

Application No 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	West Area Event 2023
Lead Organisation	Youth Almighty Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£46,700	£6,700	£40,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
8 months	December 2022	July 2023

Project Description **(verbatim from application)**

Youth Almighty Project would like to accept the invitation to apply to coordinate and manage the 3-day West Area Event 2023 in Barnes Park.

In 2022, YAP successfully delivered the Let's Get Digital – West Area Event in Barnes Park. During this 3-day event we successfully engaged 15 schools from the West Area on the Thursday and Friday and provided them with free activities. On the Saturday family fun day, we had approx. 10,000 people through the gates. All days were a great success and we received excellent feedback.

We understand the way this event has successfully worked over the previous years as we have supported Sunderland City Council to deliver this and then in 2022 we delivered this ourselves. We would continue to use the same methods and partners as we used this year.

How we will work with West Area primary schools

We have experience of working closely with West Area Primary Schools and through delivering the event in 2022.

We worked with Barnes Infant Academy, Barnes Junior School, Broadway Junior School, East Herrington Primary Academy, Farringdon Academy, Grindon Infant School, Hasting Hill Academy, Highfield, Plains Farm Academy, Richard Avenue Primary School, New Silksworth Academy, South Hylton Primary School, St Anne's RC Primary school and Thorney Close Primary School.

We have links and contact details for schools within the West Area and we also have these for those who were unable to attend in 2022.

We have staff members who are governors of New Silksworth Academy.

We have experience of working closely with a fun fair provider and we are able to negotiate free rides for the children on the Thursday and Friday

We have an excellent relationship with Nobles Fun Fair and will continue to work closely with them to negotiate free rides for the school children for the Thursday and Friday.

We worked closely with Nobles Fun Fair for the 2022 event who provided free rides on the Thursday and Friday for the schools. We worked with them to provide an offer to suit all children on the Thursday and Friday and families on the Saturday.

Any events that we have had in the past and have used carnival rides we have always used Nobles.

How we will successfully engage and plan the school activities during the Thursday and Friday through:

December 2022/January 2023 we will send an email out to all West Area Primary Schools to let them know about the event and to save the date.

We will then follow this up and keep in regular contact with each school to remind them of the event and to update and confirm numbers, times, date attending, and schedule of activities.

We will also give schools a list of the intended activities for the event and ask them to confirm if they have any problems/concerns.

When schools arrive on site on their allocated date they will be welcomed by staff and provided again with a schedule of their activities for throughout the day. Staff will be onsite throughout the event to ensure everything runs smoothly.

We aim for full engagement as its essential that the children perceive activities delivered as being meaningful. We will ensure that we use a range of fun and inspiring delivery methods such as practical hands on, art, music, storytelling, active and interactive. Activities will be stimulating, age appropriate, and innovative.

Timing is everything when it comes to ensuring the day runs smoothly. We will continue to use the carousel method as this is a communicative and interactive opportunity for children to get up and move around and experience a range of activities throughout the day.

We will work with partners from the west area to plan and deliver a range of fun and stimulating activities around the theme. We will ensure activities are adapted to meet the needs of the schools on the Thursday and Friday and the public on the Saturday.

How we will incorporate the environment message throughout the event

We will continue to incorporate the environmental message throughout the event space using a variety of methods including posters and signage around the park.

We will work with Sunderland City Council to ensure have a variety of bins around the site for use on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We will do litter picking during and following the event to ensure it is returned to its original state.

How we will deliver appropriate activities around the theme with at least 21 different activities on the Thursday and Friday, with at least 40 activities being delivered on the Saturday.

January 2023 we will send an email call out to all partners who have previously delivered at the West Area events. We will also open this up to any new partners who are interested. We will hold a meeting with interested partners where we will explain the theme for the event along with the activity budget, asking partners who are interested to provide a detailed activity plan and breakdown of their activity and budget and how this will link in with the event.

Thursday and Friday will be school invite only. Children will rotate around a choice of at least 22 pre located activities which will be on the main field, each lasting approximately 30 minutes. Each group will be allocated and take part in 8 activities throughout the day. Schools will also receive leaflets for the Saturday to come back with their families.

Saturday will be a large-scale family fun day where we will have a range of 40+ fun and stimulating activities such as the speed goal, soft/target archery, traditional games, football cage, tennis, samba drums, didicars, face painting, crafts, sports and more linking into the theme of the event.

The activities will be held in the Marquees, MUGA, Bandstand, car park and grassed areas around the park and lake. Signage will be around the park to inform public of which activities are been provided at each area. Leaflets advertising the event will also have a map of the park to inform the public which activities are in each area.

How we will deliver a programme of entertainment on the bandstand for the Saturday Family Fun day, working in partnership with the voluntary sector

We will work in partnership with Cultural Spring and the voluntary sector to deliver a programme of entertainment on the Band Stand for the Saturday Family Fun Day. We know this method works as this is the way it has been done for the previous events.

How we will manage and coordinate the event steering group, ensuring the relevant partners and councillors are invited.

If funding is approved, January 2023 we will set up, manage and coordinate an event steering group where we will ensure that all partners and Councillors (Area Committee Chair/Place Board Chair are invited). We will provide regular updates with meetings as and when required to ensure a smooth and coordinated approach.

Our experience of managing and being involved in events and will demonstrate all the relevant information including health and safety, access, permission, road closures, traffic management, first aid and safeguarding

We have vast experience of delivering the West Area Event. In 2022 we delivered this ourselves and prior to this for 5 years we supported Sunderland City Council to deliver this.

After our successful event working with Phil Atkinson (PA) and Steve Chisolm (SC), we will continue to work with these for the 2023 event. PA, SC and the team have been involved with the infrastructure of this event over the previous years. PA has experience of working on events for the last 10 years and was responsible for the site management of the West Area event. He has in depth knowledge and excellent relationships with many of the contractors who are traditionally associated with the event. PA and his team have an excellent track record.

PA, SC, and the team will be responsible for the infrastructure and planning. They will be responsible for organising or obtaining the relevant quotes for the site preparation, first aid, toilets, marquees, supply PO information, traffic management, road closures, sound engineer, security, stewarding, equipment booking and transport/vehicles for equipment.

We will follow the same infrastructure as we had in 2022 with a health and safety site manager as they have good skills/expertise around site management, health and safety and 'issue' management.

PT who is chair of our organisation has over 23 years' experience managing health and safety. PT is also a Chartered Member of IOSH.

We will ensure that all partner organisations and suppliers supporting the event operate to the required standards and guidelines.

We will have clear procedures for lost children and vulnerable adults and an effective incident management and reporting procedures which will be detailed within our event management plan.

YAP have a diverse staff team with a range of skills to ensure staffing for the event is appropriate and experienced with the capability to respond effectively to any incidents. Our staff supporting this proposal will be involved in the management, planning and development of the event and attend all structured event briefings.

How we will market this event and programme of activities as this event is expected to attract at least 15,000 people.

We will market the event through a range of approaches including using social media channels across all partners, advertising through Sun FM, Sunderland Echo displaying posters and banners around the West area, through West VCS Network meetings, leaflets through Schools and through word-of-mouth referral from residents who have previously attended the event.

We will put up banners around Barnes Park around all key entrances and place posters on their notice boards. Posters will be placed in supermarkets, libraries, and school reception areas. We will use social media throughout the day of the event to encourage people to visit on the Saturday as well as sharing information about what's on where in the park, parking issues, encouraging

people to use public transport, park and walk. We will share good news stories with the Council communications team and other media outlets.

How we will raise additional income, match funding, in kind and sponsorship.

