



# COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2018-20

Working together to make Selby an  
even better place to live.



# WELCOME

## to Selby Big Local and our 2018-20 Community Plan.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of the Selby Big Local journey so far, getting involved in projects and giving their time and energy to activities across the Big Local area. There are already lots of Big Local activities underway and the 2018-20 plan introduces some new projects and presents lots of ideas, to fulfil our ambition 'to make Selby an even better place to live'.



**Selby Big Local seeks to make a lasting and positive difference to our local community. We bring together all the talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make our area an even better place to live.**



### From listening to residents and local groups in the Big Local area, this plan focuses on four priority areas for action:

**Community involvement:** bringing the community together and making it easy to get involved in local activities and decision-making

**Opportunities for young people:** supporting young people to have a voice in their community, building confidence and self-esteem, and celebrating diversity

**Health and wellbeing:** creating networks to tackle social isolation, supporting those experiencing poor mental health and helping people to improve their own wellbeing

**Employment, skills and training:** raising aspirations, encouraging learning and the development of new skills and supporting people to find new opportunities

**THIS IS YOUR PLAN** Selby Big Local puts the local community, and most importantly residents, in the driving seat – so come and tell us what you think and join us to make some of these ideas a reality.

## THE SELBY BIG LOCAL AREA

Selby North, around the Flaxley Road Estate, Selby South around the Abbots Road Estate, and the Town Centre.



## COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT SCHEME

Do you have a great idea for something in your community? Does your organisation want to do more in the Big Local area?

The Community Chest offers funding up to £2000 to individuals, local groups and organisations working in the Selby Big Local area. Applications are accepted at any time and advice and support offered where needed.

# £2000

to support your idea



# BUILDING COMMUNITY

**Our vision is to see greater community ownership and participation, where people are better connected, contributing to the community and invested in where they live**

We want to make it easy and fulfilling for people to get involved in their local community, to have a say, and drive the changes that they as residents know will make a difference.

**Over the next two years we want our projects and activities to:**

**Bring the community together.**

**Support new and existing local groups and activities.**

**Provide welcoming spaces for the community to come together and make things happen.**

Selby Big Local will continue to support the Community Choir ([www.selbycommunitychoir.org.uk](http://www.selbycommunitychoir.org.uk)) and the Over 50's group that meets weekly at the Coulthick Centre, and this year we want to respond to what the community tell us they want by creating new arts and sports projects. We're looking for residents and organisations to get involved so come and tell us what you think.

## Creating space for community

For the last two years residents have been telling us that there is a lack of welcoming, flexible space where "community can happen". We are currently exploring options for a community hub on Flaxley Road.

Selby Big Local wants to work with residents to create a local space that meets local needs. Be part of this exciting journey and tell us what you'd like to see in your community hub.

# HEALTH & WELLBEING

**Our vision is for people of all ages living in Selby to feel emotionally and physically well and to live happy, healthy and fulfilling lives**

We want to support the creation of community networks to tackle social isolation, supporting those experiencing poor mental health and helping people to improve their own wellbeing.

There are lots of non-medical ways that wellbeing can be improved and we believe that individuals often hold the key to improving their own wellbeing.

**Over the next two years we will be:**

**Working with Community First Credit Union to provide outreach sessions, providing financial advice and access to affordable and ethical financial services.**

**Enhancing community outdoor spaces for the benefit of local communities and turning eyesores into places people want to spend time in.**

**Supporting new and existing community projects to encourage healthy lifestyles, tackle social isolation and improve mental health.**

**Big Local has given me a chance to give back to my community and helped me find new ways to meet people.**

*Resident Partnership member*



# EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE



// We want to support young people to have a voice in their community, building confidence and self-esteem, and celebrating diversity.

**Our vision is to work with young people to create improved life chances and support everyone to achieve their ambitions**

// In 2017 Selby Big Local and a local social enterprise called Inspired Youth, worked with young people to produce **'We are Selby'** a powerful film about growing up in Selby, which premiered at the Globe and has been shown to key decision makers.

// Young people told us what was important to them and we would like to work with more young people to make the changes they would like to see in the community.

**Over the next two years we want our projects and activities to:**

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**Support young people to have a voice in the local community and make positive choices.**

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**Create safe and welcoming spaces for young people.**

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**Build self-esteem, raise aspirations and reduce the incidence of bullying and low-level mental health issues in young people.**



*abstract from*

## FOLLOW MY DREAMS

Every young person has talent and hope  
Sometimes we just need the support to cope  
When I look at my reflection I don't see perfection  
We are young people we just need love and affection

◀ **Written by a We are Selby participant**

# SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT



// In 2017 we launched 'Big Aspirations' a programme working with primary schools aiming to increase aspirations, skills and the belief young people have in their own potential. Working with educators, employers and a range of local partners, we want to increase the scope of this programme to provide more opportunities for students to be excited about their future and the world of work.

**Our vision is for improved access to a range of training, learning and development opportunities for both young people and adults, so they can take positive steps in achieving their full potential**

// Residents have told us they would welcome support finding and securing work, access to mentoring and affordable adult education with child care support.

// **Over the next two years we want our projects and activities to:**

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**Encourage people to learn new skills and find opportunities for work and volunteering.**

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**Raise aspirations and increase confidence.**

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**Work collaboratively with other organisations and networks to maximise opportunities in Selby for lifelong learning.**

**Being involved with Selby Big Local has boosted my confidence and my self-esteem has gone through the roof. It's great to feel like I belong to something exciting**

*Resident Partnership member*



# BE PART OF IT!

**Big Local is a 10-year Big Lottery funded programme run by Local Trust giving 150 areas around England at least £1 million each to make a lasting positive difference in their communities.**

The Selby Big Local Partnership was formed in 2016 and is supported by Selby District AVS. We are all about delivering in partnership – partnership with local people, community groups and local organisations, so that we make the best use of local knowledge, skills, ambition and enthusiasm to make Selby an even better place to live.

The best way to find out more about Selby Big Local is by joining in and there are lots of ways to get involved:

**Come along**, get involved in a project or we can help you start a new project or activity in your community.

**Join** the Partnership Board and have your say on how our Big Local money is spent.

**Volunteer** your time on a particular project or support our workers in the office - gain valuable skills and meet new people.

## FIND OUT MORE

This leaflet is just a summary of our full **2018-20 Community Action Plan**, which is available on our website. Or get in touch to find out more.

## GET IN TOUCH TODAY!

Find out what is happening near you and how to get involved.

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