



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

CUDWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

PERFORMANCE REPORT

APRIL 2022 - MARCH 2023



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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.

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

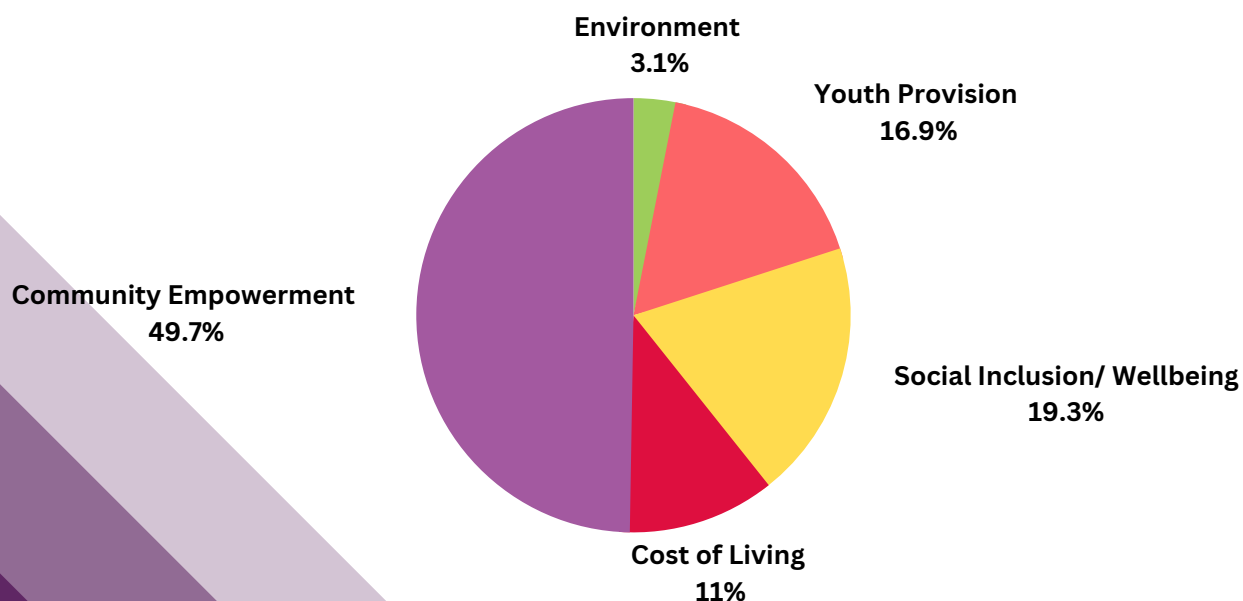
£5,462.06 from 2021/22

= **£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

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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:

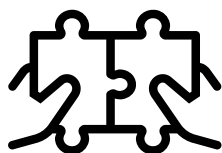
The Ward Alliance Fund aims to promote Social Action throughout Barnsley, with "people helping people" and "practical action in the service of others" as its defining characteristics. Applications submitted to the Ward Alliance Fund must align with at least one of the Area Priorities and one of the Barnsley 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.



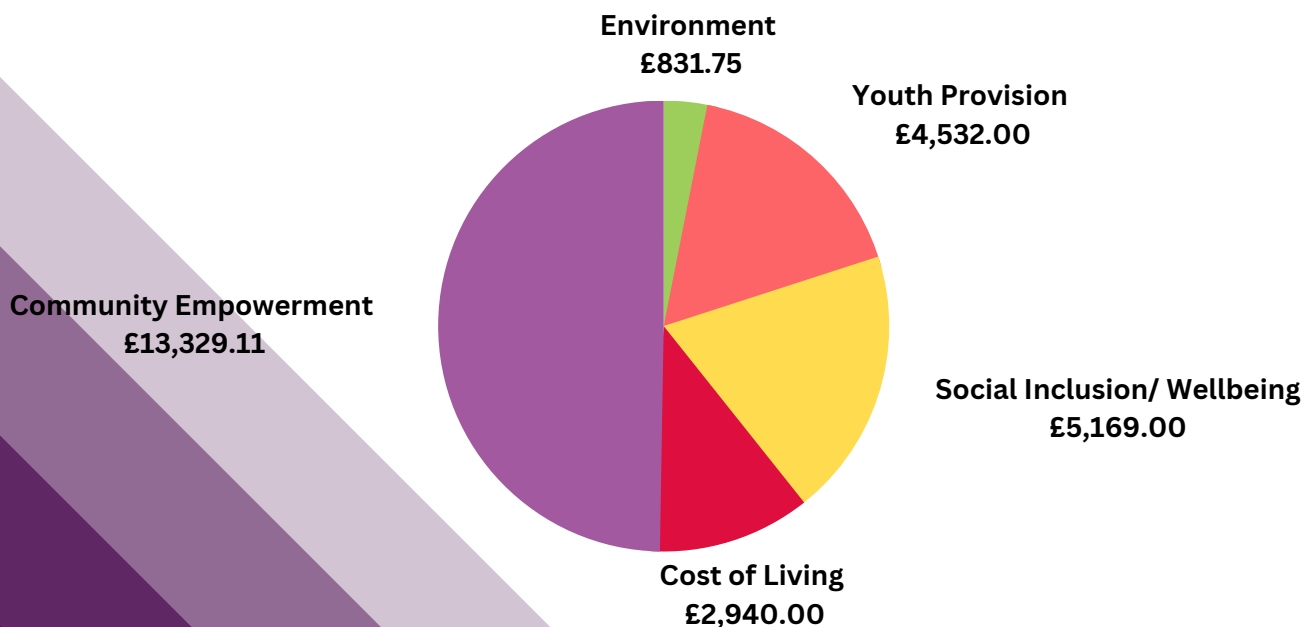
£28,313.47
Ward Alliance Funding
invested in local community
projects



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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Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Social Inclusion/ Wellbeing

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

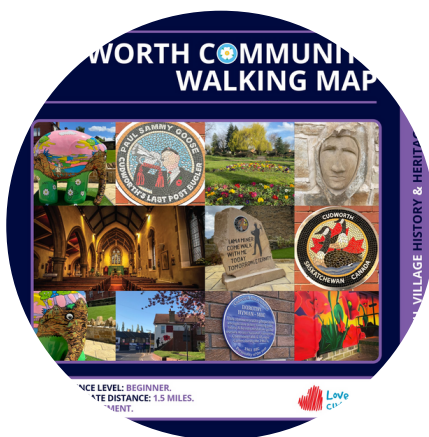
Cudworth Businesses & Communities Together Group:

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, 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



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Miner's Heritage Stone
Cudworth Businesses & Community worked with Yorkshire artist Andrew Vickers and local Creative 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 I've walked in my life', hundreds of miners, hundreds of datallers would travel from Cudworth to Grimethorpe.



Miner's Heritage Stone Faces
Cudworth Businesses & Community added their history into the village. 5 new Miner's Heritage Stone Faces were installed.



Sir Michael Parkinson
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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.

Parkinson was a flagship of the BBC's prime time schedule, attracting many star names. Famous people he interviewed include Martin Brando, Billy Connolly, Fred Astaire, Orson Welles, Sir Alec Guinness, Sir Paul McCartney, Muhammad Ali, George Michael, Madonna, John Cleese and of course Rod Hull and Emu.

On 26 June 2007, Parkinson announced his retirement. Parkinson was made a Knight Bachelor in the 2008 New Year's Honours List and he remarked that he was "not the type to get a knighthood" coming as he did from Barnsley. They give it to anyone nowadays!



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



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 Goose.



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Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

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 

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

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 Met:

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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Social
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Community
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