We will work with the local area officer for the West Area to access grant finder reports to identify any funders who may be able to contribute additional funds for the event which we can then use as match funding if secured. We will encourage local businesses to commit and potentially invest in the delivery of future events

We will use our own resources/equipment/staff and volunteers to provide a range of activities such as soft archery, target archery, didicars, street golf, tennis, football cage, traditional games and sports equipment.

How we will control traffic management orders and liaise with residents as well as keeping the councils' customer service network up to date

We will liaise with local residents through various methods such as leaflets, door knocks and will hold a public meeting to address any concerns especially those who are affected by the temporary road closures. All posters and leaflets produced for the event will be noting that car parks within the park are closed during the event and visitors encouraged to use public transport. We will also keep the council's customer service network up to date.

Learning from our experience with dealing with traffic management during the West Area Event in 2022 we will ensure that traffic management have adequate resources and confirm with them the day prior to the event or even on the morning of the event that they understand the requirements for the road closures, and they are on site on time.

How we will seek best value for money for the infrastructure and how this will be managed on site

We will seek best value for money for the infrastructure. We will ensure that the service we use has a good mix of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness. The infrastructure will be managed by an event management team.

The event management team which will consist of key members of staff such as event organiser, safety coordinator, event delivery support, site manager, bandstand manager, sound manager, site crew, stewarding supervisor. Each key member of staff will have the specific expertise to their role, skills, and knowledge

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Healthy Smart City Output		
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	700
A Vibrant Smart City Output		
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	14
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	294
number of external organisations involved or supported	306	40
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	19 hours delivery over the 3 days
number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered		3 (2 for the West Schools and 1 Family Fun Day)
number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events		10,000 – 12,000

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Infrastructure and planning – including First Aid, Toilets, overnight security, Saturday stewarding, hire of equipment, traffic management, health and safety site manager	£16,500	£0	£16,500
Marquees for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday (sizes based on previous years)	£6,000	£0	£6000
Activities for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday (at least 21 activities on the Thursday and Friday, with at least 40 activities on the Saturday)	£19,200	£6,200	£13,000
Marketing including posters and banners, Press, Photographer, printing	£700	£0	£700
Cleansing & bins (additional bins for all 3 days and cleansing on site during the Saturday)	£800	£0	£800
Project Management	£2,500	£500	£2000
Insurance	£1000	£0	£1000
Total	£46,700	£6,700	£40,000

This project meets Support communities to deliver local events **Priority from the West Delivery Plan** Recommendation Approve

Application No 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	West Community Minibus
Lead Organisation	Youth Almighty Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£48,611	£8,611	£40,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
	October 2022	Sept 24- ongoing

Project Description (verbatim from application)

We want to provide a community minibus to support VCS organisations to enable improved access to social prescribing and wellbeing activities that improve the mental health and wellbeing of West Sunderland Residents.

We want to support the delivery of activities by providing a community minibus available for VCS which is affordable and accessible to voluntary and community groups, to enable organisations to fulfil their own objectives.

The community minibus will enable disabled, isolated, and lonely people to remain independent and mobile and support community participation and engagement.

Community transport also provides important economic benefits to the communities in which it operates.

As a charity YAP will not make a profit on the services we provide. Any prices that we charge our members are to cover the running costs of the vehicle.

Project proposals should include detail of how the project will be managed, to include the following:

Purchase (or lease), storage and maintenance of a minibus (must demonstrate value for money)

We will purchase a 17-seater minibus which will be used as a West community minibus to be hired at non-commercial rates. The minibus will be available for hire by non-for-profit community groups within the west area who are registered as a member of the West Area community bus scheme to support and compliment the activities and fulfil their own objectives.

We will use our charitable status to negotiate lower costs, we will shop around and look at pre-registration to ensure we provide value for money. We will shop around when looking at insurance for the vehicle. The service provided will be at a high standard in the most cost-effective way.

The minibus will be stored securely within the West Area at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre. (This is detailed more further in application)

The minibus will be regularly maintained and kept in a roadworthy condition. We will ensure that vehicle service and maintenance is carried out to the manufacturer's specification.

We will ensure that all legal requirements for the vehicles is met, including licensing, insurance, maintenance, and the procurement of appropriate permits

We will ensure that the vehicle is

- correctly licensed
- valid tax in place
- displays a s.19 minibus permit (where applicable)
- adequately insured
- well maintained
- has a valid MOT certificate where required.

We will ensure that appropriate records are kept with respect to operation, accident, and damage, authorised drivers, maintenance, etc

Vehicle inspections will be undertaken by a competent person on a regular basis using an agreed checklist. Along with before and after each use of each nominated driver.

The process of the membership and hire of the mini bus will be available to all non for profit groups. There will be an application form which will allow west area organisations to sign up for the group membership. Annual membership fees will be split into 3 levels £100 large sized organisation, £50 medium sized organisation and £25 small sized organisation.

Organisations will be expected to provide their own driver unless an alternative agreement is made with Youth Almighty Project.

All group nominated drivers must hold a valid Midas Certificate (Midas – the Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme – provides a structured programme for the assessment and training of drivers) and hold the D1 entitlement on their licence, which allows you to drive a vehicle up to 16 passenger seats but only as part of a not for hire or reward scheme. Those who passed their test prior to 1997 will have automatically held the D1 entitlement, but we will still check licence for this category as it may have been removed due to certain medical conditions.

The Community minibus will operate under a Section 19 permit. The permit allows the holder to operate transport services for hire or reward without the need for a full public service vehicle (PSV) operator's licence.

Many community transport organisations and charities now operate minibuses under a section 19 permit which allows for the service provided being for the organisations' own members or for groups of people whom the organisation serves. Organisations can charge or accept a form of remuneration for providing transport at a level to recover some or all of the costs of running the vehicle and may even include an allowance for vehicle depreciation, but the service must not be provided to members of the general public and the charges made must be on a non-profit basis.

Community transport organisations bring huge added value not only for their communities, but for the council and other public and social sector organisations whose work they support.

This value is not just about the journeys that these organisations deliver. By funding community transport operators, public sector organisations will see savings in many areas, from healthcare to employment. Funding community transport reduces the number of crisis point interventions in health and social care; it delivers increased economic activity in villages and high streets; it increases social mobility and access to jobs, training and education; it helps build healthier, happier integrated communities, and – as recent times have shown – it supports those communities in both good times and at moments of challenge and crisis.

Provision of a service to all West VCS organisations in a fair and equitable manner

We want to support the delivery of activities by providing a community minibus available for VCS which is affordable and accessible to voluntary and community groups, to enable organisations to fulfil their own objectives.

All West VCS organisations will have equal access to the bus.

We will provide a robust system including no block bookings for 6 weeks or more for single day usage, provide all VCS groups literature, promotion, and direct contact details for bus hire.

All literature for booking system will be easy to use and available in easy read.

Work in partnership with other VCS groups to maximise use of the minibus

We will work in partnership with all other VCS organisations to maximise the use of the bus including collaborative working and utilising volunteer drivers if needed.

We will work together with our partners and funders to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of all communities in our area of benefit by providing a community sport service aimed at improving access to health, education, social and economic opportunities to all sectors of the community.

Provide details of a proposed booking system that is fair and easy to use

Our proposed booking system that we intend to use will be robust fair and easy to use.

We will introduce a Community Membership Scheme

Any West VCS group that doesn't exist to make a profit can join. This rules out:

- Individuals

- For-profit companies

So this means the range of groups who can be members is super-varied – charities and community organisations of all shapes and sizes, faith groups – and churches, groups for interests and hobbies, clubs and societies, campaign groups, and volunteering groups. This isn't an exhaustive list – any group that doesn't exist to make a profit can join.

