

Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee - 18th September 2013

Title of paper:	Area Committee Week of Action Bulwell & Bulwell Forest	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:	
World Class Nottingham	
Work in Nottingham	x
Safer Nottingham	x
Neighbourhood Nottingham	x
Family Nottingham	x
Healthy Nottingham	x
Leading Nottingham	x

Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):

This report informs the committee of the initial outcomes of the recent Bulwell Forest Week of Action, week commencing June 22nd 2013

Recommendation(s):

1	That the area committee note and comment on the content of this report
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1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Crime and Drugs Partnership Board agreed in November 2011 that full partnership Weeks of Action would be run in the high impact wards managed by Locality Management and the CDP, reporting back to the Locality Boards and Area Committee. A day of action would also take place in other wards. However, Bulwell Forest Neighbourhood Action team decided that it would also like to hold a week of action for the benefit of local residents on the theme of community engagement.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 See appendix for outcomes from the week of action.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Bulwell Forest Ward officers could have decided to have a day of action but decided that they would like to hold a week of action to benefit local residents.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 Any costs associated with the week of action were met through the Bulwell Forest Area Committee allocations which had been previously approved.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 None

6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 6.1 None

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 7.1

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Appendix 1

Bulwell Forest Week of Action June 22nd – 29th 2013

Background

All activities delivered during the week of action were linked to the Bulwell Forest priority of increasing community engagement. Other ward priorities eg reducing dog fouling were also taken into account.

Local organisations were contacted prior to the week of action and given the opportunity of free promotion in an events booklet of any activity they usually run which had capacity to take new members. The following organisations took up this opportunity, with some putting on additional activities just for the week:-

- Southglade Leisure Centre
- TravelRight
- Bulwell Forest Action Group
- Take Five
- Nottingham City Council Family and Community Team
- Bulwell Forest Community Garden
- Bulwell Forest Childrens Centre
- Rise Park Toddler Group
- Bulwell Forest Bowls Club
- Southglade Library
- 48th Nottingham Scout Group
- New College Nottingham
- YMCA
- St Mary's Church Toddler Group
- Bulwell Riverside Community Choir
- Top Valley Community Centre
- Rise Park Lunch Club
- RSPB Nottingham Local Group
- Fun on the Forest Planning Group

A wide range of other organisations took part in joint community activities including:-

- Friends of Bestwood Country Park
- Nottingham Energy Partnership
- Nottingham City Council Climate Change Team

- Notts Police
- Community Protection
- Nottingham City Homes

TravelRight and Bulwell Forest Action Group worked together to put on a Bulwell Forest Walking Festival as part of the Week of Action with a programme which included a history walk, a litter pick walk, a dog walk, Freedom to Travel, walk with the RSPB and a walk with the Bulwell Forest Walking Group.

In addition to the public programme of activities, operations were carried out by agencies such as Trading Standards and Community Protection during the week. Various clean ups co-ordinated by City Services and Neighbourhood Management took place which involved additional organisations such as Network Rail, Rise Park Action Group and BT Openreach. A school assembly involving Notts Police and Community Protection took place at Cantrell Primary School.

Outcomes

Outcomes from the activities which took place during the week included:-

- 41 electrical goods brought to All Things Green for recycling/reuse
- 8 people signed up to the Friends of Bestwood Country Park newsletter at All Things Green
 - 6 new people went to the Rise Park Toddler group
- A new person who went to the Top Valley coffee morning has become involved in volunteering
- Trading Standards spent two half days looking for overweight vehicles going through the No HGV route from Bestwood Park Drive West etc. The identified 25 which they believe to be overweight and are currently contacting DVLA etc to check that they are overweight before contacting the owners.
 - Two new people went to the Tottime at Southglade Library
- 2.7 tonnes of rubbish was collected from the car parks at the rear of Rise Park shops by 6 residents from Rise Park Action Group and a range of agencies. BT Openreach arranged for the sub contractors to move their equipment from the site which residents had complained about.
 - 1 new person joined the choir at Take Five
- Approx 2 tonnes of rubbish was cleared from the railway line by the side of Deptford estate after partnership working between Network Rail, City services, NCH and Community Protection. Door knocking took place and information was given out regarding the bulky waste collection service.
 - 76 new people were signed up to neighbourhood alert
 - 50 new people have given their contact details so that they can receive smartwater
- The school assembly at Cantrell School was well received with feedback already from one parent about her 6 year old coming home and talking enthusiastically about the assembly and what they should/should not be doing.

- Nottingham City Homes and Community Protection spoke to a number of people who visited their stand regarding dog fouling in Riverside
- Youth and play engaged with a number of new young people during the outreach session. As a result 22 children turned up for the picnic which unfortunately was rained off. However, as there is a regular play session held at this time every week, it is hoped that some of these will return to future sessions.
- The bike session held as part of the youth session on Thursday evening at URC had been very successful with several young people getting advice and help with maintaining their bikes.
- Fun on the Forest enabled a wide range of organisations to talk to members of the public eg 12 new people signed up for the blood donor service
 - TravelRight reported the following outcomes:-
 - *No donated bikes from All things green*
 - *41 people attended the walking festival*
 - *36 people signed up to the mailing list*
 - *15 people had their bikes fixed and made roadworthy*
 - *Excellent press coverage gained – 4 pieces of press in the Evening Post*
 - *Engaged directly with 256 residents in total (including Fun on the Forest)*
 - 3 fixed penalty notices were issued around the Gala Way Food Park for littering
 - A clean up took place around the Gala Way and Bingo sites
 - 2 people were issued with dog fouling fines but these were outside Bulwell Forest Ward
 - Dog fouling operations were conducted around Top Valley, Rise Park, Southglade Park and Dunvegan Drive
 - The See it Report it campaign was taken to three events and 13 new recruits were signed up
 - A number of enquiries were received by the YMCA and several new people were booked onto their activity referral scheme.

The Future

Having seen the programme for the 2013 Week of Action, several groups who chose not to be involved this year have said that they would like to be involved in any future programme. As a result of the week, residents have become aware of, and involved in, new activities and some of these have continued to be involved after the week is over. Community groups were pleased with the free opportunity this gave them to increase their numbers and involve new people. It is therefore likely that a similar programme will take place in 2014 but a firm decision will be made nearer to the time.