

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Council Meeting:
20th January, 2014:**

Agenda Item: 4

**Report of Area Council
Team.**

**Devolved Ward Budgets, Ward Alliance Funds and Public Health
Allocation**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report updates the Central Council on progress in each Ward in expending the Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Fund budgets.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Central Council notes the expenditure to 31st December 2013 of the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund for each of the five wards.**
- 2.2 **That each Ward in the Central Council area prioritises the efficient expenditure of the remaining Devolved Ward Budgets and Ward Alliance Funds for 2013/2014.**

3. Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the decisions made by the Council (Cab.21.11.2012/6; Cab.16.1.2013/10.3; Cab.13.2.2013/9 and Cab.8.5.2013/7.1) each Ward was allocated a Devolved Ward Budget and a Ward Alliance Fund. The Devolved Ward budget has been available to commit since the beginning of the financial year while the Ward Alliance Fund became available once the Ward Alliance Priorities were presented to the Central Area Council on 11th November 2013. It was intended that the Devolved Ward Budget and a Ward Alliance Fund would be fully committed in this financial year, 2013-14, but due to the pressures in establishing the Ward Alliances and agreeing meaningful ward priorities it has been agreed that the funding can be carried over to next financial year, 2014-15.

3.2 Devolved Ward Budget 2013-14

A Devolved Ward budget of £20,000 per ward has been allocated for the 2013/14 financial year. The responsibility for determining areas of expenditure and utilising the available budget rests with Ward Members.

In considering projects for the use of the Devolved Ward Budget, Members will need to be satisfied that:

- it meets a recognised need for the Ward,
- it is in the wider public interest (whole community can potentially benefit),
- it represents value for money.

3.3 Ward Alliance Fund 2013-14

Barnsley Council has made £17,000 per electoral ward available to match fund against time, expertise and resources for community projects identified in the 21 electoral Wards. £7,000 of this fund has been made available by the Public Health Department for 2013/14 only.

The Ward Alliance Fund is intended to:

- ensure practical solutions to local issues involving local people.
- support and develop community groups and volunteering.
- support schemes and initiatives identified in the Community Strategy, Area Plan or Ward Plan.
- support and encourage service improvements.
- support equality and diversity (including fostering good relations between people from different groups, eliminating unlawful discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity for all).
- the funding from public health will be available to drive forward the actions within local ward actions plans that can demonstrate an improvement in health and well-being and an asset based approach to community development

4. **Position Statement and Challenges**

- 4.1 Appendix One breaks down the approvals to the 31st December 2013 for the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund across each of the five wards.
- 4.2 It is important to note that the Central Council has now entered the final quarter of this financial year and the accumulated commitment of the Devolved Ward Budget for the five Wards, is £55,814.20 out of the £100,000 allocated.
- 4.3 The accumulated commitment for the Ward Alliance Fund is £2,280, the total uncommitted budget being £82,720 with as yet, no commitment from the Public Health element.
- 4.2 It is important to bear in mind that although carry forward to the next financial year has been agreed in principle, every effort should be made by elected members and Ward Alliances (in liaison with the Area Team) to progress applications that are currently in development so that they can be considered/approved/expended before the end of March 2014.
- 4.3 Clarity regarding expenditure of the two funds will be required by mid March 2014 to enable the necessary permissions for the amounts to be carried forward for the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Fund for each ward to be granted.

Appendices

Appendix One - Breakdown of the Devolved Ward Budget and Ward Alliance Funds.

