



Cars Area Together – our Action Plan for Year 4 Big Local – HOW DID WE DO?

The Vision

The Cars Big Local is a Wave #3 programme with a Big Local plan that was approved in May 2015.

It is the mission of the Cars Big Local to deliver a vision that is: -

*'To create a greater sense of community spirit,
neighbourliness, friendship and support'*

The Local Trusted Organisation for Cars Big Local is The Colebridge Trust, the voluntary service council for Solihull.

Priority 1 – Parks, Green Spaces and Local environment			
Action	Progress	Activities for the Year	What we did.
Build a strong business case for saving the field and continuing to fight for it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition raised by residents through events and door-to-door survey. • Presented to Council by a resident. • Met with MP to get support. • Field remains open for community use thanks to volunteers. <p>But future still uncertain.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a lead volunteer/spokesperson to petition/represent at every opportunity. • Make sure field is used as regularly as poss. e.g. Run Birmingham, Birmingham City FC, Inclusive Sports, Dog Walkers etc. • Seek clarification of licence arrangements on field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established a “Field Group” which brings interested parties together. • Linked in with SMBC “Stronger Communities” team. • Run Birmingham, Inclusive Sports, BCFC, local football teams using field regularly.
Look at creating plans for a play area for younger children	Discussion with a possible provider has started but can’t progress with certainty about the field.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek clarification on play area opportunities on field with SMBC, Love Solihull. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is still in the local plan – discussing various sites
Create pop up events on the field to encourage the community to use the field as well as getting to know each other better	Create pop up events on the field to encourage the community to use the field as well as getting to know each other better	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StreetGames project started in July 2018 on field – Mon-Wed a.m.’s • Inclusive Sports – weekly sessions – Wed evenings & others • BCFC will be starting sessions 2018. • Annual Community Fun Day (licence permitting) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StreetGames project with Fitcap delivering every holiday on Bosworth Wood field and at local school. • Other weekly sessions eg football, various sports. • School holiday activities . • Annual Community Fun Day – last

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			Saturday in June annually.
Continue to build on the community garden and get more residents involved in the upkeep	Garden is now going into its second year (the main resident co-ordinator has had to withdraw due to poor health.) but this has been picked up by another residents and some of the local groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to encourage local groups such as Stay and Play and Cubs and Beavers to work in community garden. • Discuss further options with Gro-Organic • Discuss further options with local schools. • Take up opportunities e.g. The Challenge Network (August 2018) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasional support with gardening activities from local residents and groups. • Challenge Network undertaking work in community garden annually. • Forest School activity being delivered Easter 2019.
Begin to implement a 'Keep the Cars Area Clean Campaign' that takes the Big Local project out into the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been trialled with mixed success but local Cubs group is now keeping it going. • Combined Cars events with the "Love Solihull" campaign 	Continue with Love Solihull, local groups etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering monthly litter picking with local residents and groups- working with Love Solihull. • Working with other "Litter busting" groups. • Identifying other areas where bins required working with local estates Officers. •

<p>Priority 2 A Stronger, more involved community</p>			
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<p>Evaluate the use of Facebook and Twitter and continue to use it to keep people engaged as well as looking at getting new people engaged</p>	<p>Social media still working for the Partnership but has slowed down since communications officer left.</p>	<p>Continue with Twitter/facebook. Encourage Colebridge and others to advertise activities via Social Media. New Street Connector post holders can assist Survey how people get to know about what we are doing – what they prefer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular facebook/twitter updates. • Also shared on other websites and social media pages. • Used social media regularly to understand what community would like to see. Eg summer holiday preferred activities.
<p>Continue to support the emergence of new groups run by local people</p>	<p>Multiple new groups funded.</p>	<p>Continue to work with local residents/groups to make sure aware of what can be offered re support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants panel meet 3 or 4 times per year to consider new applications. Support new groups to understand funding requirements and refer to other funders for future sustainability.

Develop an informal drop-in session working in conjunction with Aviary House (a local project for people with Mental Health problems).	Didn't happen due to loss of keyworker at Aviary House.	Make contact with Aviary House to establish links again. (Third quarter 2018 – maybe Street Connectors?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was deferred as we have links with other local service providers.
Hold an annual Open Evening for the wider community to attend and learn more about the project.	This is happening for group leaders at the moment	To be organised and planned for 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two well attended meetings during 2018 and looking to arrange 2019 group meetings.
Build links with the local schools collaborative to encourage joint promotion of activities and identify areas for joint work.	Links are now being developed. One local school in particular is very interested.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact BAM again to see what can be done in partnership. Follow up possible links with Auckland Education Centre Follow up possible links with Summerfield House School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with BAM Partnership for using Smith's Wood Academy and Northern House School for various activities. No new links with neighbouring schools.
Run a variety of community events throughout the year. Take these out in to the community both on a street by street basis	Series of events successfully delivered:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween Car Boot Sales Micro events Christmas fair 	On going plans:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Car Boot sales (April – September 2018) Micro events – holiday activities. Halloween Christmas fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car Boots delivered monthly through summer 2018. Community Fun Day June 2018 Halloween Christmas Fair 2018.

