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MEETING:	North East Area Council
DATE:	Thursday 25 May 2023
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Meeting Room 1 - Barnsley Town Hall

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Ward Alliances

- 6 Updates from Community Development Officers on Annual Ward Performance (Neac.25.5.2023/6) (Pages 3 - 56)
- Cudworth (Michelle Toone)
 - Royston & Monk Bretton (Christie McFarlane)
 - North East (Daryl Hand)

To: Chair and Members of North East Area Council:-

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North East Area Council
Cudworth, Monk Bretton, North East, Royston

CUDWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

PERFORMANCE REPORT

APRIL 2022 - MARCH 2023

Ward Alliance:

The Cudworth Ward Alliance is a group of local people who have put themselves forward to help improve the communities they live in. They work with local Councillors to determine what the priorities are for the area. The Ward Alliance have developed a community plan which helps them to measure their progress in delivering their priorities. Community groups are able to apply for Ward Alliance funding to help with projects that support the Ward Alliance priorities. This report aims to showcase how the Ward Alliance Funds has been spent in Cudworth from April 2022 - September 2022.

Cudworth Councillors:



**COUNCILLOR
STEPHEN HOUGHTON**



**COUNCILLOR JOE
HAYWARD**



**COUNCILLOR
CHARLIE WRAITH**

Barnsley 2030:

It's time to believe in the possibilities of Barnsley, to look to the future with excitement and optimism. Our borough is a place that fosters and grows ambition, enabling everyone to be the best they can be.

The Cudworth Ward Alliance continues to ensure projects and initiatives that are supported through funding applications, meet and exceed the overall Barnsley 2030 ambitions.

Sustainable Barnsley We all have a part to play in protecting our borough for future generations.	Growing Barnsley Open for business, with our great location, excellent links to road networks, digital connectivity and attractive local offer.	Healthy Barnsley Keeping ourselves and our families well is the key to living productive and happy lives.	Learning Barnsley Developing skills, talent, and creativity within people of all ages will open up exciting prospects.
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Barnsley - the place of possibilities.

Cudworth Priorities:



Through local consultations, discussions with local Councillors and Ward Alliance members; we were able to set five key priorities for Cudworth. These priorities form part of our ongoing Community Development Plan.

Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance has the following budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£10,000 devolved from North East Area Council

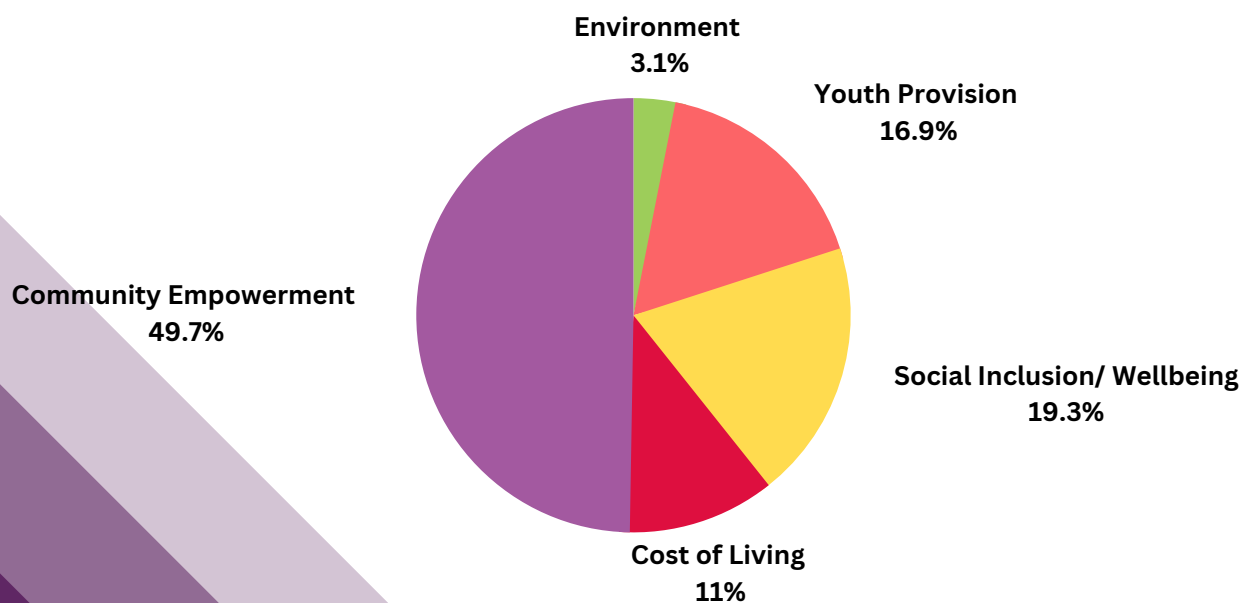
£5,462.06 from 2021/22

= **£25,462.06 total available funding**

Group	Project Details	Allocation	Priority
Crystal Lights Majorettes	To support the ongoing development and sustainability of the group	£1728.00	Youth Provision
Resolute Women's Support Group	To support the ongoing development and sustainability of the group	£2210.00	Social Inclusion / Wellbeing
Cherry Dale School	Development of a 'Clothes Swap' shop	£1080.00	Cost of Living
Barnsley CAB	Provision of Advice Service	£1860.00	Cost of Living
Ward Alliance / Reds in the community	Provision of Summer Sports Van	£875.00	Youth Provision

Group	Project Details	Allocation	Priority
Valley Community Centre	Armchair Aerobics	£510.00	Social Inclusion / Wellbeing
Valley Community Centre	Table tennis table	£549.00	Social Inclusion / Wellbeing
Chewin 'T' Cud	Magazine printing	£700.00	Community Empowerment
The Exodus Project	Train carriage	£929.00	Youth Provision
RIISE	Healthy Holidays provision (October Half Term)	£1000.00	Youth Provision
Pins & Needles	New Group start up	£1500.00	Social Inclusion/ Wellbeing
Grassroots Sports Academy	Contribution to Christmas Event	£400.00	Social Inclusion/ Wellbeing
Cudworth Tea In the Park	Summer Gala	£1000.00	Community Empowerment
Cudworth Businesses & Communities Together	Walking map & Mosaic	£950.00	Community Empowerment

Group	Project Details	Allocation	Priority
Ward Alliance	Working Budget Delivery of community engagement events and activities	£2288.00	Community Empowerment
Ward Alliance	Christmas Provision - Installation of lamp post motifs, Christmas Tree and Light Switch on event	£6066.11	Community Empowerment
Ward Alliance	Jubilee Fund - Community Events	£2325.00	Community Empowerment
Ward Alliance	Sponsored Hanging Basket Scheme	£527.00	Environment
Ward Alliance	Litter Picking Equipment	£304.75	Environment



Summary of spend:

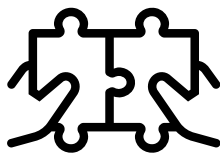
The Ward Alliance Fund aims to promote Social Action throughout Barnsley, with "people helping people" and "practical action in the service of others" as its defining characteristics. Applications submitted to the Ward Alliance Fund must align with at least one of the Area Priorities and one of the Barnsley 2030 ambitions. Ideally, funding applications should be supported by matching funds in the form of volunteer hours, in-kind donations or other funding sources. Although projects often meet multiple Ward Alliance priorities, this report assigns them to the lead priority for clear categorisation of expenditure areas.



