

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

