

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting

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Report of Central Area Council Manager

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1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks to inform Members about agreed spend to date from the Ward Alliance Funds within the Central area for 2023-2024. This forms the report for the financial year and remaining allocations carried forward from the financial period 2023-2023.

2. Recommendation

That the Central Area Council receives the Ward Alliance Fund Report and notes spend to date for the Wards of Central, Dodworth, Kingstone, Stairfoot and Worsbrough.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made with regards to the Ward Alliance Fund arrangements (Cab16.1.2013/10.3).

Following the Council's decision to withdraw Devolved Ward Budget funding from 1st April 2016, the use of Ward Alliance Funding and the associated allocation of monies to Ward Alliances across the borough has also been reviewed and amended.

- 3.2 In considering projects for the use of Ward Alliance Funds, Members are satisfied that the projects identified meet a recognised need for the Ward, are in the wider public interest, and represent value for money.

4. Commitments to Date

- 4.1 A breakdown of the approved CAC spend for the 2023-2024 financial year, is attached at Appendix 1.

- 4.2 Ward Alliances continue to review priorities and updating action plans to ensure the timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance funds.

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

2023-2024 Ward Funding Allocations

For 2023-24 each Ward had an allocation of £10,000 Ward Alliance Fund.

50% of the funding requires a match-funding element of volunteer time that directly relates to the project in question, or other match funding resources (such as free room hire or donations of goods and equipment). This reflects the fact that the fund is intended to support volunteering and social action in our communities.

50% can be used for initiatives that have no volunteer element – such as the purchase and installation of benches, hanging baskets or other street furniture.

Area Councils have the option to allocate up to £20,000 from the Area Council budget to each of their Ward Alliances. This is discretionary to each Area Council, and Area Council's may also choose not to allocate any funding to ward level.

The carry-forward of remaining balances of the 2022-23 Ward Alliance Fund has been combined and added to the 2023-24 allocation, managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding were approved through the Ward Alliance.

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£14,669.00 Carried forward from 2022-23
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24
£24,669.00 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Central Small Sparks Budget top up	£360.00	
Hanging Basket Sponsorship (2 Baskets)	£200.00	
Litter Picking Equipment	£1,710.00	
Summer Sports Van	£375.00	
Total Remaining	£22,024.00	

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 8,312.66 Carried forward from 2022-23
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24
£18,312.66 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Wharnccliffe Craft Group Electronic Equipment	£350.00	
Secretary Payment Apr-Jun	£125.00	
Total Remaining	£17,837.66	

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 8,824.23 Carried forward from 2022-23
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24
£18,824.23 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Festival of Flowers	£250.00	
Events Budget Top Up	£1,308.00	
Worsborough Common Primary School Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Worsborough Common Community Association Summer at WCCA event	£1,306.00	
Total Remaining	£14,160.23	

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 9,724.10 Carried forward from 2022-23
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24
£19,724.10 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
St Andrews Church Room Hire	£240.00	
D H Marrion Installation of Defib storage unit	£631.06	
Contribution to Defib Project		£1,100.00
Ardsley Bowling Club	£400.00	
Total Remaining	£19,553.04	

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2023-24 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 8,745.33 Carried forward from 2022-23
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2023-24
£18,745.33 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Art History Project Intergenerational Telecoms Box	£1,500.00	
Community Notice Board Replacement	£895.00	
Worsbrough Bank End Primary School Enterprise Challenge	£995.00	
Engagement Budget Top Up	£2,000.00	
Worsbrough Tidy Group Insurance	£319.24	
Total Remaining	£13,036.09	