

## Executives Summaries

### ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

#### Application 1

<b>Organisation Details</b>	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Community Opportunities Ltd
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Winchester House
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Baxter Road
<b>City</b>	Town End Farm, Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR5 4LW
<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Clean It, Green It - Barnes
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	Community Opportunities will deliver a neighbourhood environmental improvement project, responding to local concerns, and contributing to creating an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment, where people live, work and spend their leisure time. Staff and resident volunteers will deliver community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, refurbishing park/green space equipment.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 20,733
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 733
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 20,000
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01-Oct-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	30-Sep-25
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Barnes ward in Sunderland West

## Project Description

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We work closely with SCC Environmental Service, Gentoo and Home Group to inform work plans but not duplicate their environmental works delivery. We liaise with local Elected Members, Police, Tyne and Wear Fire to identify hot spots for action. We produce a quarterly workplan in response to needs identified by partners and residents, local business and community walkabouts and includes re-visiting sites to address such as re-growth, littering etc in turn creating a sustainable local environmental management strategy.

The Project is led by a Co-ordinator who also works as an experienced Project Officer supported by an environmental assistant. The Co-ordinator visits sites to assess the scope of work, document the workplan, any impact to habitat, requirements of working on public land, Countryside Act and/or to adhere to by-laws, assessment of health and safety requirements, resource and tool requirements and any timing impacts such as seasonal influences of pruning, nesting etc. Timelines consider that winter is ideal for cutting back and removal of vegetation. Any issues identified in planning are discussed with Council staff, e.g.: falling trees to be removed by SCC Arboriculture Team. Volunteers will be recruited and inducted on an ongoing basis to enhance the work of 10 regular volunteers. We also recruit volunteer's for specific events, the Great British Spring Clean attracted over 60 volunteers to clean ups and litter picks. Clean and Green case studies demonstrate how volunteering has reduced social isolation, improved physical and mental health, improved confidence and led to some volunteers accessing job opportunities. We operate to a documented Volunteer Pathway, with an induction including project aims and objectives, verbal and practical individual assessment of skills, considering potential health issues and providing regular supervision. Volunteers receive a 'toolbox talk' to understand the correct/appropriate use of tools and equipment. We discuss generic and specific risk assessments, provide on-site volunteer training, explore conservation matters, grounds maintenance, habitat management and infrastructure maintenance.

We will work with the REACT employability project, local youth clubs and schools, social prescribers and Sunderland Council Volunteering Hub to recruit volunteers and we anticipate working with 25 volunteers in the proposed 12-month delivery period. We engage corporate volunteers including from Asda, NHS, Nissan and EE and will pursue new links with businesses. We have worked with a range of voluntary organisations

and friends groups, providing access to a well-coordinated loan scheme with a bank of equipment including litter picks, bags rings and sacks, loppers and pruners which we hold in a secure store along with some electrical items which we ensure are tested in line with legislative requirements. We train Organisations in the use of tools and equipment from the 'tool bank, with volunteers shadowing the project staff to rehearse practical skills, gain confidence and use their skills independently in their own Organisations.

We provide groups with advice on site surveys, health and safety requirements and insurance coverage. We can also accompany groups in activities to provide first aid cover if needed. Our delivery of neighbourhood management and environmental works has identified that some work needs to be targeted to address issues which create a decline in local amenities, reduce the attractiveness of neighbourhoods and increase the need for community clean-ups etc. Volunteers/residents have registered frustration regarding 'repeat offenders' who regularly discard litter. We will provide an educational offer, communicating the importance of correct residential waste disposal, keeping their neighbourhood clean/tidy and reporting issues. We support local 'Friends of Groups' to lead smaller community clean ups and link with local schools to deliver environmental projects in school and local neighbourhoods. We also raise awareness of local recycling schemes, community furniture donation centres etc.

We have installed planters to address inconsiderate / illegal parking, carried out painting of street furniture including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches. In Barnes ward we have worked at improving Barnes Park Extension, cutting back path inserts, removing dead debris, weeding out nettles and brambles and edging pathways. We have also sanded and painted street furniture in the extension, including seats, bins and metal bridges. In addition to this the project coordinator has lead groups of children attending holiday clubs with Active Families on litter picks in the park extension and held recycling / environmental workshops with the young people in the area. 27 local residents joined in to help clean up their local area.

The volunteer team renovated the garden and front area at Broadway Community Centre, removing sacksful of weeds, nettles, brambles and rotting debris. We also tidied up the pathways and turned over the vegetable plots, preparing them for re-planting. The team have been active in Barnes Park, delivering regular community litter picks supporting events that take place there. The team have also been successful in re-engaging the Friends of Barnes Park group, facilitating meetings and supporting the group to recruit new members, apply for funds and actively support the work being delivered throughout the park.

The volunteer team also delivered regular litter picks and clean ups throughout the ward, in areas such as Wearhead drive, the mineral line, Herrington Burn, Eden Vale, Ettrick Grove and Hurstwood Road. 27 local residents joined in to help clean up their local area and from Oct 22 – Sept 23, 280 sacks of rubbish and garden waste were collected in the ward. The project has worked with several groups including Barnes Infant & Junior School, Broadway Community Centre, Springboard, Youth Almighty Project, St Annes Primary School and Active Families.

In June 2023 the team delivered planting workshops for groups of school children as part of Barnes Park Event. In total the project delivered 13 half hour workshops to 213 local school children. During the workshop participants decorated their own plant pot, filled it with compost then

planted a strawberry plant while learning about plant care, the environment and growing their own food. The children then took their plant home to look after. 86 children were local to the Barnes ward, attending Barnes Infant School, Barnes Junior School and Broadway Junior School.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	<b>20</b>
208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	<b>275</b>
209	number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	<b>80</b>
210	Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	<b>500</b>
211	Issues reported via <a href="http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it">www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it</a>	<b>23</b>
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Vibrant Smart City Outputs</b>	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	<b>16</b>
306	number of volunteers participating	<b>52</b>
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	<b>800</b>

## Application 2

<b>Organisation Details</b>	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Springboard Sunderland Trust
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Unit 1 AND 2
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Pallion
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR46AD
<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Clean and Green Pallion

<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	The project is designed to work with local communities to improve the area within Pallion. Work is varied and includes, litter picking, painting, tree work, path edging, chipping, flail grass cutting. We work with the Council and Gentoo to take on projects they aren't able to, making a lasting impact and improvement on the area.	
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£	20,000
<b>Match Funding</b>	£	-
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£	20,000
<b>Project Start Date</b>		01-Oct-24
<b>Project End Date</b>		01-Sep-25
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Springboard Pallion	

## Project Description

Established in 1975 Springboard, we are a North-East based charity aiming to support the development of sustainable communities, where people have the skills needed for work and life. We have operated in the Pallion area for over 30 years, working with local stakeholders and schools to deliver a variety of services and initiatives.

We have been running the Clean and Green Pallion project since early 2023. We had some initial challenges that we worked through together and have been gathering momentum. We appointed Alex Richings in October 2023 who has been very pro-active on gathering pace with work in Pallion. He has great ideas for the future and is forging new connections with community groups around the area.

We work closely with the local schools, including the Link School, emphasising on promoting educational messages to both our learners, and learners in local schools. We deliver alternative education to The Link School to offering hands on training in practical trades.

We attend the West Area steering groups, and we provide regular updates regarding the Clean and Green programme, to ensure it is delivering the improvements and involving as much of the local community as possible. It gives groups and representatives of the area a regular chance to be reminded of the project, its aims and how they can be involved.

We complete regular ranger updates and photo summaries by direct email updates to the ward Councillors and Council Officers and also regular social media updates so we reach as many people as possible.

With the reprofile of the project we are able to add an additional staff member to the project for one day per week. So there will be two rangers

for two days and one ranger on the other day, working alongside one another to increase the impact they are able to make; the days are 7.5 hour days.

This is beneficial in several ways:

- More staff to Increase capacity and the amount of activity carried out.
- The heavier more involved tasks e.g. chipping/chainsaw use require two staff from a health and safety point of view. Being able to use this kit more often will really help as its more efficient in time and will show in the work.
- Trailer use is essential, having a banksman is faster and safer.
- Staff have different but complementary skill sets which help us be more flexible. For example, minibus drivers, chainsaw, tractor and chipper certificates.

The main volunteers on Pallion Clean and Green have been our construction learners and adult volunteers that we have established since the beginning of the project. We have also had a lot of support from the Prince's Trust young people based with the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue service. Springboard Futures learners have been involved in the project, benefiting from the experience, interacting with members of the public, learning about gardening skills and how to use basic hand tools. We are working with Pallion Action Group, Communities Together Sunderland West on initiatives to involve more volunteers/community groups and also opportunities for local school children in the coming months. As the work with the volunteers continues, we plan to train key champions to be able to complete more involved work themselves. In time, this will evolve into being able to train people who are then able to pass skills and train other volunteers.

Regular litter picks and clean ups across Pallion, including around our centre and towards St Lukes Shopping Terrace. We will also facilitate these litter picks along the metro lines towards Millfield, and the old railway line and bridle path to South Hylton. We will carry out regular litter picks across Hylton Road Playing fields as well as continue deeper cleans of the tree line.

Planting will continue with additional funds being kindly received from the community chest fund for plants to fill spaces in beds, planters and raised beds to, these will be identified by councillors in coordination with Alex our Ranger and always by Council Officers to ensure we are all working together to avoid duplication and that we agree on the species of plants to maximum use of the budget. A lot of planters are on and close to St Lukes Terrace, Springboard work closely with the traders on St Lukes Shopping Terrace, with several of the traders often offering support and charity raffle prizes for our events. We will continue to build relationships and keep in comms to ensure the area looks its best and so that we can rely on their support for watering when its particular warm.

Larger work, at Hylton Road Playing Fields has commenced and progressing well. The first winter period of work has highlighted some challenges which we can take action on over the Spring and Summer ready for further tree thinning, crown raising and chipping this Autumn and Winter after nesting season. The focus over Spring and Summer is chipping brush that has been stored in tree lines ready for the ground drying up to allow us to get the ATV and chipper on site. Over the next 18 months we will keep up the work on the area to make sure that it continues to improve and the work already done is continued.

As community engagement increases, we will be able to enable groups to complete low level and more complex clean ups themselves by accessing the tool bank. This is available for groups to use after completing some training to make sure they are able to use kit safely. That is

both for them and the people they are around. They will also be involved in assessing risks on particular jobs so they are informed about what is safe to carry out and what is not.

Over the next period we will be visiting Ford Limestone Quarry which is a SSSI situated close to the Ford Football Hub, we will be carrying out work to support the environment and raise awareness of the site to the local area as the valuable asset that it is. This will be consulted on with the Council ecologist.

The work in Pallion is gathering momentum and we are keen to continue that. We have an established project manager with an additional member of the team allocated for another day per week. With the foundation we have established and the addition of another person one day per week the projects goals will be achieved more quickly. The extra supported will allow us to use more machines more often and the end result will be felt and seen by the residents of Pallion.

