

PHILIPS COURT SENSORY GARDEN (DEMENTIA CARE) (1/80)

The project is an outdoor space that we are hoping to turn into a sensory garden for residents of a care home for dementia patients, in the hope that it will improve their quality of life and reduces stress and anxiety levels.

DESCRIPTION

The project was started in the spring of 2017, but due to a company takeover we were left without a management team for four months due to this, work could not be continued during this period, then due to the severe winter conditions work was once again halted. Philips court has 75 elderly residents and they all deserve an outside space where they can feel relaxed and safe, this in turn will improve their quality of life by reducing stress and anxiety levels, this will help to improve their diet and sleeping patterns. We need all the help we can get because our clients deserve the very best in the later stages of their lives. Our aim is to give them the best but that can't be achieved without financial backing. We have received donations of plants from staff and well wishers but are in urgent need of , outdoor lighting, garden furniture and a water feature. The residents have all played a part in the planning of this garden but lack of funds is preventing those goals being achieved, please consider our plea and help make 75 dementia service users lives more bearable.

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INCLUDE 'IN' AUTISM (2/80)

We are wanting a sensory garden for the children and young people we support.

DESCRIPTION

I feel we should win because we support so many children and young people. We teach social skills in order for them to be a part of their local community and for each individual to be accepted for who they are. We support ay families who have no other contact with families due to isolation caused by their loved one's condition/disorder. Autism is on the rise and will only get worse in local communities as well as isolation being on the increase. Children and young people with autism need stimulation whether this is through social communication or social interaction, however, it has been researched that people with autism get so much out of being in a garden area where there are smells of different plants as well as different textures of plants. A water feature will also be beneficial to the children due to the sensory feedback that they will get from this through the sound and the touch. We have just obtained a new place for our children and young people and would like to add a sensory garden to increase their social skills further. I feel we should win because the area we are in is deprived and has no other space for them to explore safely.

A sensory garden would give so many children and young people so much pleasure through sensory feedback which will be amazing for them to explore. Getting the

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young people involved in growing vegetables from seed to plate will also give them a sense of achievement once they see how things grow.

We also need a fence around the area so this can be a 'safe space' for them to explore without the fear of them wandering away into danger areas. This would mean so much to the children and the young adults that we support as it would decrease their anxieties in a much calmer environment when the world gets just too much for them.

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Gallery image 6: [iia-6-2](#)

Gallery image 7: [iia-logo-2](#)

ART STUDIO AND COOKING SPACE (3/80)

To engage pupils, parents and impact the wider community by enriching our Art and Cooking curriculum. Our cooking and art facilities are very limited with basic equipment. We want to convert the existing educational space into a much-needed Art Studio & Cooking Space with high quality facilities.

DESCRIPTION

Manorfield Primary School is a community school for children aged 3 to 11 years (circa 711 children) in Tower Hamlets. It is in an area of high deprivation in inner London, with a high level of child poverty and child obesity. Children generally arrive with a limited range of experience and in addition to financial deprivation, experience cultural deprivation and a lack of activity outside of school.

At Manorfield, we believe that Art and Food education develops pupils with invaluable life enhancing skills. Food education provides children with the vital life skills around cooking and healthy eating, and has a direct correlation to their wellbeing and performance. Art provides pupils the opportunity to express themselves creatively, explore their imagination, gain confidence, perform better in other academic subjects and provides pupils with the best possible chance for success in the future.

We want to transform our existing space to a purpose-built Art studio and Cooking Space to give our children the very best facilities and learning experience so that they can reach their full potential.

Currently our food education classes are taught in a small room outside the school in a separate community building. Lessons are restricted due to limiting facilities, storage space, basic equipment and no running sink that all reduce the group size taught. Pupils and parents don't have access to the school's edible garden where they grow their own food and educate them about the 'pot to plate' cooking.

We want to create a culture of healthy eating at school and help build a more sustainable food system by equipping pupils, parents and families with the skills to cook from scratch, using local seasonal produce. A purpose-built kitchen with top quality facilities will provide pupils, parents and the wider

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community with an authentic cooking experience that they are more likely to view food education as an important subject. The kitchen will provide a hub to bring different communities together and celebrate the rich diversity of the community.

The art lessons take place in carpeted classrooms that are specifically designed for academic subjects, lacking visual inspiration to stimulate creative thinking. There are no storage space for art materials and equipment. Our Artist in Residence carries materials from one class to another which causes a lot of disruption, wastes time, and demonstrates lessons by sitting on the floor. This limits the variety of creative lessons taught.

A purpose-built Art Studio will provide a base for our Artist in Residence. There will be designated space for different activities, with adjustable-height tables and chairs, storage space for pupils to sustain art supplies, pupils can get involved in larger scale projects, and space to celebrate and display work. The Art Studio will be a place where pupils, parents and the wider community can get involved in creative projects, make a mess and flourish.

We have the opportunity to create a special facility. The new Art Studio and Cooking Space will have an ongoing impact with the pupils and families taught, benefiting year on year and the generations to follow. The facilities will also be used outside school hours for adult learning, working with parents and the local community members to develop skills that will enhance their life opportunities.

The projects will have a long-term 'lifespan'. The new facilities created will offer an infrastructure, which, with regular maintenance, and future funding for replacements, should last indefinitely.

We have looked at the range of materials available at Jewson, and we believe with Jewson's support, we can make our dream of a new Art Studio and Cooking Space become a reality to provide our children with the very best facilities to reach their full potential and have an impact on the wider community.

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NORTH LONDON HOSPICE KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT (4/80)

We need a complete refurbishment of the main kitchen at the Hospice. After 26 years of constant use it is no longer fit for purpose and is becoming so worn that we are at risk of being unable to meet health and safety standards, and to provide home-cooked meals for patients, visitors and staff.

DESCRIPTION

North London Hospice provides end-of-life care, free of charge, for adults in three north London boroughs – Barnet, Enfield and Haringey. Last year we helped 2,274 people with terminal illnesses receive the specialist care that they needed to minimise their symptoms, maximise their quality of life and to live and die with dignity in the place of their choice.

We also provide relatives, friends and carers with the support they need to cope with any difficulties arising from the patient's illness and to recover and rebuild their lives after losing a loved one.

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In the year ending 31st March 2017 we delivered the following services:

- 2,274 individual patients cared for by all North London Hospice services.
- The inpatient unit had 359 admissions.
- 2,155 patients were cared for in their own homes by the community teams.
- Hospice at home cared for 325 people.
- The outpatients and therapies service cared for a total of 435 patients.

The kitchen is an essential area of our Hospice, and one of the only parts of the building which has never been refurbished since we first opened our doors in 1992.

The dietary requirements of the Hospice patients, especially those who are very ill, are often very complex. The kitchen provides free, freshly prepared and home cooked meals for all patients, as well as affordable meals for visitors, staff and volunteers.

Preparing meals on site means we can personalise our care to every patient's needs and wishes and allows us to cater for special events such as weddings, Christmas dinners and birthdays. We also cater for daily functions such as Tea@3 to which all our patients and visitors are invited every afternoon. It helps us bring patients, families, staff and visitors together.

The kitchen is showing extensive wear and tear and does not have enough power points. The old equipment is unfit for commercial use, expensive to use and repair, and involves frequent heavy lifting by our staff. We now need a modern, fit-for-purpose kitchen which will meet industry standards and provide an efficient workplace for the catering team.

One of the main technical problems of the kitchen is not having a modern grease extraction system which causes ongoing issues with the foul drainage system. The system cannot be retro-fitted, and we urgently need a new one to reduce our environmental impact as well as reduce the amount of money we currently spend on emptying the foul drainage pit.

The repair and maintenance bills for the kitchen are now significant, for example:

The pump system in the foul drainage pit has been periodically failing as the grease extracts build up. This requires a tanker to attend the site and empty the foul drainage pit. In the six months up to December 2017, the pit had to be emptied twice and, including a standard maintenance visit, the total cost was £2,857.

In 2017 the total cost of repair bills to the catering equipment alone was £2,622. Aside from the cost, a piece of equipment breaking down causes significant disruption to the services as the average wait for spare parts is three days.

The kitchen refurbishment will include replacing all flooring, cladding and ceiling tiles, adding electrical circuits and additional sockets, replacing all old equipment, installing a grease extract system and the creation of a new store room and coldroom.

The total estimated cost for the works is £170,000.

We have already received £8,496 from a charitable foundation, £10,000 from an individual supporter and £35,404 from a public appeal towards the refurbishment. Other applications have been submitted.

There are also some significant funders that we can only approach once we have 50% of the funding in place. We have applications ready to submit but we need to secure a further £31,100 before we can approach these funders.

The board has agreed to back the full amount from reserves so that we can complete the project within the 2018-2019 agreed budgets.

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Gallery image 2: nurses-300x199

Gallery image 3: minolta-digital-camera-3

Gallery image 4: tajun-200x300

Gallery image 5: kitchen-1-3-300x225

LADYWOOD PRIMARY SENSORY POD (5/80)

I would like to purchase and build a Summer House or camping pod and convert it into a sensory area/safe space for the children at the school with Autism and other learning difficulties to enable them to calm down and be able to fully participate in day to day school life.

DESCRIPTION

Ladywood Primary has an above average number of learners with Learning Difficulties. They have an excellent committed team of Staff, unfortunately when a child becomes anxious or distressed there is not a safe space for the child to take time out and regulate and refocus. They previously had access to the sensory room at the local Surestart till it's closer, however due logistical issues and having to take the child offsite this was never a viable option. My son is on the Autism Spectrum and is now in year 4. The addition of a sensory pod would make such a massive difference to my sons (and other learners with Autism) ability to cope with day to day life in a Mainstream Learning environment, and could be the difference between a child injuring themselves a member of staff or another learner. I feel strongly they should win as a big thank you to the brilliant staff for all the help, dedication and hard work they do every day and could be the difference between a happy learner or suspension or exclusion for a child

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AIL GYFLE – SECOND CHANCE (6/80)

Ail Gyfle is a recycling charity set up to help those in the margins of society who feel they have no skills to offer. We recycle anything - wood, tyres, plastic and crockery whilst using those skills to encourage problem solving and social skills, as well as practical skills like carpentry.

