

# Safer Streets- what's been achieved so far...

## Environmental

Waste amnesty's have been organised for the area allowing residents to dispose of waste for free at designated times.

The dates for the next amnesty's are:

- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023 10am-1pm rear of Hillhouse shops
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 10am-1pm Winters way

Look out for the team on those days and help us drive down fly tipping in the area!

In addition to the waste amnesty, various overgrown bushes have been cut back to increase visibility to improve feelings of safety in the area.



## CCTV

CCTV static cameras have been installed at the new play area. Mobile cameras are in use at hot spot locations across the area. We have the ability to move these cameras going forward based on information and reports from the community.

## Diversiory activities

The local Thursday youth club located at the Hazelwood Childrens centre is operational 4.30pm-6.30pm, the sessions have been well attended. The young people that have attended have engaged in self defence classes, boxing, first aid and will also be enjoying a trip to Lee Valley white water rafting centre in August. If you would like further information about the Youth Club do not hesitate to get in touch!

Youth Unity have been commissioned to deliver outreach work within the Ninefields area. They have their booth bus which allows young people to be in safe space, create music and work with the youth workers. Youth Unity will be there every Friday 4pm-7pm during the school holidays.



## Community Safety

The area is still covered by a Crimestoppers zone, statistics show that reports to Crimestoppers have increased by 400% since the zone has been introduced.

Report Crime anonymously through Crimestoppers; 0800 555 111

ARC theatre company delivered a session to parents on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the session was around exploitation, gangs, county lines and grooming. It gave parents the knowledge to know what signs to look out for and what they should do if their child became a victim.

*“Fantastic! What an excellent workshop the arc theatre were superb, Brandon really got his story across, very hard hitting and emotional. Made my son very aware of knife crime” (Feedback from parent)*

## Area enhancement

The new play area officially opened on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023. There were approximately 300 residents that attended, a great afternoon was had by all!

New welcome to Ninefields signs have been erected across the area, giving the sense of ownership.



## Healthy Relationships

Year five and six students across four primary schools; Hillhouse, Leverton, Upshire and Waltham Holy Cross had ‘Broadcast Junior’ delivered to them. Broadcast Junior is a theatre production delivered by ARC theatre about healthy relationships, online safety and grooming. The sessions were delivered in March 2023

*“95% of the children said they would change the way they use technology after seeing Broadcast Junior” (statistic from the survey the children completed after the session)*



## Bin Stores

Bin stores have been improved across the district to help prevent fly tips and to prevent unauthorised access.



## What's next?

- Lighting. The project team are looking at improving the lighting across the area
- Extra Police presence- increased police patrols across the area
- Bin stores- implementing more bin stores across the area
- Looking to enhance Abbotts reserve to make it more of an attraction for the community
- Community Safety days- multi agency partnership work looking at all aspects of safety in the area
- Exploring further provision for youth activity in the area and sustainability past the funding
- More education programmes in our schools

Want to know more about the project or get in touch?

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