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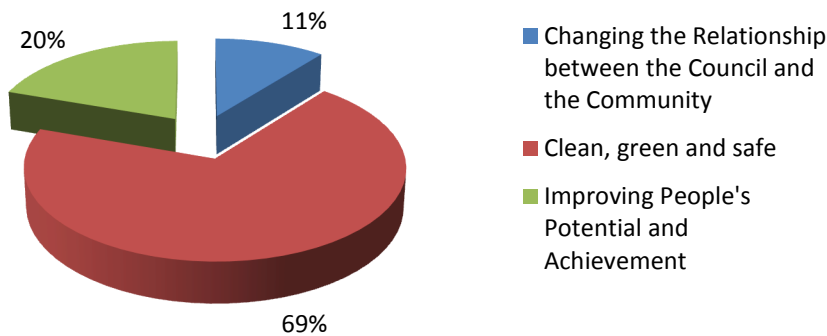
Appendix One

Central Area Council (April 2013 – January 2014) Update

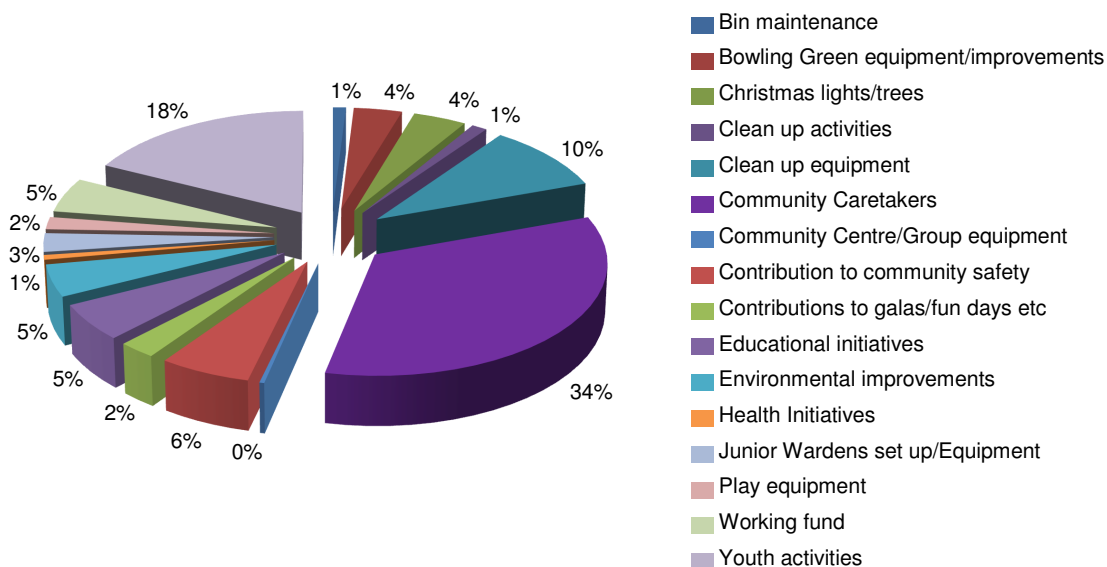
To date, the Central Area Council has committed £55,814.20 of its £100,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation

Devolved Ward Budget	Committed	Allocation Remaining	To be charged
CENTRAL	£ 55,814.20	£ 44,185.80	£ 58,880.28
Central	£ 3,381.20	£ 16,618.80	£ 18,728.80
Dodworth	£ 7,665.00	£ 12,335.00	£ 15,242.27
Kingstone	£ 19,027.00	£ 973.00	£ 973.00
Stairfoot	£ 8,950.00	£ 11,050.00	£ 16,066.38
Worsbrough	£ 16,791.00	£ 3,209.00	£ 7,869.83

A breakdown of how this commitment supports the corporate plan priorities is below:



These commitments are split into the following project themes:

