

## Neighbourhood Fund Proposals

## Application No. 1

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Kawasaki Mule
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Springboard Adventure

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£18,210	Maintenance, tax and Insurance	£18,210

**Project Description:**

Springboard currently support the maintenance of Hetton Lyons Country Park, carrying out improvements and tasks with support of Springboard Learners who gain skills and qualifications in horticultural activity.

The purchase of a Kawasaki Mule (a Multi-Use Light Equipment Utility Task Vehicle) would be used for moving staff, tools and waste around the HLCP site as well as towing machines into woodland and undergrowth. This will help us to maintain the park more efficiently and be able to react to areas of anti-social behaviour more quickly.

Other additional uses in time could be snow clearance, site event support and logistics. Moving hire canoes, kayaks and rowing boats up and down from the garages in the centre to the lake.

The Mule would be operated by Springboard staff, volunteers, and learners who will be able to operate more effectively to offer a cleaner and better maintained public space for the benefit of all who access it.

**Recommendation – Approve**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project. The proposal delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority to Improve Parks and Greenspace.

## Application No. 2

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Coalfield VAS
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£20,000		£20,000

**Project Description:**

It is proposed to purchase a further 4 vehicle activated speed signs (one for each ward) to deploy in areas where there is a concern, from residents and members, that vehicles are speeding and causing safety issues for pedestrians and other road users.

The design of the signs, proposed locations, and programme of deployment will be discussed with Network Management Officers via the Neighbourhood and Community Board. Members have put forward locations which have been raised as a concern, and traffic colleagues will assess the feasibility of proposed sites and procure equipment.

Costs are based on the existing scheme and a detailed and costed project will be agreed by the Board in consultation with all elected members from Coalfield wards.

**Recommendation – Approve**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project. The proposal delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority to Improve Highways.

### Application No. 3

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Coalfield LinkTogether (Green Infrastructure)
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Durham Wildlife Trust in partnership with Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£1.9m	£1.7m	£200,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
3 years	January 2021	December 2023

#### Project Description:

LinkTogether will engage the community to revitalise local Council-owned greenspaces to create a vibrant and wildlife rich network that delivers Sunderland City Council's (SCC) Green infrastructure Strategy and Defra's 25 year plan. Habitat work will include woodland planting, meadow restoration and wetland management, with access and signage improvements to encourage greater use and ownership.

The project will break down barriers to enable a wider range of people to access wildlife rich areas. Consultation with partners, including SCC, Sunderland GP Alliance (SGPA) and local residents has identified target groups who will benefit from greater connection with wildlife and green spaces. People will have opportunities to volunteer and access social prescribing activities, training and events. Four long-term traineeships will support residents to learn land management skills and gain work experience.

Key greenspace locations include:

- Hetton Park and Hetton Bogs
- Hazard Railway line and wood
- Elemore Golf Course site
- Hetton Lyons Country Park
- Land around the Red Burn beside Rainton Meadows
- Flint Mill Park
- Keir Hardie Field
- Herrington Burn
- Success Railway
- Herrington Country Park
- Seven Sisters/Copt Hill

A bid for just over £1m Heritage Funding has been put forward, of which around £500,000 would be capital, £100k development set up and £400k revenue. It is anticipated that numerous environmental S106 funds (already in place) can be used to match fund the project. The Expression of Interest submitted was approved to move to full application stage. It has been requested that a full application be submitted by November 2021. Funding from the Area Committee would be a major support to the project and would help enormously towards the final bid submission to Heritage Fund, and would also deliver the majority of environmental related priorities within the Coalfield Delivery Plan.

**Recommendation** – Approve subject to a fully costed and appraised project application being submitted and regular consultation and feedback being presented to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, subject to the conditions outlined above. The proposal delivers to a number of priorities and actions contained in the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan and will contribute to the City's low carbon agenda.

#### Application No. 4

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Bicentennial Locomotive Artwork
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£12,364	£544	£11,820
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
8 months	October 2021	June 2022

#### Project Description:

The project will install a Stephenson locomotive and tender artwork manufactured from 5mm Corten weathering steel, in Hetton Lyons Country Park. The structure will consist of two identical locomotive and tender images, 3m high and 5m in length erected upright with a 300mm gap which will conceal the rigid steel mounting posts. The artwork will be manufactured locally, delivered to site and installed on a pre-prepared concrete base ready for inspection by Sunderland City Council.

Following discussions with various SCC Officers and Springboard the Friends of HLCP carried out a consultation process to gauge public and park user groups opinions, all of which have been very supportive, many felt that it was a long needed and appropriate artwork to mark the history of the site.

Consideration was given to erecting the artwork as a gateway feature at the main Downs Pit Lane entrance, however following the consultation it was felt that it would be more visually attractive if sited alongside the limestone track on Lyons Wildflower Meadow where it will be less exposed to vandalism/theft. One of the Heritage Notice Boards will be positioned alongside the artwork which will be easily visible and accessible to all park visitors and users of the Stephenson Trail, providing an insight into the areas past and associated cultural heritage. It will provide an additional visitor attraction in the park encouraging visitors to spend more time in the park and associated Lakeside Cafe.

