

Portfolio for Leisure and Health Councillor T Cullen

Report to Council – 10 July 2024

Health and Wellbeing

Refugees

There have been 88 Ukraine safeguarding visits since the start of this year with most of these being rematch cases of those who have not moved on to independent living.

We hosted a refugee event in Beeston as part of the Hate Crime action plan 2023/26 which was attended by 150 guests. The event brought together the community to celebrate our refugees and diversity within Broxtowe.

Older People

As part of the Hate Crime Action Plan the communities team worked alongside the Independent Living team to host three events across the borough to support our older community and sign post them to relevant agencies, this was attended by between 80 and 100 residents.

International Women's Day

An event was held with Broxtowe Women's Project (BWP) and the Canal Heritage Centre in Beeston Rylands. The event was in two parts with a partner's event in the morning and a women's only event in the afternoon which was hosted by BWP and the communities team supported and attended. The event celebrated our partnership working and engagement as well as allowing us to support our partners and women in the community to learn more about community safety in the Borough.

Young People

We are organising a Young Person's Event South at the newly opened Montrose Court Community Centre in Stapleford. The aim of the event is to engage with young people and share community safety information.

Food Insecurity

Nottinghamshire's first Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) on Food Insecurity has been published [Food Insecurity \(2024\) - Nottinghamshire Insight](#)

Nottinghamshire's first Communities Joint Strategic Needs Assessment chapter is now available on Nottinghamshire Insight [here](#). This is still pending approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board at July's meeting.

In partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council and other stakeholders, Nottinghamshire's first Food Summit is being planned for 16 October 2024. It aims to raise awareness of the food ecosystem across Nottinghamshire and develop a 2024

to 2027 Food Plan, and shift the dial to the whole food system - economy, environment, sustainability and communities (Nottinghamshire Food Charter) Eastwood St Marys Church has opened a new weekly food club for Eastwood on Tuesday mornings from 4 June 2024. This is funded by a food redistribution grant from Nottinghamshire County Council.

A list of all food banks and food clubs (except Eastwood) was included within the Cost of Living Leaflet that was produced through the Cost of Living Working Group. Members received a copy in their mail box in the Members room. The leaflet looked at many other areas of support for residents including mental health, housing, financial support, warm spaces, energy saving amongst others. These have been delivered to identified residents through the Revenue and Benefits Team and shared with other departments and within the Broxtowe Partnership.

Food banks and food clubs were able to provide more food support to Broxtowe residents during winter, thanks to a £13,000 UKSPF funding award. The number of households that benefited from extra food support was 1,144.

Warm Spaces

The Council supported 10 warm spaces with £100 each towards their running costs from a communities bid to the UKSPF. The number of households that benefited from this funding totalled 2,321.

Carers Roadshows

Carers Roadshows took place at:

- Middle Street Resource Centre 24 June 10am – 2pm
- Eastwood Town Council on Wednesday 3rd July 10am - 2pm.

A further roadshow will take place at Stapleford Care Centre on 16 July, 10am - 2pm.

Eastwood Integrated Neighbourhood Project

The Integrated Neighbourhood Project aims to improve health and wellbeing in Eastwood by reducing health inequalities. It aims to:

Improve and change the perception of Eastwood, for those who live, work, and visit the neighbourhood. The community want to have Eastwood back on the map, have a collaborative workforce that engages with the community with a focus on improving the health and wellbeing, increasing aspirations for young people and having easily accessible services and directories.

A launch event took place 7 November 2023 at Eastwood Baptist Church with over 50 members of the community in attendance, including Eastwood Councillors and the Mayor of Eastwood. The Local Design Team has been busy working in collaboration with the community and capturing their voice. Children and young people have been engaged through the local secondary school and youth centre.

The volunteers group created an “Ey-Up” campaign to improve community connections and mental health.

Asset mapping of digital and non-digital health and wellbeing information will be used to feed into a community directory to raise local knowledge and awareness of initiatives and activities, which will feed into the creating of a Big Green Book for Broxtowe. (<https://www.rushcliffehealth.org/green-book> BGB example from Rushcliffe for information)

Currently, exploring cardiovascular disease, litter picking and street art celebrating Eastwood.

