

SIB Project Proposals**Houghton le Spring Village Atlas****£4,000****Background:**

Following the success of the initial 6 Village Atlas projects within the Limestone Landscapes Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Partnership Scheme, it was agreed that a second phase containing 10 more Atlases would be beneficial. The first phase included Hetton Parish, and a further atlas for Penshaw Village was funded via SIB.

The Project:

Ten communities have been identified for the second phase including Houghton le Spring. The Partnership will work with schools and community groups to understand the area's Geology, Hydrology, Ecology, Settlements developed over time, Architecture of the settlement, Archaeology of the area and Social history of the area

The Limestone Landscape Partnership is leading on the development of this work and has been meeting with stakeholders to discuss the possibility of engaging with the local community to develop a Village Atlas for the Houghton le Spring area.

A main heritage grant phase 1 application will be made to HLF on 3 December 2015 and if successful the development phase will last 9 months. The development phase will produce a phase 2 application to deliver a two year project resulting in the production of a large document which brings together the findings, and a summary document to be distributed widely within the community.

Funding requirements

The **Development Stage** costing around £36,000 will be funded by HLF and Limestone Landscape Partnership. The **Delivery Stage** costing around £500,000 for the 10 identified communities would require £4,000 match funding from each area.

Recommendation: Approve with condition that funding will only be released if Stage 1 is successful.

Underground Music Project**£8,798****Background**

The Underground Youth Music project, previously based in Newbottle Street, Houghton le Spring, is attended by around 40 young people per week. The lease on the premises has expired, the project has moved out and the premises have been cleared. Young people from the project have raised £500 from the CAN DO fund which will contribute to transport costs to access alternative provision twice a week until January 2016. All other costs are being met by SNCBC in order to keep the project going.

The Project

Discussions and meetings with the Houghton Centre for the Blind at the edge of Rectory Field have led to the opportunity of the project being housed there with a view to using it as a permanent shared base. SIB funding would allow the Underground Music Project to continue to develop into its next phase and form a new management committee with revised governance and structure. The Underground youth committee will work with the commissioned youth provider (SNCBC) to move the project forward into a more sustainable situation.

The Coalfield Youth Operational meeting will continue to support the development of the project and the set up of a new operational model. Management and administration of the interim project will be provided by SNCBC at no cost for an initial 12 month period. LMAPS funding will be sought to contribute to the project development costs

Funding requirements

Funding of £8798 will pay for two sessions per week for 50 weeks.

Recommendation: Approve