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and utilising Bosworth Wood field.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Fun Day • Sports Day • Easter Celebration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Celebration • Sports day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School holiday activities . • Sports day incorporated into Fun Day.
Identify groups excluded from Big Local activities and look to fund activities that address these gaps	Multiple new groups funded. Partnership now looking to commission activity where gaps exist (cycling repair workshop).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote opportunities • Seek views via Street Connectors what people would like to see. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New groups delivering in 2018 eg Boccia, Mindfulness, Street dance. New activities eg Christmas Meal for older people, Easter Afternoon Tea.
Identify ways to engage the community via a variety of different channels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly newsletter now being published. • Notice boards still working 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly newsletter – Sept, Jan, April, June 2018-2019 • Noticeboards updated weekly or as required. • Street Connectors – September 2018 onwards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletters being published and delivered quarterly, including neighbouring properties, partner organisations. • Noticeboards updated monthly. • Street Connectors appointed and in post September 2018.
Continue to look for relevant training opportunities both with	Training delivered in Food Hygiene, Safeguarding, Funding Opportunities for groups, and	Offer opportunities as available e.g. Paediatric First Aid (August 2018), Dementia Awareness (September 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing what is required eg Mental Health First Aid.

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the Big Local Trust and elsewhere to enhance our abilities in community engagement.	Engaging Hard to Reach Residents, Behaviour Change.	Find out what else is of interest?	
Look to get at least 1 resident from each street involved in The Cars Big Local to help spread the message amongst their neighbours (a Street Connector)	Was hoped this would be delivered through Street Association programme but the co-ordinators have to work hard just to keep the associations going.	Street Connectors (September 2018) – to engage at Street level to build links with existing Street Associations, offer support, encourage new ones.	Street Connectors x 2 engaged and working across the estate. To look at Street Champions next.
Encourage the leaders of the groups funded through Big Local to work together so they can promote each other's work by facilitating a quarterly 'get together' for group leaders to share information and generate further ideas around collaboration.	Local group leaders are now meeting and starting to support each other.	Meeting April & September 2018. Seek views on subjects/areas of interest for get together meetings -New initiatives. e.g. Active Communities. -HS2 opportunities. -Love Solihull. -Safeguarding etc	Ongoing issues still being discussed with various agencies. To look for common areas of interest to share ideas.

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Priority 3 Young People Action	Progress	Actions for the Year	What we did
Look to create a volunteering offer for 16-18 year olds working with Big Local funded groups.	A group funded by the Partnership was tasked with this but no progress.	Create Youth Forum during year – using local similar projects, local groups etc (AM) Work with local groups to make sure they are aware if how they can make contribution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Solihull Youth Council. • Still ongoing work.
Complete a Play-Needs Assessment with the local community with a view to creating a new play facility on Bosworth Field.	Assessment started but difficult to progress with the future of field uncertain	To work with CSW Sports officer & others to establish what works re activities.	Part of CSW Sports work, Active Communities.
Work with the leaders of the groups we fund to create a Youth Forum for the area, who can feed into the wider strategic development of the project	Group leaders now meeting	As above.	On going.
Re-establish the Stay and Play for	Stay and Play now being delivered	Group have agreed to continue for a further	Very successful group with

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families as a Cars Big Local project and support local parents to deliver the sessions encouraging ownership from the start.	by residents and very successful	year and some parents now interested in training to become play leaders so that group can continue after current year.	expanding numbers – still looking to develop new play leaders to take this on.
Continue to support funded activities that best engage with local young people and deliver good outcomes. Offer support for them to become sustainable.	6 different groups for young people now up and running	Continuing to scan opportunities for local groups/activities and ensure funding options available e.g. Awards for All, Colebridge Trust and Heart of England CF	Support still available via Colebridge Trust, Hoecf etc.
Develop project ideas that enable families to participate in activities together. Liaise with local residents to ascertain interest and begin to offer regular low cost ‘micro’ events across the Cars Area.	Micro events programme now up and running.	Micro events now in place during holiday times, using range of activity providers e.g. Cars Area Team, CSW Sports, Birmingham City FC, Run Birmingham, Solihull Active, Bike project with Solihull MBC & others etc Develop more links with local church to make sure activities are not duplicated but compliment each other.	Lots of activities and micro events especially during school holidays (see sample Easter activities). Ongoing discussions with local church and sharing ideas.

