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SIB Place Themed Progress Report

1. Full Marks

Lead Agent: Liz McEvoy, Housing and Renewal Team, Sunderland Council

Funding was awarded to host a series of events across the wards in the East to promote Sunderland Council's Accreditation Scheme to engage with private landlords and encourage them to volunteer to become accredited.

Four events were hosted inviting over 700 landlords. 66 landlords attended the events with 46 signing up to the voluntary accreditation scheme resulting in 268 properties becoming accredited.

In October 2015 Area Committee agreed to continue with engaging unaccredited landlords to encourage them to sign up to the scheme up until June 2016.



2. Community Leaders

Lead Agent: Place Board Cllrs

Area Place Board Councillors identify ward based issues within their existing infrastructures, and where appropriate discuss them at the Area Board to identify solutions and agree a way forward. Projects funded to date:

- i) Tree planting scheme, improved CCTV coverage, a seagull dispersal scheme and a specially commissioned WWI bench installed in Mowbray Park.
- ii) Increased road safety measures near a local primary school.
- iii) Supported the community assets transfer of an empty bowling pavillion and caretakers house.
- iv) Increase provision for 0-5 year olds at a local play park.
- v) Developed a community garden and improved a community green space.

3. Clean and Grow Consortia

Lead Agents: Ann Donkin and Julie McBurnie, Gentoo, Stephen Armstrong Groundwork North East, David Robinson, Social Chef, Sue Mileston Sans Street Youth and Community Centre, David Curtis Sunderland Volunteer Centre, Michal Chantkowski ICOS,

SIB funding was approved to deliver a network of VCS groups to work towards two main outcomes across each of the five wards in East Sunderland, these are:-

1. Community Clean Ups (examples - litter picks, re-cycle courses, reporting repairs, clearing streams, etc.)
2. Community Growing Projects (examples - edible landscapes, healthy eating workshops)

Six organisations (ICOS, Groundworks North East, Gentoo Group, Sans Street Youth and Community Centre, Volunteer Sunderland Centre and Social Chef) secured funding to:

- employ dedicated staff who will act as lead agents for the projects,
- purchase equipment to support the delivery of the schemes and activity,
- support volunteers,
- contribute towards promotional materials
- deliver eight projects that complement the Clean and Grow programme, and
- establish a Clean and Grow Partnership

The programme reports directly to each Place Area Board Councillor providing regular updates on its progression. An overview of each ward is shown below:

Doxford

Social Chef delivered all five healthy workshops at the Box Youth Project. Each workshop was well attended. Young people from the area were shown how to use locally grown produce and make meals with the food. Positive comments were received back from The Box about the quality of the workshops.

Groundworks NE delivered three successful Clean Sweep projects in Doxford. These were delivered at Cherrywood Gardens and Redwood Gardens, Doxford Park and Blakeney Woods. Two further Clean Sweep projects will be delivered at Mill Hill Primary School and Doxford Park lake. Team V from Volunteer Centre Sunderland supported these events.

Gentoo Green have planted up their 'edible community gardens' as part of the Green Route, as Mill Hill Estate, Mill Hill Primary, The Box Project, Portland Academy, Knightswood / Haddington Vale, Benedict Biscop Academy. Tunstall Village Green is due to be planted in Autumn 2015. So far the project has been successful with customers and groups really enjoying the herbs and more people are asking to be involved.

Hendon

Social Chef delivered several healthy eating workshops at Bede Tower, Hendon Allotments, CHANCE. Two further workshops will be delivered in the ward.

Gentoo delivered a community clean up at Drury Lane and the Long Streets. A further clean-up is planned for the Long Streets in Spring 2015. Groundworks NE delivered a community clean up at Deerness Park and are planning a further session with the patient group from Deerness Park GP practice. Team V from the Volunteer Centre Sunderland supported these events.

Sans Street Youth and Community Centre are delivering the Sow, Reap and Grow programme every week up until March 2016. Mondays 9-12 and 12.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays 9-12 and 3.30-4.30, Wednesdays 9-12 and 12.30-2.30. A successful garden party was held in July 2015 and

an article was placed in the Autumn edition of Community news. 119 participants' have been involved in the allotment which is run by 10 volunteers.

Millfield

Social Chef has delivered two healthy workshop sessions at St Marks CA which have been received well. A further three are planned to take place in the future.

ICOS delivered three community clean-up events. These were held in Granville, Ravensworth and Lime Street; Shepherd Street and The Knoll and The Retreat. Team V supported these events. ICOS has also delivered an up-cycling course and training on the environmental management toolkit.

Groundworks NE have delivered the Street Eats project, in partnership with Millfield Nursery and St Mary Magdalene's. The event involved high numbers of the community planting up edible planting scheme.