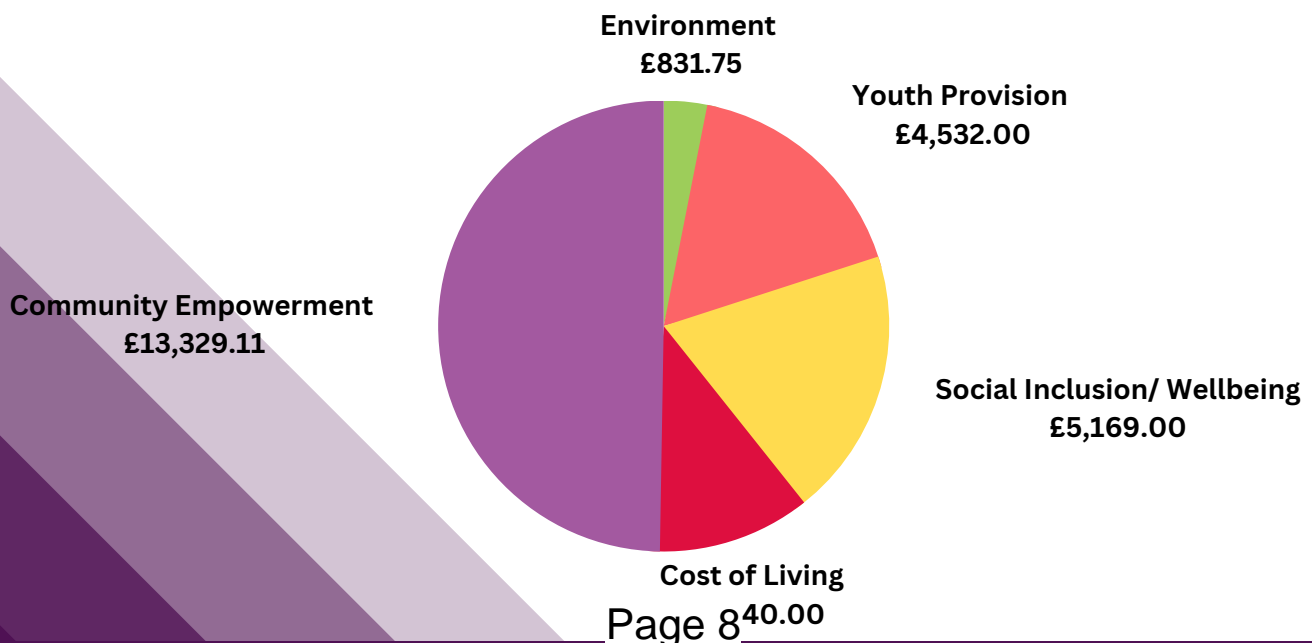
£28,313.47
Ward Alliance Funding
invested in local community
projects



1176 in match volunteer
hours



This has generated an
equivalent of £15,493.88



Crystal Lights Majorettes:

In March 2022 the group were awarded funds to cover the cost of room hire at Valley Community Centre for delivery of four, weekly training sessions from April to September. The sessions continue to provide a safe and inclusive environment for children and young people to come together and engage in physical activity. Attendees have developed team building skills, increased self esteem and have the opportunity to be part of an award winning troupe. The sessions play a significant role in promoting good physical and mental health. Thanks to the initial support from the Ward Alliance they were given the time they needed to grow and develop.

The sessions have now become self sustainable through weekly subs.



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Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Social
Inclusion /
Wellbeing

Youth
Provision

Resolute Women's Support Group:

The Resolute Women's Support Group: Empowering Women to Overcome Domestic Abuse

This volunteer-led initiative offers support to women who have experienced or are currently experiencing domestic abuse. The group meets weekly and provides a safe, inclusive environment for women to connect with others in similar situations. The sessions also include guest speakers and therapeutic practitioners to offer additional support to attendees. Thanks to the funds granted by the Ward Alliance, the group was able to continue renting their meeting space at the Valley Community Centre and continue to support women while exploring alternative funding options. Since the inception of the sessions, they have provided support to a significant number of women.

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Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Community
Empowerment

Social
Inclusion /
Wellbeing

Barnsley CAB:

Barnsley Citizen Advice Bureau were commissioned to deliver monthly advice sessions for a total of 12 sessions. The service is specifically for people who live or reside in the Cudworth Ward.

The initial session in October 2022 was delivered via telephone with face to face drop in sessions commencing in November at Cudworth Library. To date, 88 clients have been supported with a range of different issues including housing, legal and benefit advice.

£10,574 has been gained in benefits over this period.

Further information and statistical data for this project can be found in the contract performance report - available upon request from the North East Area Team.

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Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Cost of Living

Valley Community Centre:



Volunteer led, Valley Community Centre were awarded £510 to support the delivery of armchair aerobics classes. The funding covered room hire charges and fees for a qualified instructor for a 10 week period.

The sessions were free of charge to participants during this time and payable at a rate of £3.50 there after. On average 12 people continue to attend on a weekly basis.

The sessions provide a vital opportunity for older residents in the Ward to take part in gently exercise, supporting good mental and physical health and improving quality of life.

Participants are also invited to stay afterwards for refreshments, providing a social opportunity for those that otherwise would be lonely and isolated.

Volunteers were integral to the promotion and start up of the sessions and continue to support on a weekly basis.