DESCRIPTION

Llanelli is an area of third generation unemployment and high crime levels. Ail Gyfle was set up 4 years ago as a joint venture with Antioch church and Wales Community Rehabilitation Co, but is now a charity in its own right and has been working with Offenders to help improve their skills, both practical and soft skills with a view to helping them become more employable. We also support them with problems in their lives such as benefits, housing and relationships and work with Adult Learning Wales to provide accredited qualifications. We have been given the opportunity to expand and work with people who have disabilities. Unfortunately at the moment we are unable to take this opportunity as we do not have a disabled toilet or kitchen and our yard needs work to level

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Llanelli / Carmarthenshire

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out access.

We have been in our new workshop for less than one year and have carried out a lot of work ourselves but have no money now to complete the work we would need to have done.

We have received grants to start us off but we now have the opportunity to work towards being self sufficient and sustainable, if we are able to take up this new partnership.

The charity is staffed by volunteers, most of whom have been service users in the past and are now role models to those who come there. Ail Gyfle is a unique provision, not only in Llanelli but also in Carmarthenshire.

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ISLAY DOG RESCUE – NEW KENNEL FACILITY (7/80)

In order to rebuild our kennels, we will require more investment & we worry that we will be unable to continue saving lives of dogs on death row if we cannot rebuild or upgrade the current kennels by 2019.

DESCRIPTION

Islay Dog Rescue is operated by Lorraine Jardine and Richard Thomson and operates from Glen Islay Farm, a small-holding near Cumnock, on the South-West Coast of Scotland. Both Lorraine and Richard are passionate about animals and dedicated to helping dogs who have found themselves in dog pounds. Specifically, they rescue dogs who are on "death row"

Our dog kennels were initially built in 2011, made of wood and have suffered badly due to the adverse weather we have in Scotland.

We have worked hard to achieve our 2017-2018 goals which were to; tarmac our grounds, resurface our arena (dog exercise area) install a visitor lounge and toilet area and upgrade our fencing/gates with thanks to grants received from Tesco Groundwork and Lush Retail.

However we are now in the fortunate position of having received a 10K donation from a life insurance policy of a dear friend and avid support of rescuing dogs. With this donation, would love to put it towards rebuilding our kennels. However we understand in order to rebuild our kennels, we will require more investment and unfortunately we currently have no further grant money available to us.

We worry that we will be unable to continue saving lives of dogs on death row if we cannot rebuild or upgrade the current kennels by 2019.

Furthermore, we would love to expand to having more than 10 kennels to ensure we do not have to turn people away who desperately need our help. Ideally, we would knock down the current 10 wooden kennels and rebuild brand new, modern kennels which would be easier to clean and be well

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Cumnock / East Ayrshire

Seeking: 10,000

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insulated in the poor weather. This way, the rescue dogs would continue to be kept safe and warm, yet also we would reduce the risk of any potential disease by being able to clean them thoroughly.

We have been fundraising at every opportunity and have all our plans, groundwork and building quotes available.

We would welcome any visit to our rescue centre to show you exactly what we wish to achieve.

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VIDEO:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/aDH25SAwoAU?feature=oembed>

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HOPE RESCUE – VALUED VOLUNTEERS – VOLUNTEER TRAINING CENTRE RENOVATIONS (8/80)

Hope Rescue is a volunteer focused animal welfare organisation. We purchased our dog rescue centre a year ago and your grant will renovate the volunteer training centre and break area and add a eco-friendly toilet. Our 200 volunteers will benefit from using this facility plus the local community.

Submitted: 9th May 2018 at 11:08 AM

Llanharan / Rhondda Cynon Taff

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DESCRIPTION

THE CURRENT SITUATION

Funding from the Building Better Communities Fund will allow us to redevelop our dilapidated volunteer training centre and provide a welcoming space to run all of our volunteering and training activities.

Traditionally, charities attract a narrow demographic of individuals as volunteers. However, at

Hope Rescue we are fortunate to appeal to a wide range of individuals who are motivated by their love of animals and enjoy walking the dogs in our woodland, socialising our litters of pups or exercising the rescue dogs in our paddock areas. It's literally the dogs that draw them in. This means that we can provide high-value work experience or volunteering placements to individuals who wouldn't normally access the benefits that volunteering provides including; improved quality of life, reduced social isolation, employment opportunities, confidence and skills.

Unfortunately, our volunteer training centre is in desperate need of renovations and is not a suitable space for our volunteers to use. This means we are having to turn new volunteers away or restrict their training and development opportunities. Whilst the building itself is structurally sound it lacks heating, has an unsafe floor surface, leaks from the roof, no kitchen or toilet facilities and requires complete redecoration.

THE PROJECT

The project budget includes:

- Removal of central pillar and installation of RSJ to make the space more useable
- Replacing floor with safety compliant non-slip surface including raised skirting
- Installation of partition and fire door to separate training room from volunteer break area

- Addition of new kitchen area to provide refreshments for volunteers
- Repairs to roof to fix leaks
- New heating system to ensure that the space is useable all year round
- Outdoor run area next to the volunteering centre to provide a training space for volunteers to work with the dogs and improve their animal care skills
- Addition of eco-friendly toilet with grey-water flushing system
- Disabled access to all doors and toilet facilities
- Redecoration throughout

We are confident that the above project can be achieved within the £50,000 award budget and no additional planning permission will be needed to proceed with the building works

THE PEOPLE

Since opening the Rescue Centre we have recruited over 150 new volunteers, including students, young professionals, families and retired people.

The local Volunteering Centre are keen to offer placements for their clients from the job centre and local NEET schemes as Hope Rescue is the only local charity offering animal welfare volunteering.

Other agencies keen to increase their service users' involvement include::

- Clients from a local mental health facility who use volunteering as therapy
- Llamau's 'learning for life' project, which aims to help homeless clients into work
- Communities for Work which is run by RCT Council
- and schools requiring work experience placements for children at risk of exclusion.

With the new volunteer centre we will increase engagement with schools, local authorities, employment services, community groups and the justice service across South Wales.

THE IMPACT

Our volunteers really are the beating heart of our organisation. A volunteer who recently joined the team following a family bereavement, told us that her time helping at the Rescue Centre had been the first time she had smiled in weeks. This sums up volunteering at Hope Rescue, providing a feeling of belonging, a place to learn and a genuine opportunity to give something back and feel 'useful'.

The new space will be used for lots of different activities including:

- Volunteering inductions
- Dog walking training
- Canine first aid and body language courses
- 'Handmade by Hope' crafting classes
- Community dog training classes to promote responsible pet ownership
- Talks and practical workshops for schools, groups and the community
- Volunteer socials, recognition and thank you events

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Gallery image 1: [canine-first-aid](#)

Gallery image 2: [diy](#)

Gallery image 3: [dog-walking](#)

Gallery image 4: [llamau-volunteers](#)

We desperately require facilities including a pathway leading to the pitches, which have been waterlogged all winter, to help players and parents access easier. Steps leading down to the only toilets are steep, slippery and have to wade through mud to get to them. We need to make them safer.

Denbigh / - Please select -

Seeking: £1000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

DESCRIPTION

We are a voluntary run, not for profit Junior football club. We have teams for ages 6 - 16 years, both boys, girls and mixed teams. We want to make the area around our playing fields safer and accessible to the children, parents and coaches. We are trying to get more children playing fun football and desperately need help with funding to do so. The players show up in all weathers and enjoy being a part of the club. We have no club house and only able to access toilets which are part of the main club. We have 200+ children either playing for teams or taking part in our weekly fun football sessions.

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LLECHRYD CRICKET CLUB FACILITIES (10/80)

We urgently require larger disabled compliant changing rooms, to accommodate the introduction of ladies cricket and the expansion of our junior section as a result of recent ECB initiatives. We currently just about have enough room for two male teams to change but no dedicated facilities for ladies.

Submitted: 9th May 2018 at 9:39 AM

Llechryd / Ceredigion

Seeking: 5000

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DESCRIPTION

We are a local village club who provide both cricket and social opportunities for the local community of all ages, genders, disabilities and ethnic backgrounds, on a totally voluntary basis.

We need to raise in the region of £20k to improve our changing room facilities by extending the clubhouse. This is a target we have been working towards for a few months now, by raising funds through local business/individual sponsorship, the Tesco Bag initiative and organising coffee mornings etc.

With the ECB (England & Wales Cricket Board) encouraging the inclusion of ladies/girls teams within club cricket, we have organised a Ladies Cricket Festival to take place this July. Unfortunately, we do not have ladies changing/showering facilities at the club, and need these going forward if we are to make a success of ladies/girls cricket.

Our toilet and changing facilities are also not disabled friendly, having been built back in the 1980's prior to changes in legislation.

We therefore would appreciate any prize amount within the competition boundaries, which would be a true reward for the voluntary work that our coaches, groundsmen and committee members put into providing this wonderful facility for the local community.

With warmest regards, The Committee at Llechryd CC.

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Gallery image 2: all-stars-yapp-a-evan

Gallery image 3: cricket-club-festival-day

Gallery image 4: cricket-collage

Gallery image 5: cricket-festival-2017-whole

Gallery image 6: llechryd-cc-all-stars-2017-fletch

Gallery image 7: llechryd-cc-clubhouse-2017

Gallery image 8: llechryd-cc-flag-sponsor-harry

Gallery image 9: llechryd-clubhouse-side-on

VICTORIA HALL (11/80)

Victoria Hall sits in the centre of the small, rural West Wales market town of Lampeter. It is a community resource offering something for everybody in the community but it desperately needs a facelift. The outside of the building is not just tired, it is exhausted!

DESCRIPTION

Victoria Hall is, as the name suggests, a Victorian building being brought back to life as a 21st century multi -purpose community asset. It is run by a community based, not for profit, social enterprise group, Transition Llambled Development Trust, for the benefit of the people of Lampeter. The aim of the Trust is "Increasing opportunities and developing a sustainable future for Lampeter's residents by building a resilient community".

The activities it currently houses include a vibrant People's Market, regular monthly live music nights, the local folk club, a youth theatre group, a repair cafe, film nights, keep fit activities, wrestling fixtures, an evangelical church, seed swaps and a thriving food project. The Trust has worked to create a thriving community resource but the building itself is in need of tender loving care, which the Trust simply does not have the funds for. The list of jobs is quite extensive and the work needs to be done sympathetically so the building maintains its wonderful Victorian looks. The whole exterior needs to be renovated with the most important jobs being: the rendering, the guttering, a paint job, windows mended and restored, upgrading the doors, roofing insulation, repointing the walls, resurfacing the outside smoking area, new side gate and roof repairs.