Making a booking - In general, and subject to availability, the minibus can be booked on a daily basis. The day will be divided into morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. Each session will be charged at £20.

Bookings for longer periods (more than one day) may be accepted at the discretion of the YAPS Minibus Co-ordinator.

We try to maximise the opportunities for members to make their bookings: therefore, renewals of regular bookings will not be guaranteed. Regular bookings for a vehicle can be made in blocks of up to 6 weeks and can be booked up to four weeks in advance.

Bookings will be subject to vehicle availability and should be made using a booking form. However, requests for regular bookings MUST be made in writing and should state dates, times, vehicle required, seating capacity, etc.

The minibus will need to be returned in a clean and tidy condition and drivers must inspect the vehicle before and after the hire and note down any damage on the vehicle damage fault sheet.

The minibus will have a full tank of diesel when it is collected up and all drivers/organisations need to do is fill it back up before it is returned.

A vehicle Pack will be left in the vehicle. The pack will include details of the minibus, insurance and breakdown cover, incident form, contact details for YAP, and a map of where the vehicle is stored.

Provide details of hire policy proposal

Our hire policy will include

- Introduction
- Term and conditions of vehicle hire
- Section 19 permit operations
- Register of drivers
- Insurance
- Passenger Safety
- Vehicle familiarisation
- Making a booking
- Single and block bookings
- Vehicle cleaning
- Vehicle breakdown
- Use of tow bar
- Hire charges
- Health and Safety
- Useful contacts
- Data protection

Provide details of the security measures that will be taken to secure the vehicle

- Vehicle will be kept at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre which is based in the West Area.
- Silksworth Youth and Community Centre has a car park with CCTV and a garage where the vehicle can be stored securely.
- Vehicle will never be left unlocked
- All sets of keys will be kept in a locked cabinet when not in use
- Vehicle will be alarmed, and this will be checked on a regular basis
- Vehicle will be signed in and out by organisations so we are aware of location and destination.
- Vehicle will be insured

Provide details of the impact the vehicle will have and the enhanced activities that will be delivered across the West (this will be monitored for a 24-month period).

- Connect communities together
- Improved access to social prescribing activities
- Enhance lives
- Increased attendance at local groups
- Reduced isolation
- Reduced health inequalities
- Improved access to transport for organisations
- Giving People more choice and control over their lives and an improved sense of belonging when people get involved in community groups.

Provide examples of usage and how it supports the priority of increased social prescribing activities

Charities and community organisations within the West Area play a vital role in social prescribing. Social prescribing offers opportunities for the VCS to reach new people and promote a holistic way of working that looks at the whole person rather than only at their symptoms.

Social prescribing is a way to support people's wellbeing and quality of life while reducing pressure on the NHS. It links patients with physical or mental health conditions, or people who may be lonely, isolated or experiencing stress for example, to community-based activities, rather than simply prescribing them medicine.

The community minibus will support the delivery of activities across the West Area. The community Minibus will transport people to 'socially prescribed' activities to maintain health and wellbeing.

EG – transporting a group to an activity such as art, gardening, sport,

Demonstrate value for money and any match funding secured Include information on driver requirements including insurance and training

We will use our charitable status to negotiate lower costs when purchasing the vehicle, we will shop around and look at pre-registration to ensure we provide value for money. We will shop around when looking at insurance for the vehicle. The service provided will be at a high standard in the most cost-effective way.

Community transport organisations bring huge added value not only for their communities, but for the council and other public and social sector organisations whose work they support. This value is not just about the journeys that these organisations deliver. By funding community transport operators, public sector organisations will see savings in many areas, from healthcare to employment. Funding community transport reduces the number of crisis point interventions in health and social care; it delivers increased economic activity in villages and high streets; it increases social mobility and access to jobs, training and education; it helps build healthier, happier integrated communities, and – as recent times have shown – it supports those communities in both good times and at moments of challenge and crisis Membership

All hirers need to be part of a community group or an eligible organisation and the nominated driver must hold a valid Midas Certificate and hold the D1 entitlement on their licence, which allows you to drive a vehicle up to 16 passenger seats but only as part of a not for hire or reward scheme.

Those who passed their test prior to 1997 will have automatically held the D1 entitlement but will still need to check licence for this category as it may have been removed due to certain medical conditions.

The Community minibus will operate under a Section 19 permit. The permit allows the holder to operate transport services for hire or reward without the need for a full public service vehicle (PSV) operator's licence.

We expect that we will have a range of organisations as members initially. 4 large members, 10 medium members and 10 small members. We expect around £1200 in membership fees and a minimum of £3000 in hire fees. Organisations volunteer drivers time will also support with match funding.

Provide evidence of support from other VCS organisations State how the project will be promoted and marketed across the area

We have spoken to various organisations in the West Area who have gave us there support verbally and via a letter. Letters received are attached.

The project will be promoted and marketed to organisations across the west area through various methods:

- The Project manager of YAP is one of the West VCS reps she will provide all network members with details of the project and how to book.
- We will use social media – Youth Almighty Project, West Sunderland Community, Joanne Laverick Sunderland West Area VCS Rep, Sunderland VSA,
- We will ask the West Area Community Development Lead to share information to all on her network list.
- We will ask the Sunderland VSA to share information in their Newsletter.

Expected Outcomes

- Increased and Improved access to local activities and services
- Support social prescribing activities across the area
- Improved collaboration and partnership working
- Improved wellbeing of residents
- Increase in number or residents able to access services confidentiality
- Improved shared resource for the whole of the community

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Healthy Smart City Output	CODE	
number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	201	800
number of assets purchased, improved and / or developed to contribute towards healthier lives	202	1

number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	400
number of people benefiting and enjoying independent lives	204	500

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Minibus Purchase	45,000	7,000	38,000
Insurance year 1 and year 2 including breakdown	2100	1100	1000
Service year 1 and year 2	500	250	250
Signwriting	500	100	400
Section 19 Permit	11	11	
Stationary – Vehicle packs, booking forms, hire policy etc	150	50	100
Promotion and Marketing	350	100	250
Total	48,611	8, 611	40,000

This project meets with the Social Prescribing and Support the Voluntary and Community sector to grow capacity Priorities from the West Delivery Plan

This project has been appraised and meets the criteria. Recommendation Approve

Application No 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Betsy Jenny Minibus Campaign
Lead Organisation	Betsy Jenny Counselling and Wellbeing Café

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£20,000		£20,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
		On going

Project Description (verbatim from application)

We have a wellbeing and counselling cafe in the heart of Sunderland city center. We have a wide range of service users who use our service for 'soft touch' entry to support for mental health and factors that contribute towards mental health. Many of our service users are aged 65+. They make up a demographic that lost connection with friends and suffered grief as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many slipped into loneliness and are currently isolated from friendships and reluctant to trouble NHS or GP services for support due to stigma on mental health in this age group. At Betsy

Jenny Wellbeing Café we run projects that tackle things such as:

Cost of living crisis – pay as you feel and budget day menus

Mental health – mindfulness, listening ear and therapy sessions

Unemployment – CV writing, interview preparation services

Benefits – cook along on a budget sessions

Activities to promote friendships & connection

Tackle food wastage with the support of local supermarkets

Physical health activities like yoga introductions

Addictions- in the form of mutual aid groups like Alcoholics Anonymous

Debt advice

Many of these services are used by single parent families, OAP and benefit or substance reliant service users.

With winter around the corner and some of those who we support in declining physical health. We would like to apply for a mini bus to enhance the service and access to the services we deliver. We are concerned that return of winter will see some of our service users cut off from ourselves and friends as they struggle with rising heating costs and weather. A mini bus will allow us to

- A. Collect those who want to connect and maintain the project participation they love.
- B. Allow for outings that will be beneficial for mental health protection like mindfulness walks etc.

