

Neighbourhood Fund Application – Change of Project

Washington Support for Friends Group

This project was awarded £25,000 November 2016 for a 2year project which delivers a range of support services to specific Friends Groups. The Project has reported the following support:

- Spend complete re Cranberry Drive
- Springwell RA supported re plants, transport and support staff
- Contributed to costs for Usworth Park security
- KWT support for equipment, campaign and materials
- Friends of Princess Anne Park Notice Boards.

Given the balance remaining and the deadline for this initiative to complete well past, this request looks to close/end the original project and deliver support and training to two specific Friends Groups. It also requests this funding be awarded to Community Resilience (SCC).

Project Name	Organisation	NF Funding Requested
Support for Friends Groups	Neighbourhood Services	£10,531
<p>The project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support and training to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Friends of Princess Anne Park ○ Volunteers/proposed Friends of Usworth Park • Work is already underway to engage volunteers in delivering the Usworth Park Development Plan and establish a proactive, community-led Friends Group. It is intended that Community Resilience (Neighbourhood Services) together with the VCS Support Project will support the current ‘volunteers’ to develop the park as a community park and organise a programme of community events and activities to encouraging local people to see the park as a valuable community resource. • Friends of Princess Anne Park is already established, and Area Committee has proposed an update of the original Princess Anne Park Master Plan – the Friends group is ideally placed to contribute and lead on local engagement and consultation with regards to further development of the park. 		

Officer Recommendation: Approve £10,531 Neighbourhood Fund be approved to Community Resilience to support two Friends groups as identified.