Dementia

Following the work of the dementia community care transformation project (CCTP) a new Broxtowe Action Network for Dementia (BAND) group has been created (March 2024). This will continue the work of the CCTP where the focus will be to enhance the quality of life for those affected by dementia and their carers in Broxtowe

A Broxtowe Dementia Directory has been created to support families and professionals:

https://www.thebeestonstudio.uk/files/ugd/61cfbd_d8ad8e80ba70412f9781c505ec127702.pdf

As part of the CCTP work, a new memory café has opened- Stapleford Memory Café at the Equalised Club. Meets every other Wednesday 2.00 – 3.30pm (5 and 19 June)

During Dementia Action Week in May, a small survey was conducted at an event where people were asked about their understanding of assistive technology. It was clear from conversations that this was little understood. The BAND group will look closer at this and raise awareness of assistive technology to support people with dementia and their carers to live well.

Eastwood Health and Skills Fair

Eastwood Health and Skills Fair took place at Eastwood Library on 20 June 11am – 3pm and provided local residents the opportunity to drop in and meet health representatives and employment and skills providers. This was not an employer event / job fair but the people in the room was able to support people into work.

Webinar on Social Media

As an outcome of the social media meeting in September 2023, partners agreed that a workshop or training on social media was needed for those involved with young people.

Broxtowe Borough Council in partnership with University of Oxford, Doctoral Research Fellow, will be presenting a three-part webinar series, one for Parents/Carers, one for Schools and one for Community Organisations to address

the attraction young people have to negative social media influencers and what to do about it.

Every person in the life of a child is an “influencer” who plays a crucial role in developing their sense of identity, worth and vision of who they aspire to be. During this interactive workshop, participants will consider their role in the lives of young people and identify key strategies and practices to strengthen young people’s identity, guide them to make informed internet choices, and identify “real” community members of positive influence.

The webinars will start week commencing 8 July 2024.

Armed Forces

Armed forces covenant training will take place on July 18 2024 at 2pm in the Council Chamber led by the armed forces lead for Nottinghamshire County Council. Training has been arranged for staff to make sure they comply with the duty and deliver this within their role. It will also provide an awareness of Armed Forces and Veteran’s needs, what the Armed Forces Covenant is and the role of Armed Forces Covenant Champion.

D-Day 80

There were a number of events across the Country to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Borough and County events included:

- 2 June Royal British Legion Memorial Service – Southwell Minster
- 11 June Sunset Parade – Victoria Embankment
- 12 June A moment in time project – afternoon tea for local people aged over 90 thanking them for their contribution – County Hall
- 29 June Freedom of Entry Parade - Stapleford
- 24 June Armed Forces Flag raising in Beeston Square

Defence Employer Recognition Scheme

Broxtowe Borough Council continues to look at ways to achieve Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award status. Currently, we have achieved Silver Status and are now looking at how to meet the higher award.

Boots and Berets Award 2024

Following the inaugural 2023 event, nominations are now invited for the Nottinghamshire County Council Forces Community Awards 2024 (Boots and Berets). Open to all businesses who are signatories of the Armed Forces Covenant, or those in receipt of either the bronze, silver or gold Defence Employers Recognition Scheme Award and Registered Charities in the County.

Family Hubs

Meetings continue on the development of local Family Hub's. The design team have completed the branding and are currently discussing what the referral process would be. Family hubs aim to be a one stop shop based at the current children centres and will have services for 0-19 year olds (up to 25 with special educational or looked after needs).

Cultural Services

D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum Pop-Up Museum

The Museum will be going on tour this summer, giving visitors at a range of popular community events a chance to learn more about this famous local writer, the Victorian era and local history and heritage through a series of 'pop up museum' events.

The museum's Tour of Broxtowe started at the Hemlock Happening with museum experts on-hand with a range of activities for all the family including:

- Object handling
- Vintage crafts
- Activities
- Gifts and more.

There will also be a range of gifts, jewellery, homewares, children's toys and Lawrence- themed items available to buy from the museum's gift shop. The museum tour will then continue at all of the summer Play Days.

D.H. Lawrence Festival

The annual D.H. Lawrence Festival will return this summer with an extended six-week programme of cultural events celebrating Lawrence himself, as well as art, music, heritage, literature and community, plus a host of family friendly activities in and around Eastwood.

The D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, on Victoria Street, Eastwood is inviting visitors to pop in to the museum on 1 August between 1.00pm and 4.00pm for refreshments, to pick up their festival brochure and learn more about this year's festival programme from museum experts.

Some programme highlights include the Pentrich Revolution in Art Exhibition at the D.H. Lawrence Museum until the 30 August, also at the museum there will be time to see the last portrait of Lawrence until 28 August, the D.H. Lawrence Music Festival on 7 September at venues across Eastwood, wellbeing walks, a book launch as well as heritage open days at the museum and Breach House.