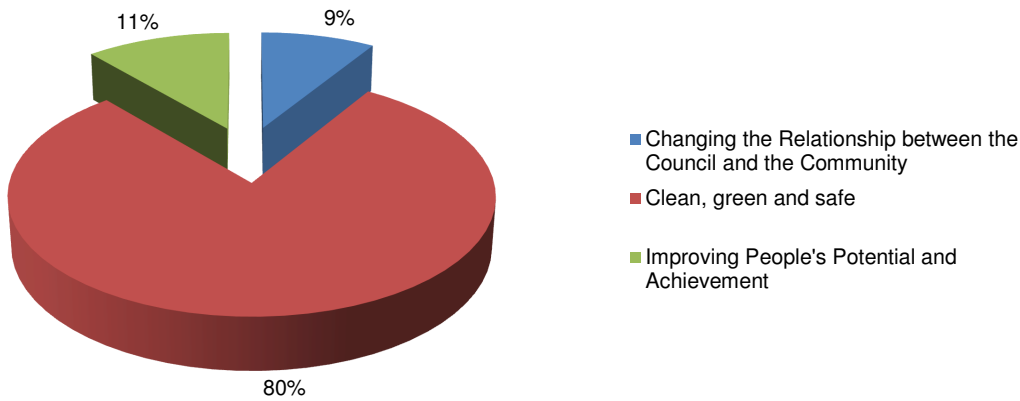


The following shows a breakdown of commitment by Ward, and also details the actual spend to date.

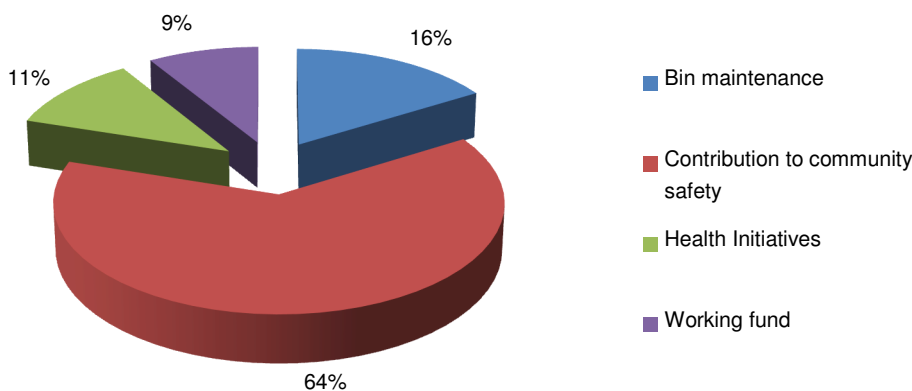
Central has committed £3,381.20 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £1,271.20 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward. To maximise the 2013/14 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, Central need to allocate £16,619.80, and ensure that £18,728.80 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

Project	Allocation
Emptying cost for litter and dog bins (Burton Road)	£ 551.20
Just Paint it Project	£ 1,400.00
Burton Rd Primary School Flu Awareness Campaign 2013	£ 380.00
Community Safety & Crime Prevention Initiatives	£ 750.00
Central Working Fund	£ 300.00

The pie chart below shows the split of how the commitment supports the corporate plan priorities.



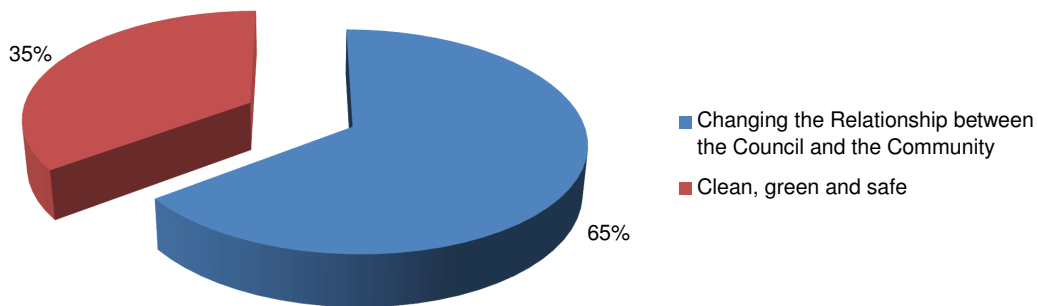
The pie chart below shows the committed spend split into themes



