

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

19 NOVEMBER 2019

OLLERTON TOWN CENTRE DAY OF ACTION

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To appraise Members of the Ollerton Town Centre Day of Action, which took place on October 23.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 In March 2019, Councils across the country were awarded a sum of money from the Government for High Street Community Clean Ups. The Council committed to undertaking three town centre days of action in 2019/20, following on from the successful events which took place in specific communities in 2018/19 as part of the Cleaner, Safer, Greener Campaign. The first town centre day of action took place in Newark in June and a further event is planned for March, 2020.

3.0 The Ollerton Town Centre Day of Action

3.1 The event took place on October 23, involving the District and Town Councils, Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Newark and Sherwood Homes, the County Council and community volunteers.

3.2 Over the course of the day, more than 6.6 tonnes of rubbish was removed through community litter picks, street cleaning and action on fly-tips. A tonne of green waste was also removed by the council's grounds maintenance team and evergreen shrubs planted.

3.3 A community safety stall was also held throughout the day to highlight issues of personal safety, domestic violence, bike safety and dog care while the council's public protection team joined police in running a day-long operation to check on speeding traffic on Forest Road.

3.4 The district council partnered with iMAGESKOOL to create a piece of graffiti art on the skate park on the Sherwood Energy Village. Up to 60 young people from four to 15 years of age worked on the project.

3.5 Highlights from the day included:

- The removal of 6.6 tonnes of bulky waste
- One tonne of mixed cuttings and prunings
- Discarded electricals including a fridge, freezer and stereo
- Bouncy castle, golf bag, nappies and office chair
- 40 pieces of graffiti were removed from the Forest Road car park using 15 litres of graffiti removal liquid
- The replacement of eight new litter bins
- Planting of 29 evergreen shrubs

- Undertook speed checks on more than 500 vehicles on Forest Road. Two were noted as speeding and were reported to the police
- Conducted alcohol sale licensing checks on seven retailers in the town – three of which failed and have subsequently been given advice
- Security marked 25 bicycles
- Gave out 60 bicycle lights
- Fielded 27 dog-related enquiries
- Issued advice on domestic violence
- Made ‘safe and well’ checks on 10 homes
- Handed out purse cables, contactless security protector wallets and a number of fridge magnets with essential contacts.
- Distributed dog fouling posters and stencilled dog dirt warnings on pavements
- Two betting shops agreed to have cigarette bins installed outside their premises and cigarette stub-out packets were handed out.

3.6 The next Town Centre Day of Action has been identified as Southwell in March and conversations will take place with the Town Council and Community in advance to ensure that the day can be tailored to local need. This was the same approach taken in relation to Newark and Ollerton.

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

5.0 Financial Implications (FIN19-20/9238)

5.1 There are no new resourcing issues resulting from this report. The three Town Centre Days of Action are being funded with money from the Government’s High Street Community Clean Up fund which was awarded to the District Council in March 2019.

6.0 RECOMMENDED that:

the report be noted.

Reason for Recommendation

To appraise members on the latest Town Centre Day of Action

Background Papers

Nil

For further information please contact Matthew Finch on Ext. 5716.

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