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Healthy ✓

Social Inclusion/ Wellbeing

Page 10 Alliance Priorities Met:

Pins & Needles Group:

Funds were awarded to support the start up a new crafters group based in the heart of the community. The group meet weekly at the Rose Tree Centre and participants enjoy a wide range of crafting activities including knitting, sewing, crocheting and felting. The group is run by volunteers who plan and deliver all the sessions including purchasing basic materials and supplies to support the weekly activities. Participants benefit from learning a new skill as well as meeting new people and having the opportunity to socialise in a relaxed and welcoming environment. This has contributed to supporting good mental health and wellbeing.



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Social
Inclusion/
Wellbeing

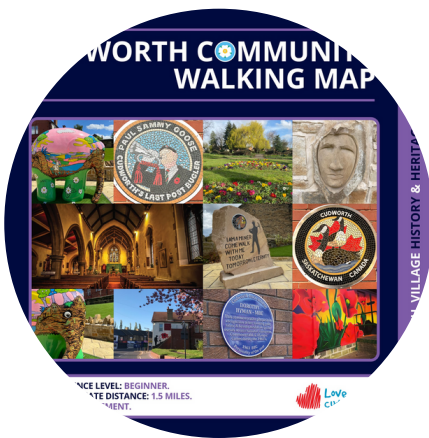
Cudworth Businesses & Communities Together Group:

The group applied for match funding to support the continued development of the 'Visit Cudworth' initiative.

Funds will be used to print a new History & Heritage Trail Walking Map in the form of a 20 page booklet. The map has been developed alongside a local historian and it will highlight historic buildings, the blue plaques and new additions like Elmer the Elephant, the mural in the park and new Stone Faces.

In addition to the map, the group are planning to add markers in the form of wall mounted mosaic artworks depicting the Historic Linen Industry & Sir Michael Parkinson CBE

The project meets a number of the local priorities with its mix of history, art and health/well-being and is a fantastic opportunity to create a long lasting and rewarding legacy that can be enjoyed by everyone. All elements of the project development has been undertaken by volunteers with the volunteer match far exceeding the Ward Alliance monetary contribution and are a shining example of what communities can achieve given the right support.



Bleachcroft Farm
If you look down the Barnsley Road, you'll see the Freestanding Chimney at Bleachcroft Farm. This structure dates back to 1854 and was built by the Barnsley manufacturer Henry Jackson for use in the linen trade. It is the most impressive remnant of the Midland Bleach Works that once stood on this site and is now a Listed Grade II building.

Expanding population and the growth of industry meant that the water supply had become severely polluted in built up areas. The bleach works therefore had to move out the towns villages such as Cudworth, to find a clean water supply.

Historic Linen Industry
Barnsley and Cudworth will always be linked to the mining of coal but equally, are the industries of glass, wire-drawing and weaving. Linen weaving was an important part of Barnsley's industrial heritage and arguably the earliest known textile, with a history that dates back thousands of years.

It started in small loom shops where skillful weavers worked the machinery with family members helping. Steam-powered mills and factories employed hundreds of weavers. Others worked in the bleach works, dye works, calendaring works, and linen warehouses.

In 2023 a mosaic artwork was commissioned by Cudworth Businesses & Community Together and is displayed on

Directions:
Barnsley Road up towards the Victoria Garage and Pub

Miner's Heritage Stone
Cudworth Businesses & Community worked with Yorkshire artist Andrew Vickers and a local stone carver to produce a stone carving celebrating Barnsley's mining history.

The Mining Land Heritage Stone features an excerpt from a coal miner's prayer said to be written by a miner's wife. This poignant sculpture acts as a tribute to all the brave miners who ventured into the darkness, often at great risk and as a way to remember a part of history slowly being lost to time.

In 1984, the Yorkshire area had a total of 56 collieries with 10 of them in Barnsley district. Whilst Cudworth didn't have its own colliery, its mining past shaped the village's future and many of the buildings were built to house the workers who came to live here. Many locals who lived in Cudworth worked in the nearby Grimethorpe colliery.

Great unrest and turmoil came with the miners' strike of 1984-85. Major industrial action shut down the British coal industry in an attempt to prevent more colliery closures. Violent confrontations between flying pickets and police characterised the year-long strike, which ended in a decisive victory for the Conservative government and allowed the closure of most of Britain's collieries. It was 5 March 1985, two days after a defeated Arthur Scargill voted to end the country's longest running industrial dispute without a peace deal, the miners went back to work in Grimethorpe but in many ways this was the beginning of the end for our pits.

Grimethorpe colliery closed in 1993 and is now world-renowned for the Grimethorpe Colliery Band, which featured in the film Brassed Off. People recalled having to clean the washing line before hanging up clothes, as was so dirty, the soot left everything black. Self-confessed 'pit rats' would say they had "crawled further on my hands and knees than he walked in my life", hundreds of miners, hundreds of daughters would travel from Cudworth to Grimethorpe.

Stone Faces
Cudworth Businesses & Community added their history into the village. 5 new stone faces were installed.

Inspired by the



Sir Michael Parkinson
In 2023 a mosaic artwork was commissioned by Cudworth Businesses & Community and is displayed on

Directions:
Walk down Bank Street and then turn right again. Turn right onto Roberts Street towards Cudworth Library.

Sir Michael Parkinson CBE was born on the 28th March 1935 in Cudworth. An English broadcaster, journalist and author. He presented his television talk show Parkinson from 1971 to 1982 and from 1998 to 2007, as well as other talk shows, television programmes and radio shows both in the UK and internationally. He has been described by The Guardian as "the great British talkshow host" and is one of the most recognizable faces from television and voices in radio.



Coralie Turpin
Coralie Turpin is an artist with a studio at Yorkshire Artspace in Sheffield. Creating site specific artworks in public realm, school and community settings. Mosaic, cast metal, fabricated metal and glass have become part of Coralie's Public Art pieces. One of Coralie's projects is the Alhambra Cat, a three-metre tall galvanneal steel and aluminium sculpture which was installed in Barnsley's Town Centre.

In 2021 Cudworth Businesses & Community Together commissioned a mosaic to be displayed on the Star to celebrate the achievements of local community member Sammy Goode.

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Ward Alliance Priority Page 12:

Environment	Social Inclusion/ Wellbeing	Community Empowerment
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Christmas in Cudworth:

The Ward Alliance allocated a working budget to cover the cost of installing festive lamppost motifs, a Christmas tree, and organising an annual Christmas light switch-on event.

The event was a great opportunity to recreate the community events pre pandemic, unite the community and facilitate connections through shared experiences. The three local primary schools attended and provided vocals to accompany the carols played by the Brass Quartet.

Ward Alliance members were integral to the planning and delivery of the event and ensured that the site was set up on time and provided refreshments throughout as well as facilitating the crafts.

