

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central Area Council Meeting:

DATE: 07th September 2020

**Report of Central Area Council
Manager**

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 2020/2021.

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 spend for the 2020/21 financial year, by Ward, is attached at Appendix 1.
- 4.2 Ward Alliances are currently reviewing priorities and updating action plans to ensure the timely expenditure of all Ward Alliance funds in 2020/2021.

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Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

2020/21 WARD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

For 2020/21 each Ward will have 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. *NB This has been relaxed over recent months due to Covid-19.*

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 2019/20 Ward Alliance Fund has been combined and added to the 2020/21 allocation, to be managed as a single budget with the above conditions.

All decisions on the use of this funding need to be approved through the Ward Alliance.

CENTRAL WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000 base allocation
£5071.35 carried forward from 2019/20
£4014.99 Unspent/ return of grants

£19,086.34 total available funding

The **Central Ward** has allocated £2,414.51 of its £19,086.35 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £515.51 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Dearne Valley Litter Pickers	£414.51	£430	£18,671.83
*Healthy Holidays Provision	£2,000		£16,671.83

An internal recharge will be made in respect of the £2,000 that we were able to lever in from a different funding source bringing the remaining allocation back up to **£18,671.83.*

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£9,661.69	carried forward from 2019/20
£39.35	Unspent/ returned grants
£19,701.04	total available funding

The **Dodworth Ward** has allocated £125 of its £19,701.04 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £125 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Secretary payment	£125	£125	£19,576.04

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£4,538.91	carried forward from 2019/20
£0	Unspent/ returned grants
£14,538.91	total available funding

The **Kingstone Ward** has allocated £4,854.99 of its £14,538.91 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £4,854.99 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Hope in the Community – Covid 19	*£1217.99	£1217.99	£13,320.92
Exodus project food delivery programme	*£1508	£1508	£11,812.92
A bowling club for local residents	*£959	£959	£10,853.92
Bowling Greens Locke Park	*£700	£700	£10,153.92
St Edwards Church IT Equipment	£470	£470	£9,683.92

An internal recharge of £4,384.99 will be made in respect of Covid-19 resilience requests over £500, funding from Central Government that we were able to lever in bringing the remaining allocation back up to **£14,068.91.*

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£10,026.99	carried forward from 2019/20
£900	Unspent/ returned monies
£20,926.99	total available funding

The **Stairfoot Ward** has allocated £2,000 of its £20,926.99 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £2000 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Healthy Holiday Provision	*£2,000	£2,000	£18,926.99

An internal recharge will be made in respect of the £2,000 that we were able to lever in from a different funding source bringing the remaining allocation back up to **£20,926.99.*

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2020/21 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	base allocation
£18,161.66	carried forward from 2019/20
£0	Funds unspent/ returned
£28,161.66	total available funding

The **Worsborough Ward** has allocated £15,367.14 of its £28,161.66 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £8,267.14 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
WA - Environmental Pot	£2,000	£0	£26,161.66
Wors Community Church - Easter session	£100	£100	£26,061.66
WA - Defibs in the Community	£1,500	£1,500	£24,561.66
The Barnsley Sheddars Community Group - more shed less bed	£2,217.98	£2,217.98	£22,343.68
Worsbrough Bridge AFC - Flood Relief Support	£550	£550	£21,793.68
Ward Green Youth Club - Youth Activities	£768.83	£768.83	£21,024.85
Worsbrough Bridge Cricket Club - Junior Provision	£3,005.33	£3,005.33	£18,019.52
Secretary Payment	£125	£125	£17,894.52
*Healthy Holidays	£5,000	£5,000	£12,894.52
Malta Court Community Covid Support	£100	£100	£12,794.52

An internal recharge will be made in respect of the £5,000 that we were able to lever in from a different funding source bringing the remaining allocation back up to **£17,794.52.*