

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



<h2>Jubilee events</h2>	£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 White City estates, totalling 130 baskets now on lampposts, in response to residents wishes.

Hannah - "Our Basket that we have on the lamppost 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..

