

Community Partnerships Scheme

Seventeen projects submitted applications to the Community Partnership Scheme and are summarised below:

Egginton Parochial Church Council - Path Renovation and Disabled Access

Egginton Parochial Church Council are seeking to replace a temporary wooden ramp and improve access to their church by renovating paths to the side and rear and undertaking minor improvements to two old doors. The project is estimated to cost £4,095. The church council have this amount in reserves but are looking to secure a contribution from the scheme in order to safeguard these reserves.

Walbrook Housing Association Limited - Gosely Crime Prevention Scheme

Walbrook Housing Association is looking to use a one bedroomed property on the Gosely estate as a base for the police and local Neighbourhood Watch in an attempt to reduce crime and the fear of crime locally.

The project has been costed at £21,500 that includes initial office set up costs of £10,000 and £11,500 capital grant repayment to Housing Corporation to remove restricted covenants. Walbrook requested £5,000 from the Council towards these costs. There are no other funds in place currently although grant applications to Awards for All and Derbyshire Community Foundation are possible future grant sources. Support from the Police and other partners was mentioned in the application but not evidenced.

Hill Street Baptist Church - "Weekday Welcome"

The Church is proposing to demolish a derelict toilet block adjacent to their church hall and build a new entrance to the hall. The new improved entrance will also have new toilets including a disabled toilet. The current entrance is both difficult to find and uninviting whilst toilet provision is totally inadequate.

The Church hall is open extensively during the week for a range of uses including mothers and toddlers, a kids club, a youth club, Friends of the Blind, and as an office space for a Youth for Christ worker. Their current and proposed activities are based on consultation with the local community and other partners.

The project will cost £20,400 + VAT. The Church have secured over £11,000 to date, are requesting £5,000 from the scheme and have identified further potential funders to secure the shortfall.

Willington Old School Trust - Central Heating Project

Willington Old School Trust is a registered charity established to provide services and facilities for the people of Willington and its environs through the use of the Old School buildings. Groups that use these facilities include, inter alia, pre school group, after school activity club, adult education classes, local history group, theatre group, Parish council etc.

The premises comprise two old buildings that have totally inadequate heating prompting the Trust's application for a new central heating system that they envisage will allow them to secure and extend use of the site. The project has been costed at £13,828. The trust have raised £10,371 from Waste Recycling Environmental Network (WREN) and requested the balance of £3,457 as a grant from the scheme.

Pathway Christian Fellowship - The Pathway Community Project

Pathway are looking to run courses for the local community in Newhall that will cover subjects such as parenting skills, marriage enrichment, drug education, crisis management etc in an attempt to encourage and facilitate healthy positive relationships within "family groups". The need for the project was identified following four years of work with families and young people in Newhall.

The project has been costed at £37,895 per annum, which is a largely revenue cost. The application was for £4,200 towards equipment costs (i.e. projector, laptop, OHP and screen for presentation of course material).

People Express - The Grid

The Grid is the pilot year of a four-year programme designed to dramatically increase youth arts provision in South Derbyshire following research showing a lack of facilities and resources for young people. The project has the support of a wide variety of partners and will cover issues such as mental health, travelling communities, exclusion and young offenders and teenage parents through a variety of art forms including drama and DJing, digital imaging, dance and video and creative writing and new media. Projected outcomes include arts residencies throughout the district, development of satellite bases, exhibition material and youth arts festival events.

A detailed project timetable and budget was supplied showing costs of £118,000, which were primarily revenue in nature and largely dependant on an application to Arts Council England that was well developed. The request to the council was for £7,000 towards the capital cost of PA equipment.

Sustrans – Preliminary Design Study for the Rolleston – Egginton Junction

Sustrans have identified that this former rail corridor offers the potential for a trail as a local amenity and as part of the national cycle network. The preliminary design would deal with the river crossing, land negotiations and wildlife issues and be used for consultation, planning and fundraising.

The anticipated total project cost is £32,000, which covers the labour involved in producing the study. Sustrans can provide £24,000 of staff time and have requested a grant of £8,000 although they are considering making additional funding applications.