The event also presented an opportunity for the Ward Alliance to promote their work within the community and potentially recruit new volunteers.

The village tree and lamppost motifs that decorate local high streets serve as an invitation for residents to visit and support their local businesses.

The event was well attended by the local community.



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Growing 

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Environment

Social
Inclusion/
Wellbeing

Community
Empowerment

Children & Young people provision:

The Cudworth Ward Alliance is dedicated to supporting the delivery of enriching activities and youth programs throughout the area. During the financial year, they approved funding for several initiatives, including:

- Reds in the Community Summer Sports Van: 10 sessions over a five week period provided local children and young people with access to various sports and physical activities during the summer months. This was a great way to keep them active and engaged during the school break.
- The Exodus Project: Purchase of an additional train carriage for the use by children and young people in the Ward when they attend the camps and open days at Jenny's Field.
- RIISE Healthy Holiday Camp: provided children from low-income families with access to healthy meals and enriching activities over a four day period during the October half term.

Overall, the funding provided by Cudworth Ward Alliance has enabled children and young people in the community to enjoy high-quality and meaningful opportunities, regardless of financial barriers.



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Ward Alliance Priorities MP

Youth Provision

Social Inclusion / Wellbeing

Cost of Living

Community Empowerment

Queens Jubilee Fund:

The Ward Alliance took a proactive approach to support the local community in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. By ring-fencing funds, they enabled easy access to funding without the need for formal or informal groups, reducing barriers to participation and encouraging a greater number of community events across the area. A total of £2325.00 was awarded to 14 successful applicants, who organized a range of celebrations, including parties in nursing homes, nurseries, and local streets, as well as a tree-planting event.

The events were well received and the initiative raised the profile of the Ward Alliance within the community.

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Healthy ✓

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Community
Empowerment

Hanging Baskets:

During the summer of 2022, the Ward Alliance played an integral role in supporting the delivery of the hanging basket scheme on the High Street. This initiative is part of a broader social action program to foster community pride and uplift spirits. The involvement of local businesses and residents in sponsoring the baskets has further enhanced the sense of ownership and community involvement. The project has had a positive impact on the local economy by attracting more visitors and creating a more welcoming atmosphere. By continuing to invest in initiatives like this, we can create a more vibrant and closely connected community.



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Ward Alliance Priorities Met: Page 15 of 15

Environment

Social
Inclusion /
Wellbeing

Community
Empowerment

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April 2022

To

March 2023

Royston
Ward Alliance
Performance Report



Introduction

Royston Ward Alliance fund projects for the community which also contribute to those of the Area Council. The Ward Alliance is committed to social action in the community and volunteering. At least half of the total funding requires a match-funding element. This can be achieved by counting volunteer hours that directly relates to the project, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment).

At the start of the 2022/23 financial year Royston Ward alliance had a base budget of £10,000 plus £10,000 devolved from the Area Council. £3,269.78 was also carried forward from the last financial year, therefore the total starting budget for 2022/23 was £23,269.78.

Priorities



The Local
economy



Health and
well- being





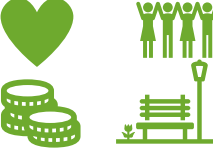
















Environment



Youth
Engagement

Here's a summary of the ward alliance payments made:

Project	Details	Allocation	Priority
First impressions	Hanging baskets	£1,980	
DIAL	Info and advice service	£4,750	
RWA	Secretary payment Q1&Q2	£250	
RWA	Secretary payment Q3&Q4	£250	
RWA	Working fund	£1,500	
Royston Green Spaces	Adopt a planter scheme	£2,000	
RWA	Christmas Motif installation	£2,080	
RWA	Christmas event and tree	£1,500	
RWA	Christmas lights Motifs	£1,820	
RWA	Achievement Awards	£700	
RWA	Jubilee Celebration Events	£1,500	
RWA	Royston Gala	£750	
Royston Bowling Club	New maintenance equipment	£500	
Royston Canal Club	New Notice Board	£1195	

RWA	Summer Holiday Provision FREE Children's Swimming Sessions (BPL)	£600	 
Westmead's Residents Committee	Chair Fitness Classes (Over 55s)	£500	
Grassroots Sports Academy	February Half Term Activities for Children & Young People	£825	 
Royston Canal Club	Fish Restock Programme	£300	 

Ward Alliance Grant Monitoring

Royston Bowling Club

Awarded £500 for new equipment

832 Volunteer Hours a year to maintain the bowling greens

£864.64 volunteer match

£300 In kind contribution to the project

Royston Bowling Club was awarded a grant for £500 as match towards the purchase of a new lawn mower for the club. This vital piece of equipment means that club volunteers can be self-sufficient and maintain the Crown Green lawns themselves to a high standard, not just for all club members but for visitors as well. A well-maintained Lawn means the club can attract new members as well as allowing the club to host tournaments and competitions bringing in visitors from across Barnsley into Royston Park where the club is based. Crown green bowling offers a great source of gentle exercise, allowing members to get outdoors and socialise with others.



Ward Alliance Achievement Awards

Achievement Awards 2022

36 Awards given

4 Primary Schools –

- Meadstead
- Parkside
- Royston St John the Baptist
- Summerfield's

150 Attendees (Approx)

Each year the Ward Alliance hosts the Achievement Awards, these awards recognise local young people's achievements. All 4 primary schools within the ward are invited to take part. Teachers nominate students for each of the award categories.

There are 5 Categories –

- Academic (x2 Young People)
- Attendance (x2 Young People)
- Sports (x2 Young People)
- Citizenship (x2 Young People)
- Courage & Resilience (x1 Young Person)

One girl and one boy are selected for each category except for Courage & Resilience. Once selected those young people and their families are invited to the Town Hall for a special ceremony that takes place in the Council Chamber. Each young person received a certificate and Trophy to recognise their achievements, which was given out by the Mayor of Barnsley.

After the ceremony young people and their families are invited into the reception rooms to enjoy a light refreshment. The Ward Alliance received positive feedback following the event not just from the schools but from young people and their parents. Many commented how nice it was since Covid to come together and celebrate young people's achievements. It's also a great opportunity for the children to see inside the Town Hall and Council Chamber as part of the event.



Jubilee Small Grants Fund

The Ward Alliance agreed to support community events centred around the Queens Platinum Jubilee in the form of a 'Jubilee Fund'. The idea was to support communities to organise their own events and enable them to do so by making a small grant of up to £150 available to individuals, neighbours, and streets as well as formalised groups and organisations within the local community. This meant that residents on a street could come together and organise a street party and celebrate the Queens Jubilee.

