

BARNSELY 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 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 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 spend for the 2020/21 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 2020/2021.

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.

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
£5,071.35	carried forward from 2019/20
£4,014.99	Unspent/ return of grants
£278.72	Christmas Calendars Unspent
£182.12	Resident Support Packs Unspent
£49.00	Elf Masks Refund

£19,596.18 total available funding

The **Central Ward** has allocated £9,190.54 of its £19,547.18 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £7,732.02 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Dearne Valley Litter Pickers	£414.51	£414.51	
Residents support packs	£1999.93	£1,817.81	
Hope House Food Bank	£500	£500	
Engagement Pot	£669.60	£669.60	
CAB Project	£2,000	£2,000	
Christmas Advent Calendars	£1,000	£723.60	
Full House Estates Group Christmas Lights	£300	£300	
Harborough Hill Community group - Christmas Lights	£750	£750	
Small Sparks Projects	£1,000	£1,000	
Good Food Barnsley Kids Packs	£250	£201	
Winter warmer packs - Butterflies	£360	£360	
Total	£9,244.04	£7,727.52	£10,352.14

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
£536.85	Unspent/ returned grants
£20,198.54	total available funding

The **Dodworth Ward** has allocated £12,419.50 of its £20,198.54 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £2,909.50 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Secretary payment	£125	£125	
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Higham Community Group	£2,000	£2,000	
Dodworth Christmas Trees and Lights	£4,586.50	£4096.50	
CAB Service	£2,000	£2,000	
Dodworth MW Juniors rugby Lights	£948	£948	
DWA Small Sparks	£1,000	£1,000	
Secretary Payment	£125	£125	
Total	£10,909.50	£10,419.5	£9,289.04

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
£4,384.99	Income Expenditure
£18,923.90	total available funding

The **Kingstone Ward** has allocated £9,012.24 of its £18,923.90 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £9,012.24 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Hope in the Community – Covid-19	£1,217.99	£1,217.99	
Exodus project food delivery programme	£1,508	£1,508	
A bowling club for local residents	£959	£959	
Bowling Greens Locke Park	£700	£700	
St Edwards Church IT Equipment	£470	£470	
Highstone Bowling Club	£1675	£1675	
CAB Project	£2,000	£2,000	
Community Advent Calendars	£482.25	£482.25	
Total	£9,012.24	£9,012.24	£9,911.66

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 £4,882.25 of its £20,926.99 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £4,882.25 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
Repair to Roundabout Ardsley park	£900	£900	
Memorial Bench	£1,000	£1,000	
Defib in the community	£500	£500	
CAB Project	£2,000	£2,000	
Community Advent Calendars	£482.25	£482.25	
Total	£4,882.25	£4,882.25	£16,044.74

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
£5,043.75	Funds unspent/ returned
£33,205.41	total available funding

The **Worsborough Ward** has allocated £24,194.39 of its £33,205.41 2020/21 Ward Alliance allocation, with £19,194.39 of this commitment charged to the Ward.

Ward Alliance Fund Project	Allocation	Charged spend	Allocation remaining
WA - Environmental Pot	£2,000	0	
Wors Community Church - Easter session	£100	£100	
WA - Defibs in the Community	£1,500	£1,500	
The Barnsley Sheddars Community Group - more shed less bed	£2,217.98	£2,217.98	
Worsbrough Bridge AFC - Flood Relief Support	£550	£550	
Ward Green Youth Club - Youth Activities	£768.83	£768.83	
Worsbrough Bridge Cricket Club - Junior Provision	£3,005.33	£3,005.33	
Secretary Payment	£125	£125	
Malta Court Community Covid Support	£100	£100	
Secretary Payment	£125	£125	
CAB Project	£2,000	£2,000	
Covid 19 Healthy Holiday Provision	£5,000	£5,000	
Community Advent Calendars	£482.25	£482.25	
Ward Green Primary School - Christmas Cheer	£720	£720	
Engagement fund top-up	£3,000		
The Mill Academy	£2,500	£2,500	
Secretary Payment	£125	£125	
Total	£24,319.39	£24,319.39	£8,886.02