Events Programme

Hemlock Happening

The Cultural Services Team delivered the biggest Hemlock Happening to date on Saturday 8 June with 9,000 attendees, last year we had 7,000 and we had more community and trade stalls than ever before. The event also saw a performance from the famous Nottingham Dementia Choir. The team have received lots of positive feedback from both attendees and stall holders.

Play Days

Play Days are returning this summer in Beeston, Eastwood, Stapleford, Kimberley and Chilwell which are always popular during the school holidays with free activities including face painting, inflatables, arts and crafts, puppet shows and more. These events also have the support from Eastwood, Stapleford and Kimberley Town Councils.

Friday18

Friday18 has returned for the third year starting on Friday 21 June at the band stand in Beeston Square every Friday from 6pm with one hour long performances from local artists. This year the final event will take place on Friday 9 August 2024 with a finale special as there will be a double performance to end the summer sessions.

CCity Project

Broxtowe Creates Festival

During June, the Borough saw the first Broxtowe Creates Festival thanks to £30,000 of funding from the Arts Council.

The festival included:

- Art workshops in lino printing, watercolour painting, willow art and summer crafts in Beeston, Kimberley and Eastwood.
- Art competition and exhibition that was open to the whole of the Borough and an exhibition held in the old Argos building in Beeston to showcase the entries.
- The D.H.Lawrence Children's Writing competition based around the Four Seasons which saw entries from 52 schools and 132 individual entries and a celebration event was held at the Museum for the winners along with the Mayor of Broxtowe.
- Live music with the return of the Kimberley Jam, pop up proms in Beeston, Stapleford, Eastwood and Kimberley from a number of artists and included the Alderman White School Jazz Quartet.
- Theatre performances and workshops with the Parky Players group, a group of people living with Parkinson's and Beeston Players, a local amateur dramatics group.
- The Best of Beeston Film Festival which took place at the Arc Cinema in Beeston but also Kimberley and Stapleford.

Cookbook Launch

The C-City project has produced a hardback book 'Cooking and Culture' that showcases local restaurants, cafés and other food outlets with recipes and culture from all five cities. It was formally launched in Grudziadz in June at the third C-City Conference. In July the Glass Orchid in Beeston will host the Broxtowe launch event for the C-City Cookbook and will include all the Broxtowe businesses that are included who will all get a copy of the final edition. There will be some demonstrations of recipes that have been included in the book.

Liberty Leisure Limited

2023/24 Performance

Liberty Leisure Limited achieved a deficit of £44.7k against a forecasted deficit of £69k which with loss of Kimberley Gym & Swim in March and the associated drop in memberships this is a very good achievement.

Attendance targets across all three centres were exceeded by 27k (3%) and despite membership levels dropping towards the end of the year, membership at Bramcote Leisure Centre and Chilwell Olympia are progressing well.

2024/25 Outlook

LLL budget for 2024/25 is a deficit of £95k. The worsening position is primarily as a result of having no Kimberley facility, increased staffing costs, and a reduced management fee. It is anticipated that higher income levels through increased usage and price rises will largely offset these changes.

LLL's Business Plan has been approved by their board. The business plan includes a management restructure which resulted in removing the Managing Director role, developing a business case for the Hickings Lane development and growing fitness and swimming lesson memberships.

Building Projects

LLL is working with the Council to assist in the development of the Stapleford Pavilion on Hickings Lane and the process of moving through to RIBA Stage 4 for the new Bramcote Leisure Centre.

There have been some very productive meetings with the Members Project Group for Bramcote around the requirements and design of the new centre.

The current Bramcote Leisure Centre has recently been found to contain RAAC concrete and asbestos which is being managed. There has been limited disruption to the activities for members, the staff have worked brilliantly to achieve this.

Exercise Referral at Greasley Sports and Community Centre (GSCC)

As a result of Kimberley Gym & Swim closing we have relocated the Exercise Referral members to Greasley Sports and Community Centre.

We transferred on 1 April with 47 members and since then we have grown to 61 current members. The team have been actively engaging with partners, Eastwood GP Neighbourhood Group and PCN been really supportive of the move and are actively referring. Social prescribers covering the north have visited GSCC. Direct SMS campaigns have been sent by local GP surgeries to help promote the scheme targeting those who are pre-diabetic, diabetic or with obesity.

The classes delivered at Greasley Sports and Community Centre are going well with positive feedback and the working relationship with Greasley is developing well.