The events were a massive success, bringing communities together for street parties small and large, tree planting events, tea parties, bingo and much more. Through shared experience, instilling a sense of community bring people together.

Jubilee Small Grants Fund

11 Activities Funded across the ward

£1650 total funding allocated *Agreed from 2021-22 Budget, activities took place May 2022

68 Volunteers involved

661 Total Volunteer Hours

£10,423.70 Volunteering Cashable Value





Royston Canal Club

Royston Canal is maintained by a small team of dedicated volunteers. They facilitate fishing at the canal and maintain the site for everyone to enjoy, it's a real asset to the local community. After the previous notice board was subject to vandalism a grant was awarded to replace the Community Notice Board and contribute to the fish restock programme. This board is a vital communication tool, it allows the Canal Club to keep the wider community informed about up-and-coming events, activities, local news, and information about local services.

Royston Canal Club

£1495 Funding Allocated -
£1195 for a new Community Notice Board and £300 contribution to the Fish re stock programme.



Royston Gala

This was the first Gala since the Covid-19 restrictions had been lifted and larger scale events could resume within the community. This is the first Gala the Ward Alliance has organised since 2019. The Gala took place in Royston Park and centred around the Band Stand. This activity was a free activity open to all residents within the ward to bring people together.

Activities on the day included –

- Face painting
- Amusements
- Bouncy Castle
- Ice Cream Van
- Community/Charity Stalls
- Ward Alliance Stall
- Local Small Businesses
- Refreshments – Royston Scouts
- Local Services



This event was a great opportunity for the Ward Alliance and Area Team to engage with the community. Review priorities and discuss and issues or challenges in the local area. The event was a huge success as a result of the hard work and dedication of volunteers.

Royston Gala 2022

£750 funded

1 Lead Volunteer Coordinator

9 Adult Volunteers & 1 Young Volunteer

800 Volunteer hours

1000+ Attendees throughout the day





Royston Green Spaces Adopt a Planter Scheme – Yorkshire In Bloom

Every year the Ward Alliance supports volunteer across Royston as part of the Adopt a Planter scheme to entre the In Bloom completion. The scheme comprises of 37 sites (Planter/Raised Bed) across the ward, each site is adopted and cared for by a local volunteer.

The Ward Alliance allocates a small amount of funds to each planter/raised bed to facilitate volunteers to be able to buy plants, fertiliser etc and assit them in the care and maintenance of their adopted site. As part of the scheme all the sites are collectively entered in the In Bloom “It’s your neighbourhood” category.

In July 2022 an In Bloom judge visited Royston and the Group was sucessful in retaining their Outstanding Award. This is all thanks to the hard work and effort volunteer put in to maintain these sites across Royston for all to enjoy. Special thanks to everyone involved in making Royston a better, brighter place to live.



Royston Christmas Event & Community Christmas Tree

After the last couple of years of not being able to get together and celebrate Christmas, these events have helped to restore community spirit within our communities. They allowed the community to come together and celebrate the festive season, drawing people back onto the high street and supporting local businesses. We are still feeling the effects of the pandemic, so opportunities like these to restore community spirit and bring people together are vital

Community Christmas Carol Concert – Working in partnership with the local Primary Schools and community groups, the Ward Alliance organised a community carol concert. There was a performance from each local primary school, bringing the community together during the festive period. The concert centred around the lighting of the village Christmas Tree, welcoming in the Festive Period.

Village Christmas Tree – The Ward Alliance funded a community Christmas Tree on the Wells for all to enjoy. The community in Royston takes ownership of the tree and local children and residents decorate it each year.

Bauble Decorating Workshops – A bauble decorating workshop supported the Choir concert. Adults and children were able to decorate baubles and Christmas decorations to be placed on the village Christmas tree.

Lamppost Motifs – The Ward Alliance facilitated a sponsorship scheme to support the installation of Lamppost Motif's (Christmas Lights). Businesses were asked to sponsor a Light in return for a sponsorship plaque on the Wells for all residents to see. The focal point of the Christmas lights and tree on the Wells emphasises the local high street, encouraging residents to come out and support local businesses.

Royston Christmas Carol Service

Community Christmas Tree installed on the Wells

150 Selection Boxes donated to Manor Court Community Centre for their Santa's Grotto

15 Lamppost Motif's Installed on and around the Wells in the centre of Royston





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April 2022

To

March 2023

**Monk Bretton
Ward Alliance
Performance Report**

Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

Love  where you **Live**

Introduction

Monk Bretton Ward Alliance fund projects for the community which also contribute to those of the Area Council. The Ward Alliance is committed to social action in the community and volunteering. At least half of the total funding requires a match-funding element. This can be achieved by counting volunteer hours that directly relates to the project, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment).

At the start of the 2022/23 financial year Monk Bretton Ward alliance had a base budget of £10,000 plus £10,000 devolved from the Area Council. £1,921.29 was also carried forward from the last financial year, therefore the total starting budget for 2022/23 was £21,921.29.

Priorities



Anti-Poverty



Health &
Well-being































Environment



Youth
Engagement

Here is a summary of the Ward Alliance payments made:

Project	Details	Allocation	Priority
MBWA	Allocate funds into the working fund for small scale activities & volunteering opportunities.	£2,000	   
MBWA	Christmas Events	£3000	 
MBWA	Remembrance Day Parade	£500	
First Impressions	Hanging Baskets	£2,587.50	
MBWA	Achievement Awards	£1,200	 
Reds In the Community	Summer Holiday Sports Van	£2,100	 
CAB	Information and Advice Service	£2,424	
Monk Bretton Junior Football Team	New Group - Start-up costs	£682	 
Monk Bretton Air Scout	New flooring	£2000	
Physical Futures	Carlton Gala	£500	  
Jolly good communities	Sounds of Summer event	£500	  
Burton Grange Community Centre	Lundwood Support Group	£1099	 
MBWA	More Money in Your Pocket Events & Warm Safe Spaces	£3360	 
MBWA	Half Term Activities for Children & Young People	£1000	 

Ward Alliance Grant Monitoring

Jubilee Small Grants Fund

The Ward Alliance agreed to support community events centred around the Queens Platinum Jubilee in the form of a 'Jubilee Fund'. The idea was to support communities to organise their own events and enable them to do so by making the funds available to individuals, neighbours, and streets as well as formalised groups and organisations within the local community. This meant that residents on a street could get together and organise a street party and celebrate the Queens Jubilee.

