

2007/08 Well-Being Revenue Fund – Small Grants Update

Small Grants Approved

ONE.07.18.SG - Durrant Close Fencing

Durrant Close is a sheltered accommodation scheme for elderly residents in Wetherby. The village voice for the area (Gloria Hodkinson) holds regular coffee mornings and garden parties and distributes newsletters to the residents. She has suggested to ENEHL that improvements need to be made to both the garage area and the pathway giving access across the site.

East North East Homes funded a community garden for the residents of the area based on an application by Gloria Hodkinson. There is white wooden fencing around the garage site at the side of the community garden that is rotten and which spoils the appearance of the whole area. It is proposed to replace this with metal bow top fencing. They will also replace a makeshift pathway which is currently very unsafe due to unstable slabs which is a tripping hazard for the elderly residents. This is used by both the residents of Durrant Close and Walton Road.

A grant of £500 was awarded to ENEh towards the total cost of £2,240. The remainder was covered by Outer Area Panel funds.

ONE.07.19.SG – Bench at Brookside, Collingham

ENEH received a request from both the Over 50's Club and the residents of Brookside in Collingham for a bench to be installed. The Over 50's Club holds weekly meetings and this is an issue that is regularly raised by members.

Many of the residents at Brookside are elderly and there is quite an uphill climb from the bus stop on the main road at Collingham up to Brookside that many find difficult. The installation of the bench at the green at the bottom of Brookside would provide a resting point (this is ALMO land).

A grant of £500 was granted to ENEh towards the installation of a Marmax 'Lanchester' recycled bench on the green as requested on flagstones. The total cost was £980 and the NE Outer Area Panel funded the remaining £480.

ONE.07.20.SG - Boston Spa Football Club

As a result of a large group of young males aged 14-19 yrs 'hanging around' on the streets during the evening in Boston Spa. The Youth Service held consultation sessions to establish what activity they would like to do. The majority of the group suggested setting up a football team as there is currently no team in this area suitable for this group.

Education Leeds, Youth Service and Boston Spa School are working together to lead this 10 week project which will be based at Boston Spa School. It will be open to young people of all abilities. They are working with Leeds United who will deliver the coaching and the Youth Service will support the young people's other needs. They will have the opportunity to learn football skills from professional coaches and players and will also have the chance to socialise with each other. The aim is to reduce nuisance behaviour and address community safety issues in the local community. The project will start in the new year and if successful steps will be taken to sustain the project. Leeds United, Youth Service and the Extended Services Cluster Co-ordinator will support the young people in applying to the Youth Opportunities fund.

A grant of £500 was awarded to cover costs associated with the football team which are venue hire (£180 – reduced price), coach costs (£400) and refreshments (£100). The equipments is being provided for free.

ONE.07.21.SG - Moor Allerton Community Panto

Northcall is a community project facilitating activities and services to residents of the Moor Allerton Estates and has been in operation since 2001. They are a community centre and provide recreational and training opportunities to adults in partnership with local colleges. They facilitate a number of different activities for children including cheerleading, crafts and school holiday play schemes. They are a registered charity which is funded through grant applications.

The grant will fund the annual community Pantomime event. They will work in partnership with Cranmer Call Tenants & Residents Group and Moortown Methodist Church to organise the event which will encourage all groups living on the Moor Allerton Estates to come together. A previous pantomime event attracted over 80 local residents with volunteers assisting with the organisation of the hall and the serving of refreshments. The activity epitomised community development encouraging intergenerational activity and community cohesion between all attending.

They received a grant of £300 to cover the costs of running the pantomime and buying refreshments.

ONE.07.22.SG – Shaping up for Christmas

The Moor Allerton Community Association are running a six week programme of activities which would include exercise (indoor and out), movement to music, healthy eating awareness sessions, diet and exercise training and advice on posture and technique. These activities will look to improve the health of people living in Moor Allerton by seeking to reduce local health inequalities, focusing on health improvement in the groups of people with the poorest health. They also want to promote improving quality of life and longer, healthier lifestyles. These objectives are in line with the Local Area Agreement as the project will promote a Healthy and Positive Society.

The project will be based at St John's church hall and residents from the Lingfields, Fir Trees and Queenshill's estates will be attending. Consultations have been carried out by other voluntary groups in the area to assess the need for a project such as this before it was developed (Northcall, Open House and residents groups).

A £500 grant was awarded to cover venue hire (£90), equipment (£110) and professional training costs (£300).