

Keppel Ward

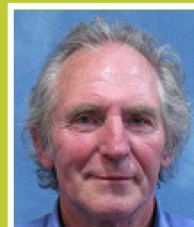
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PUTTING COMMUNITIES AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Over the past 12 months since the review, we have been:

- Engaging with the various activities and groups based in the ward
- Responding to community concerns covering Crime / ASB, speeding and the environment

The shift to ward based working has ensured a positive focus on Keppel and provided dedicated resources to support our local work.

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Dragons Dens / Community Awards

We held our first Dragons Den in 2018 for groups to pitch for funding. The event brought some groups together for the first time. We received an e-mail the following day from a participant saying 'thank you' for staging the funding event which gave them the opportunity to meet other groups. They went on to say 'It was quite humbling . . . and inspiring to see people go out of their way to make situations better.' We decided to aim for bigger and better in 2019 and held a combined Dragons Den / Community Awards. The event in February was attended by 80+ people from across the ward. Again, it was humbling and inspiring to hear of the work people do and to thank them for this.

£6,700+ awarded to 15 local groups

15 individuals and 1 group were presented with awards for community work. Inc 2 Longstanding Service



Santa comes to town

We worked with Wortley Rotary to enable Santa and his Elves to visit Thorpe Hesley on Christmas Eve



Millmoor Juniors

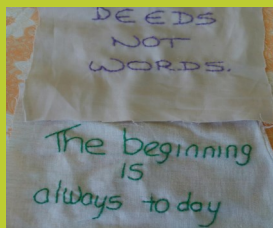
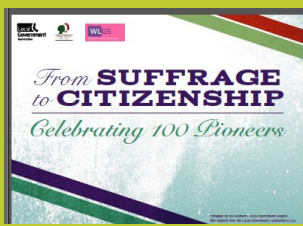
Supported the club to erect a players shelter and purchase of Football Kits



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Artworks Councillor Clark and the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator attended a banner making event. The banner is now displayed in the Town Hall and has an entry in the LGA 'From Suffrage to Citizenship— Celebrating 100 Pioneers publication



Responding to community concerns

Crime / ASB

- PCSOs very supportive. Held a community meeting with them in Thorpe Hesley in July 2018. Re-started surgeries. Plans to hold Joint surgeries with Cllr Clark in Thorpe Hesley from June 2019
- Ward based CCTV deployed
- Police, Housing and Neighbourhoods undertook reassurance visits to Wellgate Lodge with security packs , further visits to vulnerable tenants planned
- Improved provision e.g. Thorpe Hesley / Barnsley Rd play areas



Speeding

- Community meeting held in Thorpe Hesley in January 2019 attended by 50+ people. Concerns parking on pavement, speed / volume of traffic, re-routing and HGV signage
- Requested speed / volume of traffic counts
- Deployed illuminated speed sign on Thorpe Street



Environment

- Replaced 3 bins in Barkers Park which have been relocated where paths cross to increase footfall and encourage less rubbish to be dropped in the park
- Finally, important again to recognise role played by local community. Presented a resident with an award who arranged a litter pick attended by 100+ people



Future Plans

We will continue to work with Local Groups, Partners and Voluntary Organisations to ensure that the ward priorities for 2019/20 are met.