnership has agreed BS can dedicate a time limited period of work supporting the committee members.

Baptist Church

Volunteers continue on a Wednesday at their community day and SG is supporting in both her roles, BS is continuing with action plan support.

St Mary's Football Club

Support given with a potential project proposal in the first instance, BS to take the lead moving forward.

Walking Netball for women

The group can finally meet up now Covid gov. guidelines have changed, partnership and development support given to finalise the project. The group meets on Thursday Evening at King James 1 Academy.

Full Partnership Monthly Meeting

Ongoing attendance and feedback from our combined roles shared.

AYCC full staff meeting - BS & SG attended

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
Me Learning	Vicarious Trauma Briefing	Completed	SG
City & Guilds	Gambling and Gaming Awareness Education Programme	Completed	BS & SG
Me Learning	Safeguarding Children with Disabilities	Completed	SG
Me Learning	Neglect awareness Training - Level 2	Completed	SG
Me Learning	Signs of Safety & Durham Harm / Worry Matrix	Completed	SG
Me Learning	Child Sexual Exploitation – Level 2	Completed	SG