Lampeter is going through hard times, as are many small rural towns, and it would be a real boost to this small town to have one of its significant buildings restored to its original splendour. Victoria Hall should look as well loved as it is. The film I've attached shows a beautiful community, and it is one, but the film was made some years ago and since then many of the small independent shops have folded, the local SPAR closed recently leaving a large empty space on the Main Street. Similarly one of the larger pubs closed and we are starting to lose high street banks too. The work of the Trust is becoming increasingly important in these hard times. Victoria Hall offers hope, entertainment and a sense of community to people who really need and benefit from all of those things. The Lampeter Food Project for instance provides a free hot meal each Thursday and an opportunity for people to take food home with them. All food is surplus, donated by local shops including the supermarkets. This resource is used by a wide range of people who cannot access a food bank but who are in need. Each year, the Food Project also

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Lampeter / Ceredigion

Seeking: £10,000

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hosts a Christmas dinner in Victoria Hall, attended by about 40 people. Equally important, Victoria Hall is providing Fun! The regular music nights are attracting big crowds of local people keen to dance and socialise. The annual wrestling fixtures attract a completely different crowd of young people and families all benefitting from an affordable, accessible night out. The theme of supporting a sustainable community is there in the People's Market too as it provides a valuable resource for local producers and craftspeople and, with the sad demise of the Farmers Market, it enables local people, with very limited public transport, access to fresh produce.

I hope this demonstrates why Victoria Hall deserves its facelift - it is a much loved building, it would be fabulous if it's looks reflected that love and it was restored to its former splendour.

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WASPS FC (12/80)

Wasps FC would like to investigate, clean and repair the damage to the drainage system from our two shower blocks which have regular blockages and suspected pipe damage. Once fixed we want to renovate and update the showering facilities.

Submitted: 8th May 2018 at 4:04 PM

West London / Middlesex

Seeking: £4000

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DESCRIPTION

THE CLUB.

Wasps Football Club is an amateur rugby club in West London where membership is open to all, we particularly encourage membership from the local community and we encourage them to participate in our activities and use our facilities. We are managed and run by a team of dedicated volunteers although we do employ a few individuals for the management and upkeep of our Facilities. We no longer have any financial income from our Professional brothers now located in Coventry. Any revenue we get is hard earned and needed to pay for our high fixed costs for upkeep of our facilities that are hard to contain.

THE PROBLEM AND THE PROJECT.

Wasps FC has an ongoing planned programme of facilities care, improvement and maintenance, much of which is undertaken by our volunteers with an allocated budget for materials etc. where possible.

Recently we have experienced problems with the drainage from our two shower blocks in that blockages have occurred but no obvious cause has been visible. It is suspected that the old underground clay pipes have

fractured or partially collapsed. The showers are heavily used and vital to our continued existence, the club is concerned that further deterioration could cause associated damage and could render the showers unusable as well as pose potential health and hygiene risks. A result then could lead to loss of membership.

The club has been hoping to upgrade and renovate the shower blocks but currently lacks funding as other needed works are higher on the list. Some 'patch up' work has been undertaken but the drainage problems need to be resolved and repaired by a qualified contractor, once done the upgrade could take place. We estimate the work will cost in excess of £4000 if the renovation and update is completed with the resolution of the drainage problem.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT.

We operate seven days a week and with the showers in constant use. When totting up the numbers, we were a little surprised to realise just how many people will benefit from the project by providing a long term repair.

The club caters for all, with sections for Men, Ladies, Youth, Minis, Legends and social members. We currently have approximately 800 members, over 300 (U13 upwards, Ladies and Men's teams) use the showers on a regular basis at weekends for matches against visiting teams and on weekday evenings for training. In addition we host 3 local schools, Tag Rugby (around 60 men/ women, 2 nights a week), a Running club (20 people various times) and a variety of others that use the facilities during week days. We also promote and host events for local community groups such as BBQ's for the local residents society, The Grand Asado (Argentinian society), Ultimate Frisbee championships, etc.

SUSTAINABILITY AND THE FUTURE.

We pride ourselves in trying to be at the centre of the local community. We are proud of our unique heritage and history, we have been around 151 years since 1867 bringing our brand of rugby to anyone who cares to participate. We try to uphold time honoured traditions with an eye to blend in any new ways.

We promote the special ethics and ethos of rugby, passing on respect, trust, camaraderie and a lot of fun. A successful completion of the project will help our Club sustain that into the future by making our facilities more attractive and usable.

It will also encourage new membership and inspire new long term volunteers so they can get a better insight into the running of the club and the challenges this presents. This project will help make us stronger, more sustainable and better equipped to face a more challenging future, rather than the prospect of losing membership and to be in danger of being unable to sustain our proud history.

We are also hoping that further benefits come from strengthening our relationship with the wider local community as well as the immediate local housing associations where we have very good relationships already.

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DEMENTIA SHED BY CARERS CHOICES (13/80)

Carers Choices wish to create a men's shed project for people with dementia. They have an existing Dementia Day Centre which offers a range of activities and wish to expand this to include woodworking and other practical activities. The Shed facilities will also be open to other community groups.

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Benfleet / Essex

Seeking: £10,000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

DESCRIPTION

Community or Men's Shed projects have proved invaluable in reducing isolation in communities. Community Shed projects have started to establish themselves in various districts across Essex. They are proving to have positive wellbeing outcomes for those that use them. Carers Choices would like to create a facility that gives Castle Point residents the opportunity to have a Shed project in their area.

Compared to women, men are at greater risk of isolation. Older men are more likely to be social isolated than women of a similar age due to less contact with family, greater reluctance to join clubs for older people and less likely to ask for support (The Emerging Crisis for Older Men. International Longevity Centre and Independent Age. 2014).

Figures taken from the Castle Point Local Authority Portrait published in May 2016 indicate that between 2015 and 2025 the population of those aged over 65 will increase from 22,300 to 26,500 - an increase of 19% (4,200) and will represent 28% of the total population in the district.

The 'Shed' will also provide volunteering opportunities to support Silver Birch Clients with creative activities.

We have already secured nearly £20,000 to cover the cost of building the shed and adjacent storage container which we aim to have built in the next few months. Our community shed will provide a social space that will be available for use by a wide variety of community groups but will also provide space for those who use our existing Dementia Day Centre.

The Shed will be able to offer a facility for the clients of our Silver Birch Dementia Day Centre. This service provides a holistic programme of wellbeing activities for those living with dementia. The group have been working with the Rayleigh Weir Men's Shed group. They have provided wooden items in kit form which the clients have then been able to create within the Day Centre. A Shed facility will provide a genuine workshop environment giving clients a sense of purpose and wellbeing.

The Shed will be equipped with workbenches positioned at two heights. A higher workbench can be used for those who prefer to stand while working and a lower level for those in wheelchairs or for those who wish to undertake activities while seated. Small tools such as drills, saws, chisels, hammers, screwdrivers etc. will be stored in an adjacent container. Larger tools will be securely fixed in place and remain in the shed. Only those who have undertaken a health and safety induction will be allowed to use power tools.

The Shed will be used by clients of The Silver Birch Dementia Day Centre who will be supported by an Activity Co-ordinator, be used by a new Thundersley Men's Shed Group and available for hire to other local community groups for a minimal charge to cover wear and tear and electricity usage. Bookings for the Community Shed will be co-ordinated by Carers Choices. Groups accessing the shed will be required to provide evidence of sufficient insurance which includes cover for using power tools. Groups will be required to undertake an induction with all their members in the correct use of tools and will need to provide evidence to Carers Choices that this has taken place.

Although the basic funding has been secured additional funding is needed to cover the cost of materials to supply electricity to the shed, tools to equip the shed and a starter wood supply.

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WROXHAM FC COMMUNITY CATERING (14/80)

To add a catering extension (10m x 3m) to the main club house which will *
Improve match day facilities across all 13 teams * Enable use by all community
groups * Enhances Disabled access * Develops training and employment
opportunities for people with disabilities and care needs.

Submitted: 8th May 2018 at 1:03 PM

Wroxham / Norfolk

Seeking: 5000

#Votes (staff / public): 1 / 0

DESCRIPTION

Wroxham Football Club, in the heart of the Norfolk Broads has just celebrated its 125th Anniversary. For its whole life it has played a key part in the life of the village, the Broads and in Norfolk more generally.

Its success on the field is unrivalled for a village of only 5,000 people with many successes including a visit to Wembley in the FA Vase final in 2010.

Apart from providing an outlet for young people, to play football and older people to enjoy watching it as part of its centenary celebrations the club has taken an outward turn linking with local charities to add even more value to the local community.

- The club has recently agreed a partnership with a local care home (Kingsley) and provides match day tickets and use of the club house for the older residents.
- The club has linked in with the Wroxham Lions to raise money for local charities with an annual race night
- The club provides the annual village Bonfire celebrations attracting around 1000 people
- The club has linked in with a local brass band allowing practice to be held... away from other residents!
- The club has linked in with a local homeless charity to provide employment and training opportunities for local homeless people being resettled
- The club has just started its first ever youth and junior section and next year will run 7 additional teams to add to the five it already runs.
- The club has linked in with the surrounding parishes to share facilities at Rackheath and Hoveton, helping the former secure a 500,000 grant from the FA for new facilities.

And this is just the start!

What the project does in a modest way is create new facility for people to use for events and activities and to help the club further develop its training and trading arm.

The project will build on its existing links including its formal link with Open academy school in Norwich which provides BTEC sports science qualifications for 40 students.

By replacing its porta cabin catering facility with a bespoke extension the club can develop more use independently of the whole club house being open as well as enabling access to all groups from all sectors of the community.

The bespoke kitchen can also be used by local small businesses to host events. The intention is to make links with local colleges and charities to develop training opportunities for catering students who can provide match day catering in addition to the other football related opportunities the club already provides (coaching, physio, journalism etc.).

The project is relatively modest project but it is a start and allows the club to focus its catering offer in a new bespoke part of the building with the room and equipment to ensure people not only can enjoy the food prepared but how and by whom it is prepared.

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DENBURY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (15/80)

The current outside learning area floor has become rotten and is unsafe to use, we urgently need to repair the area. The project aim is to make safe and overhaul the outside space to provide a secure environment and enhance the learning opportunities and experiences of the children.

