



Central Area: *Growing Creativity*

Creative Recovery



Central Area Council

Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot, Worsbrough



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UPLIFT Central Area: Growing Creativity

Background: Developed in response to pilots (2019- 2021)

Built in partnership: Central Area Team, Barnsley Libraries and Berneslai Homes

Focus areas: Summer Lane Estate, Dodworth and Worsbrough wards

Funders: Central Area Council and Arts Council England

Image: Blow Out The Blues, Bainton Drive, 2021



The BIG move

New Base: Prospect Street Community Centre (from December 2022)

- Instigated by partnership working (outcome of our long-term work together with Central Area)
- Boosted esteem of Creative Recovery community
- Embedding in Summer Lane community – for this project and beyond

Image: Participants preparing for Kingstone Ward Alliance Pop Up, 21 Dec 2022 – first session at Prospect Street

Preparing the ground

- Initiation of Project Steering Group with Partners (Dec 2022)
- Development/ start up: Jan 2023 including People Grower in post (January 2022) – 1.5 days a week, flexible depending on activities
- Artist Developer role (shift in approach - in-house and recruiting)
- Meetings with Central Area Development workers, Councillors (more to be set), all partners and cultural scene
- Walk-arounds with professionals and residents (Summer Lane and Gilroyd)
- Evaluation Framework: *The how's not just the what's* (impact and model) – draft to be signed off beginning of April
- *Helpers* Model: Responding to feedback
- Project timeline: End of project reporting agreed for 31 July 2024

New shoots

From engagement and conversations so far:

- **Summer Lane Estate and area:** Steering Group forming and involvement with built environment improvement group
- **Gilroyd (Dodworth Ward):** Co-leading a group with residents with a vision for creative community building events
- **Worsbrough Ward:** Scoping focus areas (Ward Green / Bank End)
- People Grower collaboration with Stroke Recovery Service for a new Central Area group for and led by stroke survivors

Next steps

- More listening
- Continue to build plans for each area
- Develop briefs with communities for each area's artistic response / intervention
- Mobilise Creative Recovery helpers
- Embed evaluation framework
- Delivery – Summer Lane (ongoing), Gilroyd (September (tbc)), Worsbrough (Autumn onwards)



Image: Hope lanterns and Creative Recovery bringing song to streets of Kingstone, December 2022