Community News

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£15m investment for 'Heart of Holbeck'

You will have hopefully heard about the recent announcement that £15.9 million has been allocated to Holbeck as part of the government's Levelling Up Fund. So, **what does it mean for Holbeck?**

The '**Heart of Holbeck**' plans will deliver regeneration of the local high street, renovation of the local community centre and improvements to traditional terraced homes.

A key strand of the investment plan is to support local charity Holbeck Together through improvements to St Matthew's Community Centre where it currently delivers its vital services, and the nearby Old Box Office. The regeneration of both sites is set to enable a wide range of new services to be offered, including a gym, cafe, social supermarket, and space for local microbusinesses.

This includes significant investment into local retail centre, cycle and pedestrian infrastructure and renewal of the main community park, Holbeck Moor.
The investment will also help improve around 200 back-to-back homes, addressing their insulation, safety and external appearance.

Elissa Newman, Chief officer at Holbeck Together, said: "This is such brilliant news for Holbeck and a real testament to great partnership work between the council and third sector. We were so disappointed when our original funding bid was not approved earlier this year, but we have continued to develop our project with business parties across the city and this announcement comes at the perfect time to allow us to plan for further growth in our offer to the community and to improve vital local facilities. This is a game changer for the future of Holbeck."



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A new look for **Holbeck Moor Skatepark**

In the summer, Holbeck Moor Skatepark was brightened up with artwork designed and painted by pupils from **Reach Primary Learning Centre**. With support from local artist, **Burley Banksy** who helped pupils to draw up designs and transfer them from paper to the skatepark equipment, covering over the existing graffiti.



Beeston & Holbeck ward Councillor, Andrew Scopes said: "I am so pleased to be involved with this project, which has been done in partnership. It was a pleasure talking to the young artists about the project on Holbeck Moor and then seeing them make Holbeck Moor Skatepark look bright and cheerful, ably helped my Burley Banksy."

Exciting ambitions for **Holbeck Viaduct**

Holbeck Viaduct Project is a community-led campaign to transform Holbeck's iconic viaduct into a space for local people to enjoy and benefit from.

Disused since the 1980s, the start of the 1.7km viaduct is just 10 minutes walk from Leeds train station and its 92 black brick arches form a strategic route linking the city centre to Holbeck, Elland Road and Wortley.

Local campaigning for the viaduct's redevelopment spans over a decade. **Holbeck Viaduct Community Interest Company (CIC)** was formed in 2021 to build on early concepts by engaging with local stakeholders such as Leeds City Council and Network Rail, and the preparation of the vision document which outlines the collective aspirations of these groups and the community on the viaduct's future.



The group is currently working towards opening a "meanwhile" space on top of the viaduct. This would be a short 60m section redeveloped as **public green space** (and more!) to unlock its potential for long-term investment and showcase the positive social, economic and environmental impact it can have on the surrounding area and emerging developments.

What would your Vision for the redevelopment of the Holbeck Viaduct be?

The project team have prepared a short questionnaire around the project in the hope of gaining valuable insight from the community, helping drive the project forward in an appropriate way for the surrounding area.

You can find the survey here: **https://forms.office.com/e/eTaVWQJrkU**

or by scanning the **QR code**



Find out more here: **https://www.holbeckviaduct.org.uk/**

Looking for support to get into work?

Interested in learning a new skill?

Over the past 12 months **Employment and Skills** has supported 847 people from the Beeston and Holbeck Ward, including 191 into work and 194 to complete a skills programme.

The Leeds Employment Hub offers one to one support, tailored to your individual needs.

They can..

- Help to look for jobs, training and apprenticeship opportunities.

- Help with updating CV's, completing job applications and preparing for interviews.

For more information, please contact **Leeds Employment Hub** on **0113 3784576** or email **esleeds@leeds.gov.uk**

If you would like to speak to someone face to face the Job Shop Community Bus is outside **Holbeck Together** on **Tuesday - 10am-3.30pm** and **Thursday - 9.30am-3.30pm.** Come along and speak to an advisor.

To receive weekly jobs and skills opportunities please register at **https://bit.ly/opportunitiesinleeds**

Community **Learning**

Community Learning has many exciting opportunities on offer in Beeston and Holbeck.

If you would like to find out more about English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) classes in the area, access support to improve your numeracy skills or want to improve your understanding of IT we have free courses to support any level, including absolute beginners.

You can browse and register on a range of different opportunities at **https://leedsadultlearning.co.uk**

Holbeck Together **Digital Hub**

Take advantage of Holbeck Together's Digital Hub based at St Matthews over the coming months and build your skills.

All sessions are **FREE**

February
Mondays 1.30pm to 4.00pm in the digital hub at St Matthews

15 Feb -Apps and programs that can be useful and helpful
29 Feb – Digital photographs and saving pictures

March
Thursdays 1.30pm till 4.00pm

The month of March sees us partnering with Ancestry.com and learning to use the website to find out about family histories and building a family tree.