DESCRIPTION

The Denbury School Association; Registered Charity number 1045335 are applying to Jewson - Building Better Communities for support with a redevelopment project to make safe and improve an outdoor learning area at Denbury Primary School, near Newton Abbot in Devon. The limited school budget means that most projects must be financed from the fundraising activities of this charity. The school is located in a rural village and currently serves 112 children on-roll. Children at the school are aged 4-11 years and are from the village of Denbury and surrounding communities.

The existing flooring surface is timber decking, which has in the past, provided and all-weather surface for the pupils to use, but unfortunately since its installation it has degraded and is rotten in several places. The outside area can be accessed via the outside field area or a door at the rear of a classroom and has served as an excellent learning area, but unfortunately cannot be utilised with the current condition of the decking. The fencing is rotten and part of the decking has collapsed. A kind group of community volunteers have removed the collapsed area so that it doesn't pose a risk. The children have enjoyed this outside space which housed a playhouse, role play area, reading zone, sandpit area and mud kitchen, but it is now unusable. The area is an excellent provision to teach science and practical maths. In previous years, the

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Newton Abbot / Devon

Seeking: 4500

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area has also been used as a popular parent drop-off point to ease congestion within the corridor inside the building, but now, due to the unsafe surface are unable to use it for this purpose.

The project includes replacing the decking floor provision for a safe alternative, rerouting drainage, adding in a sun shelter, screening the wire fence from the neighbouring property and replacing the rotten fencing, will have direct a direct positive impact on the parents, teachers and children. The benefits of the project will be far reaching; in addition to providing a safe useable space for teaching and learning, it will promote increased physical activity, it will encourage role play and collaborative cohesion in addition to serving as a valuable 'extension' of the classroom and parent drop-off point. We are very eager to make the area safe and useable as soon as we can so that it can be enjoyed and utilised by all of the current and future school community.

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WISEWOOD JUNIOR FC DRAINAGE AND CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS (16/80)

To replace / improve drainage for the facility as the pitches come November are unplayable, along with providing extra storage space for our equipment and then with any excess funds look to improve onsite facilities such as disabled facilities, toilets, changing rooms, and food and drink facilities.

DESCRIPTION

As part of a legacy for the local community it is our aim to provide good all round facilities for our members and their families to be able to use for generations to come. We started from scratch about 5 years ago at this venue and we have to rely on tradesmen within the club who are prepared to give time and effort to assisting us with any in house projects. As the Club had grown over the years from 1 team in 1988 to 22 teams (2 of which are Disabled) now in 2018 the Club has outgrown our facilities and the need for more sustainable playing surfaces, larger storage area's, and toilet facilities as become a necessity for the club. We are all unpaid volunteers and we have in excess of 300+ families as members of our organisation. We also use our facility (Black Lane, Loxley, Sheffield, S6 6RR) for local community events throughout the Summer such as Car Boot Sales, Music Festivals, and Football Tournaments to mention a few. As well as the drainage we have trouble with Mole infestation and rabbits throughout the Summer digging holes in the pitch. All of these factors incur costs for maintenance of the fields.

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REBUILDING HOWICK CRICKET PAVILION AS A SPORTS AND COMMUNITY ASSET (17/80)

The existing Cricket Pavilion is beyond repair, we need to replace it and bring it up to modern day standards. The facilities are some of the worst in the

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Sheffield / South Yorkshire

Seeking: £10000

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Morpeth / Northumberland

Seeking: Community Prize Project

cricket league and are massively below standard, when compared to modern requirements. We have planning permission and building regs. approval.

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DESCRIPTION

Working in partnership with Howick Hall Gardens, The North Northumberland Branch of the National Autistic Society and Active Northumberland, we plan to provide a new sports and community facility. The proposal involves demolishing the existing cricket pavilion and building a new pavilion in the north west corner of the ground. This corner provides a better orientation for a pavilion and the new layout meets the requirements of the English Cricket Board (ECB). The facilities are arguably some of the worst in the cricket league and are massively below standard, when compared to modern requirements. For example: a) the changing rooms are small being less than 10m² and less than half the current space requirements, b) there are no showers, c) the only toilet is unhygienic, damp and outside around the back d) the kitchen fittings are limited, dated and fall well below current food hygiene standards, e) there is no electricity supply, f) the roof is holed and requires regular patching f) there are no accessible facilities or suitable access for a person with disabilities and finally g) there are no changing facilities for officials.

Alnmouth and Lesbury Cricket Club is a thriving community sports club in Northumberland. We run 3 senior teams on a Saturday which play in the Northumberland and Tyneside Cricket League. We have a busy junior section with in excess of 120 members aged between 7 and 15. We run junior sides at aged 11, 13 and 15; a girls team, an under 19s team and a ladies team. We are an ECB Focus Club and hold the Clubmark accreditation.

A neighbouring club, Howick Cricket Club was on the verge of folding in 2012 due to a lack of playing numbers, therefore we agreed to take that club over at the start of 2013. This gave us a second cricket ground, at Howick Hall and the capability of playing a third team on a Saturday, giving more players the opportunity to play competitive cricket. This arrangement has worked successfully but the pavilion condition is a major issue.

More cricket matches and coaching at junior aged groups have enabled us to develop a stream of junior county cricketers for Northumberland and also England.

We should win as the people who will benefit from our new facility are:

a) Local cricketers. Our cricket club runs 12 teams and whilst the Howick ground is the home of our third team, with better facilities additional matches could be play there. and more opportunities given to people to play sport. Building on the work we have done to introduce ladies and girls cricket. We plan to make this the base for our newly formed ladies team (2017), our new (2018) u13 girls team and play more junior games at the u11 and u13 age groups. We also plan to make the facilities available for regional training and matches. Many of our cricketers, live in very rural areas and cricket provides an opportunity to be active and for them to have quality social interaction outside school/work.

b) The North Northumberland Branch of the National Autistic Society support group and children. The group have just developed a sensory garden at Howick Hall and plan to hold their monthly summer meetings in the pavilion along with activity mornings for children, mainly aimed at active lifestyles, and educational sessions.

c) Adults who are being encouraged to exercise for health and wellbeing reasons. many of which come forward through GP referral schemes. Active Northumberland, working with local health providers, plan to use the facilities, take advantage of the location and use it as a base for a number of new planned circular walks.

d) Local schoolchildren who undertake forest school activities either through their school or through privately arrangements in the school holidays. The facility will serve as an indoor classroom for such activities and will have the capability for indoor or outdoor camping.

e) Residents of the village and surrounding area - they will be able to book the facilities for meetings, parties, BBQ's.

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STILTSKIN'S SOAPBOX CHILDREN'S THEATRE (18/80)

Stiltskin's Soapbox Children's Theatre is an ex WW2 mustard gas decontamination unit. Stiltskin took on the building in 2014 to transform it into a Children's Cultural Hub where children and their families can experience theatre, arts projects and festivals throughout the year.

DESCRIPTION

Stiltskin Theatre and Arts C.I.C are a not-for-profit community organisation producing theatre and arts projects for children from 0-15 yrs and their families.

Since 2014 Stiltskin have been working to transform the building into an accessible community space, where children and their families can come together to experience excellent quality cultural projects such as theatre, arts and festivals. The Soapbox Children's Theatre is based in Devonport Park which is in the middle of one of the most deprived communities within the city. There are many families that find it difficult to seek cultural experiences due to socio-economic deprivation and low confidence in using cultural spaces. According to research figures from "Audience Finder.org" 60% of residence in Devonport do not have access to cultural opportunities. At the theatre we offer discounts for these families through our local school scheme, and keep our ticket and workshop prices low throughout the year for everyone to experience theatre together from across the city and the South West.

The building was semi-derelict when we moved in and is based in the last corner of the park to be developed. By making the building fit for purpose we are helping to discourage anti-social and criminal behaviour within the park.

We are also supporting local pride in the area, creating new jobs and benefiting local facilities. In 2015 we received planning permission from Plymouth City Council to develop the building. We have raised funds from Crowdfunding and the Social Enterprise Investment Fund to make the building accessible for wheelchair users and families, including building new toilets and opening up a double front entrance. In order to continue to make the theatre a great place for the community, for elderly people to be able to visit, babies and children to be comfortable, and to be able to offer projects for children with multiple needs within the space, we need urgent maintenance to the roof and walls of the building.

The Soapbox Theatre is in need of an insulated new roof and outside walls. The flat roof leaks and the walls are very damp. In order for the building to become more sustainable we need to insulate and fix the roof and insulate the walls. The building currently becomes extremely cold in the winter and very warm in the summer evenings. Neither the walls or the roof have been worked on fully since the building was constructed 72 years ago apart from small repairs.

As an environmentally conscious organisation we hope to reduce our carbon footprint as insulating the building will radically reduce our fuel consumption and make the building more sustainable, allowing any profits to be put back

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Plymouth / Devon

Seeking: Community Project

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into the projects we produce for children and their families.

Stiltskin have been working with children for the past 18 years giving them the opportunity to experience theatre and culture to broaden their horizons, build their self confidence and raise their aspirations, as well as engaging imaginations and supporting their education with speaking and listening and English. We work with children with mental health issues, children in care, children who are socially disadvantaged and isolated and children with multiple needs.

By transforming the theatre into a place for children to experience culture we have created a space where children and their families can come together from Plymouth, the South West and beyond. We are one of the leading theatre companies to produce theatre for under 5's supporting early years language development and family cohesion by creating memorable experiences together.

The Soapbox Children's Theatre is an award winning community building winning the 2017 Abercrombie Awards, People's Choice and highly commended Best Community Building and Muddy Stiletto's Best Independent Theatre 2017 in Devon. We are also currently no.1 for Children's Theatre on Trip Adviser in the UK.

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GET STEVE HOME (19/80)

Steve,47 is a husband and dad to 4 children. Steve is currently in hospital undergoing rehab to aid his recovery and to hopefully get him home to his family following a series of health complications.

DESCRIPTION

Steve was admitted to hospital due to a chest infection, which led to pneumonia and then he developed sepsis. On the night of his discharge Steve had a stroke which has left him paralysed down the left hand side. Following brain surgery to remove half of his brain Steve is now having to learn how to live again with his life altering injuries.

Before Steve's admission into hospital he was a hard working dad going to work as a site engineer surveyor. His wife is currently having to manage looking after their 4 children aged 2, 6, 11 and 15 and also going to visit Steve in hospital everyday. The hospital are looking to discharge Steve back home but unfortunately as they own their own house there is no financial support for them to make the necessary alterations to allow this to happen. Steve is unable to do anything for himself and will require carers once home to assist with day to day life. Alterations at home might sound simple but they are costly and time consuming for a family already under intense pressure. These include widening of the doors to allow a wheelchair through. A wet room with a hoist so that Steve can be washed. Alterations in the bedroom to allow a specialist bed to be brought in.

