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Baildon Town Council Community Development Grant Quarterly Report – 1st July to 30th September 2019

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This report covers the second quarter of funding from Baildon Town Council.

I used the opportunity in this summer period to focus on two areas:

1. To develop, resource, promote and execute a Holiday Hunger scheme for Baildon school children.
2. To consult Baildon residents about gaps in community development provision.

Holiday Hunger Scheme

In 2018 we ran the pilot Holiday Hunger scheme from St Hugh's. We distributed 180 lunches to local children. This year I decided to extend the collection point to St James' church – the scheme provided two opportunities each week of the school summer holidays for parents and carers to collect a free bag of lunch, snack and breakfast supplies from The St Hugh's Centre and St James' Church. This was particularly aimed at children who access free school meals during term time and promotional material was sent to all Baildon primary schools before the end of the summer term.

Requests for food donations received a good response. The scheme was mostly resourced with donations from local people and organisations. We also received several donations of money which allowed us to fill any deficits. Parents of children from Glenaire, Church School and Hoyle Court Primary schools accessed the scheme and we provided an increase this year of 195 lunches. The scheme improved on 2018 in three ways:

1. We provided an additional location for collection.
2. We provided more than just lunch items – cereals, milk, snacks etc.
3. We provided more packs – from 180 in 2018 to 195 in 2019.

Consulting residents

A scheme of consulting local people about gaps in community provision was undertaken. A lack of local support for carers, mental health and family advice was identified.

Carers: I consulted with Carers Resource, Bradford Met and Rose Ramsay of 5 Rhythms. We decided to run a Carers information event in November at St Hugh's, with a view to starting a permanent carers support group.

Mental Health/family advice: I contacted Bradford Met's Adult Services and began negotiations to have a regular support session, led by social workers, in St Hugh's.

Our continuing groups

We continue to provide:

Food Bank – The food bank is well resourced by promoting a donations scheme in the Baildon community. We provide, on average, 6 food parcels per month. We receive referrals from doctors' surgeries, social services and schools.

Craft Group – an average of 18 people attend weekly providing, an opportunity to learn, socialise and share skills.

Oasis Café – an average of 16 people and pre-school children attend weekly. In August we ran a subsidised trip to Scarborough which was fully booked. In total, 35 local people went on the trip.

Reminiscence – a monthly meeting for older people to remember, share stories, enjoy an interactive themed presentation and share tea. An average of 16 attend each meeting. We have had visits from other professionals this year to observe and share good practice.

Art group – A reasonably priced session for people to express themselves through mixed media. This is a tutor-free session and provides an opportunity to tackle loneliness.

Super nova 60s – A monthly meeting with a game of bingo, a raffle, a speaker or demonstration and occasional trips. An average of 18 people attend.

Bingo – Our weekly bingo session takes place on Thursday evenings.

Free Tablet/Device lessons: We offer St Hugh's as a free venue to Carers Resource in Shipley so they can deliver their 'Worth Connecting' courses to local residents.