The events were a massive success, & the number of volunteers involved in a Jubilee event (270 registered volunteers), as well as their breadth; supporting care homes, schools, churches, constituted community groups, and informal groups of neighbours to organise events and activities as varied as street parties small and large, tree planting events, tea parties, bingo and more.

Jubilee Small Grants Fund

9 Activities funded across the ward

£1350 total funding allocated *Agreed from 2021-22 Budget, activities took place May 2022

60 Volunteers involved

556 Total Volunteer Hours

£7,511.56 Volunteer Cashable Value





Christmas Events & Community Christmas Trees – Monk Bretton Ward

After the last couple of years of not being able to get together and celebrate Christmas, these events have helped to restore community spirit within our communities. They allowed the community to come together and celebrate the festive season, drawing people back onto the high street and supporting local businesses. We are still feeling the effects of the pandemic, so opportunities like these to restore community spirit and bring people together are vital

Community Christmas Carol Concerts – Working with local Primary Schools and community groups, we helped to organise community carol concerts across the ward. Each concert had performances from local primary school children, bringing the community together during the festive period. Many concerts centred around the lighting of the village Christmas Tree, welcoming in the Festive Period.

Village Christmas Trees – The Ward Alliance provided 3 community Christmas Trees across the ward.

Bauble Decorating Workshops – Bauble decorating workshops supported the Choir concert community engagement events. Adults and children could decorate baubles and Christmas decorations to be placed on the village Christmas trees. The workshop in Lundwood provided residents with the opportunity to create commemorative baubles for loved ones lost during the pandemic.

Christmas Celebrations & Community Christmas Trees

3 Community Christmas Tree's installed

- St John's Carlton Church
- St Mary Magdalene Church Lundwood
- St Paul's Church Monk Bretton

240 Selection Boxes distributed to children in the ward.

5 Christmas community events were supported across the Ward





Remembrance Day Parade - Sunday 13th November 2022

Every year the Ward Alliance, Monk Bretton Air Scouts, Methodist Church and St Pauls Church Monk Bretton organise the Monk Bretton Remembrance Day Parade.

The event includes a rolling road closure from the Methodist Church on the High St to the Memorial Garden on Cross St for 2 minutes silence at 11am. The parade then continues down Cross St, ending at St Pauls Church for a short service followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Each year this is a well-attended event, supported by the community to remember and pay their respects.

A short video of the parade -

<https://www.facebook.com/12thBarnsleyAirScouts/videos/885416562459867>

Remembrance Day Parade 2022

£500 funding allocated

150 Flyers distributed to residents

6 Lead Volunteers organised the event

200 + Attendees (approx.)



LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Parade Monk Bretton

Sunday 13th November 2022 10.45am

The parade will march from the Methodist Chapel to arrive at the War Memorial Garden for 11am. A special Service of Remembrance will then follow at St Paul's Church Monk Bretton. Followed by refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards, everyone is welcome.



We will remember them.



Monk Bretton Ward Alliance Achievement Awards 2023

Each year the Ward Alliance hosts the Achievement Awards, recognising local young people's achievements. All 3 primary schools within the Monk Bretton Ward are invited to take part. Teachers nominate students for each of the award categories.

There are Categories –

- Academic (x2 Young People)
- Attendance (x2 Young People)
- Sports (x2 Young People)
- Citizenship (x2 Young People)
- Courage & Resilience (x1 Young Person)

One girl and one boy are selected for each category except Courage & Resilience. Once selected those young people and their families are invited to the Town Hall for a special ceremony that takes place in the Council Chamber. This year Dan Jarvis kindly stepped in to give out the awards as the Mayor was unavailable. Each young person received a certificate and Trophy to recognise their achievements as part of the event.

After the ceremony young people and their families are invited into the reception rooms to enjoy a buffet of treats and refreshments. The Ward Alliance received positive feedback following the event not just from the schools but t from the young people and their parents.

Many commented how nice it was since Covid to come together and celebrate the young people's achievements. It's also a great opportunity for the children to see inside the Town Hall and Council Chamber as part of the event.

Achievement Awards

27 Trophies Awarded

3 Primary Schools Engaged –

- Carlton Primary
- Littleworth Grange Primary
- St Helen's Primary School

1 Lead Volunteer organised and coordinated the event, supported by 4 volunteers on the day.





12th Barnsley Monk Bretton Air Scouts

12th Barnsley Air Scout Group will have been providing UK Scouting opportunities to the young people of Monk Bretton and surrounding areas for what will be 90 years next year. We have been in our current location off Rotherham Road since the early 60's. The club provides activities to 50+ young people from across the ward on a weekly basis.

The centre was in desperate need of new flooring. As part of planned refurbishments for the Clubs 90th birthday year we wanted to give the Scout Centre a makeover and refresh. The previous flooring was made up of old tiles and an area of carpet that had been down for some time and tiles were beginning to lift and cause problems.

Volunteers worked tirelessly to paint and decorate the space in preparation for the new flooring being installed. Thanks to the match funding provided by the Ward alliance we now have a cleaner, warmer, safer environment for all users of the centre. Once the work was completed, we celebrated with a special St Georges day parade and event, where refreshments were served in our new decorated centre.



New Flooring

£2000 funding allocated towards the new flooring.

15 volunteers supported the project

£2,837.10 Volunteering cashable value

Summer Sports Van – Reds in the community

As part on the Monk Bretton Ward Alliances priority to support Children & Young People in the Ward they commission Reds In The Community Sports Van to deliver a number of outdoor sports based sessions across the ward during the schools summer holidays. In total 15 sports-based sessions were delivered across the ward over a 5-week period. 1 session per week in Carlton, Lundwood and Monk Bretton Playing Field/Park.

These sessions were delivered by Sports coaches, in open green spaces where children and young people gather. These sessions were free to attend and advertised locally and on social media.

Reds in the Community

113 Attendance

28% Were Female

72% Were Male

15 Sessions delivered over 5 weeks



REDS IN THE COMMUNITY

SUMMER SPORTS VAN

Funded by Monk Bretton Ward Alliance

THE ACTIVITIES

- Football
- Cricket
- Badminton
- Spike Ball
- Rounders
- Athletics
- Tennis
- Plus More !!

This Summer, Reds in the Community will be travelling around local parks and open spaces to deliver FREE multi sports activities for young people aged 8-16 years of age.

Participants have the opportunity to win prizes such as Matchday Tickets, Medals and more!