Steve was always willing to help out friends and family when he was required and now they simply want to give something back to him and with the help of this award we would be able to help in his four children having their daddy

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Mansfield / Nottinghamshire

Trade hero: Steve Dixon

Trade hero occupation: site engineer surveyor

#Votes (staff / public): 7 / 0

back at home and to continue with a different type of family life.

Steve and his wife are trying to stay positive for the sake of their children but the pressures on them can be seen by those close to them and it makes you put your own life in perspective. Watching a close friend struggle with what you would consider a basic task and then think about when did you take a minute in your life just to be thankful for what you have.

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PAVILLION WARFIELD (20/80)

To rebuild a community building that's falling down, it's owned by a group of trustees that they let various groups use, including the local village fate, dog show, Cricket Club, play area for children.

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Bracknell / Berkshire

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

DESCRIPTION

This is a building that potentially could be used for so much more if it's rebuilt. As it is it's used by the local cricket club weekly who have over a 100 children training there every week, the village cricket team play there every week with evening matches as well as weekend matches.

The village fate is run out of this every year which is hugely successful, there's also the local dog show, the building potentially when rebuilt could be hired to other local groups as well such as music classes for pre schoolers etc. The local football team are also in talks with the trustees to use this area during the winter having weekly matches being held there during the football season.

There is also a children's play area on the green and this building is open to the public to use daily,

The building is in a bad state of repair with cracks everywhere, the kitchen area is the original 50's kitchen all though not looking so retro now just delapidated with doors missing.

The changing room area and men's room smells and quite honestly no amount of cleaning will make this a nice area to use, again it has all original fixtures and fittings!

The ladies toilet is clean but there are substantial cracks appearing down the walls.

This building when rebuilt will be used as a central hub to our community, supplying sporting changing facilities for both Cricket and Football, As well as continuing to support the fate and dog show, anyone using this ground for what ever use will be able to access it.

My husband is a decorator and he painted it 5 years ago but no amount paint of is going to hold together much longer.

Unfortunately there isn't a website for the pavillion, it's run by a local group of trustees who are elderly and things like website etc aren't something they do at the moment but as it gets handed to a more technically aware generation this will come.

Grants like yourselves is essential to our local community, this building means a lot to our village and has the potential to be so much more.

Thank you

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LUCEM HOUSE COMMUNITY CINEMA PLUS+ (21/80)

Lucem House, St Helens is a community cinema. It is a volunteer run, to screen independent, international films and have a venue for groups to watch films who have challenges attending the multiplex cinemas because of mental health, learning disabilities. It can also be hired for creative art groups

DESCRIPTION

Last year one of the volunteers walking home from the cinema was assaulted in the street and tragically died from his injuries. He was a staunch campaigner for mental health issues and a local hero for the arts in St Helens. He was one of the early volunteers for the cinema and supported it with the aim of it being a safe space for local groups particularly those with mental health problems. His nickname was Len Banana hence the ramp is known as the 'Yellow Brick Road'.

Since his death we set up a fund with donations from his funeral and a memorial day in his name to build a ramp for all to access the cinema. Presently access is by rather steep steps up to the door. The cost of the ramp will be around £10000 including materials and we have raised a substantial part of this.

Amongst others, one group that hires the cinema is for children with learning disabilities, they are able to enjoy a film in a safe and non-judgemental environment, having a ramp means that they could include the children who also have a physical disability. We also show monthly films for a similar group of adults who could increase their membership if a ramp was in place. We have been showing 'Memory Lane' movies and would like to encourage frailer persons to attend but many would not be able to use the steps into the cinema.

Access by ramp would help us to be more inclusive to all groups, currently those having a physical disability or frailty are unable to get into the building. The gallery pictures show the proposed ramp, St Helens Law Courts (neighbour) is allowing access across their land.

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THE EMPTY PLATE (22/80)

The Empty Plate is a Pay as you feel cafe. We help to reduce food waste, collecting waste and donations from supermarkets and make nutritious meals which are served in our cafe. We support community members who are suffering hardship, allowing them to have a healthy meal.

DESCRIPTION

The aim of our project is to reduce food waste and support those who are financially struggling. The project serves hot meals as well as offers fresh fruit

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st helens / Merseyside

Seeking: £3000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

Submitted: 6th May 2018 at 7:23 AM

Worthing / West Sussex

Seeking: 5,000

#Votes (staff / public): 1 / 0

and vegetables, bread, cakes and tinned goods, allowing people to manage their finances on things like eating and lighting etc. We supply hardship crisis hampers for those who cannot access any other help. This is not just food but toiletries and washing gear, especially to those who are homeless.

We ask for a donation from those who can afford it and those that cannot will often help by clearing tables, washing up, delivering leaflets etc.

The project has proved to be an asset to the community and with the current climate and reductions to benefits, we are finding an increase of users.

The project is run entirely of volunteers and takes no profit, every penny raised is put back into the project mainly to provide fresh fish and meat and items that are or cannot be donated. We have a very innovative and creative chef which is essential for our project as we often find donations are low and buying meats, and equipment hard to purchase.

TO help with the demands of food buying, we became a member of Fareshare who supply food to organisations such as ours. However this costs us £1800 per year and reduces our income greatly. It also means we struggle to buy commercial equipment,

The majority of our equipment is household equipment and does not meet the demands of workload our project subjects them to, which means they break quickly and this causes problems when trying to meet the demands of the cafe. We would be grateful for funding to help towards the yearly cost of Fareshare and also to purchase commercial microwaves, mixers and saucepans etc. This funding will enable the project to successful run for another year and allow us to build up donations to continue the payments for future years.

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DENHAM UNITED LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB (23/80)

We are desperately trying to build a gym for our girls football club, but we have run out of funds to finish the building & the roof is now leaking. We desperately need this gym to help improve the fitness of our players and help to rehabilitate our girls when they get injured.

DESCRIPTION

We are a community run football club with over 200 local girls. We are a committee team of 25 volunteers, who give up over 150 man hours a week for our girls to train & play matches. We believe that all children should be able to play sport as part of a team, no matter what your circumstances are, & therefore keep our annual fees to a minimum. We receive no external funding, apart from our own fundraising efforts & therefore struggle, as we always want the best for our girls. We are committed to developing our girls from age 6 right up to senior ladies & to give them a love of sport & fitness, whilst helping them to grow into strong, skilful, confident, team players who will be a positive part of the community. Many of our younger girls have gone on to be teachers, police women, Chelsea & Other club players and many are coaches and managers at our club. Most of all we believe in childhood and how as a club we can enrich that, we also believe in our girls having the confidence to say "I can", no matter how hard the challenge is & what other people tell them can not be achieved. We have a fantastic club, which is seriously underfunded &

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Uxbridge / Middlesex

Seeking: 1,500

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

could so do with your help, so really improve our facilities. Our senior ladies have been so successful they play in the FA Super cup women's league, which is testament to the commitment of our coaches & managers. When we are supported in our projects it mean so much to us as volunteers, that we just want to keep on improving for our girls. The gym would be such a fantastic asset to us, helping us to grow as a club, improving our facilities, developing our girls & helping to attract new players to come and join us. Please help, we have the project on hold with no more funds to progress it.

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Gallery image 5: [girls-winning](#)

VETERANS RETREAT (24/80)

Nomad Adventure Therapy aims to build a veterans retreat in rural Stockport by training local veterans to build a number of log cabins and classroom.

Veterans and their families can come for respite whilst learning how to cope with life outside the army and learn new trade skills.

Submitted: 5th May 2018 at 6:15 PM

Manchester / Cheshire

#Votes (staff / public): 5 / 0

DESCRIPTION

My name is Laurence Moore, I served in The Mercian Regiment for 12 years leading men from Cheshire on operations in Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan. Along the way I developed post-traumatic stress which led to my medical discharge and complete implosion of my life. I lost my family, my career and sense of dignity. Quickly I switched from being a respected army officer to a suicidal alcoholic. It took a long time to climb out of this hole and create a new life which only really began when a local builder took a chance on me. He showed patience whilst teaching me a new trade and support when I relapsed. I am so grateful to this man and so now I have learned to cope with my symptoms and found peace, wish to give back to fellow veterans and those with mental health issues. Firstly I created an online support network at www.nomad-at.com but realised that once a person is in a stable place they need a source of income. The building industry is similar to the military in terms of the sense of purpose, camaraderie, focus on planning and operations and realisation that risk is present and must be mitigated by team work. Therefore I realised that if we could train veterans in the skills needed to build their own project, it would give great experience, a sense of purpose and a hope filled future. They would be creating something which would give them confidence and skill whilst at the same time providing a location where those less progressed on their transition and recovery could go for respite. This centre would offer somewhere families could stay for short breaks as well as a location for both trade and wellness related courses could be held. Local tradespeople would volunteer to support the project and potentially offer employment upon completion of the courses.

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VIDEO:

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FUTURE FOUNDATION SKILL CENTRE (25/80)

It is a community Interest company registered as a CIC Charity . We give training to young adults with learning difficulties and Adults with ex Alcohol or drug problems or have been in the probation program. We give them training in Plastering and Building skill to increase their employability.

DESCRIPTION

The CIC was set up 4 years ago and I have been funding this project . It has a proven track record that has helped young adults to get employment within the building trade and helped to improve our community by encouraging young adults to become useful members of society . We work with Halton housing the Youth offenders team . where we take on people on probation to give them a new direction in their lives.

Several of our attendees have gone on to have their own plastering companies and have proved to be a success after finishing our course. We would use the funding for the replacement of tools and to buy equipment. It would be useful that not only money that was available to our centre but an allowance of building materials or a tool allowance would be ideal where we can have an allotted amount set aside to us to pick up materials that we need every week. The company started as Northwest Training Partnership and is registered at companies house number 08008154. This is a non profit company set up to help our local community where we also help the elderly in house improvement ie. Plastering and decoration their homes just for the cost of materials. The company are just changing the name to Future Foundation skill centre from Power in partnership Construction Plastering .

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Runcorn / Cheshire

Seeking: 2000

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JONESYS BOXING CLUB REFURBISHMENT & EXTENSION (26/80)

Jonesy's Boxing Club is is a thriving amateur boxing club and was established at the end of 2014 by my husband James Casey - a refurbishment and extension is desperately required to enable access to the whole community of all difference ages.