Priority 4 Older People	Progress	Actions for the Year	What we did
Look to create a regular Bingo session at Auckland Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up & Running – very successful 	Continue to hold regular sessions – residents willing to run sessions as/when required. (Up to 12 regularly attending)	Still popular group – self managing where required.
Build relationships with the local care home, possibly with a view to running activities within the home itself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link for this work left so project stalled. 	This is Jubilee House – awaiting new appointee to post of manager – to be followed up during 2018-2019	No connections made during the plan period.
Look to create a heritage project of the Cars, capturing the memories of the first people who moved to the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs to progress 	JET to pursue opportunities on how this can be progressed, who with, when etc. Possibility to work with Solihull MBC on sports project via heritage project.	Keep this in the new plan.
Through the Big Local Grants, look to generate more activities that will benefit older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups up and running. Yoga and Seated Yoga very successful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yoga is now funded through 2018-2019 via Cars Area Grant Programme. New volunteer identified to lead this work Some groups e.g. Beavers & Cubs now 	Yoga, seated Yoga, Bowls now regularly delivered via partners. 2 x weekly sessions

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of a key volunteer has been a setback for gardening and photography groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> looking at this work Challenge Network now doing some of this work (August 2018) 	Still seeking volunteers to help deliver some of work eg gardening.
Make links with other key stakeholders, including Solihull Community Housing & Age UK to ensure better engagement with older people	Initial contact with Age UK not encouraged (they just wanted to benefit from the Partnership's work rather than bring new activity the area).	Explore new contacts with Age UK – potentially via Smith's Wood partnership.	Smith's Wood Partnership now meeting regularly. New service providers in Solihull from 1 st April 2019
Hold a variety of 'micro' activities throughout the year aimed at older people, e.g. Tea Dance, 1940's night.	Micro events happening but not specifically for older people yet.	Follow up with Age UK Develop new opportunities as required. Possible joint working with St Clements Church and/or others.	Regular events targeting range of groups – developing Cars Area traditions.

Priority 5 Sport	Progress so far	Actions for the Year	What we did
Hold a yearly Sports day on Bosworth Wood field encouraging all ages to participate.	Held in August 2017	Review current arrangements in view of other current activities.	Range of sports activities being delivered eg Inclusive Sports, BCFC, Fit Cap, Run Birmingham etc.
Revisit Fit Cap to deliver street outreach with a view to engaging more young people in Sport	Fit Cap now delivering regularly.	Street Connector(s) to link more young people where possible.	Fit Cap delivering Street Games project til at least June 2019.
Develop existing sports groups to widen their offer and deliver a greater range of activities	BCFC now assisting with football development. Inclusive Sports still delivering variety of Sports.	Review progress of groups activities Consider other opportunities eg Run Birmingham, Active Communities opportunities.	As above. Review of who is taking part, what are the key factors etc completed in March 2019.
Work with the Unity Schools Collaborative to deliver tournaments on Bosworth Field	Now discussing with BAM possible options for local schools links.		Using new schools for activities via BAM.

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Priority 6 Enterprise, Employment & Financial Sustainability	Progress so far	Activities for the Year	What we did
Discuss the potential Asset Transfer of Auckland Hall with Solihull Community Housing and prepare a business case if required	Discussion started but Solihull has no track record of asset transfer.	Continue to have discussions with Solihull MBC re options for transfers. Enable Partnership "champions" to take the matter to various Departments of Solihull MBC Invite various partners to discuss options for building/field.	Ongoing meetings with various departs SMBC.
Set up a flexible ideas fund as an alternative to grant funding to allow the partnership to commission activity where a need is identified and also to support business start up ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done and has been a successful tool for the Partnership. 	Still regular meetings to discuss new options as they arise.	Ideas Fund has been used to test out new ideas. Eg Yoga, Boccia, Music project.
Continue to Support The Cars Area Recycling	Business has closed due to change in funding available for re-cycled clothes	Business has now folded.	Insufficient interest in this project – but others locally.

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Look to develop further sponsorship on our Facebook page and website.	Has had mixed success for minimal gain.	Keep under review	Social media still useful tool for spreading our news.
Look for opportunities to build on the relationship with Jaguar Land Rover, Solihull Moors and Vauxhall Street Association	Link with JLR continues	JLR/BCFC/other links via Smith's Wood Partnership.	Strong partnerships now forming with JLR, BCFC, Smiths Wood partnership and others.
Review with Colebridge Trust existing external start up support for local business ideas.	Continuing to work with Colebridge Trust	Continuing to work with Colebridge Trust.	Still in place
Generate additional grant income for local groups through wider funding opportunities e.g. Heritage Lottery to fund a local history project. Stay and play sustainability. Sports projects	Partnership with Colebridge continuous	As above.	Still in place.
To promote new activities and host the groups as an Umbrella organisation.		For Cars Area to look at becoming a CIC or CIO to host some groups/activities. To identify potential partners to assist in onward development.	On going discussions on governance. For new plan.