There is No Booking Required! Just come along to one of the below sessions.

Sessions will run every Monday during the dates below.

MONDAY 25th July - Monday 22nd August

- 11:00am - 1:00pm Littleworth Lane Recreation Ground
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm Carlton Recreation Ground
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm Rotherham Road Playing Fields (Belmont Ave)

For more information contact us on 01226 211333

Monk Bretton Ward Alliance
Let's Live

WHAT'S YOUR MOVE
BARNESLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SUMMER SPORTS VAN



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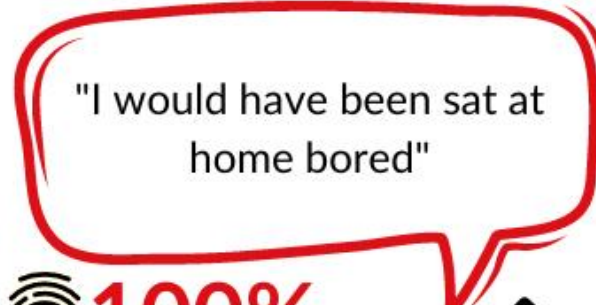
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ENJOYED THE SESSIONS

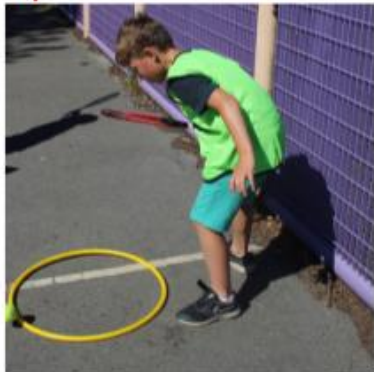


83%

FEEL MORE
CONFIDENT



"I would have been sat at home bored"



I joined in where usually I can be really shy



100%

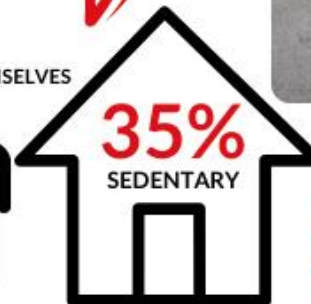
FELT THEY COULD BE THEMSELVES

113

ATTENDANCES

72% MALE

28% FEMALE



35%

SEIDENTARY



FELT WELCOME

100% WILL BE MORE ACTIVE



7,453

REACHED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA



100%

LEARNT SOMETHING NEW
(NEW SPORTS, GAMES & SKILLS)

April 2022

To

March 2023

North East Ward Alliance Performance



Report

Introduction

North East Ward Alliance fund projects for the community which also contribute to the priorities of the Area Council. The Ward Alliance is committed to social action in the community and volunteering. At least half of the total funding requires a match-funding element. This can be achieved by counting volunteer hours that directly relates to the project, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment).

In the last financial year the North East Ward Alliance contributed towards 27 projects in total spending £15,979.88 which leaves £1,745.55 to carry forward into the next financial year. In addition, there is also £25 left in the working fund to carry forward.

Also at a recent Ward Alliance meeting the priorities were discussed and the priorities for 2023/24 will be the environment, youth provision, social isolation, information and support and community engagement.

Priorities



Cost of living



Social
isolation






















Environment














Youth
provision

Ward alliance finances 2022/23

Project	Details	Allocation	Priority
Total allocation	C/F £-71.15, NE WA budget 10K, Devolved 10K = £19,928.85 -£500 secretary -£2k working fund Balance £17,428.85. £17,428.85/4 = £4,357.21		
Great Houghton	-£607.94 from 2021/22 = 2022/23 allocation £3,749.27		
First Impressions	Hanging baskets	£575.00	
Various	Jubilee events (GH Methodist, GHYG, Village Dance, Sandhill Primary)	£648.00	
GH Village Hall – Hazel Norman	Dance Group	£937.50	
NEWA	Christmas Event	£1,057.03 (includes £200 for band)	
GHYG	Insurance	£413.68	
Great Houghton spend		£3,631.21	
Great Houghton Remaining balance		£118.06	
Brierley	C/F from 2021/22 £729.04 = 2022/23 allocation £5,086.26		
Brierley Residents' Group	Summer events	£1,720.00	
NEWA	Jubilee events (Regina Cres and Beech Close)	£300.00	
NEWA	Christmas event	£834.25	
Brierley Sewing Bees	Craft Group	£860.00	
Brierley Residents' Group	Winter Decorations (to process)	£1,117.29	

Brierley Spend		£4,831.54	
Brierley remaining balance		£254.72	
Shafton	C/F from 2021/22 £201.34 = 2022/23 allocation £4,558.55		
NEWA	Jubilee events	£300.00	
YPPA	Youth activities	£1,000	
NEWA	Christmas events	£507.60	
Pins and Needles	Craft Group - Shafton	£560.00	
Shafton spend		£2,367.60	
Shafton remaining balance		£2,190.95	
Grimethorpe	£25.86 from 2021/22 = 2022/23 allocation £4,331.35		
GRG	Hanging baskets	£1,650	
NEWA	Jubilee events	£750.00	
New options	Over 50 club	£700.00	
NEWA	Christmas events	£709.53	
Acorn Craft Group	Rent Support	£1,040	
Grimethorpe Spend		£4,849.53	
Grimethorpe remaining balance		-£518.18	

All Pots Together NEWA Combined Fund		Great Houghton = £118.06 Brierley =£254.71 Shafton = £2,190.95 Grimethorpe = - £518.18 Total Pot = £2,045.55	
Shafton community group events	Public liability insurance	£300.00	
Total North East Ward Alliance - spend to date		£15,979.88	
Total amount remaining in the North East Ward Alliance budget		£1,745.55	

NE Working Fund – All Areas		2022/23 allocation £2,000	
Reds in the community	Working Fund - Summer Sports Van	£875.00	 
Grimethorpe Resident's Group	Working Fund - Winter Bulbs	£200.00	
NEWA	Working Fund - Gazebo	£250.00	 
Grimethorpe	Miners bench	£250.00	
NEWA	Bulbs for Outwood planting	£200.00	
NEWA	Incentive for survey completion	£100.00	
NEWA	Prom project	£100.00	 
Total amount spent from the NE Working Fund Running Budget		£1,975	
Total amount remaining in the NE Working Fund Running Budget (updated 01/02/23)		£25.00	

Ward Alliance Grant monitoring



Jubilee events	£2325 total grant awarded
	70 volunteers
	346 volunteer hours
	4740.20 social return on investment

All four Ward Alliances within the North East area decided to provide a proportion of their budgets to support events centred around the Queens Platinum Jubilee, in the form of a 'Jubilee Fund'. The idea was to support communities to organise their own events and enable them to do so through making small grants available to both individuals as well as formalised groups and organisations/businesses. Our team also offered practical support and guidance around the organisation of individual events and acted as an intermediary between event organisers and other departments within Barnsley Council.