Sustrans – Station Road access to the Cloud Trail, Melbourne

Sustrans, supported by the Parish council and some residents, wish to create a new entry to the Cloud Trail at Station Road to avoid trespass and improve road safety. The anticipated total project cost is £32,000, which covers land acquisition, construction of a ramp, surfacing of a new path, construction of a footway and management costs. Sustrans can contribute £12,000 towards this cost, have requested £12,000 from Derbyshire County Council and have requested £8,000 from the scheme. The new ramp and fences would be managed as part of Sustrans local maintenance programme.

St John's Ambulance (Melbourne Division) – First Aid Training

General application towards revenue costs of putting on first aid courses and purchasing small items of equipment and therefore deemed ineligible.

Findern Parish Council – Parish Rooms

Findern Parish Council are seeking £25,000 towards a project to repair and update the parish rooms and have set up an improvement committee consisting of interested individuals and user groups to develop the project.

The Parish Rooms were originally two cottages purchased over 100 years ago as a community centre for the village. Although still in limited use they have fallen into disrepair and require renovations that will retain their visual appeal at the centre of the village but allow for conversion from 2 rooms into 3 with kitchen, office and disabled toilets as additional facilities. The primary uses will be for training and small meetings, which should complement facilities available at the village hall.

The group has raised £3,700 itself towards the estimated cost of the work (£58,000) and has outstanding applications in hand for £37,000 to the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership, Tesco and John Sainsbury Foundation.

Local residents have already undertaken some minor repairs to the fabric of the building and are engaged in community consultation exercises to ensure the rooms meet the villagers' needs.

Melbourne Methodist Church – Athenaeum – a young peoples Internet coffee bar

The Church intends to convert the first floor of one of its premises into an Internet coffee bar. It is also seeking funding separately for a full time coffee bar manager (youth worker) to run the facility.

The project recognises the need for a young peoples meeting place in Melbourne and the project organisers have met regularly with local young people to determine what they want. It is anticipated that the facility will be made available to other non-youth groups during the day. The building for conversion was built 150 years ago and it is intended that the entire first floor be made available. This includes two large rooms; male and female toilets, a small kitchen and two separate stone built stairways at either end of the building. The Church and other organisations already use the ground floor of the building.

The conversion has been costed at £30,000. To date the church has £10,000 from it's own funds, £3,000 from grant applications and an application to WREN for £10,000 pending. The organisation and management of the project so far has been carried out on a purely voluntary basis and has attracted some support from local organisations and local media.

Staunton Harold Sailing Club

Staunton Harold Sailing Club are looking for a contribution towards the cost of sailing dinghies and windsurfers. This equipment will be used to introduce new people to the sport, offer new courses and allow for advanced techniques, and increase opportunities for youth training, corporate events and disabled access. The increase in fleet size is part of the clubs development plan.

The club is a non-profit making organisation operating from Staunton Harold since 1974 and managed by a committee with as much input from the members and consideration of the needs of the local community as possible.

The anticipated total project cost is £37,326 and to date the club have secured £10,450 largely from their own funds. They have identified some other funders to whom to make applications to but have been turned down by Sport England largely due to a decrease in their budget and an increase in their applicants.

Club members do provide a lot of voluntary instruction throughout the year, which amounts to a significant non-cash contribution to the project.

Foston and Scropton Parochial Church Council (PCC) - Restoration of walls, guttering and drainage

The Church Council are aiming to restore areas of crumbling stone in the walls of the church, replace existing guttering and down pipes and reconstruct the drainage system around the building. This work will safeguard the property, which the church council consider to be prominent in the history and heritage of South Derbyshire and that is still used for both religious and non-religious purposes.

The anticipated total cost of the project is £48,770. The PCC have a grant of £24,000 from English Heritage and have £11,800 of their own funds plus a further £4,000 in promised donations. Their application didn't specify an amount but their current anticipated shortfall is £8,970, which is well within the maximum £25,000 or 25% of total project cost allowed under scheme criteria.