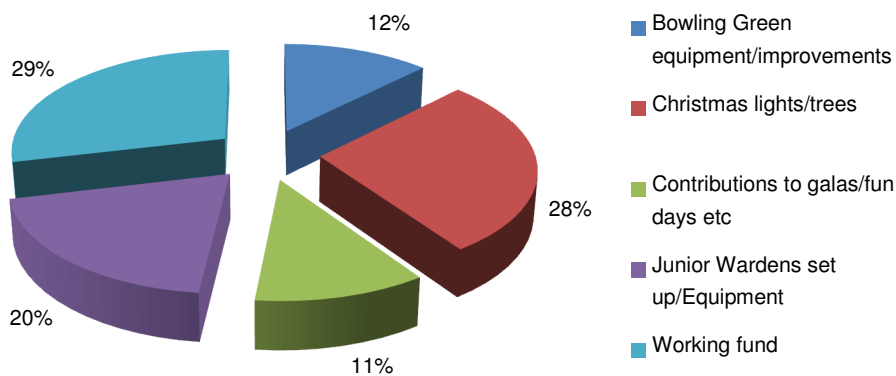
Dodworth has committed £7,665 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £4,757.73 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward. To maximise the 2013/14 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, Dodworth need to allocate £12,335, and ensure that £15,242.27 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

Project	Allocation
Portaloo for engagement event - 22.6.13	£ 120.00
Dodworth Village gala	£ 750.00
Dodworth Gala Working Fund	£ 1,000.00
Environmental Projects Fund	£ 1,200.00
Dodworth Miners Welfare BC - Floodlights	£ 960.00
Dodworth Junior Warden Scheme	£ 1,500.00
Dodworth Ward Christmas Trees (and associated costs)	£ 2,135.00

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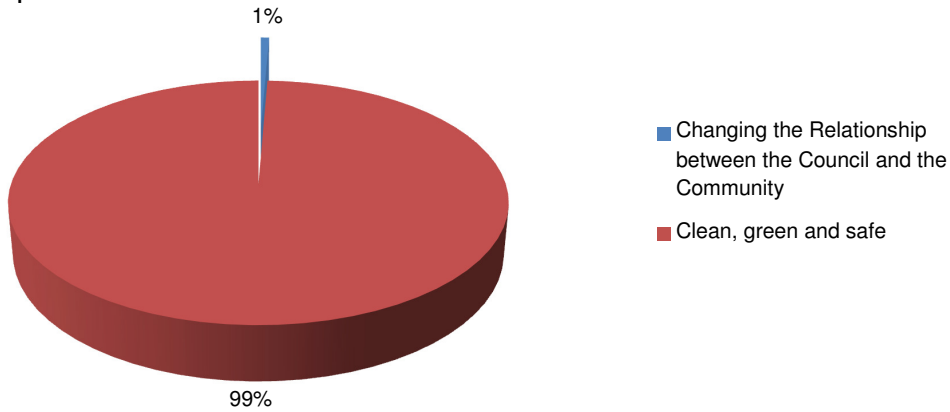
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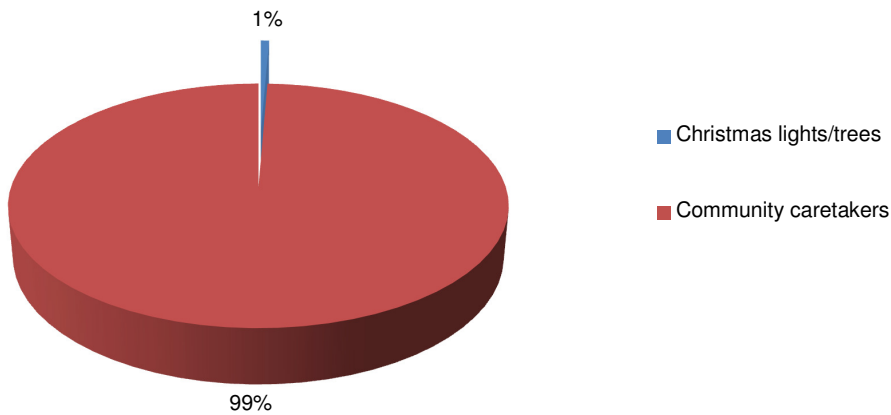
Kingstone has committed £19,027 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £19,027 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward. To maximise the 2013/14 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, Kingstone need to allocate £973, and ensure that £973 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