We also have a number of service users with learning difficulties and many volunteer at the café. A mini bus will ensure they can still attend when they feel too overwhelmed to travel on busy public transport when more people use it due to weather.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Dynamic Smart City Output	CODE	
number of Young people moved into Education, Employment or Training	104	5
number of Adults moved into Education, Employment or Training	105	20
number of People with disabilities moved into Education, Employment or Training	106	10
A Healthy Smart City Output	CODE	
number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	201	100
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	20
number of people benefiting and enjoying independent lives	204	100
number of people signposted into Public/VCS services	205	100
number of people receiving information, advice and guidance	206	20
A Vibrant Smart City Output	CODE	
number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events		20

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
2nd hand mini bus up safety standard with MOT	20,000	0	20,000
Total			

This project has been appraised and **does not** meet the criteria- Recommend rejection

Application No 4

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Ward	Barnes
Name of Project	Clean It, Green It – Barnes
Lead Organisation	Community Opportunities (Limited)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£29,500	£2,500	£27,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	October 2022	September 2024

Project Description (verbatim from application)

Community Opportunities propose to deliver a ward-based neighbourhood management and environmental improvement project that responds to local concerns and builds on the successful delivery of the West Area Clean and Green scheme which SNCBC/Community Opportunities have delivered since June 2019. 'Clean It and Green It' enables us to continue to impact positively upon the Councils desire to create an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time. We will do this by continuing the delivery of community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, effectively engaging residents into environmental volunteering to improve the appearance of their neighbourhoods, reduce littering and fly tipping, managing overgrown greenspaces and sustaining the maintenance of areas by working with groups to develop additional skills, including providing access to an equipment bank loan scheme. We will continue to encourage corporate volunteering opportunities and reinforcing business/corporate responsibility for the appearance of neighbourhoods.

Our partnership delivery model is designed not to duplicate any work undertaken within the Councils corporate responsibilities for the environment or by local housing providers such as Gentoo, Home group and other housing associations. A Clean and Green area wide steering group has been developed and is attended by staff from Environmental Services, Gentoo, Local Elected Members and ad hoc attendance by such as Police, Tyne and Wear Fire as specific issues emerge. The Steering Group will continue to be responsible for developing the quarterly workplan, through identifying potential activities/work sites from local need as highlighted by residents, local business and community walkabouts which ensures activities are relevant and the requirement for re-visiting sites to address such as re-growth, littering etc is identified within the workplan, in turn creating a sustainable local environmental management strategy. Youth Almighty Project are supporting our application and will help with community clean ups and litter picking in the ward.

The Project is led by a sessional Co-ordinator (currently recruiting), who will work alongside an experienced part-time Project Officer, who will lead the practical environmental improvement work, take forward recommendations from the Steering Group and visit the sites to assess the scope of the works for the workplan, produces a documented work assessment with site details, work to be undertaken, any impact to habitat, consideration of requirements to gain authority to work 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 are set for individual project delivery considering such as the winter months being ideal for cutting back and removal of vegetation. The Co-ordinator liaises with Council and Gentoo Officers in compiling the plan to avoid duplication and wherever possible enabling the pooling of resources. Any issues observed during the compilation of the assessment, will be reported in a timely manner, for example falling trees that need removing would be reported to the SCC Arboriculture Team.

The Co-ordinator and Project Officer will recruit and induct volunteers on an ongoing basis, some for specific clean ups, others for specific environmental works and some for corporate support. We have a core of 12 regular volunteers engaged who have volunteered across all West wards. We also recruit volunteer's specific events, the Great British Spring Clean attracted 61 volunteers to clean ups and litter picks. Volunteers have provided many examples, and case studies, to demonstrate how Clean and Green has reduced their social isolation, improved confidence and led to some volunteers accessing job opportunities. We expect similar achievements and outputs to be realised in the ward-based delivery project.

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 produce, and discuss with volunteers, generic and specific risk assessments, provide on-site volunteer training through regular

conversation describing why the works are being delivered, matters relating to conservation, grounds maintenance, habitat management and infrastructure maintenance. We will link with the Sunderland Alliance project to access relevant training, promote the project and help identify both volunteers and potential sites. We work actively with the REACT employability project, local youth clubs and schools and Sunderland Council Volunteering Hub to recruit volunteers and we anticipate working with 50 volunteers in the proposed 24-month delivery period.

We engage corporate volunteers including from Asda, NHS, Nissan and EE and we will pursue new links with businesses and encourage them to address overgrown vegetation and branches to public walkways and blocked drainage due to fallen leaves from trees etc. 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 will build on this bank through this proposal and will continue to 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 will continue to provide support to local groups wishing to deliver community clean ups/litter picking sessions by providing 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, potentially working with a local college/training provider, to communicate the importance of correct residential waste disposal, keeping their neighbourhood clean/tidy and reporting issues. We are supporting local 'Friends of Groups' to lead smaller community clean ups and will link with local schools to deliver environmental projects in school and local neighbourhoods, ideas may include developing a children's orchard, wildflower garden, 'bling the bin' with children designs to encouraging appropriate waste disposal. We will raise awareness of local recycling schemes, community furniture donation centres etc.

We developed digital and paper-based environmental activity packs for children, young people and families and these were used to continue to engage people during the covid19 pandemic and have a future use in promoting visits to local green spaces, to complete spotter exercises and quizzes. In June 2022 we ran an educational session for schools visiting the Barnes Park Event. The project delivered to over 150 local school children, gifting a fruit plat to pot, grow and care for to produce their own food. We will encourage growing produce within local communities such as herb gardens, vegetable patches etc.

As part of our current neighbourhood management works, we have liaised with Councillors, local residents and Planning and Highways departments to consider the use of environmental assets, such as planters to stop inconsiderate and illegal parking and to improve the appearance of the neighbourhood. We have carried out painting of street furniture in the Silksworth ward including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches to improve the area surrounding the installation of the new pit wheel. We propose to extend this work through delivery of the 'Clean it and Green it' project.

Our experience of working in the Barnes ward has been through the delivery of the following projects. All have been identified in consultation with Environmental Services Officers, Gentoo, Local Councillors and residents. We propose to continue supporting these areas of work as part of the 'Clean it and Green it' project.

We have visited the Mineral Line area and carried out numerous volunteering sessions to address overgrown greenery, weeded, removed nettles to provide a safe walkway, around the Frank Style Mural, removed litter and debris and cleaned the area to the Mural so it can be enjoyed by local residents and the wider public. Sessions have also been delivered to collect litter and debris from surrounding streets including Thelma Street, Vale Street and Beechcross Road. We have engaged with the Barnes Residents Association who are supporting us to understand the area needs further.

We liaised with Councillors and residents in the Wearhead Drive area to discuss antisocial behaviour issues with cars parking up in space on an evening and identified the solution of introducing planters. We liaised with Bowes Railway Charity to make planters to specific sizes to fit the area. Residents supported the project from the inception and continue to maintain the planter some three years later.

Ettrick Grove Allotment Site was identified as needing improved access and we worked with the Wild Patch Community Allotment Group to cut back overhanging branches and hedgerows, widening access for vehicles to the site and removing rubbish and debris.

Our volunteers visited the Barnes Park Extension to widen pathways and tidy up overgrown greenery and cut down tree offshoots and continue to visit on a regular basis

Barnes Park holds the prestigious Green Flag status and site visits indicate it is well maintained. The current Clean and Green project are members of the Friends of Barnes Park group and regularly attend their meetings and propose to support them to build capacity to provide support and assistance to SCC environmental dept to continue maintenance and improvements at the park such as litter picking, pathway edging and greenery work. We were approached by local Councillors following concerns raised by residents regarding antisocial parking that was creating blind spots at corner junctions of Hipsburn Drive/Haslemere Drive. 2 planters have been installed successfully and more are planned.

