

Since our last Journey document, the whole world has been on a journey which has posed challenges and changes for everyone.

Doncaster's Leisure Facilities, managed by DCLT have adapted and risen to the challenge over the last year. In March 2020, they were closed to the public; however, some were repurposed into community hubs. Some of the work carried out in the hubs included provision of 2,897 food packages, 30,475 calls into and made by the hub call centre, 3,624 prescription deliveries as well as collating and distributing over £112,000 of food to local foodbanks. In October 2020 Michael Hart, CEO of DCLT and Get Doncaster Moving Advisory Board member was awarded a British Empire Medal for his services to the community during the Pandemic. Once the hubs closed in July 2020, after the initial emergency response to COVID-19, other investment work was then carried out. This included Site Safety improvements, tender process savings work and Capital Works programme which is ongoing.

The Well Doncaster approach has continued to adapt and expand over the last year. The team have expanded into more areas across the borough, enabling the team to tackle health inequalities in more of the communities that need it most. Conversations with communities have led to adaptations, such as moving peer support groups to online, and combining the different groups has enabled more people to share experiences of managing their long-term conditions and support each other.

The PPE supply service has enabled community groups and foodbanks to continue to support their communities in a safe way. Well Doncaster have also been involved in the locality model approach, which was accelerated in light of the challenges faced during the pandemic. The Community Connectors work has been adapted in light of COVID-19 and the changes in the VCS landscape.

Other partners have adapted delivery methods to help residents stay active during lockdown, for example Club Doncaster made changes so they could continue to loan out cycles in a COVID-safe way. Dr Bike continues to deliver sessions for Key Workers across the borough to ensure their cycles are in good working order. Modeshift Stars recorded their key sessions so that they could be shown in schools once they returned.

The Get Doncaster Moving partnership has continued to attract investment including the School Streets Project, several Active Travel schemes as well partnership applications e.g. Leisure and Street Scene Team joint application to the Football Foundation for 35 sets of goalposts, worth £24,000. There has also been expressions of interest submitted to host further major events, which would bring further interest and investment into the Borough.

KEY ● Key Events ● Milestones

Award of Evaluation Partner Contract to evaluate the Local Delivery Pilot Approach

October 2020

Appointment of Future Parks Manager

October 2020

Doncaster enters Tier 3 restrictions, all leisure facilities close

November 2020

'Planning for your Future' workshop held for Sports Clubs

November 2020

Further £1.3m funding secured for Active Travel

November 2020

Doncaster Parks shortlisted as finalist in the Keep Britain Tidy Love Parks 2021 Awards (Naturalisation of grasslands)

December 2020

GDM Team support Club Doncaster in their Active through Football Phase 1 application, along with Yorkshire Sport Foundation, Street Games and the County FA

December 2020

Significant investment secured for Town Centre Parks from Accelerated Town Fund. Doncaster also retained 4 existing flags and added 1 new in the Green Flag Awards

October 2020

Michael Hart, CEO of DCLT and GDM Advisory Board Member, was awarded a British Empire Medal for his services to the community during the coronavirus pandemic

October 2020

Significant planning and delivery work in partnership with DCLT to secure their future

October 2020

Active Schools Framework scoping commences

October 2020

Cabinet approves phases 4 & 5 of the Local Delivery Pilot, featuring Future Parks, Dance, Active Travel and Active Communities

August 2020

DCLT reopen gyms and pools under COVID-19 restrictions.

July 2020

Calls placed to all Sports Clubs to offer support and advice about returning to play safely.

May 2020

Team supported sport and physical activity partners to access the Mayor's emergency response fund.

May 2020

Get Doncaster Moving Major Events expertise utilised to design Doncaster Town Centre Vehicle Mitigation Measures

June 2020

Rugby League World Cup announces Doncaster as a host to National Team Samoa during the 2021 tournament.

June 2020

Hatfield Outdoor Centre opens after COVID-19 adaptation refit. This included an outdoor pool, camping amenities and water assault course, delivering significant uplift in usage.

June 2020

Successful bid for Emergency Active Travel Funding, enabling further investment in Active Travel schemes in the town.

June 2020

Well Doncaster expand areas, aligned with the Team Doncaster Localities approach

April 2020

Staying Strong at Home and PE Parent developed and disseminated. The Staying Strong at Home booklet was distributed to households and provided residents with tips to help people be active, healthy and happy at home.

April 2020

Members of the team begin to support the Public Health response to COVID-19, including Contact Tracing, Welfare Calls, Public Health enquiries etc.

March 2020

DCLT close all leisure facilities. These are then repurposed from March-July to deliver community hubs.

March 2020

Local Delivery Pilot Investment Plan 4 submitted to Sport England, following an 8-week 'sprint'. Approved by Sport England in July 2020.

March 2020

(23rd) First National Lockdown

March 2020

(16th) Social distancing rules introduced

March 2020

Launch of the Active Community Grants – These grants support people in the community to create the right conditions to "get out and about" and active where they live. Since January 2020, £23,000 has been awarded.

January 2020

Doncaster Green Space Network Visioning workshop held by Land Use Consultants. This work was fed into the Doncaster Future Parks work.

January 2020

Workshop held at Castle Park with partners and Leeds Beckett University to create plans for improving community engagement.

February 2020

Active Travel – successful bid for School Streets project with DEFRA.

February 2020

Castle Park hosted the Women's Six Nations game, England Vs Ireland. During this, the team, along with Leeds Beckett University, undertook stadia-based research as part of the major events research project.

February 2020