



Meanwood Valley Partnership – *what we do*



The Meanwood Valley Partnership consists of local residents who volunteer their time and skills to preserve, protect and enhance the Meanwood Valley area.

Working in partnership with Leeds City Council, local businesses and other community groups, we aim to improve resources and facilities whilst maintaining the areas great heritage and community spirit. We have a constitution and an active management committee who meet once a month to discuss issues and assess progress on projects and initiatives. We hold regular open meetings for the community to attend.

Meanwood Valley Partnership work across the community on a variety of initiatives and projects including:

Meanwood Festival 23rd – 30th August

A series of events in local venues (bars, cafes', community halls, park etc) including music, arts, food and drink and even spoon whittling! Replaced in 2019 by a very successful online ([YouTube](#)) festival showcasing creative talent from Meanwood and beyond.

It is back for real in 2021.

[Meanwood Festival 2021](#) aims to provide a real community focus as we emerge from the past 15 months – the community consists of the people who live here, local small businesses (many run by and employing Meanwood residents) and a diverse number of community groups.

We aim to involve as many of these people, groups, businesses as we can in providing a signal to the community that Meanwood is back, is as vibrant as ever and that so much is already being done for the community, by the community.

We know it's been a difficult year for the all businesses and in recognition of this we are not charging event holders for entry this year. Instead we are finding all festival costs elsewhere.

Reverse Advent Calendar

In November & December we work with InterACT, a local charity <https://interact.uk.net/> who are Leeds City Councils agent for supporting people on Meanwood and surrounding area affected by Covid 19. Last year's campaign involved raising money for distribution as food vouchers and collecting food for distribution as a Christmas hamper.

Love Meanwood – set up by MVP to find out what physical elements of the community it values, what it doesn't like and how this can change. We have

published a 10-year vision for Meanwood <https://lovemeanwood.org.uk/>. **NB** This includes the Green Rd precinct and the junction with Meanwood & Stonegate Rds.

Meanwood In Bloom – planting tubs and beds in the district centre. We were out recently planting in the pedestrian crossing tubs and precinct beds;

Friends of Meanwood Park–maintaining and enhancing Meanwood Park and Meanwood Valley Trail. We work with Leeds Parks & Countryside, e.g. path maintenance, tackling invasive species and tree seed gathering.

Meanwood Christmas Lights – normally a community ‘switch on’ event involving the closure of Green Rd with stalls, entertainment and food attended by 2,000+ people. In 2019 Waitrose held a ‘green token’ collection for this event and also provided staff to help on the night (see photo below). Sadly, the Covid19 restrictions meant we had to hold a virtual switch on in 2020. We very much hope it will happen for real again this year.

Meanwood Street Art and **Meanwood Halloween Pumpkin Trail** – supporting these two very successful local initiatives with advice, comms and logistics.

Can you help with any of these / would you like to get involved / have you got an idea to make Meanwood even better? Email us at meanwoodvp@hotmail.com