Ryhope

Social Chef delivered activities at Blue Watch Youth Centre. Three more sessions are due to be delivered in the ward.

Gentoo delivered community cleans up in Hewitt Avenue, Rosslyn and Roselea Avenue. Team V supported these events. An up-cycling course was also delivered with 8 residents attending the sessions regularly. Also, Gentoo Green have planted up their 'edible community gardens' as part of the Green Route, at St Pauls Primary, Shawdon Close, Windlestone Walk, Redworth Court, St Patricks School, BWYC, Miners Memorial Gardens, Ryhope Recreation Park, Ryhope CA and Ryhope Infants School.

Future sites planned are St Pauls Church, Venerable Bede School, Store Fields, Roselea Avenue, Western Hill, Wilkinson Terrace and Smith Grove. Plants have been delivered and will be installed soon. So far the project has been successful with customers and groups really enjoying the herbs and more people are asking to be involved.

St Michaels

Social Chef delivered healthy workshop sessions at St Aiden's School. It has been proposed that the remaining sessions are delivered in Thornhill School.

ICOS have delivered several community clean ups in Backhouse House park, in partnership with the Friends Group. Positive feedback was received from the group about their work. Gentoo delivered a community clean-up in Westheath Avenue. Groundworks NE delivered a clean-up event at St Marys RC.



4. Seagulls Dispersal Scheme in Mowbray Park

Lead Agent: Eagle Enterprise

Sunderland Council's Environmental Health Team over the years has received numerous complaints from residents, councillors and traders about the number of nuisance seagulls in and around the city centre.

SIB was awarded to deliver a pilot Bird Dispersal Scheme in Mowbray Park. On a daily basis from the 18 July 2015 to 30 August 2015 (peak season: School Summer Holidays) a team of professionals protected the public from nuisance/ aggressive seagulls by dispersing gulls from the immediate area by the use of live Birds of Prey within the grounds of Sunderland Winter Gardens and Mowbray Park. A combination of 'foot patrols' (whereby birds are carried on full view in order to deter gulls), together with 'free flights' (whereby birds are flown in order to disperse gulls.) were adopted.

In terms of monitoring the effectiveness of the scheme, there was an immediate and noticeable effect whilst birds were present. Visitor's fed back that the council had 'transformed the park' and 'it's nice to actually be able to feed the ducks'. Other visitors seem very grateful that the council were doing something to tackle the problem. The ice cream van staff had also feedback on how the park was like a different place.

From RLS point of view, there was a huge decrease in the number of seagulls when the birds of prey were in the park. The bird foul around the lake side was at a minimum and didn't have a need to pressure wash the area whilst the scheme was on.

Publicity on the pilot reached records heights, making national news in the newspapers, radio and television but it was a big news story at the time. Other local authorities were also interested in the outcome of the pilot, such as, Scarborough council.



5. Captain G. Maling VC

Lead Agents: Area Arrangements, in partnership with Peter Curtis North East Sports, James Whitman, Frank Styles and NE Theatre Centre, Janet Robinson Heritage Team.

SIB funded a weekend of activities to commemorate Captain George Maling VC in September. This included Guided walks, George Maling Cup Competition, Performance in the Park and a Blue Plaque.

All events were well received and members of the Maling family who visited Sunderland over the weekend attended the service and performance in the park and rated them very highly.

Sport and Leisure provided a guided walk around the city centre focusing on the First World War, discussing the history of Captain George Maling.



To target young people and families, NE Sports hosted a football tournament, call the George Maling Cup. It was held in Raich Carter with eight teams aged between 10-13 years old.



Franks Styles, James Whitman and Theatre Space developed a whole production show in George's honour. James is a local writer, worked with George's family and carryout research around his achievements to enable him to produce a book, depicting George's Life Story. Frank is a local artist, produced four story boards, which were placed around Mowbray Park, each one illustrating key points in George's life. The whole tale was brought to life by actors who will then lead a tour around the park, and at each stage delivery a performance. Over 200 people attended the performance. The performance was filmed and a special showing was hosted in the council chambers. Both the e-book and film are available to view on-line.

Full film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6BW3wzEWPY>

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZiifH4RGps>

Finally a blue plaque was installed at Carton House, George's place of birth.

6. Be Active

Lead Agents: The Box Youth Centre, Ryhope CA and Groundworks North East.

SIB will fund a Be Active survey to be completed in November 2015. The survey is multiple choices with an opportunity to add further comments. Each ward survey will focus on specific outdoor spaces across the East area.

