

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 2022-2023. This forms the report for the financial year and remaining allocations carried forward from the financial period 2021-22.

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 2022-23 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.

Ward Alliance Fund Budget Overview

2022-23 Ward Funding Allocations

For 2022-23 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 2021-22 Ward Alliance Fund has been combined and added to the 2022-23 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 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£10,718.84 Carried forward from 2021-22
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2022-23

£20,718.84 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Tub Track Family Trail Central WAF - Barnsley Main Heritage Group	£1,200.00	
A Royal Brunch: Buckley Jubilee Celebrations	£350.00	
Small Sparks Top up	£350.00	
Hope House Church: Hope house connects June-July	£313.00	
Queens Jubilee Canopy British Legion - Rockingham Trophies Plaques	£685.52	
Community Allotment Polytunnel Age UK	£962.00	
Angling Club Floating Platforms Hoyle Mill Coarse Fishery	£1,569.00	
Year of Fun on the Full House Estate	£1,500.00	
Forever Young Hands-Free Microphone	£631.00	
Total remaining	£13,158.32	

DODWORTH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£11,041.52 Carried forward from 2021-22
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2022-23

£21,041.52 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Dodworth Mothers and Toddlers Group	£1,200.00	
Q1 Secretary Payment - Lisa Kenny	£125.00	
Jubilee - Dodworth Miners' welfare	£1,500.00	
Gawber History Group: Grant towards restart costs	£450.00	
Dodworth St Johns Primary Academy Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Yorkshire Ambulance Service Defib Gawber	£999.00	
Q2 Secretary Payment - Lisa Kenny	£125.00	
Refurbished (NEW) Storage Container	£4,235.00	
<i>Old Storage Container Budget (return)</i>		<i>£2,400.00</i>
<i>Refurbished storage container underspend</i>		<i>£337.10</i>
Dodworth Litter Pickers - Robert Acton Order	£470.00	
Gawber History Group: 4th Interpretation Board Design and Manufacture	£1,800.00	
Total remaining	£11,074.62	

KINGSTONE WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£12,395.23 Carried forward from 2021-22
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2022-23
£22,395.23 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
WCCA Queen's jubilee party singer and circus entertainer	£460.00	
Friends of Locke Park - Brass Bands in the Park	£1,570.00	
WA Contribution to Summer Hanging Baskets	£1,076.50	
Exodus Lawn Mower & Railway Carriage	£1,800.00	
Worsbrough Common Primary School Junior Wardens	£1,800.00	
Kingstone Artwork - Creative Recovery	£2,042.00	
Total remaining		£13,646.73

STAIRFOOT WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£16,729.75 Carried forward from 2021-22
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2022-23
£26,729.75 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Tub Track Family Trail Stairfoot WAF - Barnsley Main Heritage Group	£2,400.00	
Queens Jubilee in Kendray Central Park	£2,095.00	
Stairfoot Small Sparks	£1,250.00	
Jubilee Bunting Workshops	£276.45	
Christ Church Ardsley Refurbishment of floors/Scout hut	£2,000.00	
Stairfoot Ward Alliance Ignite Project	£1,500.00	
Stairfoot Defibs	£5,800.00	
Ward Alliance Contribution to Summer Hanging Baskets	£1,563.00	
Total remaining		£9,845.30

WORSBROUGH WARD ALLIANCE

For the 2022/23 financial year the Ward Alliance have the following available budget.

£ 9,240.43 Carried forward from 2021-22
 £10,000.00 Base allocation 2022-23
£19,240.43 Total available funding

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Funds Allocated	Underspend/ Funds returned
Worsbrough Award Alliance Environment Working Group: Worsbrough in Bloom	£325.00	
Coffee & Crafts Group: Group Growth (YPO order)	£329.10	
Q4 Jan-Mar 22 Secretary Payment Andrea Greaves	£125.00	
Tub Track Family Trail Worsbrough WAF - Barnsley Main Heritage Group	£600.00	
Dale Jnrs Football Club Training Equipment U7/U8	£300.00	
Bottles for Benches: 3 Multicolour captain's junior seat benches from Recycled Furniture	£828.00	
Jubilee Picnic in the park: Bankend friends	£700.00	
Ward Green Baptist Church: Serving the Community Yorkshire Ambulance Service Defibs	£646.00	
Ward Green Primary Junior Wardens	£900.00	
Engagement budget Top Up	£2,000.00	
Lew Whitehead Community Centre Healthy Holidays	£750.00	
Q1 Apr-Jun 22 Secretary Payment Andrea Greaves	£125.00	
Martek Purchase Order Ward Green Defib	£1,370.32	
Total remaining	£10,242.01	