

West Sunderland - How we made a difference – highlights from 2018 / 2019

Our local priorities for West Sunderland were:

Create community in bloom groups and apply to the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Awards
Develop and deliver a West Clean and Green Volunteer Programme
Walk and Talk – mobilising communities to take sustainable action to support their neighbourhoods
Delivery of the Tall Ships themed Ships Ahoy! Schools and Family Event in Barnes Park – June 2018
Ensure West communities are involved in and benefit from the Tall Ships Races which take place during 2018
Influencing health services to ensure they work with the third sector to support a sustainable approach to prevention
Activities for young people – to improve community cohesion, reduce anti-social behaviour and holiday hunger
West Social Isolation Programme
West Digital Inclusion Programme
West Apprenticeship Programme alongside a Find a Better Job Training Programme
West School Transition Project – enabling enterprise & improving mental health as young people move from Year 6 into Year 7
Community Led Local Delivery (CLLD) Programme - ensure that West organisations benefit from the CLLD EU funding opportunity, to support residents within the West of Sunderland
West Leaving Care Project – ensuring successful delivery of the project and lessons learnt shared with All Together for Children, to continue to enhance opportunities for young people who are in care and leaving care
West NEET Project –delivering a bespoke package of support to encourage the current West NEET young people to move into employment or further education as well as influence partners to develop delivery moving forward
Work with the West Voluntary and Community Sector to ensure they are focused and enabled to strengthen their position and long-term delivery strategy
Influence delivery and design of People and Place based services devolved to Area Committee

Our year in numbers

We approved £331,887 of projects during 2018/2019 to implement our local West priorities - supporting our communities and Voluntary Community Sector, council departments as well as supplementing funding of partner agencies and external EU grant funding, to improve services and continue to strengthen the local community.

Activities for Young People – to reduce ASB & holiday Hunger and improve community cohesion	£90,000
West Community Led Local Delivery (CLLD) Support Programme	£62,000
Community Vibe Magazine for two years	£5,000
Safety Works Transport – schools and youth providers	£5,000
West Clean and Green three day Event 2019 – Barnes Park	£30,000
West Apprenticeship Programme	£20,000
West Find a Better Job Training Resource	£10,000
West Digital Skills Programme	£30,799
West Clean and Green Volunteer Programme plus large-scale capital improvements	£60,000
Phoenix Project West ASB Delivery	£12,000
Match to Public Health Grant to support requirements from Adult Lifestyles Survey	£7,088

We have also awarded 61 Community Chest grants to the value of **£61,033**, to 52 organisations. The average grant value is **£1000**

A Snapshot of West Highlights

15,000 people attended the West Ships Ahoy! event in Barnes Park plus local Primary school children who took part in free educational and creative activities

11 Sail Ambassadors sponsored to take part in the Sunderland Tall Ships 2018

18 schools (Primary and Secondary) took part in the West School Transition Project which is now annual event supporting children moving from Primary to Secondary school to raise their aspirations and support their mental health and wellbeing

17 schools attended Safety Works! to learn important safety messages

4 'in bloom' groups established each receiving an RHS It's your neighbourhood award

11 West Apprenticeships created and supported to-date with more to follow!

39 West Social Isolation Projects delivered and more to follow!

8 projects supported to deliver Digital Inclusion activities across the West to ensure our communities are both digitally active and safe on-line

31 young people supported to-date through the West NEET programme

5 Community Led Local Delivery projects now being delivered across the West of Sunderland to help people get back into work