

BARNSLEY 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 2021-22. This forms the final report for the financial year and remaining allocations will be carried forward into the financial period 2022-23.

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 Worsborough.

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 2021/22 financial year, 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 2021/2022.

Appendix 1

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

2021-22 Ward Funding Allocations

For 2021-22 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 2020/21 Ward Alliance Fund has been combined and added to the 2022/22 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 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	Base allocation
£5,254.33	Carried forward from 2020/21
£15,254.33	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Unspent /returned	Allocation Remaining
2021/22 Ward Alliance Allocation			£15,254.33
Off Road Biker Deterrent Signs	£160.00		
Full House Estate Community Group New Planter	£1,000.00		
Oakwell Rise Primary School Junior Wardens	925.00		
King St Outdoor Seating Area Working Budget	2,500.00		
Youth Association	419.97		
Forever Young	295.96		
Returned from Park Road Sheffield Road Crime and Safety Group (10.09.2021)		138.15	
Returned from Central Conservation RA		3,500.00	
Total	£5,300.93	£3,638.15	£13,591.55

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	Base allocation
£6,281.54	Carried forward from 2020/21
£16,281.54	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Unspent /returned	Allocation Remaining
2021/22 Ward Alliance Allocation			£16,281.54
Q4 Secretary Payment	£125.00		
Bench Replacement at St Johns Close	£1,522.80		
Junior Wardens, St John's Primary Academy	£1,800.00		
Q1 Secretary Payment	£125.00		
Purchase of Signage from Totty Signs	£298.74		
Top up for Incredible Edible Working Budget	103.48		
Q2 Secretary Payment - Lisa Kenny	125.00		
Total	£4,100.92		£12,181.52

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	Base allocation
£6,975.69	Carried forward from 2020/21
£0	Unspent/ returned grants
£16,975.69	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Unspent /returned	Allocation Remaining
2021/22 Ward Alliance Allocation			£16,975.69
Classroom IT Equipment -Barnsley Sea Cadets	£1,790.00		
Drinking Water Supplier - ELSH	£1,198.46		
Junior Wardens - Worsbrough Common Primary	£1,800.00		
Amendment to previous WAF to reflect rising cost in shed and kitchen refurbishment – Highstone Bowling Club	£390.00		
Highstone Lane Allotments Clean Up & Skip Hire	£1,032.00		
HOPE In the Community, Healthy Holidays Toddler Group	£425.00		
Worsbrough United Football Team, Purchase of Goods for New Team	£710.00		
Small Sparks Fund Created	£1,000.00		
Total	£8,345.46		£8,630.23

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	Base allocation
£14,763.34	Carried forward from 2020/21
£0	Unspent/ returned grants
£24,763.34	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Unspent /returned	Allocation Remaining
2021/22 Ward Alliance Allocation			£24,763.34
Moved to Environment Working Budget	£2,000.00		
Purchase of two benches, Friends of Ardsley Welfare	£1,575.12		
Small Sparks Fund Created	£1,000.00		
Forest Academy Primary School, Junior Wardens	£1,800.00		
Purchase of plaque for memorial bench	£25.00		
Purchase of fruit and vegetable boxes from Smiths Fruit Stores	£1,200		
Supplies for Halloween Project	£79.10		
Transferred to Environmental Working Budget	£291.55		
Total	£7,970.77		£16,792.57

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2021/22 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,000	Base allocation
£7,186.02	Carried forward from 2020/21
£0	Funds unspent/ returned
£17,186.02	Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Unspent /returned	Allocation Remaining
2021/22 Ward Alliance Allocation			£17,186.02
Q4 Secretary Payment	£125		
Cool as Ice, Worsborough Community Pantry	£555.50	£35.05	
Worsborough Bridge AFC, Defibrillator External Case	£528.00		
Ward Green Primary Junior Wardens	£1,800.00		
Summer Cycle	£1,084.00		
Bank End Friends Healthy Holidays	£900.00		
Q1 Secretary Payment	£125.00		
St Thomas Toddle Group	£900.00		
Worsborough Tidy Group	£1,454.14		
Total	£7,471.64	£35.05	£9,749.43