We have established a regular pattern of litter picks and propose to continue these through the 'Clean it Green it' project.

In conclusion, we believe Community Opportunities have the existing staff, partners, working procedures and most importantly a bank of well-motivated, trained and willing volunteers and to deliver the requirements of the 'Clean it and Green it' project and commence delivery with immediate effect.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Healthy Smart City Output	CODE	
number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	201	10
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	40
amount of highway, cycle, pathways improved by area (m2)	208	500
number of community cleans up carried out	209	40
number of litter picks carried out	210	40
A Vibrant Smart City Output	CODE	
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	50
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	800
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	1560

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Environmental Co-ordinator – average 3 hours per wk	4816.22		4816.22
Project Officer – average 10 hrs pr wk	15090.81		15090.81
Small Equip and Hand Tools	3100	2000	1100
Equip Storage	500		500
Office/volunteer base, phone, stationery, ict	1585.60	500	1085.60
Vol expenses, travel, DBS, PPE	900		900
Insurance	807.37		807.37
Finance, Accounts, MI, Payroll	2700		2700
Total	29,500	2,500	27,000

This project meets with the Launch ‘Love where you live’ campaign and In Bloom and Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing and Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities Priorities from the West Delivery Plan

Recommendation to approve

Application No 5

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Ward	Pallion
Name of Project	Clean It, Green It – Pallion
Lead Organisation	Community Opportunities (Limited)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£29,500	£2,500	£27,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	October 2022	September 2024

Project Description (verbatim from application)

Community Opportunities propose to deliver a ward-based neighbourhood management and environmental improvement project that responds to local concerns and builds on the successful delivery of the West Area Clean and Green scheme which SNCBC/Community Opportunities have delivered since June 2019. 'Clean It and Green It' enables us to continue to impact positively upon the Councils desire to create an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time. We will do this by continuing the delivery of community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, effectively engaging residents into environmental volunteering to improve the appearance of their neighbourhoods, reduce littering and fly tipping, managing overgrown greenspaces and sustaining the maintenance of areas by working with groups to develop additional skills, including providing access to an equipment bank loan scheme. We will continue to encourage corporate volunteering opportunities and reinforcing business/corporate responsibility for the appearance of neighbourhoods.

Our partnership delivery model is designed not to duplicate any work undertaken within the Councils corporate responsibilities for the environment or by local housing providers such as Gentoo, Home group and other housing associations. A Clean and Green area wide steering group has been developed and is attended by staff from Environmental Services, Gentoo, Local Elected Members and ad hoc attendance by such as Police, Tyne and Wear Fire as specific issues emerge. The Steering Group will continue to be responsible for developing the quarterly workplan, through identifying potential activities/work sites from local need as highlighted by residents, local business and community walkabouts which ensures activities are relevant and the requirement for re-visiting sites to address such as re-growth, littering etc is identified within the workplan, in turn creating a sustainable local environmental management strategy.

The Project is led by a sessional Co-ordinator (currently recruiting), who will work alongside an experienced part-time Project Officer, who will lead the practical environmental improvement work, take forward recommendations from the Steering Group and visit the sites to assess the scope of the works for the workplan, produces a documented work assessment with site details, work to be undertaken, any impact to habitat, consideration of requirements to gain authority to work 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 are set for individual project delivery considering such as the winter months being ideal for cutting

back and removal of vegetation. The Co-ordinator liaises with Council and Gentoo Officers in compiling the plan to avoid duplication and wherever possible enabling the pooling of resources. Any issues observed during the compilation of the assessment, will be reported in a timely manner, for example falling trees that need removing would be reported to the SCC Arboriculture Team.

The Co-ordinator and Project Officer will recruit and induct volunteers on an ongoing basis, some for specific clean ups, others for specific environmental works and some for corporate support. We have a core of 12 regular volunteers engaged who have volunteered across all West wards. We also recruit volunteer's specific events, the Great British Spring Clean attracted 61 volunteers to clean ups and litter picks. Volunteers have provided many examples, and case studies, to demonstrate how Clean and Green has reduced their social isolation, improved confidence and led to some volunteers accessing job opportunities. We expect similar achievements and outputs to be realised in the ward-based delivery project.

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Our experience of working in the Pallion ward has been through the delivery of the following projects. All have been identified in consultation with Environmental Services Officers, Gentoo, Local Councillors and residents. We propose to continue supporting these areas of work as part of the 'Clean it and Green it' project. Residents identified that Blackie Field, Fordfield Road needed attention to improve the appearance and in turn reduce anti-social behaviour and encourage residents to use the area while feeling safer. We delivered a number of community clean up and litter picks in partnership with Communities Together West Residents Group based in Pallion, local residents on Fordfield Estate and local ward councillors. We liaised with Councillors, Planning and Highways colleagues and facilitated the purchase of bespoke planters. We supported Bowes Railway Museum to make successful applications to Community Chest to cover the costs of the planters.

Highfield Academy were experiencing ongoing issues with parking at the school. The School, Local Councillors and residents group came together with the Clean and Green project and discussed options around traffic calming measures to restrict parking along the front of the school to improve safety for pedestrians and children. We liaised with Councillors, Planning and Highways colleagues and facilitated the purchase of bespoke planters. We supported Bowes Railway Museum to make successful applications to Community Chest to cover the costs of the planters which they installed in partnership with the Box Project. The planters were dressed by volunteers, Community Together West (CTW), local ward councillors and local residents. School & local residents living on Fordfield Road have maintained the upkeep of plants and planters. Educational and awareness

raising activities have been delivered by the school with support from the Clean and Green project around plants, environment and nature.

CTW identified that the Fordfield Quarry area needed attention to protect local wildlife and encourage more residents to use the area and reduce anti-social behaviour. Clean and Green supported the community group regarding to plan improvements for the quarry, attended site visits delivered with representatives of CTW to review the area and identify work to be carried out, which includes community clean ups, litter picking and tidying of foliage and pathways which are in the delivery plan for Clean and Green for September, 2022.

Pallion and Millfield residents group identified that the appearance of Victory Street Embankment needed improvement of its appearance and this would also stop noise and dirt/debris from the road progressing to nearby houses. Litter and debris were removed, soil was turned over and the site weeded. We obtained funds to purchase and plant flowers and also bushes along the top of the embankment. Traders on the Front Street in Pallion were supported by volunteers, Councillors and Pallion Action Group to tidy up the street and plant up the planters and hanging baskets to improve the appearance of the shopping area and encourage more residents to visit it. Litter picks were carried out and volunteers from Clean and Green, CTW and PAG supported traders to undertake and maintain the works.

Old Jovial Fryer Site, Fordfield Road was identified for a community clean up on the corner site. We removed debris and litter and cut back hedgerows and greenery along with a CTW group member and local ward councillor. A site survey has been carried out at Hylton Road playing fields identifying work to be undertaken to improve the area including a general clean up, litter picking, removing overhanging tree branches and cutting back bushes as well as addressing the tidiness of the parking area and pathways. This work was scheduled for Autumn 2022 and risk assessments have been documented and we would propose to deliver this work within the Clean It, Green It project. Site surveys have been carried out around the Mineral Line, Pallion, encompassing Pallion New Road, Victory Street and Palermo Street, to the high open areas next to the New Road which attract a high percentage of litter and fly tipping. Frequent clean ups needed and being delivered by volunteers at Victory Street and we are planting flowering shrubs and hedges to cut down on debris spread.