## Outputs

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208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	<b>500</b>
209	number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	<b>22</b>
210	Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	<b>100</b>
211	Issues reported via <a href="http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it">www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it</a>	<b>24</b>
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Vibrant Smart City Outputs</b>	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	<b>32</b>
306	number of volunteers participating	<b>20</b>
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	<b>2500</b>

### Application 3

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<b>Organisation Name</b>	Community Opportunities Ltd
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Winchester House
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Baxter Road
<b>City</b>	Town End Farm, Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR5 4LW
Project Details	
<b>Project Title</b>	Clean It, Green It - Sandhill
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	Community Opportunities will deliver a neighbourhood environmental improvement project, responding to local concerns, and contributing to creating an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment, where people live, work and spend their leisure time. Staff and resident volunteers will deliver community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, refurbishing park/green space equipment.
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<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Sandhill ward in the Sunderland West Area

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We have installed planters to address inconsiderate / illegal parking, carried out painting of street furniture including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches.

In Sandhill ward we have worked hard to improve the Thorney Close area, conducting monthly litter picks around the shops, fields and walkways as well as tidying up the trees and bushes lining the play fields and play park, cutting back overgrown greenery, removing tree whistings and overhanging branches and collecting waste greenery and debris throughout the area. In addition to this the project coordinator has lead groups of children attending holiday clubs with both Community Opportunities and The Family Hub on litter picks in the play park and play fields and held recycling / environmental workshops with the young people in the area.

The volunteers renovated community gardens and play areas at Sunderland Re-Use Centre on Thorndale Road and Playdays 4 Kids nursery on Grindon Lane. Work at the venues included removing large amounts of greenery, bushes and trees, removing old fencing and replacing it, building pathways and access points, improving bedding areas and installing new equipment including bug hotels and bird boxes.

The volunteer team have delivered regular weekly litter picking sessions and community clean ups in Sandhill at many locations including the A690 pathways, Hastings Hill, the Bridle Path, Tay Road Fields, Springwell and Grindon Lane. 8 local residents joined in to help clean up their local area and from Oct 22 – Sept 23, 431 sacks of rubbish and garden waste were collected in the ward. The project has worked with several groups including The Family Hub, Thorney Close Youth Club, Sunderland Re-Use Centre, Grindon Young People's Centre, Grindon Infants School, Hastings Hill Primary School and Active Families, delivering site projects with staff and volunteers as well as projects such as litter picking, planting and recycling workshops with young people.

In June 2023 the team delivered planting workshops for groups of school children as part of Barnes Park Event. In total the project delivered 13 half hour workshops to 213 local school children. During the workshop participants decorated their own plant pot, filled it with compost then planted a strawberry plant while learning about plant care, the environment and growing their own food. The children then took their plant home to look after. 55 children were local to the Sandhill ward, attending Thorney Close Primary School and Grindon Infants School.

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210	Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	<b>500</b>
211	Issues reported via <a href="http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it">www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it</a>	<b>23</b>
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Vibrant Smart City Outputs</b>	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	<b>16</b>
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307	number of volunteer hours delivered	<b>800</b>

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<b>City</b>	Town End Farm, Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR5 4LW

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Clean It, Green It - St Annes
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We have installed planters to address inconsiderate / illegal parking, carried out painting of street furniture including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches. In St Annes ward the team have worked at improving the areas including Pottery Lane and the Tansy

Centre Community Garden. In Pottery Lane the team were joined by members of the local community to remove a large build-up of rubbish, clean up the route, cut back overgrown shrubs and grass and dig up mud which had washed down and blocked the drains. We also renovated the community garden at the Tansy Centre, removing large overgrown bushes, cutting back ivy, weeding beds and painting the decking. The team also spent several weeks tidying up the area at Pennywell Park Road, removing rubbish, cutting back overgrown bushes and trees and sanding and painting the ornamental metal fencing surrounding the green area.

The volunteer team also delivered regular litter picks and clean ups throughout the ward, in areas such as Claxheugh Rock, the riverside, Pennywell Shopping Centre, the Children's Forest, King George V's Park, Pennywell Road Park area, the cycle route in South Hylton, the A183 underpass, Parkhurst Road, Ford Estate Shops and the War Memorial. 30 local residents joined in to help clean up their local area and from Oct 22 – Sept 23, 518 sacks of rubbish and garden waste were collected in the ward. The project has also worked with several groups including Hope 4 All, St Annes Primary School, Pennywell Community Centre, South Hylton Primary School, the Tansy Centre and Active Families.

In June 2023 the team delivered planting workshops for groups of school children as part of Barnes Park Event. In total the project delivered 13 half hour workshops to 213 local school children. During the workshop participants decorated their own plant pot, filled it with compost then planted a strawberry plant while learning about plant care, the environment and growing their own food. The children then took their plant home to look after. 30 children were local to St Annes ward, attending St Annes Primary School.

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## Application 5

Organisation Details	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Youth Almighty Project
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Tunstall Village Road
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR3 2BB

Project Details	
<b>Project Title</b>	Silksworth Ranger
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	YAP would like to continue the existing Silksworth Ranger Project to support the delivery of a ward based approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements and responding to local concerns across the ward. We will continue to encourage community partnerships, volunteering and improved use of green spaces.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 25,746
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 6,048
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 19,698
<b>Project Start Date</b>	Oct-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	Sep-25
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Silksworth Ward

## Project Description

Due to the success of the current Project Youth Almighty Project would like to accept the invitation to continue the delivery of our 'Silksworth Rangers' Clean and Green project.

YAP would like to continue the delivery of a ward-based approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements, responding to local concerns across the ward.

Our current project "Silksworth Rangers" has been a great success. Our Ranger has enhanced the local neighbourhood, encouraged community partnerships and volunteering, and improved the use of green spaces.

There have been many success stories throughout the journey of this project regarding the improvements made to the local area. Positive feedback has been received from the local residents on social media such as:

"He was out all day clearing up the line. I live right next to it and it's a dumping site. Well done keep up the good work x"

"Well done everyone involved great job done"

"Well done great work"

"Be proud of yourselves and thank you for your efforts"

"Great work making our community nicer"

"Fab work!"

"Well done , fantastic work"

"Ranger you are simply amazing thank you for all your hard work"

"Fantastic"

### **The Silksworth Ranger will continue to carry out a variety of tasks including:**

- Litter picking and community clean ups
- Share success on social media
- Strimming and cutting back, edging paths,
- Identify areas of concern and produce an action plan to target these areas.
- Report issues to Sunderland City Council via the appropriate means
- Support Friends of Silksworth Park
- Attend meetings as and when required
- Sustain relationships with Silksworth Park Staff
- Sustain and further develop relationships with existing/new partners and local businesses
- Complete Risk assessments when required
- Site visits
- Maintain planters
- Work in partnership with volunteers
- Deliver educational campaigns/messages to the community/schools



- Maintain and repair street fencing/furniture where required
- Paint furniture/barriers

Our Ranger has a successful track record of recruiting and engaging new and existing volunteers to support the project. We will continue to recruit and engage volunteers to support with identified projects such as litter picks, community clean ups, cutting back vegetation, edging, weeding and strimming and raking. All volunteers will continue to be safely inducted into the project and given appropriate activities based on their abilities.

Another strength we see from this project is the information and education to the local community. We will continue to deliver a range of educational campaigns such as dog fouling, litter, recycling, environment, to the whole community through our existing activities, social media, leaflets, posters and workshops.

There will be positive implications for Sunderland City Council Environmental team as they will have additional capacity by the project taking on some of their tasks. Through the current project we have worked closely with the team to identify tasks/areas.

Within the Silksworth ward the Silksworth Ranger will particular focus on:

*Continue to support and enhance the volunteering with Friends of Silksworth Park*

- Our Ranger will continue to work in partnership to support and enhance the volunteering with the Friends of Silksworth Park through being an active partner, attending their planned litter picks within the park, attending community clean-ups, and attending their monthly meeting.

Litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line within the Silksworth ward working with other Clean and Green groups

- The Ranger will complete litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line. Whilst doing litter picks the ranger will be the eyes on the ground to observe and report through the appropriate channels when fly tipping appears along the mineral line.

Other environmental enhancements improvements such as removing litter, collecting leaves, habitat restoration, and cutting back shrubs on the cycle path will also be undertaken.

- The Ranger will also work alongside other clean and green groups to avoid duplication and work together to tackle any joint projects identified within the mineral line. Maintaining and enhancing planters throughout the ward
- The Ranger will continue to maintain all of the planters across the ward. 4 located at the bottom of Cambridge Road, 2 at St Matthews Church, 1 opposite the Scullery, 2 at the Pit Wheel and 1 near Silksworth Lane.
- We will continue to work with partners to obtain plants and bulbs hopefully donated or at low cost.

*Environmental improvements to open green spaces*

- We will continue to work with existing partners and build links with partners. Examples of improvements could be planting, tackling litter, painting, removing graffiti, weeding, cutting down shrubs, planning activities, and arranging community clean ups.
- Making these improvements to open green spaces will provide opportunities for rest, relaxation, and connection with nature for the residents of Silksworth. It will also improve, maintain, and protect existing green spaces to ensure they are being used for maximum effect.

*Cleaning and litter picking alleyways across the ward*

- The Ranger will continue to complete weekly litter picks across the ward. We will continue to work with local partners to identify target areas of concern.
- They will also continue to do ward walkabouts to identify areas of concern.

*Maintain and repair street fencing and furniture*

- The Ranger will continue to work with local Ward Councillors and Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer to identify any street fencing and furniture that needs minor repairing/maintaining such as painting, pulling out weeds around surrounding areas, reporting any significant damage.
- Through the current project we have identified removing graffiti and painting street furniture is a priority and is key making the area look better

This will be shared with the appropriate partners as and when needed.

**Expected Outcomes of this project**

We know how successful the current project has been at delivering outcomes and improving the ward and we would like to continue the delivery of this project to make further improvements and deliver positive outcomes.

*Work in partnership with existing services and initiatives to deliver environmental improvements and involve the local community facilitating community ownership with regards to the local environment*

- We will continue to work in partnership with existing services and local stakeholders; ward councillors and partners. We will work together to identify what improvements are needed and develop an action plan to ensure we achieve maximum impact.
- We have created an equipment bank at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre in our secure storage space. We continue to utilise our existing equipment which we purchased through Sunderland Keep West Tidy Project.

*Attend regular Area Steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support the programme across the West.*

- The Silksworth Ranger will continue to attend regular area steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support, share best practice, update on issues/concerns and update on the programme in the Silksworth Ward.

*Working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community and sites.*

- We will continue to regularly consult with the local community, and partners to understand local issues and support them to create solutions, empowering them and their users to be involved and to take pride in their area.

*Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods across the West area with a focus of Silksworth Ward and address issues which are contributing to the decline of local amenities*

- Together with partners the Ranger will continue to make visual improvements to identified areas within the ward and dramatically continue to improve them.

- The project will continue to improve the overall visual appearance of the Silksworth ward making it more attractive and a better place to live for the local community.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	<b>3884</b>
209	number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	<b>104</b>
210	Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	<b>140</b>
211	Issues reported via <a href="http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it">www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it</a>	<b>20</b>
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Vibrant Smart City Outputs</b>	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	<b>38</b>
306	number of volunteers participating	<b>84</b>
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	<b>504</b>

### Application 6

<b>Organisation Details</b>	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Youth Almighty Project
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Tunstall Village Road
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR3 2BB

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	St Chads Ranger
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	YAP would like to continue the existing St Chads Ranger Project to support the delivery of a ward based approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements and responding to local concerns across the ward. We will continue to encourage community partnerships, volunteering and improved use of green spaces.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 25,746
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 6,048
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 19,698
<b>Project Start Date</b>	Oct-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	Sep-25
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	St Chads Ward

## **Project Description**

Due to the success of the current project Youth Almighty Project would like to accept the invitation to continue the delivery of our 'St Chads Rangers' Clean and Green project.

YAP would like to continue to support the delivery of a ward based approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements, responding to local concerns across the ward. Our current project "St Chads Rangers" has been a great success. Our Ranger has enhanced the local neighbourhood, encouraged community partnerships and volunteering, and improved the use of green spaces.

There has been many success stories throughout the journey of this project regarding the improvements made to the local area. Positive feedback has been received from the local residents on social media such as:

“Thank you what a star”

“Looks lovely thank you”

“What a difference much appreciated”

“Great work”

“You people are amazing”

“You doing a fantastic job”

“Thank you for all of your hard work keeping our community neat and tidy, it makes such a difference”

“Great Job , thank you so much for looking after our community”

The St Chads Ranger will continue to carry out a variety of tasks:

- Litter picking and community clean ups
- Share success on social media
- Monthly community clean up
- Strimming and cutting back, edging path
- Paint railings and street furniture
- Identify areas of concern and produce an action plan to target these areas.
- Report issues to Sunderland City Council via the appropriate means
- Support Friends of Middle Herrington Park
- Attend meetings as and when required
- Sustain and develop relationships with existing/new partners and local businesses

- Complete Risk assessments when required
- Site visits
- Maintain Planters within the ward
- Work in partnership with volunteers
- Engage with local businesses and schools
- Deliver educational campaigns/messages to the community/schools
- Maintain and repair street fencing/furniture where required

Our Ranger has a successful track record of recruiting and engaging volunteers and will continue to recruit and engage new and existing volunteers to work and support with identified projects such as litter picks and community clean ups, cutting back vegetation, edging, weeding, strimming and raking. All volunteers will continue to be safely inducted into the project and given appropriate activities based on their abilities.

Another strength we see in this project is the information and education to the local community. We will continue to deliver a range of educational campaigns such as dog fouling, litter, recycling, environment, to the whole community through our existing activities, social media, leaflets, posters and workshops. We will look to go into the local schools within ward and encourage them to engage in our planned activities such as litter picks and to adopt a planter.

There are positive implications for Sunderland City Council Environmental team as they will have additional capacity by the project taking on some of their tasks. Through the current project we have worked closely with Sunderland City Council Environment and the Environmental Services Officer which has proven to work well, to identify tasks/areas for the ranger to focus on.

Within the St Chad ward the St Chads Ranger will continue to focus on:

Continuing to support the development of Middle Herrington Park

- YAP and the St Chads ward ranger have supported with the development of setting up a Friends of Middle Herrington Park. Meetings have been held and improvements have been made to the park. Various discussions have taken place to merge this group with the friends of Herrington Village due to the similarities of both the groups.

Environmental enhancements to the mineral line within the St Chads ward working with other Clean and Green groups

- The St Chads Ranger will continue to complete litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line within the Ward. Part of the Rangers role is to complete weekly litter picks across the ward. Whilst doing litter picks the ranger will be the eyes on the ground to observe and report through the appropriate channels when fly tipping appears along the mineral line. Other environmental enhancements improvements to the mineral line such as removing litter, collecting leaves, habitat restoration, and cutting back shrubs along the cycle path will also be undertaken.
- The Ranger will also continue to work alongside other clean and green groups to avoid duplication and to tackle any joint projects identified within the mineral line.

#### Maintaining and enhancing planters throughout the ward

- The Ranger will continue to maintain the planters around the ward and will empower local groups to take ownership and adopt these
- The Ranger will continue to maintain the planter at Crow Lane and will also maintain any new planters that are places within the ward.
- We will continue to work with members of the Herrington Village show to use their resources, knowledge, and expertise to enhance the local area with flowers etc.

#### Environmental improvements to open green spaces

- We will continue to work with existing partners and continue to build links with partners located within the ward to develop a range of environmental improvements projects to open green spaces within the ward. Examples of improvements could be planting, tackling litter, painting, removing graffiti, remove fly tipping, weeding, cutting down shrubs, planning activities, developing community herb garden, and arranging community clean ups.
- We will continue to make improvements to open green spaces that will provide opportunities for rest, relaxation, and connection with nature for the residents of St Chads. We will also continue to improve, maintain, and protect existing green spaces to ensure they are being used for maximum effect.
- The Ranger will also continue to work alongside other clean and green groups to avoid duplication and work together to tackle any joint projects identified.

#### Cleaning and litter picking alleyways across the ward

- The Ranger will continue to complete weekly litter picks across the ward. They will work with local partners to identify target areas of concern.

- They will also continue to do ward walkabouts to identify areas of concern. They will continue to put together a litter picking action plan of targeted areas with a schedule of planned activities

#### Maintain and repair street fencing and furniture

- The Ranger will work with local ward councillors and Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer to identify any street fencing and furniture that needs minor repairing/maintaining such as painting, pulling out weeds around surrounding areas, reporting any significant damage.
- Through the current project we have identified removing graffiti and painting street furniture is a priority and is key to making the area look better

#### Expected Outcomes of this project

We know how successful the current project has been at delivering outcomes and improving the ward and we would like to continue the delivery of this project to make further improvements and deliver positive outcomes.

Work in partnership with existing services and initiatives to deliver environmental improvements and involve the local community facilitating community ownership with regards to the local environment

- We will continue to work in partnership with existing services and local stakeholders, local elected members and partners. We will continue to work together to identify what improvements are needed and develop an action plan to ensure we achieve maximum impact.
- We will continue to support and empower our partners to take pride and ownership through their engagement and participation. We will continue to empower the local community to take ownership through their involvement in identifying needs/concerns, through to implementation and evaluation.
- We have created an equipment bank for use by groups which will be based at Farrington Youth and Community Centre, in our secure storage space.

Attend regular Area Steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support the programme across the West.

- The St Chads Ranger will continue to attend regular area steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support, share best practice, update on issues/concerns and update on the program in the St Chads Ward.
- The St Chads Ranger will continue to work in partnership with other clean and green projects to complete tasks when these are identified very close to another ward.



Working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community and sites.

- We will continue to consult with the local community, and partners such as Friends of West Park, St Chads resident group, ward councillors, and local residents to understand local issues and support them to create solutions, empowering them and their users to be involved, and take responsibility.
- We will continue to empower children, young people, and the local community to take pride in their area and understand the natural environment and the impact of negative behaviours against the environment.

Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods across the West area with a focus of St Chads Ward and address issues which are contributing to the decline of local amenities

- Together with partners the Ranger will continue to make visual improvements to identified areas within the ward to dramatically improve them so that there is a clear change in a short period of time.
- This project will continue to provide residents and other groups with the opportunity to get involved in a variety of environmental improvements based on needs and address local concerns.

<b>CODE</b>	<b>Healthy Smart City Outputs</b>	
208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	<b>3884</b>
209	number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	<b>104</b>
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211	Issues reported via <a href="http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it">www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it</a>	<b>20</b>
<b>CODE</b>	<b>Vibrant Smart City Outputs</b>	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	<b>38</b>
306	number of volunteers participating	<b>84</b>
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	<b>504</b>

## Application 7

<b>Organisation Details</b>	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Grounds of Plains Farm Academy
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Tudor Grove, Plains Farm
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR3 1SU

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre internal improvements
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We would like to make internal improvements to Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre. This will ensure that we continue to provide activities/services for the whole community. This in turn will make the building more welcoming, attractive and more sustainable.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 6,417
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 421
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 5,996
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	30-Oct-24
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre internal improvements

## **Project Description**

We would like to make some internal improvements to Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre in the Barnes Ward of Sunderland West. We currently lease this building from Sunderland City Council. We have a full repair and maintenance lease in place meaning we have full repairing responsibility.

The building attracts a range of people of all ages. It is located in the grounds of a Plains Farm Academy School. The building has a computer suite, kitchen, office, 2 x medium sized rooms, garden area, car park, disabled facilities, and access.

The building provides a range of services/ activities for the whole community such as social prescribing, youth activities, Holiday Activity Food programs, digital, and specialist support such as Breathing Space.

Improvements required.

- We would like to replace the flooring the main room. The current flooring is worn and in need of repair. The flooring has suffered wear and tear and is also starting to discolour which make the very unattractive.
- We would like to freshen up the main room and redecorate the walls making in warm, welcoming, and attractive. It will make the room more appealing to recruit new hirers.
- We would like to replace 6 folding tables as these are worn due to continued use and age.
- We would like to install an outdoor notice board to attract new users and to share information with residents of the services on offer.

**How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services.**

**Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community.**

We feel that by improving the internal appearance of the building it will bring the building up to standard, ensure that our current activities continue, attract more people to use the centre, attract more people to hire the centre which in the long term will help the centre/activities to remain sustainable. We will contact groups who have previously been put off hiring the building.

The main room is used daily to deliver a range of activities that benefit the whole community.

By improving the main room we envisage that there will be an increased usage of 7.5 hours per week.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery and grow our capacity we need to make improvements to our centre to make sure it is attractive, warm and welcoming to the local community.

We have consulted with our service users and partners who use the building such as Sunderland All Together Youth Consortium, Breathing Space, and Media Savvy who have suggested the renovation of the main room as their preferred investment to the building. This has also been agreed at a building subcommittee with hirers of the building.

**Detail the activities you currently deliver, where possible include footfall.**

We provide a range of activities and services from the venue.

**Links for Life (Social Prescribing)**

Mondays – Cuppa and Cake

Wednesdays – Music Time and Rhyme

Fridays – Messy Play

**Youth Activities**

Wednesdays 5pm – 830pm

Saturdays 10am – 12pm

**Cost Of Living Support**

Mondays 9am – 12pm

Tuesday 12pm – 3pm

Wednesdays 9am – 1pm

Thursdays 9am – 12pm

Fridays 9am – 12pm

**Weekly hirers of the building**

Breathing Space

Media Savvy

Parties (when booked)

Other

The current footfall is 2500 over a 2-month period.