If this funding application is successful the Friends will host a Dedication Event on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 which is 241 years since George Stephenson's birth.

If successful the proposed artwork would enhance the culture of the park and complement the Bicentennial celebrations programme of activities proposed by Hetton Colliery Railway 200 and the Stephenson Trail project being develop by Coalfield, East and West Area Committees..

The artwork will not require any maintenance work. The steel will be left to weather naturally. The concrete base may require strimming around the edges periodically depending on the finished base height and grass mowing method. Any strimming work required would be undertaken by Springboard's Horticultural Trainees

Stephenson Task & Finish Group & Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Group have been kept fully informed and involved in the various projects detailed in this application to avoid duplication and ensure that all projects complement one another to enhance the community's experience.

HCR200 will attend our Artwork Dedication Day and launch of the Heritage Trail on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022. They will bring along the information boards and interact with the primary school children and other visitors.

Four Local Primary Schools will be invited to attend for the Dedication Event and Heritage Day. The Friends will provide fun activities and encourage use of the Heritage Trail and other park facilities.

Durham Miners Banner Group will attend with the Eppleton Miners Banner. Some of the children will not have seen or know anything about miners' banners.

Stephenson College, Durham will attend and may consider doing a charity bike ride.

Springboard's Lakeside Café will be open for refreshments.

## Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, subject to all permissions being granted. The proposal delivers to the Coalfield priority 'Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage'.

### Application No. 5 (from previously aligned budget)

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund	
<b>Name of Project</b>	Stephenson Trail	
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council: Area Arrangements	

  

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£150,000	£100,000 (East and West Area Committees)	£50,000 (Coalfield)
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
12 months / 1 year	October 2021	September 2022

### Project Description:

In November 2020, Area Committee agreed the Membership of the Task Group for the Stephenson Trail, For the Coalfield:

- Cllr James Blackburn
- Cllr Melanie Thornton

In January 2021 the inaugural Task Group meeting was held with representatives from the Coalfields, East and West Sunderland Area Committees, Council Services, Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Trust and Sustrans. A vibrant discussion was held, with suggestions coming from all attendees which assisted in the development of an Action Plan with ideas and actions being formed under the following headings.

- a. Information boards and signage
- b. Sculptures along the trail/ Iconic art at beginning and end
- c. Environmental improvements (cutting down vegetation etc..)
- d. Enhance cycle route options
- e. Walking maps/guides
- f. Educational programme
- g. Install rest spots
- h. Raise awareness of route
- i. Promote historic importance
- j. Promote health benefits/encourage use
- k. Hold celebration event/s in Summer 2022

To enable the Task Group to be proactive Coalfields, West and East Area Committee's each aligned £50,000 to the Task Group to allow them to deliver future proposals.

In July 2021, the Stephenson Trail Task Group identified the need for educational and recreational activities to be available to promote and celebrate the route. An outline proposal for Schools Resource Pack, and Art Project Ideas is shown below:

### STEPHENSON TRAIL EDUCATION PROJECT

Co-ordinated by Sunderland City Council's Museum and Heritage Team, we want to use themes which celebrate the Stephenson's trail past, present and future showcasing some of the trails most historical and natural landscapes alongside working with our heritage partners **Hetton200** [Home \(hcr200.org\)](http://hcr200.org) .

**Our aim** is to ensure all communities, families and children learn about the rich history and significance to the Stephenson's trail, feel connected to its heritage and can participate in activity that recognises the beauty and wildlife of this expansive natural landscape. Some of the activity should include:

### **Producing a Schools Resource Pack**

Based around key themes, nature, geology, health and wellbeing, history and industry, archaeology, art & design and music, the content of the pack would link to the National Curriculum and be developed by the project co-ordinator in collaboration with local schools (alongside specialist organisations and community groups with the expertise in subject and local knowledge), with pilot sessions and testing to make sure the activities best suit their needs. There are 7 local schools with potential for each partner school to work on one subject strand of the project.

The finished packs would be offered to all primary schools along/or near to the trail and should as a minimum include lesson plans, archive resources, maps, documents, photographs and activity ideas and trails. Activities should also be inclusive of children with SEND.

### **Engaging and Interactive Arts Projects**

Creative arts projects engaging families and the wider community with the themes of the Stephenson Trail. Initial proposals could include:

- Trail Markers Project
- Stephenson Trail Music Programme
- Flag/Banner making project
- Landscape Photography Competition
- Immersive Coal mining stories and oral histories

### **Stephenson Community Exhibition**

Working with local art organisations to organise, manage and deliver a community art exhibition which focuses on natural landscapes, nature, flora and fauna.

### **Community Celebration Event – *Walking the Stephenson Trail***

A community event to include walking the trail.

The total fee for this commission will be **£30,000** and is fully inclusive of all costs associated with delivery of this service. A contract for service will be issued and include a detailed specification and delivery timeline.

### **Recommendation – Approve**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of the previously aligned £50,000, to include the educational programme outlined above, and a further programme of information boards/signage and environmental improvements, detail to be agreed by the Task and Finish Group. The proposal delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority to Celebrate Local Heritage.