We have established a regular pattern of litter picks and propose to continue these through the 'Clean it Green it' project.

In conclusion, we believe Community Opportunities have the existing staff, partners, working procedures and most importantly a bank of well-motivated, trained and willing volunteers and to deliver the requirements of the 'Clean it and Green it' project and commence delivery with immediate effect.

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A Vibrant Smart City Output	CODE	
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Vol expenses, travel, DBS, PPE	900		900
Insurance	807.37		807.37
Finance, Accounts, MI, Payroll	2700		2700
Total	29,500	2,500	27,000

The Neighbourhood and Community board would like to adapt the Pallion Call for Project brief and readvertise the opportunity in October 2022 and are therefore making a recommendation to reject this application.

Application No 6

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Ward	Silksworth
Name of Project	Silksworth Ranger
Lead Organisation	Youth Almighty Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£35,060	£8,065	£26,995
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	October 2022	September 2024

Project Description (verbatim from application)

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

Our Planned project “Silksworth Rangers” will enhance local neighbourhoods, encourage community partnerships and volunteering and improve the use of green spaces.

To deliver this project we will provide a Silksworth Ranger for 15 hours per week.

The Silksworth Ranger will carry out a variety of tasks

- Weekly litter picking
- Share success on social media
- Monthly community clean ups
- 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
- Develop relationships with Silksworth Park Staff
- Develop relationships with existing/new partners
- Develop relationships with local businesses i.e. Sainsburys, everyone active
- Complete Risk assessments when required
- Site visits
- Maintain Planters and surrounding areas 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

The Silksworth Ranger will be easily identified within the community. Branded clothing will be worn. If needed appropriate training will be sourced to enable the Silksworth Ranger to take part in appropriate tasks in a safe manner.

Throughout the project the Silksworth Ranger will work with local partners existing and new such as ward councillors, Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer, Tunstall

Hills Protection Group, Silksworth Residents Group, Gentoo Tenants Voice, local residents, Everyone Active, Friends of Silksworth park to consult and to identify target areas of concern across the ward.

YAP will recruit and engage new and existing volunteers to work and support the Silksworth Ranger on identified projects such as litter picks and community clean ups. We have vast experience of recruiting volunteers through various means such as engaging their current youth and community groups, shout outs on social media using platforms such as Silksworth Have Your Say, Friends of Silksworth Park, Silksworth Residents Group and Youth Almighty Project Facebook page. We will also look to deliver leaflets around the ward where we are targeting, posters on notice boards around the ward such as in local shops, advertising boards in the bins across the ward and notice board at Silksworth Recreational Park.

The Silksworth Ranger will work and support new and existing volunteer groups to create opportunities for growing produce in the local community. As a starting point they will look to develop a community herb garden near the Orchard within Silksworth Recreation Park. The will also work and support groups to adopt a planter within the ward or a shrub bed within Silksworth Recreational Park.

One of the strengths we see within this project will be the recruitment and engagement of local volunteers, existing and new. All volunteers will be safely inducted into the project and given appropriate activities based on their abilities. The Silksworth Ranger will support children, young people and adult volunteers to complete a range of tasks in the Silksworth Ward for example litter picking, strimming and raking, cutting back vegetation, edging along pathways and weeding.

Another strength we see from this project is the information and education to the local community. We will 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 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. We will also look to upcycle through creating our own upcycling projects or contacting other organisations who recycle furniture to avoid items going to landfill.

There will be many success stories on the journey of this project, and we intend to celebrate those both online via social media but also in print in our regular newsletter catch ups. We will also talk with local press to ensure that people in the community are recognised for the work that they do.

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

Supporting and enhancing the volunteering with Friends of Silksworth Park

- The Silksworth Ranger will 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.

They will work in partnership to avoid any duplication, share volunteers, resources, and best practice.

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

- The Silksworth Ranger will complete litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line. Part of the Silksworth Rangers role will be to complete weekly litter picks within 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 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

- We are aware there are currently 3 planters located within the ward. 2 at St Matthews Church and 1 opposite the The Scullery. We are also aware that 2 pit tubs are going to be installed next to the Pit Wheel. We will ensure that the planters are maintained along with surrounding areas on a regular basis. We will work with local groups to empower them to take ownership and adopt a planter.
- We will build improved links with the 4 allotments sites to obtain plants and bulbs hopefully donated or at low cost. We will also encourage them to become active volunteers.

Environmental improvements to open green spaces

- Work with existing partners and build links with partners such as Everyone Active, McDonald's, local businesses, Gentoo, Gentoo Tenants Voice, Sunderland Alliance Community Support worker, Friends of Silksworth Park, Tunstall Hills protection Group, Sainsburys, and local Churches 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, 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 complete weekly litter picks across the ward. They will work with local partners such as ward councillors, Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer, Silksworth Residents Group, Everyone Active, Friends of Silksworth park, to identify target areas of concern.

- They will also do fortnightly ward walk abouts to identify areas of concern. They will put together a litter picking action plan of targeted areas with a schedule of planned activities with volunteers needed including cleaning and litter picking of alleyways across the ward.

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.
- The Ranger will also do fortnightly walk abouts to identify areas. They will then put together a litter picking action plan with a schedule of planned activities needed to be addressed within the ward. This will be shared with the appropriate partners as and when needed.

Expected Outcomes of this project

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 work in partnership with existing services and local stakeholders; local elected members, Silksworth Residents Group, Tunstall Hills Protection Group and Friends of Silksworth Park. We will work together to identify what improvements are needed and develop an action plan to ensure we achieve maximum impact. This will be balanced across the whole ward to ensure a fair distribution of projects are undertaken within the time available. There will be a blend of low level litter picking and community clean up engagement activities.
- We will be creating an equipment bank for use by groups which will be based at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre, in our secure storage space. We will utilise our existing equipment which we purchased through the Keep Sunderland 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 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 consult with the local community, and partners such as Friends of Silksworth Park, and Silksworth resident group, ward councillors to understand local issues and support them to create solutions, empowering them and their users to be involved,

take responsibility and continue to be integral to their improvement and maintenance beyond the 2 year life of the project.

- There are a range of groups both formal and informal in the Silksworth ward that already exist that are a variety of shapes and sizes. We will be working with as many of these groups to ensure no duplication and support them to take action where we can such as supporting with equipment, knowledge and volunteers.
- We will 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. We know that outdoor activities and environmental projects are particularly powerful learning opportunities as they contribute to a range of important collective targets across education, health, anti-social behaviour, and community cohesion

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 make visual improvements to identified areas within the ward and dramatically improve them so that there is a clear change in a short period of time. Once an area is in a better state it will be less of a challenge to maintain for residents and volunteer groups. The ranger will carry out adjustments to areas where possible to minimise the ongoing workload.
- The proposed project will improve the overall visual appearance of the Silksworth ward making it more attractive and a better place to live for the local community.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Healthy Smart City Output	CODE	
amount of highway, cycle, pathways improved by area (m2)	208	3.885 aprox
number of community cleans up carried out	209	15
number of litter picks carried out	210	80
A Vibrant Smart City Output	CODE	
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	120
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	600
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	1560 15 hours a week over 24 month

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Silksworth Ranger 15 hours per week £12.50 ph 24 months	19,500		19,500
Volunteers Expenses	400		400
Resources – Plants, Bulbs, Pain as and when needed	800	200	600
Publicity and Promotion	400	150	250
Stationary Materials and resources – for educational activities and campaigns	450	100	350
Training budget	500		500
PPE and Disposables	600	100	500
Small equipment – Hand tools, edging shears, cutting set, loppers	600		600
Project management for lifetime of project	2800		2800
Uniform for ranger and His Vis jackets for volunteers	400		400
Keep Britain tidy – Litter picking group kit (315 per kit)	1250	315	945
Camera to capture success	150		150
Volunteer hours (600 over 24month £12 hour)	7200	7200	
Total	35,060	8065	26995

This project meets with the Launch ‘Love where you live’ campaign and In Bloom and Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing and Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities Priorities from the West Delivery Plan

Recommendation to approve

Application No 7

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Ward	Sandhill
Name of Project	Clean It, Green It – Sandhill
Lead Organisation	Community Opportunities (Limited)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£29,500	£2,500	£27,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	October 2022	September 2024

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We developed digital and paper-based environmental activity packs for children, young people and families and these were used to continue to engage people during the covid19 pandemic and have a future use in promoting visits to local green spaces, to complete spotter exercises and quizzes. In June 2022 we ran an educational session for schools visiting the Barnes Park Event. The project delivered to over 150 local school children, gifting a fruit plat to pot, grow and care for to produce their own food. We will encourage growing produce within local communities such as herb gardens, vegetable patches etc.

