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| Logo, company name  Description automatically generated | BAILDON COMMUNITY HUBS  ACTIVITY REPORTS  (6-monthly) |
| Name of Hub:  St James’s | Date of report:  1.10.2023 covering period  1.4.2023 to 30.9.2023 |

Plus: please send a current programme of activities at your premises or arranged by you in your neighbourhood.

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| 1. | What evidence do you have that your activities are meeting the needs of the community?  (E.g. requests, surveys, attendance numbers, special factors, local knowledge and feedback) | I have verbally surveyed some of our users and visitors.  When asked ‘What difference has coming to St James’s made to your health and wellbeing’, the response was overwhelmingly positive. For example:  ‘It’s lovely to meet in this pleasant, safe, comfortable place’  ‘I look forward to it and I missed it when I couldn’t come (due to illness)’  ‘It’s a space I can be myself’.  ‘It’s great to meet up with friends, to chat and care for one another’.  ‘From coming to Wednesday coffee I now attend Knitters and Scrabblers, Ladies Fellowship and Mothers Union.’  ‘I live on my own and it good to come and meet up with others’.  ‘Thank you so much, that’s greatly appreciated and it’s a huge comfort for me to know I have your healing support if/ when needed.’ (feedback from a person about the Parish Nurse)  **ATTENDANCE FIGURES**  All our hirers keep registers of those attending. These are fairly consistent and with the same people indicating that what being offered is meeting a need but as a new Hub there is room for further development. |
| 2. | What steps do you take to make sure that newcomers or vulnerable people are welcomed into your activities? | St James’s is a great building to welcome visitors, it has a substantial car park and is on the flat for those with mobility issues.  We have recently improved the lighting in the Church area to keep in line with our eco-status and to ensure good visibility for all.  We try to ensure that that the cost of hiring the Hub is not prohibitive and allows access to new groups. We have offer free sessions to groups wanting to test the water eg Whist Drive.  Our groups and services eg Parish Nurse, are advertised on the Parish Facebook page along with details if for some reason the service is not available – eg she on leave or training.  The Parish Nurse is normally available on Wednesday mornings when we have a social group meeting, all newcomers are welcomed with a drink and engaged in conversation.  We have produced a What’s On at St James’s leaflet and these are available to attract new people. We know we need to develop a more online presence and this will be a priority for the new worker. The leaflet was given out to over 60 people who attended the Strawberry Tea in July that was held to dedicate the new tower which was a very successful event. Fortunately, we were able to be outside so all the neighbours would have seen that the event was on. All the surrounding roads were leafleted, around 150. |
| 3. | Please give details of any new activities which have started in the current reporting period. | We offer the Library free session on Friday mornings for their Story Time. This is well attended.  We offered St James’s Hub as a collection point for the Lunchbox scheme run by St Hugh’s.  Via Facebook the worker spotted a request for a ‘Mums and Bumps’ group which was due to start in the Autumn although sadly is on hold due to the resignation of the worker.  In September due to RAAC concrete being discovered in the Church School, St James’s Hub opened its doors to hirers from St John’s. This included giving one group a free session due to the disturbance.  In November the Parish Nurse, working with the Community First Responders, is putting on resuscitation training including using Defibrillators. |
| 4. | Please give details of any activities which have ceased during the current reporting period, and explain why? | The Craft Group – this finished in August as they didn’t feel they wanted to keep going without the Worker leading the group.  Zumba have ceased their hiring as you will see the numbers have dropped which doesn’t make the hiring viable. |
| 5. | What advice or signposting services are you offering? | The Parish Nurse signposts people to various organisations etc. I have included a report on her work with this report.  Also, hirers are beginning to know about the service and signpost their members to the Parish Nurse. |
| 6. | How many volunteers (formal or informal) are currently involved in delivering your activities (approx). | We have approximately 20 volunteers. |
| 7. | Details of any outreach work undertaken within the current reporting period. | The Parish Nurse has done a considerable amount of outreach, contacting all local GP surgeries, library and other community groups to advertise the service. There also is a display advertising the service in the Hub.  The Strawberry Tea was an outreach event. We invited the community into the building to encourage new users and gain the opinions of local people with a view to increasing the hub’s offer.  The Hub became a collection point for St Hugh’s Summer Lunchbox Scheme over the six weeks holidays. There were two opportunities per week for families local to St James’s to collect their weekly food parcel. This scheme targeted families who were struggling to feed their children without free school meal places. Offering a collection point at St James’s allowed the scheme to expand to cover families without transport from The Church School and Hoyle Court Primary. |
| 8. | Number of residents attending your activities in an average week. | Own Groups Hirers  Yoga (several sessions) 34  Pilates 16  Ladies Fellowship 8  Zumba 3  Knitters and Scrabblers 10  Wednesday Coffee 20  Craft 8  Mothers Union 8  Art Group 10  Julian Prayer Meeting 7  History Group 6  Library story telling 23  Book Group 6  2nd Book Group 5  **TOTALS 103 69** |
| 9 | Anything you have been especially pleased about recently. | The Strawberry tea event was well advertised and well supported. It was good to engage church congregation and community.  Parish Nursing initiative is beginning to see results and be of great benefit to the community.  Wednesday coffee was an initiative started to get people out of their homes following Covid. It quickly became a valued meeting place for new people, for the community coming together, to knit and to make friends. There is a great atmosphere at these sessions with many stories being told.  We have worked Hoyle Court Primary School offering all children the opportunity to hear the Christmas story. We hope to continue offering classes the use of the space which they have done with a visit thinking about the signs and symbols of a sacred space. |
| 10. | Any concerns or difficulties that you want the Town Council to be aware of. | Obviously there is a concern about next year’s funding but hopefully the detail of this report, and attached one from the Parish Nurse will help the Council to understand that we have met the objectives set in the funding. The underspend is not a reflection on the amount of work done. The delay caused by conducting a recruitment process after securing the grant, and the worker resigning mid-year, has left surplus funds. We managed to start the Hub before the worker was in place and continue to offer the Hub after her resignation, using our own volunteers and staff. We have not claimed against the grant for this. |
| 11. | Any gaps or plans identified for the future? | Clearly we were surprised by the sudden resignation of our CD worker. Our focus now is to appoint a new worker as soon as possible so that the Hub can continue to grow. We are supporting the work ourselves at the moment but clearly this is not sustainable.  Working towards net carbon zero by 2030 according to the Diocese of Leeds scheme. St James’s Hub has a ground-source heat pump so the building only uses electricity. We improve our carbon footprint by increasing the use of the building. |

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