Project	Allocation
Community Caretaker	£ 18,902.00
Christmas Tree for St Edwards Church	£ 125.00

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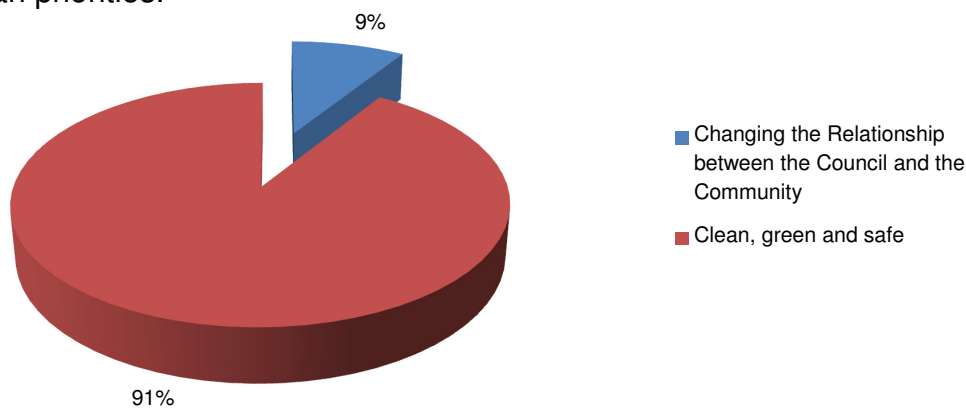
The pie chart below shows the committed spend in the Kingstone Ward split into themes



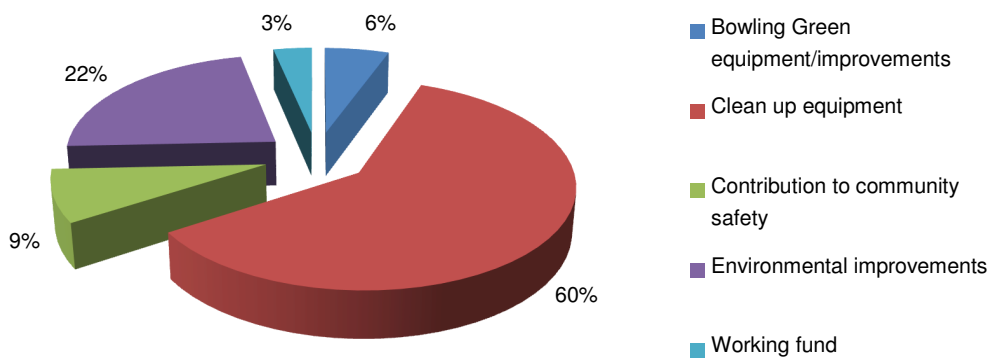
Stairfoot has committed £8,950 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £3,933.62 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward. To maximise the 2013/14 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, Stairfoot need to allocate £11,050, and ensure that £16,066.38 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

Project	Allocation
Community Safety and Crime prevention Initiatives	£ 750.00
Environmental Projects Fund	£ 2,000.00
Aldham House Community Clean Up Initiative	£ 5,000.00
Ardley Welfare Bowling Green Improvements	£ 500.00
Aldham Area TARA - Aldham Clean Up Event	£ 400.00
Stairfoot Working Fund	£ 300.00

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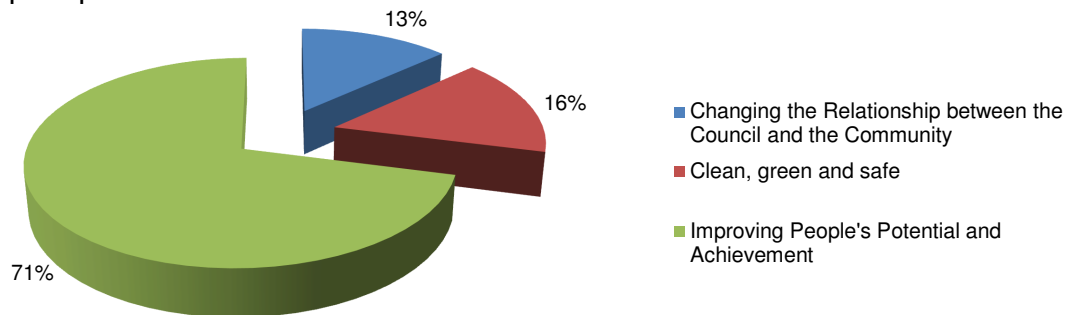
The pie chart below shows the committed spend in the Stairfoot Ward split into themes