North East Ward			
Grant Amount		Total Volunteer Hours	Volunteer Match = £13.70
£150	1	1	<u>£13.70</u>
£150	3	7	<u>£95.90</u>
£150	5	12	<u>£164.40</u>
150	5	15	<u>£205.50</u>
£150	7	23	<u>£315.10</u>
£275	2	12	<u>£164.40</u>
£200	10	67	<u>£917.90</u>
£150	6	32	<u>£438.40</u>
£150	7	40	<u>£548.00</u>
£200	6	35	<u>£479.50</u>
£150	4	26	<u>£356.20</u>
£100	6	25	<u>£342.50</u>
£200	4	30	<u>£411.00</u>
£150	4	21	<u>£287.70</u>
2325	70	346	4740.20



Becky – Grimethorpe Street Party Organiser

“..I haven’t seen this kind of community spirit for a long time in Grimethorpe.”

Gaby – Brierley Street Party Organiser

“It’s been a great experience to work with people I live near to make this event happen. I actually hadn’t met some of the people involved until we started organising this, so its been good make new friends on

Great Houghton Village Hall Committee

The Cromwell's Corner Monument was installed in April 2023 and has been a valued addition to the village. Great Houghton Village Hall Committee are very happy with it and hope to do more projects based on village history. Public feedback has been very good.

The completion of this project was especially poignant to the family of former Cllr, Dorothy Higginbottom MBE, as this was the last project that the two Dorothy's worked on together. Six volunteers gave up sixty hours of their time to assist with this project.

Great Houghton Youth Group donated the plants and Dorothy's family planted up the planter

The community has benefitted by:

- An open space being uplifted by the monument.
- Having the area visually improved and a focal point created
- Creating discussions about the monument
- Creating discussion about the influence of Oliver Cromwell, his historical link to Great Houghton and debate about some of his historical acts.



Great Houghton Youth Group

10 volunteers 150 hours

- Allowing us to operate a safe space run by trusted adults for young people in the village
- Enabling us to carry out our youth group activities with full insurance
- Providing insurance cover for resources
- Helping us to meet our legal obligation of required insurance

Yorkshire Performance Preparation Academy half term workshops

Working on this project we had 5 new volunteers, 5 existing volunteers working a total of 60 hours

My son has really enjoyed the workshops this half term. They are well organised and great fun! Communication has been fantastic. Can't wait to see all of the videos. Thank you.

my daughter has just recently been to the week day workshop in Grimethorpe. she absolutely loved every second and couldn't wait to get up the next morning to go. she has had so much fun. very well organised and run by lovely, friendly people. thankyou so much. I really hope she will be able to attend again in the future.

It's so fun to partake in and the people are honestly amazing and so friendly. I used to be so shy and would never sing or dance or act or even talk in front of others and now I can do all of those things plus more! It's such a good place to go to if you're thinking about performing as a career and I would highly recommend it!

my two children have been attending a four day workshop and have loved every second. They will definitely be attending more in the future. Thank you 😊

My daughter attended their classes at Grimethorpe and she's thoroughly enjoyed it! She's already asked if she can attend on the next session thankyou for looking after her and teaching her some New moves xx



Bettys little Acorns

We are thriving again and we've settled in to a lovely group where we thrive to work for the community and help people readjusting through post COVID. We've made items for our local nursing home in Grimethorpe and we're going to be making some items for the nursery in the acorn centre.

We purchased two sewing machines - Janome HC8100 @ £260 each and two lockable storage cupboards, we purchased these 2nd hand because they were our better option, because the new cupboards we asked for help to purchase went up in price making it more expensive to purchase and we didn't have the funds for them. The only issue buying 2nd hand was no keys, so we had to purchase additional locks for added security.

New options 50+ group



Hanging baskets

The Ward Alliance grant has helped purchase 25 hanging baskets brackets and fittings, including 20% VAT, as assets for the Grimethorpe Residents Group to loan free of charge to residents to enable more people to afford sponsorship of a basket in memory of loved ones or as advertising for local businesses. We began offering the free to loan brackets last year when sponsors increased to 59.

This year when we advertised the project on social media we knew we were going to need a lot more brackets and fixings, 71 in total, so we applied to two further sources - SYCF 3 and Arnold Clarke Motors to fund for the other 46.

Ward Priorities met:

- a) local economy - the brackets and the signs that sit on them are made by local area companies, and some local companies are advertising on the signs.
- b) enhancing the local environment - 3 main centre of the village streets and 32 streets in both the Red and Whie City estates, totalling 130 baskets now on lamposts, in response to residents wishes.

Hannah - "Our Basket that we have on the lampost outside my grandparent's house brings joy to us all as a family to see their plaque and basket outside the place we all classed as home, it's so nice and comforting."

Eilleen - " I sent pictures to my family up North Yorkshire and they were amazed at them and said what a brilliant idea to cheer everyone up in these hard time"

Lynn - I'm a sponsor and a small business. I have lived in Grimethorpe 62 years.....Grimethorpe has something to be proud of.....our village blooms in summer and shines in winter. Grimethorpe can hold its head up now and thank you to everyone involved in bringing back our pride and shine to this village."

Lisa - I work in the village and the baskets are a lovely touch that makes the village brighter and more looked after. For me it promotes a community feel, I learn a little about the community by asking locals about the names on the plaques"

Julie -"We are so pleased to take part in this initiative as it's a real pleasure to travel through Grimethorpe and see the flowers everywhere. It is uplifting on a grey day to see the splashes of colour."

Andrea - The baskets and trees give the village a more community feel again. Remembering those we have loved and lost whilst also looking beautiful.

There are three main organiser volunteers who make it happen. Secretary of GRG, Treasurer of GRG and Elsie Smith who organises volunteers at Options Gym to take orders and payments for people who don't do digital and want to pay by cheque or cash.

We worked with 130 baskets this summer around the village, two failed to thrive in the extreme heat but the suppliers replaced them. One wasn't thriving as a tree by the lamppost was more overgrown than last year....our environment group spoke to the landowner and got permission to trim the tree..