Ticknall Village Hall - Car Parking Improvement project

The village hall is run by a Charitable Trust. They want to repair and improve the surface of the hall's existing car park that has badly eroded as well as create an additional 10 car parking spaces.

The combined cost of these works is £8,900. The trust has £4,000 in their own investment fund and is requesting £2,225 from the scheme.

Emmanuel Church (Swadlincote) Parochial Church Council - Replacement of Church Hall Roof

The Church Hall is within easy reach of Swadlincote town centre and provides a venue for a wide range of different groups both non religious and religious. The PCC need to renew the church roof as the present one is life-expired and leaks in bad weather. It is expected the new roof will secure the existing service to the community and allow new possibilities.

The anticipated total project cost is £6,000. The PCC have £2,000 towards this from their own funds and have an application for £2,000 from the Derbyshire Community Foundation pending. Their request to the scheme is for £1,500.

Netherseal Lawn Tennis Club - Provision of Clubhouse

The original wooden clubhouse was recently burnt down in an arson attack. The tennis club are now looking to rebuild a brick built facility that will include a club room, bar, kitchen, toilets, changing

rooms and general fixtures and fittings. The club has 119 members but is open to visitors at a cost of £2 per visit.

Club members are undertaking some work such as site clearance themselves but the anticipated total project cost is £55,000. The club are anticipating an insurance claim of £35,300 and have £6,000 of their own funds. They have an application to the Landfill Tax Credits scheme outstanding for £6,700 and are requesting £7,000 from the scheme.

Old Post regeneration Association (OPRA) Newhall - Toilet Block Conversion

OPRA intend to convert a disused public convenience into a local community police office with the intention of reducing local crime and disorder levels and providing community contact and reassurance for the residents and retailers within Newhall. The need for the project was established through local survey work undertaken by the Crime and Disorder Partnership who are firmly behind the project as it is a key objective within their year two action plan.

The anticipated total project cost is £14,000, which covers alteration, refurbishment and external maintenance. OPRA have requested a grant of £3,500 and will secure a loan against their assets for the balance of the cost. Full cost recovery will be ensured through a rental agreement with the police for the use of the building.

Dethick Educational Trust (Hartshorne) - Provision of disabled toilet, improved wheelchair access and safer egress from the premises.

The current facilities at Dethick Hall in Hartshorne do not include accessible toilets or an accessible entrance so the trust are aiming to adapt and alter the premises to allow for proper access and toilets. The Hall provides facilities for all ages from children's groups to flat mat bowling and is used daily.

The anticipated total project cost is £22,762. The Trust have £2,000 of their own funds and have raised a further £5,400 from 2 grant applications. They also have a promise of £5,000 from Hartshorne Parish Council. The trust's application requested £10,000 from the scheme. This is above the 25% of total project costs allowed under normal criteria.

Nadins Trust – Feasibility Study

The Nadin's Trust was set up over five years ago to oversee potential development for community use of the ex UK Coal site known as Nadins adjacent to Newhall. The Trust comprises six trustees plus co-opted members and has strong local links. They called a meeting of potential partners in July 2003 who recommended that a feasibility study be undertaken. The Trust prepared a brief for the study that asked consultants to appraise the site and the capacity of the Trust, advise on legal, regulatory and statutory matters, advise on site options, advise on project development issues and undertake a variety of community consultation. The brief was put out to tender and Countryside Management Services selected as the preferred bidder.

The cost for the study is £9,900. The Nadins Trust have requested £2,500 from the scheme as a contribution towards this cost and intend to make an application to the Derbyshire County Council Greenwatch Scheme for a £500 grant. The Trust was set up with an initial grant of £25,000 from UK Coal, which they will use to cover the remaining cost of the study and as a lever to draw in funding for future project and site development costs.