If you wish to book any sessions of the above, then contact the main office on **0113 245 5553** or email **sean@holbecktogether.org**

Digital Support

- Drop in support sessions with Sean – Holbeck Together's Digital Co-ordinator – every weekday mornings (booking recommended)
- Wi-Fi is free throughout the St Matthews building at all times for everyone to use. Please ask in you are unsure how to log on.



Data Gifting Support - If you are struggling to meet the cost of using a smartphone then Holbeck Together also offers a data gifting referral service.

Please contact Sean by popping into the Digital Hub at St Matthews or via email **sean@holbecktogether.org**

Holbeck **Sports Hub**



Following a successful public consultation process, Leeds City Council has submitted a planning application for the development and construction of a new sports hub in Holbeck.

The development, which is a joint funded project with the Football Foundation, will be constructed on the former Matthew Murray School site and will see the construction of three full sized 3G artificial grass pitches which will be able to be used for rugby and football throughout the whole year, as well as two hard surfaced PlayZones. The PlayZones will offer free to use time to the community on a booking basis, providing access to netball and basketball, cricket training and a variety of other sports, including boccia and other wheelchair sports.

The fully accessible pavilion building includes a community café, with outdoor seating and viewing, changing rooms, a fitness gym and studio space, meeting spaces that can be used by community groups, and a new GP Surgery, to replace the Shafton Lane practice, that will also include minor surgery facilities. This will provide a significant boost to the NHS service that is currently available within the community.

Subject to successful planning determination, it is anticipated that construction on the facility will take place Autumn 2024 and complete in time for the new playing season in September 2025.

Formal consultation comments on the proposals are being taken by Leeds City Council on the planning portal, by searching for Matthew Murray on **https://publicaccess.leeds.gov.uk/online-applications**

Concerned about **crime in Holbeck?**

You can speak to Local PCSOs, along with Anti-social Behaviour Team officers about any local issues you may have, at the Holbeck Contact Point. The Neighbourhood Policing Team engagement van will be parked on **Holbeck Moor Road** next to Holbeck Park, on the following dates:

Wednesday 21st February, 10.30am-12pm

Wednesday 13th March, 10.30am-12pm

Wednesday 3rd April, 10.30am-12pm

Wednesday 24th April, 10.30am-12pm

Wednesday 15th May, 10.30am-12pm

Wednesday 5th June, 10.30am-12pm

Wednesday 26th June, 10.30am-12pm



Keep an eye on West Yorkshire Police Social Media for any changes to the dates above.

A new Director for **Jamyang Leeds**

Jamyang Buddhist and Wellbeing Centre on Ingram Road has welcomed a new director, **Lee Howson.** Lee has been a teacher and department head for Religious Studies and Philosophy for almost twenty years and arrives from London where he also spent three years running a similar Buddhist-inspired charity.

Lee will be helping to develop the wellbeing activities offered at the centre. Adding to the regular **Yoga** and **Sound Gong** sessions with an evening **mindfulness meditation** group, a **Qigong** evening class and **children's yoga and meditation**. Further plans include an **arts and crafts** activity afternoon for children, wellbeing workshops for health and **stress-relief and compassion training** for working with anger and extreme emotions.

The centre also has a welcoming and well-equipped cafe, a shop for Buddhist supplies and a charity shop with bargain factory seconds as well as pre-worn treasures. The charity shop hosts a now legendary 'everything for £1' jumble sale every couple of months.

Lee is keen to hear from anyone who is interested in accessing Jamyang's facilities to deliver wellbeing or community-related events and activities, or anyone who wishes there was a local course or workshop that addresses health and emotional and physical wellbeing.

The Jamyang Centre is also part of the Welcoming Spaces Initiative and so anyone is welcome to come in over the winter period for a relaxing and



comfortable space to be (with free Wi-Fi) without feeling they need to buy anything. **Open Tuesday—Saturday, 10am-2pm.**

If you want to discuss further ideas on how the Jamyang Centre could benefit Holbeck residents then get in touch at **director@jamyangleeds.co.uk.**

Celebrations for **Holbeck Moor** Football Club

Holbeck Moor FC's recent festive celebrations saw ten different performers coming together for an evening of dance and song. The 2023 Christmas party took place at The Holbeck, the UK oldest working men's club. The Holbeck have supported the club since their formation in 2021 and they helped the club organise the event which was attended by over 70 people.



"The event went really well, we had dance, poetry and music, many performers were part of a new Leeds based group called Britain's Sanctuary's Got Talent, a group promoting performance opportunities for refugees and asylum seekers." said **club Ambassador Wan Abdullah.**

Earlier in the year, Holbeck Moor FCs Women's team became the first ever to be awarded Football Club of Sanctuary for their work welcoming Refugees and Asylum seekers.

