

# PLYMOUTH TOGETHER



## KEYHAM - A SUMMARY OF PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY IN PHASE TWO

Between the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the end of March 2022, the partnership approach to Keyham switched to a focus on ongoing safety, resilience and recovery. The partnership governance was simplified to two groups reporting into the Recovery Co-ordinating Group:

- A Safer Keyham;
- A Healthy and Resilient Keyham.

Both groups included consideration of communication needs and the use of funding, rather than these sitting in separate groups, particularly in monitoring the impact of any funding which had been secured to support recovery in Keyham. Additional funding in this period has included:

- £800k from the Department of Education to support initiatives for children and young people;
- £822k from the Home Office for community safety – This covers Keyham Community Policing (£514k) as well as Safer Keyham (£308k) grants;
- £272k from the Ministry of Justice for victim support.

The responsibility for making sure that appropriate plans were in place and stayed on track continues to be overseen by the multi-agency Recovery-Co-ordination group. Elected members, the voices and views of those directly and indirectly impacted, statutory and non-statutory partners and the views of community representatives remain an integral part of the approach.



A broad range of activity continues to take place in Keyham and the surrounding area. Some of this is part of 'business as usual' for the city, some is specific activity which has been made possible by additional funding brought to Plymouth, and some is due to the dedicated efforts of voluntary and community organisations in the area. Ongoing conversations with residents told us they want to see improvements to the physical environment in the area, some of which will help them to feel safer, as adults and children. They also want to have more opportunities to be together via community events and activities.

The Plymouth Together Fund had raised £93,941.24 as of the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022, from generous individuals, groups and organisations who have raised money from a range of fund-raising activities. The fund does not receive any government funding. The Plymouth Together Fund Committee is overseeing and governing the distribution of the funds. The committee recognises four main groups of fund beneficiaries:

- the next of kin of those who died in the tragedy of August 12th, the physically injured, wider family members, and a general reserve to support community activities and other good, local causes;

None of the donated funds will be used for administration.

The Plymouth Together website <https://plymouthtogether.co.uk/> continues to be developed, to share updates and information.

Plans are being drawn up to describe phase 3 activity and priority areas. This will include consideration of memorials and remembrance as we begin to approach the first anniversary.

**Name of group:** A SAFER KEYHAM

**Purpose of group:**

- Restore feelings of safety through a range of initiatives and extensive community engagement;
- Mitigate the possibility of future and existing harm to residents through community policing and safer streets style interventions;
- Advance community action through investment in empowerment and skills-based engagement, an enhanced youth provision and citizen consultations to lead to sustainable citizen led change;

### A Safer Keyham

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What was achieved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A dedicated Keyham community policing team is in place to provide community reassurance</li> <li>• CCTV and Lighting – a programme of works will be completed by the end of March 2022 inclusive of 55 lighting upgrades, column replacements and preparation work if cameras should be required in the future</li> <li>• Youth Engagement – Partners have been working with young people in the area to develop an understanding into how young people are feeling and what they would like to be delivered in the area</li> <li>• Reclaiming of Public Spaces – Works related to the reclaiming of public spaces will be completed by the end of March. This includes the new footpath installed in North Down Crescent, hedge trimming, planting of trees and wild flowers and purchase of equipment for parks to be delivered in the Green Space Plan</li> <li>• Feel Safe Scheme – currently on target to be completed by the end of March with over 100 different improvements made throughout people's homes</li> <li>• Crime Prevention Outreach – currently on target to be completed by the end of March. Over 300 personal safety devices have been issued and more have been purchased to continue this work throughout the area, which will be led by Keyham Neighbourhood Watch</li> <li>• Training – A training programme has been delivered with elements set to continue post April. This has been well attended and it is hoped that the skills which the community are developing will continue to support residents for years to come</li> <li>• Sparks Funding – all initial grants were spent providing money into local projects. New funding received from the Police and Crime Commissioner will extend this work through the coming months, supported by POP</li> </ul>
What still needs to be done?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning from the use of the Sparks Fund and the impact of the various projects and how these can inform community capacity and resilience</li> <li>• Ongoing youth engagement to understand the needs and challenges for young people</li> <li>• Ongoing community engagement via the Policing team</li> </ul>

**Name of group:** A HEALTHIER AND RESILIENT KEYHAM

**Purpose of group:**

- Community engagement and empowerment, 'listening to the community';
- Creating an ongoing community development plan including a sustainable community infrastructure going forward;
- Identifying support needs and ensuring those needs are met;
- Ensuring there is co-ordination for events to recognise and remember the tragic events of August 12<sup>th</sup>;

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What was achieved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some of the families have felt able to visit the Box to view the tributes which are held there</li> <li>• Two memorial benches have been installed at the wishes of some of the families</li> <li>• A trauma specialist is working within Livewell to provide specialist support to residents if it is needed</li> <li>• A social work team has been recruited to work with Keyham families and schools</li> <li>• Additional Educational Psychology, Education Welfare and SEND support staff are in place to work with local schools</li> <li>• Safe Families have been commissioned to work with 40 families over the next year, delivering a new model of family support for those with a connection to Keyham</li> <li>• Research being carried out into what it is like to live in Keyham, and understanding levels of community confidence</li> <li>• A range of community activities, including those linked to events like Halloween, Christmas and Easter</li> <li>• Community mapping of what is available in the area completed and published on the Plymouth Together website</li> <li>• Support for community capacity building in place, led by POP and including a training offer and networking</li> <li>• The Shed is now operational for community use</li> </ul>
What still needs to be done?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration and planning of memorials and remembrance as we begin to approach the first anniversary, drawing on learning from events elsewhere and the views and wishes of the community</li> <li>• Ongoing monitoring of the needs of the community as they arise and change, to make sure that services are able to respond</li> <li>• Using the learning from the research into what it is like to live and work in Keyham, to inform community engagement approaches for phase 3</li> <li>• Ongoing development of the community hub, supported by Keyham Green Places and the Wolseley Trust</li> </ul>