Project	Score	Rank	Amount Requested	Running Total	Total Project Cost	Grant as % of total cost
Round 3 + Round 2 projects carried forward						
OPRA (Toilet Conversion)	7.33	1	3,500	3,500	14,000	25%
Melbourne Athenium *1	7.17	2	10,000	13,500	40,000	25%
People Express (PA Equipment)	6.83	3	7,000	20,500	118,000	6%
Nadins Trust (Feasibility Study)	6.50	4	2,500	23,000	9,990	25%
Hill St Baptist (New Entrance)	6.17	5	5,000	28,000	20,400	25%
Willington Old School Trust	5.50	6	3,457	31,457	13,828	25%
Emmanuel Church (Roof)	4.83	7	1,500	32,957	6,000	25%
Dethick Educational Trust *2	4.67	8	4,250	37,207	22,762	19%
Staunton Harold Sailing Club *3	4.67	8	6,000	43,207	37,326	16%
Netherseal Tennis Club	4.50	10	7,000	50,207	55,000	13%
Sustrans (Melbourne)	4.17	11	8,000	58,207	32,000	25%
Foston and Scropton PCC	3.83	12	8,970	67,177	48,770	18%
Pathway Christian Fellowship *4	3.67	13	4,200	71,377	37,895	11%
Findern Parish Rooms	3.17	14	25,000	96,377	58,000	43%
Walbrook Housing Association *5	2.50	15	5,000	101,377	21,500	23%
Ticknall Village Hall Car Park	2.33	16	2,225	103,602	8,900	25%
Sustrans (Rolleston)	1.67	17	8,000	111,602	32,000	25%
Egginton PCC	1.17	18	1,025	112,627	4,095	25%
St John's Ambulance *6						
Total			112,627		580,466	

Notes

Budget Remaining £74,410

Previous scoring cut off point for awarding grants 4.67

*1 Updated and resubmitted from round 2

*2 Dethick originally requested £10,000 but panel recommended 25% of eligible project cost ie £4,250 (Difference £5,750)

*3 Staunton Harold Sailing Club resubmitted from Round 2 with minor update including additional £4,000 funding

*4 Pathway - eligibility query ie costs relate to projector (£2,800), laptop (£700), OHP?screen (£700), not major items of capital equipment

*5 Walbrook Housing Association - questionmark over their eligibility as part of the Voluntary and Community sector

*6 Ineligible due to revenue nature of bid

Introduction

The Community Partnerships Scheme was reintroduced in mid 2002/03 and has been open for applications for approximately 18 months. It was therefore decided that it would be helpful to report back on various statistics and consider whether they and other management information suggested any amendments or improvements. The panel suggested the scope of the review should include information on enquiries, applications, finance, geographical spread, applicant organisations and types of project. This information has been put into tables, which are laid out below.

Enquiries, Applications and Finance

	0203	0304	Combined	Notes
Number of general enquiries	29	96	125	Systematic recording of enquiries not originally in place but figures are a reasonable representation of interest
Number of forms sent out	18	58	76	Some forms sent to organisations to forward on to others e.g. CVS
Number of applicant organisations met with	11	19	30	Some organisations met with more than once and in more than one year although counted only once
Number of applications received	9	32	41	Some organisations resubmitted applications for
Amount of funding requested	£94,778	£277,103	£371,881	
Number of projects supported	6	17	23	
Amount of funding granted	£50,000	£124,617	£174,617	
Overall value of projects supported	£1,174,774	£757,423	£1,932,197	Values at time of application

Comment

The scheme appears to be attracting a steady and increasing number of enquiries and applications which indicates that awareness of the scheme is growing. The amount of funding granted compared to the overall value of the projects supported shows a healthy funding ratio for the Council. What the summary figures do not show is that the scheme is attracting applications from both small and large projects. Indeed the latest round of the scheme attracted the greatest number of applications but contained very few large projects or large requests for grants.