As part of our current neighbourhood management works, we have liaised with Councillors, local residents and Planning and Highways departments to consider the use of environmental assets, such as planters to stop inconsiderate and illegal parking and to improve the appearance of the neighbourhood. We have carried out painting of street furniture in the Silksworth ward including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches to improve the area surrounding the installation of the new pit wheel. We propose to extend this work through delivery of the 'Clean it and Green it' project.

Our experience of working in the Sandhill ward has been through the delivery of the following projects. All have been identified in consultation with Environmental Services Officers, Gentoo, Local Councillors and residents. We propose to continue supporting these areas of work as part of the 'Clean it and Green it' project.

We have worked to improve the appearance of Tay Road Fields which included several community clean ups and litter picking sessions delivered by volunteers with Grindon Young People's Centre youth groups, Barbara Priestman Academy Students and members of the community. We supported to SCC Environmental Dept to plant over 100 trees in the area and all this work has contributed to reducing anti-social behaviour in the area. Volunteers have visited the Springwell Extension (Barnes Pk Ext. in Sandhill Ward) and Thorney Close Playing Fields and Play Park to clean up and improve the appearance and access to both areas. We have also delivered a number of gardening and forestry sessions including widening pathways, edging walkways, removing overgrown ivy and grass from the stone bridge and stone steps, cutting back overgrown hedgerows and removing overhanging branches and tree whistling along fence lines. Several litter picking sessions delivered with young people from Community Opportunities youth groups and holiday clubs on the Thorney Close field and play park.

Thorney Close Primary School staff identified an area of waste ground that was fenced off within the school grounds next to residents' properties, which needed attention to improve its appearance and address damage to property boundaries. Sessions were delivered with volunteers, local residents, school staff and parents to cut back large areas of weeds, nettles and bramble bushes. We also removed ivy that was covering the nearby property fences and removed debris/fly tipping in area. The school ran a week of environmental activities while the clean and green work was taking place and we provided materials and support for sessions with children on nature, pollution and recycling.

Hastings Hill was identified by a local resident's group for need of tidying up on the hill and walkways to improve the appearance and access to this historical site. Sessions were delivered with over 20 local residents attending to remove litter and debris. Improved access has been provided to the Bridle Path by tidying up the pathway, removing debris and cutting back overhanging branches and nettles and weeds on the walkway. Grindon Young People's Centre (GYPC) and Nursery volunteers and centre users identified the need to tidy up and update the play area to encourage more residents to use the area. Clean and Green volunteers co-ordinated activities with Bowes Railway Museum volunteers and young volunteers from GYPC to cut back hedgerows, remove tree off shoots, take down ivy from the building and provide a general clean up of the area. The project Officer liaised with GYPC to design wooden play structures which were then built and installed by Bowes Railway Museum including a train and rope bridge for the Nursery site.

We have established a regular pattern of litter picks and propose to continue these through the 'Clean it Green it' project. The clean and green project has path edging equipment necessary to address path edging in sandhill extensions and will schedule this work in the plan.

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Recommendation to approve

Application No 8

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Ward	St Anne's
Name of Project	Clean It, Green It – St Annes
Lead Organisation	Community Opportunities (Limited)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£29,500	£2,500	£27,000
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Offerton Lane required improvements to the area to enable access for walkers and cyclists. Sessions delivered included cutting back overgrown weeds and nettles, widening pathways, removing overhanging branches and digging out/widening cycleways from the lane to the A19.

The Children's Forest required improvement to the area's appearance and in turn encourage access. Sessions were delivered to remove many dead trees, off shoots and overhanging branches. Wildflower seeds and seed bombs were planted to encourage local wildlife/insects and improve the picnic area appearance. Litter picks are regularly carried out in the area to remove rubbish and debris, by volunteers, local councillors, residents and members of Team South Hylton (residents' group). We propose to continue with regular forestry sessions and community litter picks. Pennywell Youth Project Centre were supported to improve the appearance of the centre grounds. Gardening work was undertaken including removing debris and weeds with clean and green volunteers working alongside young volunteers from Pennywell Youth Project.

St Thomas' Church, Pennywell were provided with support to address overgrown areas in the church grounds including cutting back overgrown hedgerows and plants, removing debris and paving slabs, preparing area for beehives, weeding gravelled areas and cutting grass with local ward councillors and volunteers from the church congregation and Hope 4 All project.

Local Councillors and the SCC environmental department identified the need to tidy up the area of George V Playing Fields to make the skateboard park a safe area, more accessible and in turn reducing antisocial behaviour. Volunteers and local residents joined sessions to remove glass, litter and debris from the park, litter and debris collected and along with Council colleagues worked to remove graffiti areas. Through the Clean and Green project, we have successfully installed and maintained planters to prevent parking at such as Highfield School, Hipsburn Drive and Wearhead Drive. We liaised with Councillors, Planning and Highways colleagues and facilitated the purchase of bespoke planters. We supported Bowes Railway Museum to make successful applications to Community Chest to cover the costs of the planters. We will use this knowledge in the St Annes ward project to begin a garden improvement project at South Hylton Primary School (Dene View Crescent) and to provide and maintain planters at Portsmouth Road and Dene View Crescent school entrances to prevent kerb parking.

We have delivered many litter picking sessions throughout the ward and will continue to do so in consultation with ward councillors, residents and local groups. We will provide for the care and maintenance of public pathways, such as Offerton Lane where we have delivered previous support and carry out regular maintenance sessions. We will continue to schedule regular litter picks in the South Hylton Riverside area and support residents from such as Team South Hylton, at South Hylton Riverside, public parks and play areas.

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 Recommendation to approve

Application No 9

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Ward	St Chad's
Name of Project	St Chads Ranger
Lead Organisation	Youth Almighty Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£33,850	£6,855	£26,995
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	October 2022	September 2024

Project Description (verbatim from application)

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

Our Planned project "St Chads Rangers" will enhance local neighbourhoods, encourage community partnerships and volunteering, and improve the use of green spaces.

To deliver this project we will provide a St Chads Ranger for 15 hours per week.

The St Chads Ranger will carry out a variety of tasks

- Weekly litter picking
- Share success on social media
- Monthly community clean up
- 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 with the development of a Friends of Middle Herrington Park
- Attend meetings as and when required
- Develop relationships with existing/new partners
- Develop relationships with local businesses across the ward
- Complete Risk assessments when required
- Site visits
- Maintain Planters and surrounding areas 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

The St Chads Ranger will be easily identified within the community. Branded clothing will be worn. If needed appropriate training will be sourced to enable the St Chads Ranger to take part in appropriate tasks in a safe manner.

