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of possibilities.**

 **Old Town
Ward Alliance**

Performance Report

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2022 - 2023



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North Area Council

Darton East, Darton West, Old Town, St Helens

Ward Alliance:

The Old Town North Ward Alliance is a group of local people who have put themselves forward to help improve the communities where they live. Working with their local councillors to determine what the priorities are for the area.

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 have been spent in Old Town (Honeywell, Monk Bretton (Brettas Park Estate only) Old Town, Pogmoor, Smithies, and Wilthorpe) from 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023.

Old Town Councillors:



**COUNCILLOR
JO NEWING**



**COUNCILLOR
PHIL LOFTS**



**COUNCILLOR
CLIVE PICKERING**

Barnsley 2030:

It's time to believe in the possibilities of Barnsley, to look to the future with excitement and optimism. Barnsley is a place where residents work in partnership with the council to achieve our ambitions. It is somewhere that everyone can be the best they can be.

In this report, we will show how Old Town Ward Alliance continues supporting projects and initiatives through funding applications to 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.

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Old Town Priorities:



Through local consultations and discussions with local councillors and ward alliance members, we were able to set 4 key priorities for the Old Town. These priorities form part of our ongoing Community Development Plan.

Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

For the 2022/23 financial year, the Ward Alliance had the following budget.

£10,000 base allocation

£5,000 devolved from North Area Council + carried forward £8,664.33 from 2021/22

= **£26,363.82 total available funding**

App No.	Project Details:	Project End Date:	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
001	Gazebos and Tables	March 2023	£2,111.54	£24,252.28
002	Hanging Baskets Old Town	31.08.2022	£2,100.00	£22,152.28
003	St Paul's Afterschool Club	August 2022	£720.00	£21,432.28
004	The 'Completion' Project (Rose Garden)	June 2022	£468.73	£20,963.55
005	Spring Bulbs 2022	March 2023	£2,303.34	£18,660.21

App No.	Project Details:	Project End Date:	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
006	Christmas Working Budget 2022	March 2023	£4,110.00	£14,550.21
007	Halloween Spooktacular	December 2022	£500.00	£14,050.21
008	Pogmoor Xmas Lights Switch On event	January 2023	£150.00	£13,900.21
009	Defibrillator for Brettas Park	February 2023£	£999.00	£12,901.21
010	Information Board for Brettas Park	March 2023	£1,535.00	£11,366.21



Total Spend:
£14,997.61

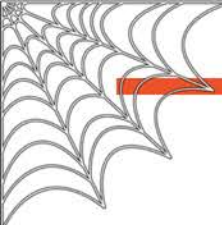


Cashable value of
volunteering equivalent to
£5,795.10

Additional funding groups have
contributed to the projects

£4,065.99





Ward Alliance
Funding
£500

Halloween Spooktacular

Friends of Wilthorpe Park

On a spooky (rainy) afternoon, Wilthorpe Park was transformed into a Halloween Spooktacular.

With a DJ, games, and stalls, children and families alike enjoyed the fancy dress competition and took part in interactive games.

Volunteers were there to help make the event a success with ghostly attendants at the tin can alley and prizes every time.

Although we may think things appear like magic, volunteers spent many weekends and eerie nights hunting down prizes, sourcing party games, and promoting the fabulous Spooktacular.

Children will have fond memories of this event, and families will be more inclined to come along and enjoy the park's surroundings.



Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Community Involvement	Local Pride
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- Healthy ✓
- Learning ✓
- Sustainable ✓

Ward Alliance
Funding spent

£2,858.39

Christmas in Old Town

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Priorities Met:

Local Pride

Community
Involvement

6 Christmas trees were installed and decorated in the Ward. There were switch-on events at Summer Lane, Brettas Park and Pogmoor Road.

Everybody was offered a complimentary hot drink whilst the community gathered to sing carols together by the tree.

Volunteers joined Twiggs Ground Maintenance to install and decorate the trees.



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Healthy ✓

Learning ✓

Sustainable ✓

Ward Alliance
Funding spent

£2,303.34

Spring Bulbs

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22,000 bulbs were distributed to various community groups to be planted in their local area. All the groups were incredibly grateful as it meant the area had different flowers growing throughout the year. Areas that were sparse are now colourful and vibrant with daffodils, crocus, bluebells and snowdrops.



7,000

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8,000



3,000



4,000

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Local Pride

Community
Involvement

Information Board at Brettas Park

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Ward Alliance
Funding spent

£1,535



An information board will be installed in at the quarry to encourage the residents to use the area on wildlife talks and conversation efforts

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Local Pride

Community
Involvement

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Healthy ✓ Learning ✓ Sustainable ✓

Information Board at Brettas Park

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Funding spent

£999



Brettas Park now has a defibrillator to enable the public to respond to medical emergencies which may occur in the quarry and surrounding areas

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

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Healthy ✓

Learning ✓

Sustainable ✓

Health &
Wellbeing

The Completion Project - Water System

Friends of Wilthorpe Park

Friends of Wilthorpe Park had a large plastic water container donated to them by a local resident and turned it into a rainwater collection system.

Volunteers have helped by sourcing and purchasing the equipment that helped to build the water system.

Unfortunately, someone has vandalised the container by slashing the plastic and will need repairs to be fully operational.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:



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**for your continued support to
Old Town Ward Alliance and for making**

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