

St Helens 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 St Helen's 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 St Helen's (Athersley North, Athersley South, New Lodge) from 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023.

St Helen's Councillors:



**Councillor
Sarah Tattersall**



**Councillor
Dave Leech**



**Councillor
Neil Wright**

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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St Helen's Priorities:



Through local consultations and discussions with local councillors and ward alliance members, we were able to set 5 key priorities for St Helen's. 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 £6,540.47 from 2021/22

= **£24,907.72 total available funding**

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
001	New Bin Installation at Smithies Rec	01 June 2022	£300	£24,607.72
002	Jubilee Event Working Budget	27 May 2022	£1,500	£23,107.72
003	Hanging Baskets	01 June 2022	£1,800	£21,307.72
004	St Helen's Summer Gala Working Budget	01 June 2022	£1,500	£19,807.72
005	Personal Safety Items	01 June 2022	£1,000	£18,807.72

Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
006	Secretary Payment Q1	27 June 2022	£125.00	£18,682.72
007	Training for Community Volunteers	05 July 2022	£1,300.00	£17,382.72
008	Smithies Rec. Repainting the Youth Shelter	05 July 2022	£210.35	£17,172.37
009	Memorial Bench Unveiling	05 July 2022	£500.00	£16,672.37
010	Resolute Women's Support Group	16 September 2022	£1,500.00	£15,172.37
011	Christmas Working Budget 2022	16 September 2022	£1,200.00	£13,972.37
012	Jolly Boys Group	16 September 2022	£600.00	£13,372.37
013	Secretary Payment Q2	10 October 2022	£125.00	£13,247.37
014	Fireworks Display	14 October 2022	£1,500.00	£11,747.37
015	Cost of Living Event Working Budget	10 November 2022	£700.00	£11,047.37
016	Secretary Payment Q3	22 December 2022	£125.00	£10,922.37

Expenditure: (April 2022 - March 2023)

App No.	Project Details:	Approval Date:	Allocation:	Allocation Remaining:
017	Stars of St Helens	13 February 2023	£2,070.00	£8,852.37
018	Installation of Christmas Trees	13 February 2023	£1,196.25	£7,656.12
019	Secretary Payment Q4	28 March 2023	£125.00	£7,531.12

Summary



Total Spend:
£17,376.60



Cashable value of
volunteering equivalent to
£10,275.00



**for your continued support to
St Helen's Ward Alliance and for making
Barnsley - the place of possibilities.**



Ward Alliance
Funding spent

£2,396.25

Christmas in St Helen's

St Helen's Ward Alliance

Three trees switched on events to celebrate Christmas at New Lodge Community Centre, St Helens Church, and Community Shop.

The Councillors served food and hot drinks at St Helen's Church, and the brilliant staff at Community Shop supported the event.

Every child went away with a selection box given out by Father Christmas.

Unfortunately, additional funding was required as volunteers could not support Twiggs in putting up the trees.

Ward Alliance
Priorities Met:

Children and
Young People

Community
Engagement

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Healthy ✓

Learning ✓

Sustainable ✓



Ward Alliance
Funding spent

£498.86

Jubilee Event St Helen's Ward Alliance

The Jubilee celebrations took place on New Lodge Village Green on 3rd June 2022.

The event included fancy dress competitions, crown making, packed lunch, DJ, live music and games.

Volunteers made up and served picnic lunches, helped run crown making, set up the event, tidied away, litter picked, and judged the fancy dress competition.

People felt a big sense of community spirit for this event and national pride. It's hoped that they are more willing to come to events in the future.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Local Pride

Community
Involvement

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Jubilee Event

St Helen's Ward Alliance



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Ward Alliance
Funding spent

£420

Memorial Bench Installation

St Helen's Ward Alliance

This grant was to pay for installing and unveiling the memorial bench in the area.

The bench was installed, and a small unveiling was arranged, with the help of the British Legion and Dan Jarvis MP.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Community
Engagement

Environment

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Ward Alliance
Funding spent

£1,781.50

Hanging Basket

St Helen's Ward Alliance

Five businesses and individuals sponsored hanging baskets for the first year to make the area look beautiful. The Ward Alliance also sponsored five baskets.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Community
Engagement

Environment

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Ward Alliance
Funding spent

£661.82

Cost of Living Event

St Helen's Ward Alliance



The event was there to help people access the help on offer for people suffering in the cost of living crisis. Food was also provided by volunteers and activities were put on for young people to be entertained whilst adults used the stalls.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Community
Engagement

Information,
Advice &
Guidance

Health and
Wellbeing

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Ward Alliance
Funding spent

£1,500

Training for Community Volunteers

Ad Astra CIC



Ad Astra are a Community Interest Company who aim to raise aspirations and broaden the horizons of children and young people in Barnsley.

To help do this, they run a local community centre in New Lodge.



In June 2022, the group successfully applied to St Helens Ward Alliance for £1,300 to undertake several training events for local volunteers.

The training included first aid, food and Hygiene and safeguarding.

With the help of this funding, Ad Astra successfully trained volunteers and enabled them to not only upskill themselves but enhance the local community by using those skills to give back to the community, running groups and projects for the betterment of all.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

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Young People

Community
Engagement

Health and
Wellbeing

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St Helen's Gala

St Helen's Ward Alliance

This event took place on Thurs, 28th July 2022, at New Lodge Village Green—the St Helens Ward Alliance organised the community gala. The volunteers helped by setting up the gala, meeting the mayor, planning the gala, site plan development, and booking vendors.

People loved the gala, and we hope they will be inspired to come forward and attend or run more. We also encouraged people to join the Ward Alliance.

Ward Alliance Priorities Met:

Local Pride

Community
Involvement

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