DESCRIPTION

This Project should win £10,000 as it is truly remarkable what has been achieved in the short-life of this Club - 57 medals at Scottish / British and International level. Jonesy's Boxing Club deserves to be recognised for its' achievements and this is only the start of the journey, as there is plenty more to come.

The Club is situated in the deprived village of Plean in Stirling, Scotland and is practically a huge shed kitted out inside (not perfect) as a Boxing Club.

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Stirling / Stirling

Seeking: 10,000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

The Club is open 5 days a weeks in the evenings offering, kids classes, women only classes, over 18 male classes, registered boxers' only classes for both males and females.

All the Coaches are volunteers and my husband James Casey is Head Coach who puts his heart and soul into this Boxing Club and also holds down a full time job outwith.

The Club has 8 boxers who are in the International Squad which include 2 youths who were both representing Scotland at the Youth Commonwealth Games in The Bahamas last year, this is an achievement within itself and just shows what level the Club operates at.

The Club is also trying to reach out to more female participants to compete - there is a Youth Female who is also at top level - she was representing Scotland at the World Championships in India earlier in the year.

The Club keeps growing and growing within the Pleian Community and beyond - we now have members travelling from Falkirk, Fife, etc - solely going on reputation.

The Club has had to now adopt a waiting list for the kids' class, and the registered boxers' class as there is simply no more room at the inn so to speak.

Last month the club was successful with a bid for £10,000 towards a refurbishment / extension which was obtained from Stirling Council, although the Club needs another £10,000 to make this refurbishment / extension possible.

This refurbishment / extension would allow the Club to have better toilet facilities / changing rooms and most of all more room for the boxers' to train to their potential as there will be plenty more medals to come for the Club.

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Main image: [hut-3](#)

DOROTHY PARKES CENTRE – PLOT TO PLATE (27/80)

The community centre wishes to support the local community in growing & preparing produce from our recently secured allotment plot. This will enable the centre, through our volunteers, to provide healthy, nutritious cooked meals at a low cost to the local community whilst learning new skills.

DESCRIPTION

The Dorothy Parkes Centre is a community centre based in Smethwick, a diverse and deprived area in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, West Midlands. The Centre was opened in 2000, is a place of welcome and opportunity, accessible to all, and open seven days a week. The centre is reliant on donations, grants and for raising its own trading income in order to remain sustainable.

The local authority has identified health inequality, obesity, lack of empowerment of local people and elderly isolation as major issues affecting the area and our own experience highlights that the area experiences long-term poor health, both physical and mental, low educational attainment and significant unemployment, with those in employment mainly in low-paid occupations.

The centre attracts over 700 visitors a week and a recent consultation

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Smethwick / West Midlands

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questionnaire demonstrated that our regular visitors identified the introduction of a community cafe would be of huge benefit to the centre and the local community. The key findings identified were having healthy eating options, providing value for money, a place to meet others and that it was run by the community.

The centre currently boasts a kitchen, which measures 6.7m x 3.2m and has not been altered since opening 18 years ago. The kitchen is outdated, not fit for purpose and requires an upgrade to become compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act. Centre users, cooks and catering tutors have all commented on the shortcomings of the facilities and how much potential there could be, maximising the use of the space with the correct layout.

Funding would allow us to carry out an extension and a complete overhaul of the kitchen. The current space is too narrow and prevents access for wheelchair users. The worktop surfaces are the incorrect level so new height adjustable surfaces are required. New kitchen units, tiling, sinks, taps and appliances and an electrical rewire are required as part of the overhaul.

This particular project will allow local people to play an active part in addressing the issues around obesity, social isolation, low self-esteem, and low educational attainment. This project would be fully inclusive, providing opportunities for all, resolving the accessibility issues.

A new kitchen will also enable us to bring in new income which will increase the sustainability of the centre and its long term future. We will expect to attract an increasing number of visitors and customers through the offer of food and beverages providing healthy and nutritious meals.

A new kitchen will complete part of a bigger project which involves our community allotment plot. A funding application has been submitted to the Postcode Local Trust to help us transform our existing plot into an outdoor community classroom. The aim is to provide opportunities for local people to plant and grow a variety of fruit, vegetables, herbs which can then be used in the kitchen to make the healthy and nutritious meals.

This new initiative will create more opportunities for the local community to get involved in the centre and learn new skills, make friends, improve confidence and open the possibility of new job opportunities either at the centre or within the locality.

We are a small but passionate team and we would be proud to receive support from Jewson towards reaching our goal of having a kitchen facility which would serve as a real asset for the local and wider community and this would be a really good news story in an area that often has very little to cheer about.

Thank you for considering our application.

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VIDEO:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/PYLwom8acGo?start=33&feature=oembed>

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Gallery image 3: [plot2](#)

Gallery image 4: [dorothy-parkes](#)

GREEN FUTURES GETS GOING (28/80)

Green Futures is a community project in Grimsby providing gardening/horticulture activities. We want to create a new path so that people with limited mobility can access all of the site, with benches so people can take a rest (we have 3.5 acres) and a baby changing unit for the toilet.

DESCRIPTION

Green Futures is a beautiful site in Grimsby, we have 5 staff and over 50 volunteers who run the project growing fruit, vegetables and plants via gardening and horticulture activities. The 3.5 acre site has a pond, woodland, polytunnels, greenhouse, potting shed, office, garage, canteen, kitchen and a community room as well as an orchard and outside growing space.

We run activities and workshops for schools, families and community groups about all manner of things. This includes nature and the environment (pond dipping and bug-hunts), family sessions with cooking, playing, crafts and general outdoor play. We know that there are not many places in Grimsby where children and families can play and learn in a safe environment, schools visit the site as well as a parent & toddler group and an older people's gardening club. We also have a pond and a memorial area where trees are planted with an annual service for people who have lost family members.

We currently use a community room for visits and activities which is part of the main building and has lots of resources, however the rest of the site is grass covered and volunteers and visitors with limited mobility (including people in wheelchairs, parents with prams, people with walking frames) cannot get to all of the areas (woodland/pond/orchard & growing space).

Our volunteers are all local people offering their time to support our project, many have medical issues including physical health issues and/or learning difficulties and mental health problems, they volunteer to meet friends, keep active and for a love of gardening and the great outdoors, they also share their skills and knowledge with others.

We are gutted that some people cannot access all of the site and that we are not inclusive to all, we have a number of families (especially older people) who want to visit the memorial trees but find it difficult to reach the top of the site.

Our aim is to create an accessible paths that leads all the way round site so that everyone can enjoy the different parts of the site. We also would like to place benches throughout the site so people can stop and have a little break as they are walking round.

Our site is truly beautiful and we want to make sure that as a community asset it is utilised by as many people as possible and most importantly that we are not stopping people from visiting.

If funds permitted we also need a baby changing unit in one of our toilets and to improve facilities (we already have grab rails and it is wheelchair accessible).

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Grimsby / Lincolnshire

Seeking: £5,000

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IMAGES:

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Gallery image 4: [poly-south](#)

Gallery image 5: allot-north-west

Gallery image 6: e-plant-tunnel1

Gallery image 7: oan-grdening-club-2

Gallery image 8: oan-grdening-club-4

Gallery image 9: wood-south

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Gallery image 13: 10-2

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Gallery image 15: 8-3

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Gallery image 17: 6-3

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BEST YOUTH SERVICE – ACAP (29/80)

ACAP is an independent charity that was established in 1995 in order to raise the educational attainment of young people and their parents in West Yorkshire. The Charity aims to ensure all young people achieve their full potential so they can excel and contribute positively to society.

DESCRIPTION

ACAP should win because for the last 23 years, the charity has provided essential services to local people with little to no outside funding in an acutely deprived environment. Due to the commitment of a dedicated team of volunteers, the charity has survived. It is time they received a little acknowledgement for their work.

The community centre is located in Bradford, a city in West Yorkshire with a population of just over 530,000. Bradford is ranked 13th in the top 500 areas of deprivation across the UK and is the second most disadvantaged ward in West Yorkshire which makes it one of the most depressed areas to live in the country. <https://ubd.bradford.gov.uk/district-profiles/index-of-multiple-deprivation/>

The levels of child poverty in Bradford are unacceptably high, with almost 40,000 (31.8%) of the district's children and young people living in relative poverty as defined by Government. At all educational milestones, children and young people who are living in areas of high deprivation are less likely to achieve expected thresholds or educational targets and are more likely to be among the lowest achieving pupils in their cohort. Our service aims to combat this and our model is to recruit, train and deploy volunteers (role models) from the local community to mentor disadvantaged young people and work on our other programmes. We do not have any paid staff members and operate 100% on the good will of volunteers.

Current activities include mentoring sessions, a Youth Enquiry Service (for jobs & training), drop-in support service (for parents and families) After school – homework project, Summer holiday & half term holiday play schemes, Volunteering Programme, Women's Cycling Club, Furniture Recycling Project and a range of cultural events aimed at bringing different communities together. Last year over 700 people benefited from our service.

The charity should win because they have been at the forefront of education

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Bradford / West Yorkshire

Seeking: 10k

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

for young people and have developed an excellent track record whilst working with thousands of young people from very challenging and disadvantaged backgrounds. They are in the heart of the community and a very worthy cause.

The building provides a safe place for people to meet however, it is very old and in desperate need of major refurbishment which means we have to cram young people into a very small space. We have been slowly doing the building up (with the help of volunteers and the Youth Offending Team) but have run out of both materials and money. We are only using 20% of the building space due to the majority of the building remaining unfit for use.

One of our main problems is that we have a big hole in our roof which has halted decoration work on the top floor (which is the space that we used to rent out to other groups). Fixing the roof and gaining access to this floor again would mean that ACAP could attract more young people onto our education programmes and put us in a position where we can positively impact upon more lives, for years to come. We could also secure ACAP's future by being able to rent this space again and bring in the essential income needed to ensure the charity's future sustainability. Being able to expand and use this space would also make our building more accessible.

Other works needed include repairs to some windows, damp to some walls, updating the toilets and cosmetic / decoration work throughout. We have a kitchen that is half finished and want to be in a position where we can open it as a community kitchen and offer healthy eating courses for young people and low-income families. ACAP is a very deserving choice, particularly in line of the recent Windrush fiasco which has left many of the families that use the service feeling like they are second class citizens.