**Identify which services and activities are being affected or delayed because of the required repair or improvement.**

All of the above listed services/activities are affected as they need access main room.

Increasing the daily usage of our building is affected.

Increased attendance at activities due to not having a notice board to advertise what is going on in the building.

**How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the West Area Committee's Area Plan and priorities West - Sunderland City Council**

Our project will contribute towards the delivery of the West Area Committees Area plan and Priorities:

Healthy Smart City, improving community assets, youth activities and improved social prescribing offer across the west.

Detail the barriers faced by not having this improvement.

We have had feedback from service users, hirers and children and young people about the main room flooring. Some of the parents have stated that they do not like their children to crawl on the floor due to how dirty it looks.

We have had feedback from groups/organisations/people who have come to view the venue to hire have made remarks about the main room flooring and, in some cases, this has resulted in them not wanting to hire the building.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery we need to make improvements to our centre.

**Provide evidence of match funding for either these investments or previous improvements/ investment made in the last 12 months.**

We have recently received community chest funding to replace the existing blinds in all the windows along with purchasing a printer for the local community to use as an when needed.

10 new chairs have been purchased for the building.

Updated PCs will be getting installed in the building

## Application 8

Organisation Details	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Farringdon Youth and Community Centre
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Allendale Road
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Farringdon
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR3 3EL

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Farringdon Youth and Community Centre internal improvements
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We would like to make internal improvements to Farringdon Youth and Community Centre. This will ensure that we continue to provide activities/services for the whole community. This in turn will make the building more welcoming, attractive and more sustainable.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 6,968
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 560
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 6,408
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	30-Oct-24
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Farringdon Youth and Community Centre

### **Project Description**

**Identify which West building and what the improvements, internal or external are.**

**Provide details of the ownership/lease agreements and that your organisation has been assigned full repairing responsibility.**

**Please provide evidence of permission for the works to be undertaken.**

We would like to make some internal improvements to Farringdon Youth and Community Centre in the St Chads Ward of Sunderland West. We currently lease this building from Sunderland City Council. We have a full repair and maintenance lease in place meaning we have full

repairing responsibility.

The building attracts a range of people of all ages. It is on a major bus route and located in the grounds of a Farringdon Academy School. The building provides a range of services/ activities for the whole community such as social prescribing, youth activities, Holiday Activity Food programs, digital, dance and specialist support.

**Improvements required.( photos below)**

1. We would like to improve the women's toilet facilities by fitting new safety flooring, installing new cubicles, toilets and sink basins. The current toilet facilities are in need of repair and 1 toilet currently out of use and need replacing as unable to be repaired. The flooring has suffered wear and tear and is also starting to discolour which makes it look very unattractive and unhygienic.

2. We would like to replace the flooring the hall floor. The current flooring is worn and in need of repair having been patched with tape in places. The flooring has suffered wear and tear and is also starting to discolour which make the very unattractive.

**How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services.**

**Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community.**

We feel that by improving the internal appearance/look of the building it will bring the building up to standard, ensure that our current activities continue, attract more people to use the centre, attract more people to hire the centre which in the long term will help the centre/activities to remain sustainable. We will contact groups who have previously been put off hiring the building.

The hall area is used daily to deliver a range of activities. The toilets are also used on a regular basis by all service users.

By improving the hall area we envisage that there will be an increased usage of 10 hours per week.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery and grow our capacity we need to make improvements to our centre to make sure it is attractive, warm and welcoming to the local community.

We have consulted with our service users and partners who use the building such as Sunderland All Together Youth Consortium, Alcohol Anonymous, Dynamic Arts and they have suggested the hall and toilets as their preferred investment to the building. This has also been agreed at a building subcommittee with hirers of the building.

**Detail the activities you currently deliver, where possible include footfall**

We provide a range of activities and services from the venue

**Links for Life - Social prescribing**

Mondays – Messy Play and toddlers

Wednesdays – Coffee Morning

Thursdays – Cuppa, Stay and Play

**Youth Activities**

Tuesday 5pm – 830pm

Fridays 5pm – 830pm

**Cost Of Living Support**

Mondays 12pm – 3pm

Wednesdays 9am – 3pm

Fridays 12pm – 3pm

**Weekly hirers of the building**

Karate

Big Science

Dynamic Arts Dancing

Alcohol Anonymous

Choir

Parties (when booked)

Digital Hub

Daily access

**Other**

We are a hub for Sunderland Foodbank which is provided on a Monday and Friday pm

The current footfall is 5000 over a 2 month period. This data was taken from the door sensors which was installed as part of digital health hub project.

**Identify which services and activities are being affected or delayed because of the required repair or improvement.**

All of the above listed services/activities are affected as they need access to the toilet facilities and hall area.

Increasing the daily usage of our hall is affected.

**How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the West Area Committee's Area Plan and priorities West - Sunderland City Council**

Our project will contribute towards the delivery of the West Area Committees Area plan and Priorities:

Healthy Smart City, improving community assets, youth activities and improved social prescribing offer across the west.

Dynamic Smart City - Improved access to digital support,



**Detail the barriers faced by not having this improvement.**

We have had feedback from service users, hirers and children and young people about the hall flooring and women’s toilet facilities. Some of the parents have stated that they do not like their children to crawl on the floor due to how dirty it looks and patched up with tape. Some of the young girls will not use the toilets facilities because of their current standard. Women and girls are using the disabled toilet rather than their own.

We have had feedback from groups/organisations/people who have come to view the venue to hire have made remarks about the hall flooring and the women’s toilet facilities and in some cases this has resulted in them not wanting to hire the building.

The hall flooring is currently taped in parts to ensure that all reasonable measures have been taken to keep everyone safe.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery we need to make improvements to our centre.

**Provide evidence of match funding for either these investments or previous improvements/ investment made in the last 12 months**

We have recently installed an external path from the main fence gate to the front door which will improve accessibility and external appearance of the building. We are also in the process of renovating the ground to the side and front of the building to provide green space for seating and socialising. Negotiations have taken place with Sunderland City Council and the costs for this £1600.

We have also just installed some new CCTV equipment within the building to improve security. £1040.

Through been a digital health hub to support us to minimise digital poverty we have had a significant investment made to our IT facilities. £11,000. We have had a new thermostat and secondary hot water return pump to repair hot water £1000

**Application 9**

<b>Organisation Details</b>	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre
<b>Address Line 2</b>	Tunstall Village Road
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR3 2BB

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre Improvements
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We would like to make much needed improvements to Silksworth Youth and Community Centre. This will ensure that we continue to provide activities/services for the whole community. This in turn will make the building more welcoming, attractive and more sustainable.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 9,218
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 2,200
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 7,018
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	30-Oct-24
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre

## Project Description

**Identify which West building and what the improvements, internal or external are.**

**Provide details of the ownership/lease agreements and that your organisation has been assigned full repairing responsibility.**

**Please provide evidence of permission for the works to be undertaken.**

We would like to make some internal improvements to Silksworth Youth and Community Centre in the Silksworth Ward of Sunderland West. We currently lease this building from Sunderland City Council. We have a full repair and maintenance lease in place meaning we have full repairing responsibility.

The building attracts a range of people of all ages. It is on a major bus route and is located in the heart of Silksworth. The building has a main hall with stage, small hall, activity area, computer room, music room, gym, 3G pitch, storage space and a meeting room. The building has

disabled access.

The building provides a range of services/activities for the whole community such as junior and youth activities, holiday activity and food programmes, Links for Life Activities/Social prescribing, community activities, digital support, dancing, fitness classes, seated exercise classes, specialist support, lunch club, The Bread and Butter Thing Hub and community foodbank.

### **Improvements required.**

1. We would like to improve the stage in the building by fitting new flooring. The current stage flooring is worn and badly chipped. Parts of the stage has had to be taped to ensure this is safe due to general wear and tear.
2. We would like to paint the external walls of the building. Currently this is looking tired and is in need of a full repaint.
3. We would like to replace the flooring in the main entrance of Silksworth Youth and Community Centre. The current floor has been down for a number of years and is in need of updating due to holes, lifting of the floor and being patched in places

**How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services.**

**Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community.**

We feel that by improving the external appearance/look of the building it will bring the building up to standard, ensure that our current activities continue, attract more people to use the centre, attract more people to hire the centre which in the long term will help the centre/activities to remain sustainable.

The hall area with the stage will be used daily to deliver a range of activities. By improving the stage area we envisage that there will be an increased usage of 8 hours per week along with additional performances, community events and shows at the centre.

The main entrance is the first place people see when they come to the centre, replacing the current flooring would make the building more attractive and welcoming.

Replacing the main entrance flooring will improve safety of the building. Parts of the current flooring is taped to ensure there are no tripping hazards, where the floor is lifting in various parts of the main entrance.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery and grow our capacity we need to make improvements to our centre to make sure it is attractive, warm and welcoming to the local community.

We have consulted with our service users and partners who use the building such as Lisa Clinton School of Dance, Rachel Wilson School of Dance, JGo Boxercise and Fitness and Keep Moving and they have suggested replacement of the stage flooring as a priority for the building as well as improving the exterior to make it look more modern and attractive. This has also been agreed at a building sub committee with hirers of the building.

### **Detail the activities you currently deliver, where possible include footfall**

The current footfall is 17K over a 3-month period. This data was taken from the door sensors which was installed as part of the Digital Health

Hub project. We provide a range of activities and services from the venue including -

**Links for Life**

Monday – Move it Monday

Thursday – Women’s Group

Friday – Coffee Morning

Friday – Line Dancing

**Youth Activities**

Monday – Youth Session

Thursday – Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 Session

Thursday – Youth Session

Friday – Junior Session

Friday – Youth Session

Sunday – Youth Session

**Community Activities**

Monday – Adult Dancefit

Monday – Dancing in the Dark

Tuesday – Brunch, Brew and Whatever you want to do

Wednesday – Lunch Club

**Cost Of Living Support**

Tuesday 9am – 4pm

Wednesday 9am – 4pm

Thursday 9am – 3pm

**Weekly hirers of the building**

Lisa Clinton School of Dance

Rachel Wilson School of Dance

Adult Dancefit

JGo Boxercise and Fitness

Keep Moving

Parties (when booked)

**Digital Health Hub**

Daily access – Monday – Friday

**Other**

We have a Community Foodbank which is accessible to residents.

**Identify which services and activities are being affected or delayed because of the required repair or improvement.**

The above services/activities are affected as the stage area gets used on a daily basis. The exterior of the building gets seen by all who go by or access the centre.

Increasing the daily usage of our hall is affected and shows, performances and community events are limited due to the current condition of the stage floor.

The main entrance is the first place people see when they come into the building, we have tape on the floor to minimise trip hazards where the current flooring is torn.