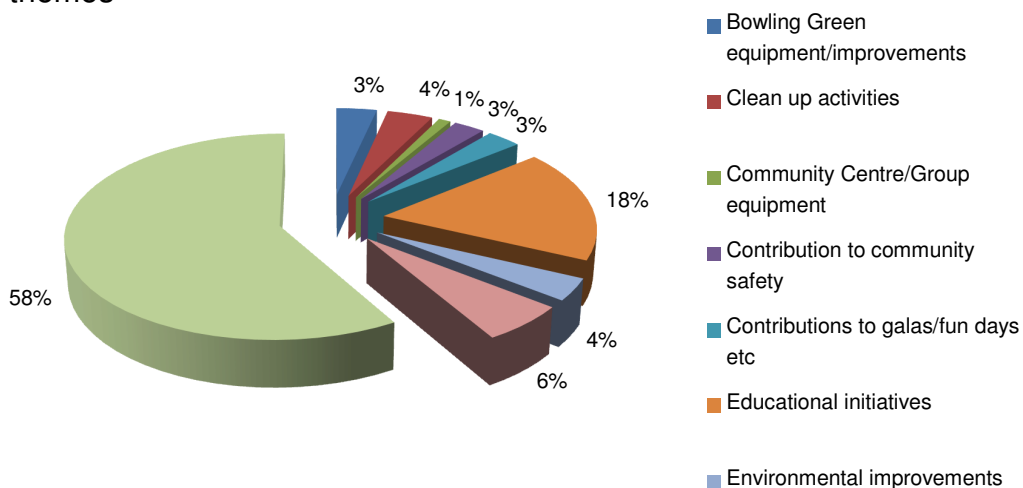
Worsbrough has committed £16,791 of its £20,000 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, to date £12,130.17 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward. To maximise the 2013/14 Devolved Ward Budget allocation, Worsbrough need to allocate £3,209, and ensure that £7,869.83 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

Project	Allocation
New Play area at Worsbrough Mill	£ 1,000.00
Worsbrough young people's learning provision	£ 8,930.00
Maintenance of Worsbrough Dale Bowling Green	£ 584.00
Summer Children/Youth Scheme	£ 895.00
Bank End Community Group - Crafting Skills	£ 177.00
WSDA - Community & Spectator safety project	£ 660.00
Dealing with Isolation through Integration	£ 500.00
Story Telling Shelter & Chair	£ 3,000.00
Community Safety & Crime Prevention Initiatives	£ 450.00
Green fingered wanderers first cut	£ 595.00

The pie chart below shows the split of how the commitment supports the corporate plan priorities.



The pie chart below shows the committed spend in the Worsbrough Ward split into themes



Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

Ward Alliance Fund	Committed	Allocation Remaining	To be charged
CENTRAL	£ 2,280.00	£ 47,720.00	£ 47,720.00
Central	£ 2,280.00	£ 7,720.00	£ 7,720.00
Dodworth	£ -	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Kingstone	£ -	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Stairfoot	£ -	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Worsbrough	£ -	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00

Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough have yet to commit any of their allocated Ward Alliance Fund.

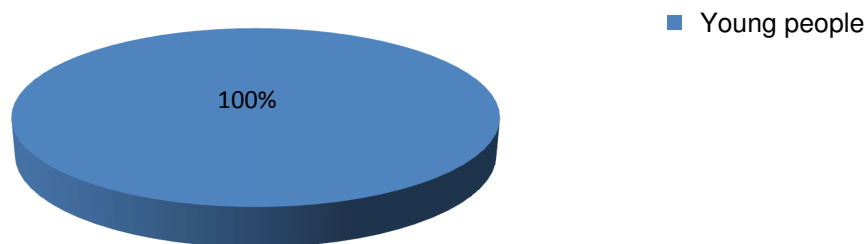
Central has committed £2,280 of its £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund, to date £2,280 of this commitment has been charged to the Ward.