Throughout the project the St Chads Ranger will work with local partners existing and new such as ward councillors, Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer, East Herrington Scouts, Herrington Village Show Group, Friends of West Park, St Davids Church, St Chads Residents Group, Gentoo Tenants Voice, local residents, St Chads parent and toddler group, McDonalds, Holy Rosary Church, St Chads Church, Bernicia Homes, and Primary and Secondary Schools in the area to consult and to identify target areas of concern across the ward.

YAP will recruit and engage new and existing volunteers to work and support the St Chads Ranger on identified projects such as litter picks and community clean ups. We have vast experience of recruiting volunteers through various means such as engaging their current youth and community groups, shout outs on social media using platforms such as Farringdon Have Your Say, Farringdon Youth and Community Centre, Herrington, Farringdon and Lakeside News and Youth Almighty Project Facebook page. We will also look to deliver leaflets around the ward where we are targeting, posters on notice boards around the ward such as in local shops, churches.

The St Chads Ranger will work and support new and existing volunteer groups to create opportunities for growing produce in the local community. As a starting point they will look to develop a community herb garden at Farringdon Youth and Community Centre or Middle Herrington Park. They will also work and support groups to adopt a planter within the ward or a shrub bed if these are developed within the ward.

One of the strengths we see within this project will be the recruitment and engagement of local volunteers, existing and new. All volunteers will be safely inducted into the project and given appropriate activities based on their abilities. The St Chads Ranger will support children, young people and adult volunteers to complete a range of tasks in the St Chads Ward for example litter picking, strimming and raking, cutting back vegetation, edging along pathways and weeding.

Another strength we see from this project is the information and education to the local community. We will 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 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. We will also look to upcycle through creating our own upcycling projects or contacting other organisations who recycle furniture to avoid items going to landfill.

There will be many success stories on the journey of this project, and we intend to celebrate those both online via social media but also in print in our regular newsletter catch ups. We will also talk with local press to ensure that people in the community are recognised for the work that they do.

This new project will provide residents and other groups with the opportunity to get involved in a variety of environmental improvements based on needs and address local concerns.

Within the St Chad ward the ST Chads Ranger will particular focus on:

Supporting the development of Middle Herrington Park

Just as our neighbourhoods need residents' groups and associations, our parks need 'Friends'.

YAP and the St Chads ward ranger will support the development of a Friends of Middle Herrington Park.

YAP have excellent knowledge of working with Friends groups as they currently support the Friends group within Silksworth Recreational Park.

We will gather interest by speaking to local people in the community through various means such as

- Shout outs on social media (Farringdon Youth and Community Centre, St Chads Residents, Herrington Lakeside and Farringdon News and Farringdon Have your say Facebook Pages)
- Getting to know people who use the park regularly
- Leaflets to houses within close proximity to gather interest and ideas
- Speaking with local groups in the ward along with local businesses
- Consulting with Ward Councillors

Once we gather enough interest, we will arrange a meeting to explore ideas on what people would like to achieve for the park and how to go about achieving them.

We will support the group with developing a constitution, developing a committee, and setting up a bank account.

The St Chads Ranger and Youth Almighty Project will be an active member of the group and work with others to improve and develop Middle Herrington park

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

- The St Chads Ranger will complete litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line within the Ward. Part of the Rangers role will be 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 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

- We will support the local community and elected members to enhance the local area where planters would be the solution. We will ensure that if these are installed that they are maintained along with surrounding areas, and we will empower local groups to take ownership and adopt these.
- We will look 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

- Work with existing partners and build links with partners such as East Herrington Scouts, Friends of West park, Herrington Village Show Group, St David's Church, St Chads Residents Group, Gentoo Tenants Voice, local residents, St Chads parent and toddler group, McDonalds, Holy Rosary Church, St Chads Church, Bernicia Homes, Lakeside Towers Luncheon Group, and Primary and Secondary Schools 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.
- Making these improvements to open green spaces will provide opportunities for rest, relaxation, and connection with nature for the residents of St Chads. It will also improve, maintain, and protect existing green spaces to ensure they are being used for maximum effect.
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Cleaning and litter picking alleyways across the ward

- The Ranger will complete weekly litter picks across the ward. They will work with local partners such as ward councillors, Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer, St Chads Residents Group, McDonalds, and Local Residents to identify target areas of concern.
- They will also do fortnightly ward walkabouts to identify areas of concern. They will put together a litter picking action plan of targeted areas with a scheduled of planned activities with volunteers needed including cleaning and litter picking of alleyways across the ward.

Expected Outcomes of this project

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 work in partnership with existing services and local stakeholders, local elected members, St Chads Residents Group, Friends of West Park, Herrington Village Show, East Herrington Scouts, St Davids and St Chads Church, Holy Rosary and Local Residents. We will work together to identify what improvements are needed and develop an action plan to ensure we achieve maximum impact. This will be balanced across the whole ward to ensure a fair distribution of projects are undertaken within the time available. There will be a blend of low-level litter picking, painting, and community clean up engagement activities.
- We will support and empower our partners to take pride and ownership through their engagement and participation. We will empower the local community to take ownership through their involvement in identifying needs/concerns, through to implementation and evaluation. We will encourage local groups/partners to adopt a planter or flower bed within the ward.
- We will be creating an equipment bank for use by groups which will be based at Farrington Youth and Community Centre, in our secure storage space. We will utilise our existing equipment which we purchased through the keep Sunderland West Tidy Project.

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

- The St Chads Ranger will 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.

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 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, take responsibility and continue to be integral to their improvement and maintenance beyond the 2-year life of the project.
- There are a range of groups both formal and informal in the St chads ward that already exist that are a variety of shapes and sizes. We will be working with as many of these groups to ensure no duplication and support them to take action where we can such as supporting with equipment, knowledge and volunteers.
- We will 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. We know that outdoor activities and environmental projects are particularly powerful learning opportunities as they contribute to a range of important collective targets across education, health, anti-social behaviour, and community cohesion

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 make visual improvements to identified areas within the ward such as mineral line, and Foxy Island to dramatically improve them so that there is a clear change in a short period of time. Once an area is in a better state it will be less of a challenge to maintain for residents and volunteer groups. The ranger will carry out adjustments to areas where possible to minimise the ongoing workload.
- The proposed project will improve the overall visual appearance of the St Chads ward making it more attractive and a better place to live for the local community.
- This project will provide residents and other groups with the opportunity to get involved in a variety of environmental improvements based on needs and address local concerns.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Healthy Smart City Output	CODE	
amount of highway, cycle, pathways improved by area (m2)	208	2.59 approx
number of community cleans up carried out	209	15
number of litter picks carried out	210	75
A Vibrant Smart City Output	CODE	
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	80
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	500
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	1560 – 15 hours per week over 24 month

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
St Chads Ranger 15 hours per week £12.50 ph 24 months	19,500		19,500
Volunteers Expenses	400		400
Resources – Plants, Bulbs, Pain as and when needed	800	200	600

Publicity and Promotion	400	150	250
Stationary Materials and resources – for educational activities and campaigns	450	100	350
Training budget	500.		500
PPE and Disposables	600	100	500
Small equipment – Hand tools, edging shears, cutting set, loppers	600		600
Project management for lifetime of project	2800		2800
Uniform for ranger and His Vis jackets for volunteers	400		400
Keep Britain tidy – Litter picking group kit (315 per kit)	1250	305	945
Camera to capture success	150		150
Volunteer hours 500 @ £12 per hour	6000	6000	
Total	33,850	6855	26,995

This project meets with the Launch ‘Love where you live’ campaign and In Bloom and Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing and Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities Priorities from the West Delivery Plan
Recommendation to approve