Youth activities in Holbeck

Youth Group

Mondays at St Matthews Community Centre.

Open to all young people aged 11-17.

6.30pm - 8.30pm.

The group meet and explore different issue based projects in a fun and inclusive way. Recent topics have included; vaping, exam preparation and staying safe. Young people are also able to discuss any issues they choose and to have fun in a safe environment. **Free** session, just turn up.

Kicks Football sessions

Tuesdays at the Holbeck Youth Centre MUGA

6.30- to 7.30pm - 8-12yrs

7.30 to 8.30pm - 13-17yrs

All abilities welcome, informal football session. **Free** session, just turn up with your trainers and appropriate clothing for the weather.

For more information please contact **Allison 07891277407**



Get Set Leeds Local – **Funding opportunities**

Get Set Leeds Local (GSLL) builds on community ideas, for ways you would like to get active. GSLL is an Active Leeds project, supported by funding from Sport England to help create more opportunities to be active in Holbeck and other Leeds communities. We work alongside partners and community residents to help improve opportunities for all ages to be active in some way. Whether it is litter picking, Bootcamp on Holbeck Moor, glow stick Zumba or developing a pushchair walk - if you have a "good idea" for something that could support people to move more within or around Holbeck then get in touch via **karen.peck@leeds.gov.uk / 07891 274130.**

Our community chest pot (up to £300) is available for any resident to apply for to help seed fund an idea. Just share with us your concept and we'll work together to see if we can make it happen. We're also keen to explore how we develop some bigger plans collectively with those living and working in Holbeck, so get in touch if you have thoughts of something you'd like to see or try.

If you are someone who would love to help others in Holbeck be more active, and some up-skilling would help you do that, then we'd also love to connect and see if we can support.

Active Leeds

Holbeck Moor Junior's **Christmas shoeboxes**

Holbeck Moor Junior Football Club are a community club, keen to give back to the community they're a part of. They celebrated Christmas through their shoebox donations. Boxes filled with presents for children were expertly hand wrapped by club chairman Russ Mellor and donated via Ingram Road Primary School.

Holbeck Moor Junior Football Club continues to grow and develop since it began in 2022, starting with the Holbeck Huskies (age 4 – 6 year olds), through all the different age groups from under 7's right through to under 16's. More info at **www.holbeckmoorjfc.co.uk**



Line dancing at Holbeck Together

Fancy trying something new? Want to move more? Want to have fun and make new friends?



If so, Holbeck Together's line dancing class may be for you! This is an inclusive class for all ages and all abilities.

"Easier than walking and better exercise!" said Sandra, who has been attending since the class first started.

Pat, who leads the class, said **"Come and join us, we are a happy class, that have a lot of fun!"**

All welcome, just turn up.
Thursdays, 11.30am-12.30pm. £2

Useful info

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Jeżeli nie mówią Państwo po angielsku i potrzebują pomocy w zrozumieniu tego dokumentu, prosimy zadzwonić pod poniższy numer telefonu. Po podaniu nazwy swojego ojczystego języka prosimy poczekać – w tym czasie będziemy kontaktować się z tłumaczem.

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Inner South **Community Committee**

Your local councillors form part of the Inner South Community Committee which is made up of the nine councillors working for the Beeston & Holbeck ward, Hunslet & Riverside ward and Middleton Park ward (three councillors from each ward).

The Committee have a small grant fund where community and voluntary groups can apply for up to £500.
Email **PriorityNeighbourhoods@leeds.gov.uk** for more info

Keep up to date via social media:
LccInnerSouth on Facebook
@_YourCommunity on Twitter

Community Committees

Leeds City Council numbers

General enquiries
0113 222 4444
(or visit leeds.gov.uk)

Adult Social Care
0113 222 4401

Keeping children safe
0113 222 4403

Births, deaths & marriages
0113 222 4408

Council tax support
0113 222 4404

Housing Services
0800 188 4000

Highways
0113 222 4407

Leeds Domestic Violence Service
0113 246 0401 (24 hour)

Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team
0113 222 4402

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team
0113 222 4406

Noise Nuisance
0113 222 4402 (Daytime)
0113 376 0337 (5pm-3.30am)

Planning
0113 222 4409

Other contacts

Gas emergency: 0800 111 999

Water emergency: 0345 124 24 24
(Local rate number)

Electricity emergency: 0800 375 675

Emergency services: 999

Police (non-emergency or to report a crime): 101 Online, or phone 101

On-street sex work
dedicated line: 07497 386 922
(7am - 11pm, extended to midnight on weekends)

Citizens Advice: 0808 278 7878
citizensadvice.org.uk

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If you would like to receive further information about local services, activities and events please get in touch and let us have your details - **PriorityNeighbourhoods@leeds.gov.uk / 0113 378 5808**