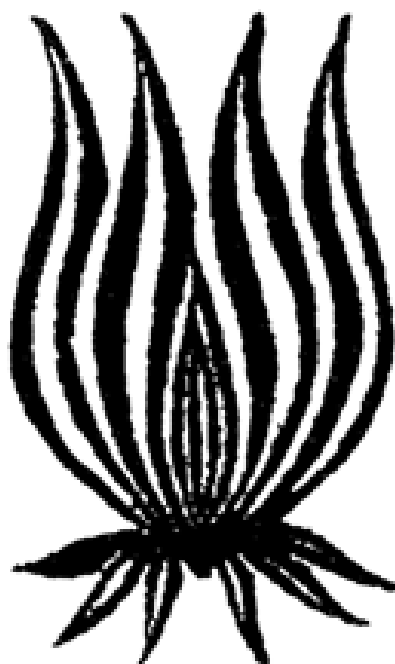


**April 2022**

To

**March 2023**

**Royston**  
**Ward Alliance**  
**Performance Report**



**Royston Ward Alliance**

# 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





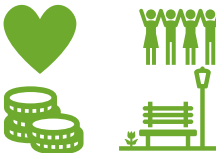
















Environment



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 Restoke 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