None of this work is possible until we can unlock the other 80% of the building by refurbishing the space that is currently going unused. Please help us to help ourselves, thanks for listening.

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THE OAST COMMUNITY GARDEN (30/80)

Our community centre courtyard garden in the centre of the building has to remain closed because it is unsightly and the uneven floor is dangerous. We would like to open it up for all of our users, to do that we need to be able to install a floor that everyone can use.

DESCRIPTION

We are a community centre in Rainham, Kent, run entirely by volunteers, owned by and managed for the local community.

We have a wide range of users from local exercise and craft classes to coffee mornings for adults with learning disabilities and young mums, we host talks and have a charity collection every month. Our users range from just a few days old to the local active retirement society, we have users with physical disabilities, we try to be inclusive in everything we do.

The aim of the The Oast is to restore this beautiful 140 building whilst also making it accessible to the whole of the local community. Currently it is unsustainable in terms of the hours and time / money needed to keep it safe. We want to make this project something which can last for a generation at least and help generate further revenue from bookings to increase the financial sustainability of the oast and the legacy of this project.

The Oast is one of the most iconic buildings in Rainham with protected status and situated in the town centre.

Our courtyard garden in the centre of the building has to remain closed because it is unsightly and the uneven floor is dangerous. We would like to open it up for all of our users, to do that we need to be able to install a floor that everyone can use. As well as creating raised beds, a seating area and maybe even a playhouse.

We would like to be able to open the courtyard so its accessible to all of our users at all times, especially our community groups which we support - disabled adults and isolated members of the community. The Oast Community Centre is entirely run by volunteers and is run as a charity

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Main image: [courtyard-2](#)

SANDWICK SCHOOL OBSERVATORY (31/80)

To design and build a timber framed observatory to house a restored local made telescope.

DESCRIPTION

I was approached a couple of months ago by the headmaster Stuart Clubb to see if I could assist with this project as I have helped in the past with similar projects. The aim is to build a one off observatory approximately 12m² to house a restored unique telescope which was designed and built by a local inventor about 80 years ago and was a first of its kind with some connection I understand to NASA. This observatory will not only be used by the school but also open to the local community and a club formed. We also plan to involve the kids and local volunteers to assist with the design and construction of the build so using the project as an education tool for its construction process and

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Rainham / Kent

Seeking: £5300

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

Submitted: 3rd May 2018 at 9:44 AM

Sandwick / Shetland Islands

Seeking: £5,000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

in its end use. I hope you find this project worthy of inclusion in your giveaway.

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IMAGES:

GREENWICH & BEXLEY COMMUNITY HOSPICE (32/80)

To create fully-accessible walkways of approx 150 linear metres from the outside the Hospice building down to our beautiful main lower grounds and children's playground for patients and families, particularly those in wheelchairs and prams.

DESCRIPTION

We should win because the Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice care for 2,500 people with terminal illness a year and their families and carers and we want to give more of them more access to our beautiful garden..

Access to plants and to nature have a really beneficial effect for people with terminal illnesses and their friends and families. Our garden is a calming, inspiring, reflective and cheering place. Feeling the wind and sun on their face brings real happiness to people who are at all vulnerable - whether they have a terminal illness, are recently bereaved, or are caring for someone at the end of their life.

We are the only adult hospice for the London Borough of Greenwich and Bexley, serving a community of 500,000 people. Our Hospice is on a beautiful, but hilly site, which means that the main grounds are on a lower level than the main building. It is a woodland setting which is really unique - as close as we are to areas of deprivation and to highly urban environments - but it does present a few problems with accessibility, considering most of the people we care for are frail or disabled, whatever their age.

At the moment the gardens are inaccessible from the main outdoor route starting at the car park and the main entrance to the Hospice. Sadly, we have had to put up signs telling people not to use this route until we can create the safe accessible paths that our patients and their families deserve.

Not as many people use the gardens as we would like because currently the only way of accessing the garden is through the main building. Not everyone knows the various routes through the building to the garden. And not everyone necessarily wants to enter the building, or ask about how to get to the garden, preferring to access the beauty of the lawns and trees without talking to or seeing anyone.

We need a safe intuitive direct outdoor route to the garden and we would be incredibly grateful if Jewsons and our community could help us make it happen.

The people using the new path will be

- + people with terminal illnesses
- + the bereaved (some people visit the garden for many years after their loved one has died)
- + those in wheelchairs
- + those with pushchairs - relatives visiting loved ones
- + anyone who is unsteady and frail
- + our volunteers (many are over 60 themselves)
- + general visitors to hospice events such as coffee mornings
- + families and carers and friends of terminally ill people generally

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London / Greater London

Seeking: 10000

#Votes (staff / public): 1 / 0

As we care for around 2,500 people a year and have 500 volunteers it is reasonable to assume that at least 3,000 people a year will use the paths. It will probably be far more.

The additional paths will link the main ramped walkway with our peace garden, which is a quiet space for reflection, and our children's play area, to ensure that all generations can spend quality time together when it matters the most. Please see our video to see the route and a look at the current situation.

The additional walkways will be around 150 linear metres, made from bonded resin - to ensure that it is suitable for wheelchair users and reduce maintenance - and will use the following materials; shingle, resin, sub-base, edging and structural kerbs.

We are fully able to safely manage this project and make sure that all funds are used well. We have an estates manager and a small estates team who can manage the works and contract out where necessary.

Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice really is a community organisation in the truest sense. The Hospice was founded over 25 years ago by two local people with cancer using land bought from the Coop for £1. We have great local community here of supporters and volunteers and have a trusted local profile. People sometimes don't realise that we are a charity and have to raise around £5m a year to keep going,

Our local branches are Erith and Mottingham and we would welcome a visit from Jewsons if you would like to see the site in more detail.

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Gallery image 3: [path4](#)

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NORTON SPORTS CHARITY (33/80)

We need external fascia board, paint, pipework and guttering to prevent any further damage to the fabric of our community clubhouse which is in urgent need of repair. Internally we need to improve toilets, walls and ceilings to maintain facilities for ca. 100,000 visitors annually to our site.

DESCRIPTION

Norton Sports Charity provides facilities for a wide variety of community activities and the work on our main clubhouse is urgently needed to continue and expand these. Our social activities include all types of function such as local community groups, christenings, parties, funeral wakes, bingo and many more in addition to providing a home base for eight sports clubs. Approximately 100,000 visits are made to the site each year which both makes us a real centre for the local community and provides much needed income to run our 55 acres of sports facilities. Put simply, the entirety of our activities are in danger unless we can repair and improve the clubhouse.

Amongst the particular groups active at our premises we have the following:

Norton BoxFit

Stockton Bereavement Group

WeightWatchers

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STOCKTON-ON-TEES / County Durham

Seeking: £10,000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

Local Councillors Ward Surgeries
Norton Union Golf Society
Stockton Physically Handicapped Group
Durham County Rugby Referees
Crooksbarne Residents Association
Crooksbarne School PTA
Station Road Residents Association
St Josephs RC School PTA
Daisy Chain Autism Respite Charity

We are also the home to eight sports clubs including archery, athletics, bowls, cricket, football, hockey, squash and tennis all of whom use the clubhouse for a variety of purposes and therefore it is critical to their survival and success. These clubs have a particular focus on both junior players and family involvement and the social facilities provided through the clubhouse are essential to the success of this.

As part of a twenty year development programme to provide additional resources for our local community and to help ensure our sustainability, we are looking to improve our facilities for conferencing and meetings such that we can attract new organisations. Included within the organisations with which we are working are North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust, our local autism respite centre and several local schools including some with special needs units.

The work required to the exterior of the building is essential in order to prevent deterioration to the fabric of the building which is a real risk at the moment. This would ultimately prove extremely expensive to put right so it needs addressing now. We also believe that a facelift for the building will help attract more visitors thereby increasing community use and revenues. Inside the building, full electrical testing is required and our toilet facilities are very old, not fit for purpose and need replacing. We also have some deterioration to walls and ceilings which require significant repair and extensive plaster work. This will prevent any further deterioration and make the facilities much more attractive to our visitors.

Norton Sports Charity has done a huge amount of work over recent years to help ensure its' sustainability. This has included a complete re-structuring of our organisation into a charitable company and an associated trading company which has allowed us to focus on what is required to maintain and develop our facilities. Our immediate priority has been to ensure the maintenance of our sports facilities which has included raising over £250,000 to replace our worn out artificial grass pitch and the clubhouse has now been agreed by the Charity Board of Directors as the next key item to be addressed. Whilst we do make some provision for maintenance of our buildings, unfortunately we have reached the point where the cost of the work needed exceeds the financial reserves available so we are seeking funding from a variety of sources including the Jewson Building Better Communities awards. Much of the work referred to above has been done by volunteers and we receive no external funding to support our day to day running costs so we are very much in to self-help.

We do believe that an award from Jewson would provide a much needed boost to our activities and encourage others to support us so we do hope that you can look favourably on our application.

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PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL MULTI COMMUNITY PROJECT (34/80)

We have extensive grounds at our school We host events throughout the the year for 14 schools in our trust, their families and community members (4000 pupils) We also host Armed Forces Day, multi community fundraising events. We need outdoor toilets and showers to continue what we do

DESCRIPTION

I think we should win as we are deeply committed to building a better future not only for our kids and communities, but surrounding communities and their families.

We have over 4000 pupils in our Educational Trust and we host really big events at Porthleven School.

We are the only school in the Trust with the grounds to do so. I have been fundraising for over 7 years for Porthleven School as a volunteer and love the very bones of it! Its a school that not only encourages kids academically but really cares about the kids.

We have fund raised for our sporting facilities, raising over 90k. (and lots of other projects)

Our multi use games area is used by external clubs, local football clubs, brownies, youth clubs, other schools, fitness clubs etc but due to lack of toilet and shower facilities, these can only be used during school hours or if we rent portaloos. This is restricting us using and renting the facilities during weekends, summertime and the evenings.

If we had an outdoor shower block and toilets it would have a huge positive impact on our pupils and schools future. We could use the rental fees to sustain it, pay for maintenance and possible expansion. We normally pay for our children to go camping (we live in a socially deprived area, with a high number of families living in poverty) and having these facilities means we can offer those children camping trips for free.

Other times we can charge and use the income for the school and to sustain it. I cant stand entitlement, so we encourage our children to work hard for funds and get the whole school involved. We want the kids to work hard and see that if we all work hard together, we can build a solid foundation for them and hard work reaps reward.