Geographical Spread

Area	Enquiries		Applications		Grants	
	0203	0304	0203	0304	0203	0304
Aston on Trent	1	0				
Barrow on Trent	1	0				
Castle Gresley	0	1			1	
Church Gresley	1	0	1			
Coton in the Elms	0	1				
Coton park	1	0				
Dalbury Lees	1	0		1		1
Dethick	0	1		1		1
District W	Note : District Wide includes organisations such as YMCA, Churches together, Sustrans, People Express, Alzheimer's Society etc		1	8		2
Egginton				1		
Findern				1		
Hartshorne						
Hatton			1		1	
Hilton				2		1
Linton			2	3	1	2
Lullington	1	0	1	0	1	1
Melbourne	0	2		2		1
Netherseal	0	2		1		3
Newhall	2	4	2	5	1	
Newton Solney	0	1				
Overseal	1	0	1		1	
Repton	0	1				
Scropton & Foston	1	1		1		
Shardlow	1	1		1		
Stanton	1	1		1		
Staunton Harold	0	1		1		1
Sutton on the Hill	0	1				
Swadlincote	2	6		3		3
Ticknall	0	1		1		
Weston on Trent	0	1				
Willington	1	1		1		1
Woodville	1	1				

Notes: The figures given for enquiries do not reflect where organisations have made multiple enquiries or where enquiries have been either ineligible or unsuitable for geographical analysis.

Comment

Enquiries and applications appear to have been received from a reasonable geographical spread within the district and from a significant number of organisations whose work covers the whole of the district. As the scheme continues careful monitoring will need to take place to ensure that a) any areas not making enquiries or applications are targeted and b) that in areas where applications are made but continue to be unsuccessful appropriate advice and support is given.

Organisational Data**2002/03**

Type of Organisation	Number of Enquiries	Number of Applications	Number of Grants
Church	4	4	3
Community Group	8	1	1
Voluntary Organisation	6	1	0
Parish Council	7	2	1
Sports	2	1	1
Misc./Unknown	1	0	

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Voluntary Organisation	20	9	3
Parish Council	7	2	0
Sports	5	2	2
Misc./Unknown			

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Project Data

Type of Project	Enquiries		Applications		Grants	
	0203	0304	0203	0304	0203	0304
Church/Church Hall	3	10	3	8	2	3
General Community Building	8	8	2	5	1	3
Miscellaneous	4	20				
Equipment	1	6	1	3		1
Village Halls	4	8		1		
Environmental Improvements	1	3		1		1
Play/Childcare (inc. skateboarding)	3	4		1		
Sports	4	8	2	3	2	3
Community Safety		4		2		1
Minibus		1		1		1
Youth Facility	1	1	1	2	1	1
Feasibility Studies		5		5		3

Notes

Sometimes projects fit into more than one category so figures represent a judgement about the primary category of the project

Comment

The organisation and type of project tables indicate that the faith community in the district is particularly active in undertaking projects of benefit to their local communities. It may also indicate they have a well-developed network able to exchange information and skills. As with the geographical data the scheme needs careful monitoring to ensure that different sectors and types of projects are able to access it's opportunities.

Miscellaneous Further Information

Additional Support

Part of the service offered to the voluntary and community sector through the community partnership scheme beyond general advice and support is direct project development support. The projects that have received this kind of support to date include Egginton Village Hall (assistance with lottery and other applications), Rickman's Corner, West Street Community Partnership (all aspects of the project to redevelop the Methodist Church premises on West St), Dalbury Lees Village Hall (support with successful bid to the Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership) and Nadins Trust (support with brief and tender process re feasibility study).

In order to clarify the level of support projects require and to manage the volume of work it is intended to introduce where appropriate a simple work agreement between the PDO and the partner organisation.

Marketing and Promotion

The scheme is currently promoted through a variety of means including: Council officers from different departments, press releases, advertisements, various forums such as South Derbyshire Sports Forum, Voluntary Sector Forum, Village Hall Forum, District Councillors, CVS newsletter and attendance at special events.

A new information leaflet for 2004/05 is about to be printed and information about the scheme including application forms is about to go on the Councils web site. It is also intended to add area committees to the list of promotional opportunities.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Apart from the statistical information kept by the PDO feedback to date has been on an informal basis. It is intended therefore that for future applications a monitoring form will be added to the application pack.