**How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the West Area Committee's Area Plan and priorities West - Sunderland City Council**

Our project will contribute towards the delivery of the West Area Committees Area plan and Priorities:

Healthy Smart City, improving community assets, youth activities and improved social prescribing offer across the west. Sports and fitness activities are delivered.

Dynamic Smart City - Improved access to digital support,

**Detail the barriers faced by not having this improvement.**

We have had feedback from service users, hirers and children and young people about the exterior look of the building and also the stage flooring. Many of the hirers are put off using the stage due to the current condition and the damage this has caused to costumes.

Performances, shows and community events are limited to ensure this does not cause further wear and tear and damage to the flooring.

We want to make the entrance as welcoming and safe as possible to attract new users into the centre.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery and hirers continue to use the building we need to make these improvements to our centre, ensuring it is remains sustainable.

Provide evidence of match funding for either these investments or previous improvements/ investment made in the last 12 months

We continue to make improvements within the centre where costs allow to keep on top of the standard and ensure that the building is welcoming and safe for our service users and hirers, keeping up to date with regular maintenance.

Through being a Digital Health Hub to support us to minimise digital poverty we have had significant investment in our IT facilities. £9,700

At the centre we are also a E-Sports Hub where we have had investment into E-Sports gaming equipment - £2500

Other improvements/investment in the last 12 months include -

- Safety flooring has been replaced within the kitchen and music room. The kitchen has also had new kickboards and a wall hot water boiler - £2600
- New office flooring - £360
- Battery to repair automatic entrance doors - £50
- Replacement of broken LED Lighting - £350

We are currently in the process of applying to the Community Ownership Fund for a new roof for the centre. The existing roof is in need of replacement. If successful, this will provide significant investment making more needed improvements and will support this project.

### Application 10

Organisation Details	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Community Opportunities
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre
<b>Address Line 2</b>	120 Thorndale Road, Thorney Close
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR3 4QJ

Project Details	
<b>Project Title</b>	Sandhill - Improvements to West Sunderland Community Assets
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	Community Opportunities propose to improve the spaces in which residents access our services through decorating walls, replacing flooring and upgrading equipment in the Hall, Kitchen and advice areas.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 8,740
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 740
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 8,000

<b>Project Start Date</b>	01-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	01-Dec-24
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre - Sandhill Ward

## Project Description

Community Opportunities occupy the community space within Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre, in the Sandhill ward. We have developed numerous community services and respond to changes in the funding landscape.. Our current provision includes the REACT employability project, digital hub support, play and youth activities, support for young people with disabilities, environmental projects and links for life programmes including cooking, a toddler group and planting/growing projects. The current weekly footfall into our services exceeds 250 visits per week, with a further approximate footfall of 120 people into the partners who access the space in our Hall for Together for Children activities, karate club etc. The property is owned by Sunderland City Council and is provided to Community Opportunities on a licence agreement. SCC manage the operation of the building, including heating and cleaning and Community Opportunities are responsible for the health, safety and management, including refurbishment, of their occupied areas. Property services have confirmed their agreement to us carrying out the suggested improvements, see attached email.

Our proposal seeks to improve the spaces in which we deliver activities by painting the main ground floor activity office area, providing new flooring and installing some wall desks to enable the digital hub to be relocated onto the ground floor which will enable residents to more flexibly access support with using the equipment. The space will feel cleaner/fresher and more professional and relaxing for such as counselling appointments. Further we wish to carry out a number of upgrades to the kitchen area including replacing a fridge freezer, which has recently broken and replacing the flooring. This will enable us to continue with our cooking sessions and provision of snacks into the toddler, play and youth activities.

We also propose to replace seating in the Hall with some new chairs and hard-wearing bean bags and chairs that can be interchanged between multiple groups using this area. This will enable us to continue groups activities and community meetings that take place within the Hall. We also propose installing some information boards to promote our services and enable partners to display information of benefit to our users to enhance our session delivery. This will include providing something in the foyer area as there is currently a lack of directional/project signage for visitors. The overall works will improve the appearance of delivery areas for participants and visitors to the Centre as well as enabling us to sustain service delivery from the Centre in a safe and secure environment.

We believe the outlined improvements will enable us to sustain our current activities and footfall from the local residential area while also being able to offer wider services, maximising the use of the Hall and increasing footfall. The improvements will help us to meet the West Area plan priorities by sustaining the digital hub and REACT service, so contributing to the aim of being a Dynamic City., contributing to being a Healthy

City through the continued delivery and play and youth services for young people and exploring cooking and environmental projects with support from social prescribing services/Links for Life activities. We will continue to support Sunderland's journey as a Vibrant City through supporting local events such as the annual Barnes Park Community Event and keeping such as the Stephenson Trail is regularly litter picked.

## Application 11

<b>Organisation Details</b>	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	St Mary and St Peter's Community Project
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Springwell Road
<b>Address Line 2</b>	
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR3 4DY

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Renewal of Doors and Windows
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	The External doors at St Mary's and St Peters are in poor repair and not welcoming or very accessible to those who are disabled. The rest of the building is accessible and we'd like to make the doors as accessible as possible, hopefully automatic doors as funding allows.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 24,200
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 16,200



<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£	8,000
<b>Project Start Date</b>		01-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>		31-Jul-24
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	St Mary and St Peter's Community Project	

## Project Description

Our building is based in Sandhill ward or the boundary of Barnes and on a main bus routes, allowing easy access to residents from across the West of Sunderland.

We intend to renew the doors and windows accessed from the Car park to the Community Project. This will give us a more welcoming feel and enable us to provide better accessibility to those who need it most since many of our users are those with specific needs and who require accessible buildings. We have looked into automatic doors and have spoken to contractors and are advised they are not suitable without significant rebuilding of the surrounding walls and extensive electrical works which are beyond our capacity. We would however like the doors to be UPVC and which are lighter and more user friendly, enabling them to be kept open for those entering who may need more space and time to get through the doorway. The current doors and windows are in a state of disrepair and we are seeking always to make this a more welcoming community resource as we seek to grow and build on our existing presence here.

We have been striving to rebuild the Project following the devastating effect of Covid on it when we lost user groups, partners who rented rooms from us but went into liquidation and our member of staff. Since then we have developed with Sunderland Parent Carers Forum, Relate North East, Choice Wellbeing and latterly Danceversity all who are renting space from us and with whom we seek to work in parentship. We host a community Bingo each week in the evening which is well attended by over 50 people a session. We offer the hall with its improved facilities for a much reduced rate of hire, by far the cheapest around, to ensure the community can host parties, children's parties, wedding receptions etc at a very affordable cost. We need to ensure we can cover running costs, however our main aim is not to make a huge profit but to develop our community and offer them support here. We also host an NHS rehabilitation Group twice per week and in school holidays we host support groups and 'parties' for SEND children and will look to children's groups in the future.

We have also secured Links for Life funding and now provide a very well attended lunch club and community Bingo every Monday, In Bloom funding from the Council and have just launched our Blooming Good Times initiative to help people meet together and share and learn skills in

gardening and growing to develop our greenspace, which is a community resource as well as aiming to produce planted pots to take home to their gardens and potentially develop a supportive group for those who struggle with their own gardens for mutual support and benefit. We are working at developing the Project and updating it to be more welcoming and accessible and have enjoyed adding to the project as we have been able with permitted funds. We have replaced a boundary fence which was becoming delapidated and dangerous, replaced doors to the front of the building, renewed old and costly halogen lighting with LEDs, stocked and developed our kitchen to enable the provision of community cafes and meals and also enable people to use good quality utensils and crockery when they need to. We provide free tea and coffee to anyone using the Project or calling in to find company, and encourage them to use the kitchen to feel at home.

We have funding now for a new sink and dishwasher to make the space more user friendly which will be fitted in the coming weeks. We have invested in Wi-Fi to ensure community members are able to access that if they need it. We have been running sessions with Media Savvy to help people access and learn more about online working and safety and hope to continue this with the help of volunteers to create a media cafe. We have bought tables and new tablecloths, crockery, cutlery etc to make our lunch club look welcoming and desirable to attend and are delighted by the impression that has made on people and their comments. We have invested in the building by decorating the main Hall area, Entrance Conservatory area which the rear entrance doors lead into, and all office spaces to make it attractive to spend time here, and will continue to develop the other communal areas.

As part of the In Bloom project, we are partnering with Community Opportunities to engage more volunteers in gardening and developing the local surroundings for the use of the community and Hope4All in Pennywell, one of our partner projects, to develop allotment gardening in their space and the use of our greenhouse etc. We have plans for community BBQs in the summer to encourage the community to come together and celebrate our life and work together here in Springwell and the surrounding estates. St Mary and St Peter's Church which is located on the same footprint and whose building is linked has made significant improvements to the building there and is also available to be used for community activities and meetings to support the community in partnership with the Community Project. We are keen to develop and maintain the building for the community for the future and are pleased to be updating what has been here for over 20 years now.

Following the devastation of the building and hardly anyone coming in this time last year, we have seen our footfall increase and now are pleased to welcome a usual number of over 800 per month and we intend this to continue to grow as usage increases and facilities are improved. We would confirm that we own the building and have permission to carry out the proposed improvements. As stated, we managed a project in 2021 when the roof blew off the church side of the building and everything was damaged which was over £100K and a subsequent scheme of improvement which we funded ourselves of over £45K.

## Application 12

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Grindon Young Peoples Centre
Address Line 1	Grindon Lane
Address Line 2	Grindon
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR4 8HW

Project Details	
Project Title	Grindon Young Peoples Centre
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We would like to make internal improvements to Grindon Young Peoples Centre . This will ensure that we continue to provide activities/services for the whole community. This in turn will make the building more welcoming, attractive and more sustainable.
Total Project Cost	£ 6,411
Match Funding	£ 750
Total NF Requested	£ 5,661
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	30-Oct-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Grindon Young Peoples Centre

## **Project Description**

**Identify which West building and what the improvements, internal or external are.**

**Provide details of the ownership/lease agreements and that your organisation has been assigned full repairing responsibility.**

**Please provide evidence of permission for the works to be undertaken.**

We would like to make some internal improvements to Grindon Young Peoples Centre in the Sandhill Ward of Sunderland West. We currently lease this building from Whitbread Hotel Company Limited. The Lease is in place until 2059. We have a full repair and maintenance lease in place meaning we have full repairing responsibility. The building attracts a range of people of all ages. It is located on a main road and bus route. The building has a computer suite, kitchen, office, viewing gallery, small hall, large sports hall, changing facilities, storage space, disabled facilities, and access. Playdays Nursery is also attached to the building.

The building provides a range of services/ activities for the whole community such as social prescribing, sport, fitness and dance, hobby clubs, and Holiday Activity Food programs.

Improvements required.

- We would like to replace the changing/shower room flooring. The current flooring is worn, stained and in need of repair. The flooring has suffered wear and tear and is also starting to discolour which make the very unattractive.
- We would like to freshen up the small hall and front lobby entrance redecorating the walls making in warm, welcoming, and attractive. It will also make the small hall room more appealing to recruit new hirers.
- We would like to replace 20 chairs as these are worn due to continued use and age. The chairs are a light colour and mark easy leaving stains and look unpleasant to sit on.