To maximise the 2013/14 Ward Alliance Fund allocation, Central need to allocate £7,720, and ensure that £7,720 is spent before the 31st March 2014.

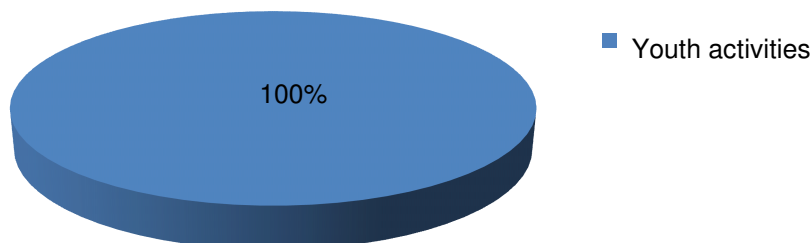
The project has declared a total number of 246 volunteer hours, which equates to the equivalent of £2,728.

Project	Allocation
SHINE - Children's Group - Gateway Pals	£ 2,280.00

The pie chart below shows the split of how the commitment supports the Ward Plan priorities.



The pie chart below shows the committed spend in the Central Ward split into themes.



Public Health Funding Budget Overview

All four wards have yet to commit any of their allocated Public Health Funding.

Examples of projects suitable for the £7,000 Public Health element of the Ward Alliance Fund.

	Children's Services	Adults and Communities	Planning and Transport	Housing	Environmental	Work and the Economy
Connect	Intergenerational activities - facilitating contact between younger & older residents	Local area co-ordination - work with individuals, families & communities to support people with disabilities	Designing traffic free spaces into developments - to encourage social connections	The Big Lunch - events to encourage neighbours to get to know each other	An area based growing competition - to improve local environments through collaboration between residents	Encouraging business to take advantage of support - to make them more competitive
Be Active	Support buddies for disabled young people - to help them take part in sport & physical activities	Health walks scheme - to encourage physical activity & use of the natural environment	Town centre cycle paths - to encourage physical activity & low carbon travel	Enable tenants to grow their own food - through community owned allotments	Green Gym - to promote health & fitness and support conservation activities	Encourage the unemployed to engage with volunteering - to increase skills, keep active and improve wellbeing
Take Notice	Public art project devised with young people - to encourage appreciation of public spaces	Festival for social inclusion - e.g. the Barnsley Pride events	Auditing green space provision - to ensure access to the natural environment	Gardening support for vulnerable residents - to maintain outdoor spaces	Resident involvement in wildlife protection - to encourage appreciation of local biodiversity	Citizens taking note of what job opportunities there are - and concentrate on transferable skills & with business, look for markets to expand into & new skills development
Keep Learning	Online directory of learning activities for young people - to encourage participation & enjoyment of learning	Adult learning - as an alternative to prescribing anti-depressants for mild mental health problems	Identifying sites for self-builders - to encourage people to learn the innovative & entrepreneurial skills needed to build homes	Provide training - as part of resident involvement in decision making for tenants, to encourage learning through participation	Community planting day events - to teach basic skills and improve public spaces	Focussing on skills attainment - maximising the digital agenda as a conduit for learning and a subject in its own right
Give	Peer support awards for young people - to recognise their efforts in helping others	Time banking - to encourage skills swapping and reciprocal volunteering as a route to build social networks	Supporting volunteer led 'walking bus' schemes - to encourage volunteering, physical activity & safe travel to school	Use peer support models - to enable independent living and residential support to promote mutual support	Encouraging volunteers to 'adopt' their local area - to help maintain the quality of their public space	Local business support networks - of volunteers giving time and expertise to provide business support to local enterprise