Questions are:

- Q1. How often do you use your local greenspace areas?
- Q2. Why do you use the greenspace?
- Q3. Do you regularly use any greenspaces outside of your local area? if you do, please name them AND why you use them.
- Q4. If you do not use your local greenspace, why?
- Q5. How important do you consider it is to have greenspace in (insert ward)?
- Q6. What do you think we could do to encourage more people to get outdoors?

Three organisations are working in partnership to complete the surveys, these are Groundworks North East, The Box Youth Centre and Ryhope Community Association. The survey closed at the end of November 2015. The findings are being collated and will be presented to a future Area Board meeting for consideration.

7a. Green Adventure: Catch It, Cook It, Eat It

Lead Agent: We'ar Fishing

The programme was delivered via three separate cycles of six-week provision. In total 52 people accessed the programme, aged between 4-70 year olds. Each cohort experienced fishing at various locations including boat trips at sea as well as cooking. Numeracy and literacy skills were also incorporated into the sessions.

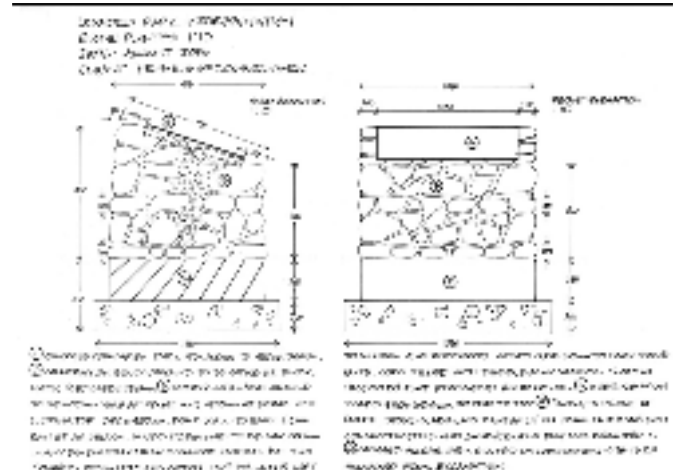


7b) Green Adventure: Doxford Park Interpretation Boards

Lead Agent: Friends of Doxford Park

The Friends group were awarded funding to design and install three interpretation boards, similar to the boards installed along the coastal path.

The Friends Group have spent many months researching, formatting and designing the layout of the boards and have recently sent them onto the printers. Brick plinths will be built to hold the boards. This will take place before Spring 2016, weather dependant.



7c) Green Adventure: 3,2,1 routes

Lead Agent: Sunderland Council

Two 3,2,1 routes have been installed. These are at Doxford Park International and Backhouse Park. A further 3,2,1 route is proposed behind Tunstall Hills (subject to planning permission).

Research was carried out around the Stephenson trail. There currently exists five different versions of a map promoting the trail, all with varying levels of information. The team will design a new version, showing the whole trail in the style of the heritage walk leaflet, and will supply hard copies with a version being downloadable from the walking network website, via www.sunderland.gov.uk

7d) Green Adventure: Schools Links

Lead Agent: St Marks Community Association

Funding was awarded to host three open days at the CA to promote the facilities both indoor and outdoor to the three local schools. Aiming to increase its usage in the local community.



7e) Green Adventure: Green Inclusion

Lead Agent: North East Community Solutions

Links have been established with relevant partners, e.g., Friends of Mowbray Park and Active Sunderland, The Donnison School and Friends of Tunstall Hills.

In August 2015 a photography exhibition was showcase in the Winter Gardens showing places of interest within the East Area of Sunderland. The opening event was attended by about 30 residents and opened by the Mayor of Sunderland. The exhibition was originally planned to stay for a month, but it was extended until the end of October due to its popularity with the public. It has raised the interest in the local area, especially amongst the local BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) people, increasing the project's reach. The exhibition had been seen by hundreds of visitors to the Museum.



The project engaged an overall of 60 residents (the target was 50) and 12 walks were organised with four volunteers being trained as Walk Leaders and Nordic Walk Leaders.

7f) Green Adventure: Pinhole Project

Lead Agent: The Arts Studio

Funding was awarded to work with a local photographer and artist to develop a photography project to encourage people in the community to work with studio members to create fine art images of Sunderland East.

Using recycled tins and boxes participants built their own pinhole cameras, and were taught how to process their images using traditional darkroom techniques. The project was fun and an interesting way to get participants walking around the area, helping to improve their mental health through physical activity.

191 people participate in the project with 426 images being produced. A booklet has been published and there is an exhibition being held in the Winter Gardens throughout November. Two members of staff are now trained Walk Leaders and over 3,000 people liked the project on Facebook. The Area Board are recommending a second course is funded.



A video on how to make your own pinhole camera is available to watch on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wSkK0hSaWg>