**How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services.**

**Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community.**

We feel that by improving the internal lobby appearance of the building and replacing the shower/changing room flooring it will bring the building up to standard, attract more people to use the centre, attract more people to hire the centre which in the long term will help the centre/activities to remain sustainable.

The small hall is used daily to deliver a range of activities that benefit the whole community. It is also used as a meeting space for groups/networks. By redecorating the small hall we envisage that there will be an increased usage of 7.5 hours per week.

We feel that by replacing the floor in the shower/changing rooms it will attract more hirers to use the building which in turn will benefit the

community with an improved offer of activities available.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery and grow our capacity we need to make improvements to our centre to make sure it is attractive, warm and welcoming to the local community.

We have consulted with our service users and partners who use the building such as Hasting Hill Karate, JSR Dance, Active Futures and J Lomax Football, who have all suggested the replacing the changing/shower room flooring and refreshing the entrance as their preferred investment to the building. This has also been agreed at a building subcommittee with hirers of the building.

**Detail the activities you currently deliver, where possible include footfall.**

We provide a range of activities and services from the venue.

Social Prescribing/Community Activities

Tuesdays - Line dancing

Fridays - Tiny Tots

Tuesdays - Coffee Morning

Weekly hirers of the building

JSR Dance

Active Futures

Budgeria/budgie shows

Ring Craft

Loveabelle

Kids Football

Adult Football

Basketball

Pilates

Hastings Hill Karate

Futsal

Diverse Fitness and Wellbeing

Homebase learning

Parties (when booked)

Dance Competitions (when booked)

Other

The current footfall is 5000 a month

**Identify which services and activities are being affected or delayed because of the required repair or improvement.**

Increasing the daily usage of our building is affected.

All services are affected as they all use the entrance to enter the building. The main entrance is the first thing people see when they come into the building.

Organisations/groups who use our sports hall to provide fitness and sporting activities will not use the shower/changing facility due to the current wear and tear of the flooring.

### **How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the West Area Committee's Area Plan and priorities West - Sunderland City Council**

Our project will contribute towards the delivery of the West Area Committees Area plan and Priorities: Healthy Smart City, improving community assets, and improved social prescribing offer across the west. Sports activities are delivered in the centre which contribute to the lowering child obesity priority.

#### **Detail the barriers faced by not having this improvement.**

We have had feedback from service users, hirers and children and young people about the changing/shower room flooring. Some of the parents have stated how dirty it looks and will not let children use the facility.

We have had feedback from people who have come to view the venue to hire have made remarks about the changing/shower room flooring and, in some cases, this has resulted in them not wanting to hire the building.

#### **Provide evidence of match funding for either these investments or previous improvements/ investment made in the last 12 months**

Kitchen Refurbishment – New Kitchen units, flooring and cooker £7,000

Tables for viewing gallery £400

### **Application 13**

<b>Organisation Details</b>	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Veterans in Crisis
<b>Address Line 1</b>	ERV
<b>Address Line 2</b>	1 Roker Avenue
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR6 9TG

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Sustaining
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	As occupiers of a SCC owned retail premises we want to carry out work that will bring the building up to date in decoration, replace the outdated heating system carry out remedial works to the roof, add a security CCTV system and fit energy saving lighting, collectively future proofing for years to come.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 7,193
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ -
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 7,193
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	31-Oct-24
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	RV1, 5 St Lukes Terrace, Pallion, Sunderland

## **Project Description**

This project will delivered both internally and externally at 5 St Lukes Terrace in Pallion. The property is leased by Sunderland City Council for a period of five years and is due for renewal in October 2027. Veterans in Crisis Sunderland (VICS) are the incumbent company who use the building. We want to bring the building into a better condition to ensure that it is an asset the council will enjoy for years to come and this fund gives us the opportunity to do so.

The building, formerly a Barclays Bank and previously used as a charitable retailer now primarily provides the community in Pallion with services aimed at helping veterans and their families. In addition, we provide activities through the Links for Life programme that is available to all. The building is used to provide 1-2-1 counselling, group therapy, seated exercises, model making, free haircuts once a month, free legal

aid once a month and we have recently set up a pop-up shop on the last Saturday of every month to sell VICS merchandise. In addition, we provide a foodbank and our Removals Business is operated from this address although no storage facilities for this are available here. Each week the door is accessed by approximately 160 times. In our delivery of services and activities from this St Lukes Terrace address we work in partnership with Springboard NE, Sunderland University, Sunderland healthwatch, Fatboy Trims, and signpost to Pallion Action Group amongst others.

As a busy location wear and tear takes it toll and we now want to make good the décor, furnishings, heating, security, and roofing that requires more than just maintenance. When we moved into the premises, we carried out several immediate tasks in making the premises ready for the public spending approximately £2500 including the cost of setting up broadband and wifi capability, purchase of furniture, painting the walls including paint and putting planters for flowers and vegetables. Now, just over 1 year later issues have come to light that require investment to correct for the communities and Sunderland City Council's benefit in the long term.

Our efforts in making the property useable amounted to a deep clean, removing shelving and display units and then painting both internally and externally. We were helped by volunteers and while the work done was very good it merely covered over problems that would surface over time. Now without this task the image we portray is not befitting of typically high military standards. Likewise, the carpet although hardwearing is starting to become worn through frequent use and coupled with the poor weather we have had over the past 7 months is adding to the poor image.

One of the tasks we initially carried out was to make the rear yard somewhere our community could enjoy outdoors where we grew flowers and herbs. Now the seating and tables are beyond recycling and the walls need to have more coats of paint to encourage people to use the facility. The heating system is now in need of replacing. While the boiler does a job heating the water the radiators produce no heat whatsoever and we are using costly electric fans to warm the place up. This feature alone has an impact on visitors who naturally want to feel comfortable when they visit without the need to keep their coats on.

Security of the premises is very important and while we take every precaution the rear yard complete with rotating wall spikes do little to deter criminals desperate for the smallest item they can sell on. We want to add a CCTV system to both the front of the premises which will go a long way towards deterring criminal activity and identifying the culprits. Replacing the lighting with modern environmentally friendly LED bulbs will also help to reduce the cost we pay for electricity. Standard bulbs are becoming increasingly more expensive and difficult to source.

In consultation with a roofing company it has been pointed out that issues relating to cracked tiles plus poor drainage from broken guttering will begin to have an impact on the water tightness of the premises which in turn would lead to damp and deterioration of the roof and walls. All of the issues listed above are at this time not too detrimental to our operations although it has to be said that we may have lost clients to



other local community groups without our knowledge and especially as we have only recently entered into our second year of occupancy. As a small company delivering across the whole city we want to deliver a 'dynamic smart' location that is welcoming to visitors and provides opportunities especially for voluntary work and encourages digital skills for all.

Our commitment to 'healthy smart' assumes many of the aspects the West Community targets. We already provide solutions for Mental Health and Wellbeing in both adults and children, we hold weekly Walk and Talk sessions often taking in Heritage sights en route, our Socially Prescribed activities are part of the Links for Life programme and with a strong ethos based in Forces objectives can guide young impressionable people towards a life that doesn't involve ASB. In keeping abreast of a rapidly changing environmental landscape we promote and update changes with regular updates as required.

In 'vibrant smart' a new income stream we are soon to roll out is that of waste management which involves collection of waste and then recycling thereafter and as a community group ourselves we know it pays to partner with others to deliver the best outcomes for our clients. Since moving into 5 St Lukes Terrace in Pallion we have benefitted from two funds that have enabled us to prepare the location through cleaning, painting, purchase IT equipment available for public use, create a safe outdoor space for visitors to enjoy and purchase equipment crockery and furnishings.

This community facility is our third location we operate from in the city and given that we are a small team of 5 full time employees, 1 part time and several volunteers who have worked with us almost every day since opening is an indication of not only how busy we can be but also of our ability to fit in and are part of the community we serve.

## Application 14

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	ST LUKES NEIGHBOURHOOD TRUST
Address Line 1	MERLE TERRACE
Address Line 2	PALLION
City	SUNDERLAND
Postcode	SR4 6SF

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	New beginnings
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	We wish to upgrade our existing premises to ensure we can provide an accessible venue for those who are most vulnerable in the Pallion area.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 12,939
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 5,000
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 7,939
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	01-Sep-24
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust (Pallion)

## Project Description

St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust is situated in Pallion, Sunderland. Improvements will be for both internal and external. We seek funding to: Replace a section of our roof; replace flooring in our kitchen, entrance and disabled toilet; replace several broken windows, and upgrade and install several new kitchen appliances. St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust has served the People of Pallion for over 20 years. Our mission is to improve the quality of life and overall well-being of the local community, including social, mental, physical, and financial. Pallion sits in the top 20% of the most deprived areas in the UK.

We see a high rate of elderly, isolated and lonely persons accessing our services. Repairing the roof and updating parts of our building will allow us to provide a safe space for local residents of Pallion who depend on our services. The activities we offer to the community of Pallion and SR4.

Our venue is an essential hub for the most vulnerable people in SR4. As more time goes on, the roof repair will become more urgent and without securing funding this will impact our ability to provide an accessible and functioning venue to the local community. Upgrading our kitchen appliances will assist us in improving our energy efficiency, whilst new flooring in our kitchen, disabled toilet and entrance corridor will

continue to make us disable-friendly.

Our aim is to improve the mental health and well being of the local community. We work with people of all ages and backgrounds, but we see a high rate of elderly persons accessing our services for multiple reasons including friendship, mental stimulation, and keeping active. We run activities and events to improve peoples quality of life in all aspects. Some of the activities we offer include our falls prevention program, coffee mornings, Men's dominos club, reiki, Judo, Scouts, and we run a community lunch club, We also hire out our venue for private events and provide a space for BAME multifaith groups. St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust gets an average of 500 people accessing its services per annum. The barriers we would face not having these improvements would effectively slow down the running of our venue until we could secure enough

funding to repair our roof and upgrade our services. This will directly impact our service users who depend on our activities as an access point to socialise, make new friends, eat healthy, and exercise. Alongside these key reasons mentioned above as to why our roof repair work is so crucial, upgrades to kitchen appliances such as a new oven will allow us not only to be more energy efficient, but it will improve the kitchen equipment, aiding us in running vital services such as our lunch club. Our current oven is nearing the end of its life, therefore upgrading this appliance will allow us to continue serving food at our lunch club without hinderance. New flooring will improve the safety of our venue as well as cosmetically making it more appealing and modern.

We will be covering the Pallion ward. We have successfully and independently managed St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust as venue to the public for over 20 years. Our existing Manager has 6 years experience in managing our building and delivering well-being activities to the local community. She has overseen multiple building works and is supported by a team of trustees whom have overseen major structural building works in the past, including an extension that was added to the existing building.

These new improvements to our building will benefit the local community by ensuring we can keep our doors open and the running of vital services and activities ongoing. Many people, especially elderly, depend on our venue for friendships and a social life. The activities we provide have helped to combat isolation, loneliness, poverty, poor mental health and poor physical health in the area. Not securing funding within good time to carry out these improvements will affect access to these important services that act as a life-line to the community of Pallion. St Luke's Church has given St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust to carry out any and all works that the building requires. We have attached a letter from Rev Heather Wallace who has written on behalf of St Lukes Parochial church council to confirm we have permission to carry out the necessary improvements and to confirm their match funding towards the project.

## Application 15

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Silksworth Cricket Club
Address Line 1	Silksworth Lane
Address Line 2	Silksworth
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 1EE

Project Details	
Project Title	External improvement works and seating
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Preservation works to external cladding on changing & tea room building and also wood decked bench seating at the front of buildings, to preserve/extend life. External clubhouse render painting. Replacement of free standing picnic bench style seating to replace end of life (unsafe) existing wood benches.
Total Project Cost	£ 2,926
Match Funding	£ -
Total NF Requested	£ 2,926
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	01-Sep-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Silksworth Cricket Club (above dates depend on contractor availability)

## **Project Description**

Silksworth Cricket Club is a not-for-profit sports club providing cricketing provision and is ran by a voluntary management committee. Alongside cricket the club's facilities are also used by numerous other organisations within the local community, including schools, community family days / events, Durham Cricket Board, SEND Sunderland hub and recently the local Cub Scout group, baby yoga and active pensioner groups.

From a cricketing perspective we have 3 senior teams playing in the Durham and North East Cricket League, 4 junior teams and starting from this season, a Development team playing in a league which aids the transition from junior to senior cricket. The club is thriving through significant growth in our junior membership in recent years, providing physical activity through the enjoyment of sport for local boys and girls of all ages and abilities.

This project is to deliver external timber preservation works to one of our buildings which houses our changing rooms, toilets and tea/social room. The building (which was the former prefab boxing club in the centre of Silksworth) is timber clad and also has decking style seating benches running the full length of the building. The full timber area needs maintenance through the cleaning/sanding of the surfaces and then re-staining to maintain the timber for years to come. In addition, the main clubhouse rendered frontage also needs to be painted to provide a more welcoming look and feel for the many users and visitors to the ground.

The second element of the project is purchase 2 new picnic benches to replace tired and end-of-life existing benches. The new benches are made from recycled plastic and are hard waring with zero maintenance, and will last for many, many years.

The 2 elements of the project will provide essential maintenance for the clubs facilities and provide a welcoming, pleasant environment for club members, families, visitors and the many wider community users.

## Application 16

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Lakeside & Gilley Law CA
Address Line 1	North Moor Lane
Address Line 2	Silksworth
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 3BD

Project Details	
Project Title	Lakeside CA repairs
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	The project seeks funding to undertake essential repairs and renovations to the Centre that has served the community for over 50 years. The Centre offers a range of services, including community events, educational and recreational activities. Time has taken its toll. Action is required to restore the Centre to an acceptable standard.
Total Project Cost	£ 12,000
Match Funding	£ 4,000
Total NF Requested	£ 8,000
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	01-Oct-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Lakeside and Gilley Law Community Association

## Project Description

Lakeside and Gilley Law Community Association (Lakeside CA) are a registered charity No 506125 and has occupied the building since it was built in 1973. Funding is required to carry out the following improvements and to save the asset for future community use:

1. Replace existing double doors to the building to facilitate wheel chair access.
2. Install new rainwater goods to the front and rear elevations and connect to gullies on the adjoin building.
3. Remove existing plinth and reinstate ventilation to underfloor void to prevent further rot.
4. Refit a number of loose claddings to the external walls of the building.
5. Overclad existing entrance canopy and side cheeks and install stainless support feet to prevent further rot.
6. Infill existing rear fire door and relocate emergency break glass to new opening.

The repairs are essential to allow Lakeside CA to continue and serve and engage with the local community. The present 'USERS' are: Slimming World, Lakeside Gym, Duke Fitness, Fitness Body Fusion, JittaBugs, JGo Boxercise & Fitness, Art Club and we host a regular Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club. Unfortunately, the double door access cannot be opened fully so a number of Veterans cannot attend the breakfast club.

The emergency exit which was installed by SCC when the building was built is now not fit for purpose and cannot be used safely. Lakeside CA facilitate the building which is occupied by the very young (JittaBugs and Dukes Fitness) to the older generation (Arts Club and Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast). The Gym is open seven days a week and the community are encouraged to use the facilities. The completed project will help to increase the foot fall throughout the building. Slimming World encourage everyone to become active, eat well and feel fit and healthy. JittaBugs and Dukes Fitness encourage young parents with small children to take part in group exercise. The Art Club are always seeking more members and everyone is made to feel welcome. The activities we host contribute to the West Area Priorities. The centre offers the following social opportunities for young people: dancing, boxercise, boxing, etc

Our programme of activities contributes to reducing child obesity because the above activities provide good exercise and we host a number of Slimming World sessions per week for those young people who are struggling with their weight issues and need advice. These activities also form part of the west area social prescribing offer.

Unfortunately some Veterans are unable to make use of our Armed Forces Services Veterans Breakfast Club as the double doors can't open wide enough to allow wheel chairs access.. This means that some of the most vulnerable and socially isolated Veterans (for which our group is intended) are unable to benefit. Lakeside CA benefits the community by offering affordable private room rent including community participation. The 'USERS' are encouraged to join Lakeside CA as a Trustee and take an active role on the committee. We are currently delivering a flyer we designed (LCA) and produced which is to be delivered to all the homes in Lakeside Village. The Flyer promotes all the activities which are held

at the centre, it also offers vacant slots for any new activity and encourages residents to come along, take part and offers them the opportunity to help and join the LCA committee of Trustees.

### Application 17

Organisation Details	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Broadway Youth & Community Centre
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Cortina Avenue
<b>Address Line 2</b>	
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR4 8LP

Project Details	
<b>Project Title</b>	Broadway Updates 2024
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	Broadway Youth and Community Centre requires improvements to make the building more user friendly for clients. Most of the changes will ensure that the buildings security is improved and that we can improve social interactions/experiences within sessions.
<b>Total Project Cost</b> Figure taken from Financial Information Sheet	£ 4,795
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ -
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 4,795



<b>Project Start Date</b>	01-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	30-Sep-24
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Broadway Youth & Community Centre

## Project Description

Broadway Youth and Community Centre propose to update the building to ensure that the building remains fit for purpose for the future. The improvements will see the purchase and installation of a wall-mounted hot water boiler which will provide an endless supply of hot water. The equipment can last up to 20 years and has a much longer lifespan than kettles which are currently utilised in the groups. Currently, all groups would benefit from the item being purchased and installed as a 'social cuppa' is included in all activities from directly run sessions including; dementia sessions, active forever, mission to mobility, active tots, lunch club, after school activities, HAF sessions and external hires including Railway group and dance groups, meetings and training etc.

This will in turn reduce energy consumption at the centre and reduce the cost of replacing kettles every 6-8 months. The current blinds in the main hall are mismatched and some are broken, which means that even on a sunny day the light cannot be blocked, or the blinds closed. We propose to improve the hall with blackout blinds that would update the current ones and mean that we could deliver glow/uv fitness from the centre in the future. The kitchen, corridor and toilets currently have no window coverings. In the kitchen, this results in the area becoming extremely warm in the spring/summer months resulting in it becoming an uncomfortable workspace and having blinds in these areas would also improve the security of the building and privacy for users.

The new blinds would also reduce the amount of heat lost by creating a barrier between the warm air inside and cold air outside. Flair Blinds have visited the centre and following consultation, we propose that the new blinds installed would be PVC, blackout, low maintenance, weighted to improve health and safety by removal of chains in the hall blinds and have appropriate opening/closing mechanisms at a safe height for preschool and young children. The centre would benefit not only from a health and safety view but also aesthetically from having these and curtains could be removed in the hall, making to a more hygienic workspace. The purchase of toddler tables and chairs would enable a wider range of activities to be delivered at the centre.

The centre is currently hired by Active Families North East who deliver Active Tots but due to limited funding we have been unable to purchase these in the past. By purchasing pre-school size tables (X4) and chairs (X16) this would provide a safe/social space for younger children to eat snacks, undertake tabletop activities etc and will promote social interactions among young children. It will also help positive relationships between children through engaging and fun activities. These tables will also be utilised at fun days and in holiday camps for younger children.

The centre would benefit from a portable air conditioning unit in the warmer months when physical activities and sessions taking place to regulate the temperature of the room. The room becomes excessively hot in the summer in the afternoons due to the sun being on that side of the building and often activities have to stop to allow clients to cool down to maintain health and safety. The current cooker is old and doesn't function fully, the oven door doesn't stay closed and the gas hob doesn't stay lit. The purchase of a new cooker would allow the centre to deliver additional activities and would be more appealing to potential hirers. The current Links For Life group on a Monday are desperate to do more cooking as part of their session and this would enable this to go ahead and it would also be used by other hirers to cook healthy food within sessions and complement our Broadway Bloomers project whereby we will be growing herbs and some vegetables to educate children and residents about what you can grow at home.

Our proposal has support from other groups currently hiring the centre including Clean & Green West, Barnes Residents Association, Active Families North East, Sunderland & District Model Railway Club, Elizabeth's School Of Performing Arts and Inspire Holistics.

### Application 18

Organisation Details	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Pennywell Community Centre
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Portsmouth Road
<b>Address Line 2</b>	
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR4 9AX

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Pennywell Cafe Update 2024
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	Pennywell Community Centre is seeking funding to improve its cafe area making it more user friendly and accessible. Working in partnership with North East Autism Society, currently operating 2 days a week, we are looking to extend delivery. Improvements will enhance social interactions/experiences and offer work experience for students/volunteers.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 7,789
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ -
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 7,789
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	30-Sep-24
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Pennywell Community Centre

### **Project Description**

If successful with funding, Pennywell Community Centre proposes to update the cafe area in the centre. We are currently making many changes to the building to make it more user-friendly and attractive to external hirers and local residents. We have agreed with Regen (currently hiring office space in the building) that they will provide much needed replacement front doors. We have also met with Gentoo who will be undertaking much needed updates to the building including painting in the centre. We are meeting with Community Development Staff from the Sunderland VCS Alliance to identify additional funding and support with our volunteer pathway. A project we are keen to develop further is our community cafe offer. We have recently formed a partnership with the North East Autism Society, to develop a community cafe

run by students and staff from Thornhill Park School. Initially, this will be an 8-month pilot project allowing students to develop their cooking abilities, customer service skills etc. We would also like to extend this to members of the public/local residents through our volunteering pathway to allow them the same opportunity and support them on the pathway to employment, developing new skills etc.

The cafe/tea bar areas currently stand empty for much of the week, and we would like to see them open when activities are available to generate much-needed income for the centre making it more sustainable in the future. For example, we have a range of parents/carers dropping/collecting children from the neighbouring Early Years Centre, and it would be a great opportunity for them to come in and have a low-cost healthy nutritious meal in a warm welcoming environment, we have parents dropping off/collecting children from activities we could sell teas/coffees light snacks in the evening, provide food for party hires etc. All these activities would increase footfall and generate income for the centre.

Our funding proposal is to purchase tables and chairs for the cafe area and highchairs and children's tables to make the area more accessible. Many families do not have the opportunity to socialise at mealtime due to not having a dining space, and through the purchase of tables, chairs, highchairs and children's tables/chairs we will develop a safe, social space for families to eat together, promoting social interactions among parents/carers/children. The other equipment needed for the cafe area is a fridge, which will help sell cold drinks and store fresh ingredients. We are currently developing a garden at the rear of the building with Hope 4 Kids and we will use items grown in the cafe, however these will need to be stored in accordance with food safety standards. The centre would also benefit from a portable air conditioning unit in the warmer months when the cafe is open as there is no window and only fire doors in the room which cannot be left open, and this would regulate the temperature of the room. The room can become excessively hot in the summer, and this would allow residents to cool down to maintain health and safety.

The improvements will see the purchase and installation of a wall-mounted hot water boiler which will provide an endless supply of hot water. The equipment can last up to 20 years and has a much longer lifespan than kettles which are currently utilised in the groups. Currently, all groups would benefit from the item being purchased and installed as a 'social cuppa' is included in all activities from directly run sessions including; tea dance sessions, courses, active tots, lunch club, after school activities, HAF sessions and external hires including sports groups, meetings and training etc. This will in turn reduce energy consumption at the centre and reduce the cost of replacing kettles every 6-8 months.

## Application 19

<b>Organisation Details</b>	
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Sunderland Training & Education Farm Ltd (STEFs)
<b>Address Line 1</b>	Page Pastures Farm
<b>Address Line 2</b>	
<b>City</b>	Sunderland
<b>Postcode</b>	SR4 0RW

<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	To replace STEFs boiler and kitchen which is 15 years old and needs to be more sustainable to make it practical to use and not a drain on STEFs limited funds.
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 5,000
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ -
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 5,000
<b>Project Start Date</b>	31-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	01-Dec-24
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	West of Sunderland - St Annes Ward

## Project Description

Identify which West building and what the improvements, internal or external are: Sunderland Training & Education Farm Ltd, Page Pastures Farm, Sunderland SR4 0RW

- Demonstrate why the improvements or repairs are required - Both kitchen and boiler have been in place and in use for 15 year and now desperately need upgrading to make them more cost efficient and sustainable.
  - Detail the activities you currently deliver, where possible include footfall - Family open days - a minimum of 12000 visitors per year, Community hub, Pony club, Toddler group, SEND group, Volunteer group, Men's group, Student study program, Adult education, Employability program - Additional 500 community residents within groups on a weekly or fortnightly basis.
  - Detail the barriers faced by not having this improvement - The boiler isn't sustainable or environmentally economic to run but is the only heating system we have. The kitchen is inappropriate for youth or family cooking or large scale events and prevents us making a more healthy selection of food and snacks. It also needs improvement to apply and meet Food standards rating. if the boiler can be replaced by Breeze we would like to replace our kitchen appliances to more economical appliances.
  - How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services - We will be more economically sustainable with these improvements and be able to offer a lot more services and options to our community residents and meet relevant standards.
  - Identify which services and activities are being affected or delayed because of the required repair or improvement - we are unable to provide healthy options to our residents, groups and students. We also are unable to deliver our Play Cafe activities or HAF provision until these improvements are made, because the heating system is not up to providing heating to our extended areas of the cafe and community hub and the kitchen is not up to standards.
- How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the West Area Committee's Area Plan and priorities West - Sunderland City Council - With improved facilities we will be providing improved and more recreation and leisure facilities for the west of Sunderland. Families can access the hub on a daily basis instead of just for a few hours per week because costs of heating will be more economical and we can offer more services such as brunch and cooking clubs with improved kitchen facilities.
- Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community - Our community are struggling with mental health, isolation and the high cost of living post covid and increases in living costs and with 43% of families having no access to cars are reliant on our project to provide free or nominal costs to provide leisure, learning and support and with improved facilities we can provide additional and new provision to meet the needs of our community on a long term basis.
- Provide details of the ownership/lease agreements and that your organisation has been assigned full repairing responsibility. Please provide evidence of permission for the works to be undertaken - Leased from Sunderland City council on an agricultural 100 year lease.

## Application 20

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	HOPEFORALL CIC
Address Line 1	St Thomas Church
Address Line 2	Petersfield Road
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR4 9BD

Project Details	
Project Title	Hope4all@Nextdoor
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We would like to replace the existing male and Female toilet facility's, to make them accessible for each user group using the facility. At present the toilets need replacing and updating and we would like to change them to facilitate both children and adult users, to go in line with all the projects we plan on delivering.
Total Project Cost	£ 7,957
Match Funding	£ -
Total NF Requested	£ 7,957
Project Start Date	22-Jul-24
Project End Date	02-Sep-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Hope4all@Nextdoor

## Project Description

We are fully committed to the Pennywell community and the surrounding areas. Since we have acquired the Nextdoor building previously known as the Pennywell Youth Project we have been fully committed to giving the very best service to enable, grow and develop the residents of this fantastic community. Since acquiring the building we have replaced the boiler, flooring in what will become our food co-operative, painted, and replaced tables and chairs as well as investing in our youth groups with new toys, equipment and materials to maintain the relationships with the youth of the community and investing in their futures.

We have also started the redevelopment of the garden and allotment spaces creating much needed green spaces within the area. At present the male and female toilet facility's need replacing and updating we would like to replace these so they are suitable for all ages, in order for our current groups and future groups to have full use of the toilet facility's. We also host events each year and often have a footfall of around 200 people at these events and we need sufficient toilet spaces to cope with the capacity of these events.

With our community cafe, food co-operative and various children's groups, job clubs and social groups using the Nextdoor building five days per week it has become essential we can provide adequate bathroom facility's for each of these groups, The toilets currently as they are, are not suitable for most of the groups we host, we have one toilet which is used during the week and we often have around 30 to 40 residents per day when the cafe is open, without the replacement of the male and female toilets it will become more and more difficult to continue the services we currently offer as our numbers increase. By replacing the toilets it means we can continue to provide much needed services and facility's to the Pennywell community and surrounding areas.

## Application 21

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	2nd Herrington Scout Group
Address Line 1	Scout Hq, Crow Lane
Address Line 2	Middle Herrington
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR33TE



<b>Project Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	Paint and Clean
<b>Project Overview (max. 50 words)</b>	Our self built and maintained HQ in the village of Herrington is showing signs of wear and tear. During covid lockdown we refurbished and updated the building. Touch ups and minor repairs have taken place , however after several years of weekly meeting it is needing redecoration and deep cleaning & scrub and seal of flooring .
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ 4,252
<b>Match Funding</b>	£ 500
<b>Total NF Requested</b>	£ 3,752
<b>Project Start Date</b>	01-Jul-24
<b>Project End Date</b>	01-Jul-25
<b>Where will the project be based/delivered from?</b>	Scout Hq Herrington

### **Project Description**

Our Hq building in Herrington was self built from scratch during the 1970,s entirely by parents and volunteers. Ever since we have maintained , modernised ,upgraded and looked after this community asset . It is not only used by our scouting sections and all girl youth groups (Brownies and Rainbows). It is used by local WI groups for fund raising coffee mornings, local village Flower shows, keep fit classes each weekend and WEARS ( Wearside Electronics and Amateur Radio Society for their weekly meetings. Having a full redecoration and deep clean of the facilities will keep the buildings in good condition for several years making this a long time project. Work to be carried out includes:- Work carried out to scouts premises.

Cleaning and polishing off all flooring throughout the premises as detailed in attached quotation.

Decoration works listed:-

Entrance gates : preparation, undercoat and gloss.

Entrance doors: preparation, undercoat and gloss.

1st toilet from entrance: repairs to walls tape cracks and screed, apply two coats of magnolia.

Two coats of white to ceiling.

Undercoat and gloss inside and outside door and frame.

2nd toilet : repairs to walls tape cracks and screed, two coats of magnolia to walls.

Two coats of white to ceiling.

Undercoat and gloss inside and outside door and frame.

3rd toilet : carry out repairs apply two coats of magnolia to walls and two coats of white to ceiling.

Undercoat and gloss inside and outside door and frame.

Entrance : fill and sand walls, apply two coats of magnolia to walls.

8ft of skirting board to be removed and replaced with new.

Undercoat and gloss all doors, frames and skirting boards..

Multiple cupboard doors to prepare undercoat and gloss in dulux white.

Room 1: repair ceiling and apply two coats of dulux white.

Fill and sand walls and apply two coats of magnolia.

Repair and undercoat and gloss skirting boards frames and doors.

Room 2: repair ceiling and apply two coats of dulux white.

Fill and sand walls and apply two coats of magnolia.

Repair and undercoat and gloss skirting boards, frame and doors.

Corridor : fill and sand walls and apply two coats of magnolia.

Two coats of white to ceiling.

Repair and undercoat and gloss skirting boards, frames and doors..

Kitchen : fill and sand walls and apply two coats of lemon.

Two coats of white to ceiling..

Repair and undercoat and gloss skirting boards, frames and doors..

Hall : repair all tapes on ceiling and apply two coats of dulux white.

Fill and sand walls and apply two coats of green and lemon.

Repair and undercoat and gloss skirting boards, frames and doors .

Emergency Exit doors in hall: (exterior) prepare, undercoat and gloss doors.

**WEST AREA - HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE OPTIONS**

<b>STREET NAME</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Estimate Footway £</b>	<b>Estimate Road £</b>
Powis Road-part	Barnes	Road resurfacing		£7,500
Highside Drive	Barnes	Road resurfacing		£15,500
Wilfred Street - Plantation Road rear	Pallion	Road resurfacing		£11,525
Greenwood Road Section between - No.66 to Gable of No.58	Sandhill	Road slab reconstruction		£20,000
Byrne Terrace West	Silksworth	Patching		£3,000
Emmerson Terrace	Silksworth	Patching		£3,000
Hawthorn Avenue	Silksworth	Road resurfacing		£9,000
Mickleton Gardens	Silksworth	Footway maintenance	£5,000	
Portslade Road (Presthope to Parkhurst)	St Annes	Road resurfacing		£10,300
Presthope Road (33 to 61)	St Annes	Hard pave verge	£12,900	
Archer Road (school entrance)	St Chads	Footway maintenance	£7,500	
Hill Crest (38 to 50)	St Chads	Road resurfacing		£8,450
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£25,400</b>	<b>£88,275</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>£113,675</b>	