We have an excellent relationship with Jewsons in Helston. They have helped us along with companies like Interserve build a pupil kitchen facility, they are our guests at our Armed Forces Days (over 2,000) visitors. We host big events and invite lots of other charities to take part, free. So having this facility ensures our fundraising, sporting events, community events, multi school sports tournaments, fitness groups, football clubs etc can continue using our premises all year round.

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HELSTON / Cornwall

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We encourage children to get active and do more sports, introducing after school activities. At the moment we rent outside toilets but we simply don't have the funds to continue to do so. Having Jewsons support would be life changing for Porthleven School.

Not every child is academic but amazing at building things, some are great at both. I have started to fundraise for a 'Tots trade' facility at the school. We will invite local tradesmen to show various trades and get them building things, the tradesmen we have signed up are able to help but only outside of working hours. The lack of toilet facilities has ground this project to a halt.

We started a gardening club to educate children on how to grow and then cook fruit and veg. Again we are limited in the summer as the school main building is closed and a lot of the plants die off during this season as we are unable to extend classes due to lack of toilets outside.

We can bring this project in for the just under 48k split between labour and materials. We have great relationships with local and national building firms, we even took our kids to a local housing building site and has a 'builders day out'. If we are successful, I'd very much like our kids to be involved with the planning etc. It would be a brill legacy for them to leave at Porthleven School.

We could open up our school to other schools across the UK for camping - so the potential people benefiting is unlimited really. We live in a beautiful part of Cornwall.

We made a little comedy video yesterday (see below) and would be delighted if successful to do a follow up with the Jewson branding, have Jewson open the facilities, get some sports activities going etc and celebrate with a media day, thanks again for giving us a chance

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Our big project in 2018 is to rent our double decker bus Danny as a safe haven, kitchen, social club and dormitory. Our hope is to park the bus in Crawley overnight to distribute hot meals and offer some rough sleepers somewhere warm and safe to get a good night's sleep. We also hope we can us

Seeking: £1000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

DESCRIPTION

Our registered charity (1170628) was formed in 2013. The purpose of the charity is to provide homeless veterans of all generations with hot food and drinks, sleeping bags, warm clothing, footwear, washing and shaving kits. Our welfare team give assistance in helping these heroes find accommodation, work and introduce them to other agencies that can help these brave men and women get their lives back on track. Whilst we have strong ties with former service personnel it became clear to us that homelessness is a far bigger problem for the wider community not just veterans. Therefore, we are now doing what we can to help anyone who is homeless in Sussex.

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AARON PEARSON (36/80)

we would like to nominate Aaron as trade hero because he has created not one but two spaces for disabled children, the first was a derelict store space to an inclusion centre and secondly was a complete sensory space, so isolated children and families with disabilities find support

Submitted: 7th May 2018 at 7:13 PM

denmead, waterlooville / Hampshire

Trade hero: aaron pearson

Trade hero occupation: plasterer

#Votes (staff / public): 3 / 0

DESCRIPTION

We would like to nominate Aaron Pearson (as featured in professional builder magazine and finalist of plasterer of the year) as BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES TRADE HERO 2018 because we believe he is everything that the trade hero represents, he's generous, kind and humble

Aaron goes above and beyond when he helps us with our overall goals, Aaron always does an outstanding job, totally free of charge, we are so lucky to have him supporting us, We are autism isolation no more, our aim is preventing isolation for families affected by autistic spectrum, Aaron is a father of a child with autism himself so he understands the need for a suitable place where families can go and feel supported and their children can safely play, and be accepted.

Just Wanting to help Aaron gave up all of his free time to help us create our first social inclusion venue, Giving up many days and evenings, he single-handedly striped the walls of all the shelving, plastered the entire wall space, and he even painted it and laid down the flooring, converting the space from a delirect large store to a comfortable place for our families to use and enjoy, when our inclusion venue came to its end, Aaron helped us remove all of our processions and even hired us a removal van for us so we could do so with

ease, after all of our hard work it was a very stressful time, Aaron than provided his fantastic services again to help create our new sensory space, Aaron plastered the walls with a great new product called durufinish to help our walls stay fresh and help withstand constant knocking and ware, which turned out to be very wise indeed, it stills looks great, over the time we have been going Aaron has collected and installed heavy duty sensory equipment for us, like our double interactive bubble tubes and fibre optics curtains and he continues to help us by maintaining the sensory equipment so its in fully working order for our children, (which believe us is not easy) he even recently refurbished an interactive panel for us that we thought was broken by replacing the motor saving us a lot of money in the process, we can always rely on Aarons behind the scenes work to help us move forward he evens supports us by donating raffle prizes and last year he ran the great south run for us helping to raise funds and even spoke on local radio, Aaron was even our Santa this year who rode around in a sensory limousine distributing presents to the children that find it hard to leave their homes. We really could not have survived if it wasn't for all of Aarons help, He has literally supported us so we may support others, and Aaron has already pledged his ongoing support for the next phrase of our project which is to build a larger permanent base for us

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KIDZ R US THEATRE (37/80)

Kidz Theatre is a charity based in a converted chapel and is run by volunteers. The building is in need of repair: refit of 6 toilets including disabled facilities, installation of safety lighting on stairs to balcony, 2 new doors with fireproof glass, new floor and replastering in rehearsal room.

DESCRIPTION

Kidz R Us is a registered charity and one of the UK's leading youth theatre companies based in St Ives, Cornwall. The charity aims to attract young, local people, including those who are underprivileged, disabled, socially disadvantaged, into the performing arts and provide them with the opportunity to develop new skills and self esteem, gain confidence in their own abilities and possibly discover the direction for a future career.

Cornwall is one of the poorest areas in the country, 2011 census figures state that over half the households in our ward are classed as deprived in one or more dimension and 20% of children in the county live in poverty. Every year we work with over 100 local children from 6 – 20 years providing theatrical and social education. As well as providing key life skills, this provides them with an opportunity to learn to act, sing and dance, take roles in our musical theatre productions, develop skills behind the scenes and perform in front of paying public audiences. We put on 5 musicals a year in the community attracting over 12,500 visitors to the theatre.

Over the last 24 years we have worked with thousands of young people,

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St Ives / Cornwall

Seeking: £10,000

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developing close working relationships to support children. By being part of our theatre group they learn to work as part of a team, learn discipline, understand other people's point of view and how to give and take. We teach them lots of new skills with top professionals in the theatre industry including singing, dancing, acting, stage combat puppetry and other skills. Each child will learn that they have talents that are worth recognising and that they have something worthwhile to offer. Confidence and developing high self-esteem are key factors that are achieved by being part of our group.

In addition, the Theatre also provides a meeting place for other community groups including:

- o Weekly Over 60s sessions – an opportunity to meet together for workshops, films, visiting speakers
- o Ex Military
- o Weekly craft fairs
- o Farmers Market 6 times a year
- o Fitness classes
- o Dance classes

Over 120 adults volunteer each year support the theatre. Each has designated roles that can help improve their skills, provide regular contact with other people in the community and a sense of purpose.

As a charity, our objectives are to provide:

- theatrical and social education to over 100 local, young people every year between the ages of 6 and 20 as performers, musicians, technicians regardless of ability background or financial situation.
- a setting where volunteers from the our young people through to OAPs can engage with a cause and become involved giving them a purpose and focus in life
- a setting for individuals, families, and community groups to meet together on a regular basis
- a unique visitor attraction for locals visitors to attend performances in the community

The essential repairs to the rehearsal room, safety lights and improved toilet facilities will benefit not only the young people, chaperones and volunteers, but also the many audience members that visit the theatre. They will also enable us to engage with even more community groups who can share and benefit from our facilities.

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RIGHT RESOLUTION COMMUNITY CAFE (38/80)

A Community café that will provide an alternative work experience for care leavers whilst bringing the local community together. Kingsheath has a broad diverse community the café will give the community a place to unite together and sessions can be facilitated with other services within the café.

DESCRIPTION

Right Resolution CIC empowers, involves and develops the potential of children and young people that have previously been in care. Experience has shown us a high level of care leavers suffer from trauma, social isolation, and low-self esteem or suffer from a mental health conditions. The project therefore caters for equality because it allows for participation where nobody is excluded from employment.

We are in the development stage of creating a realistic workplace environment in the form of a community café, The Café will complement our existing service, which provides intensive support for care leavers who are NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) to identify their interests and engage them in learning activities and voluntary or paid employment. We recognise a gap and an opportunity: providing a nurturing environment where young people that are currently or have previously been in care can be introduced to the expectations of the workplace (punctuality, presentation, attitude to the workplace) without the risk of falling at the first hurdle and with the continuous support from a participation worker with whom they already have a relationship with. This will increase the success of the employment and learning which would be the next step. Therefore, the Café will act as a great platform for these Young People to overcome barriers as well as provide an income generation source to continue to support and expand the service to deliver and develop further projects to offer young people leaving care. Care leavers will be involved in all aspects of the planning and running the café from being involved in the development work, fundraising, designing the café. Once the café is open the young people will have experience to learn about food preparation/stock control/ serving customers.

The Young person will learn and achieve qualifications in food hygiene and how to make healthy food choices. The community café will be in the socially deprived area of Kings Heath, The IMD overall ranking for this area is 854, a neighbourhood in the 10% most deprived in the country. During the consultation the local community has indicated they would like a café, and we will be looking at creating healthy food on a budget. February 2017 BBC news published the below statement. Young people who have grown up in care are far more likely to die in early adulthood than other young people, Freedom of Information figures reveal. They show 90 people who left care in England between 2012 and 2016 died in the years when they would have turned 19, 20 or 21. Care leavers make up 1% of the population at these ages, but make up around 7% of the deaths. The government says it is investing £10m in support for those leaving care. While an exact comparison is difficult, the official figures, showing people who left care between 2012 and 2016, indicate they are roughly seven times more likely to die when they are aged from 18 to 21 than other young people of a similar age. With this in mind as an organization experienced in working with care leavers we can break this down and look at providing the intense support and 1-1 work through this project that many care leavers need, the project will look to provide a staff team who can guide and support a young person through work experience/traineeships whilst also supporting emotional and social needs. 34% Care leavers NEET at 19 compared to 15.5% of the general population.-Comptroller and Auditor general 2014. One in four of all rough sleepers have been in care (Crisis 2017).

Through the community cafe offering an alternative work

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Northampton / Northamptonshire

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experience/traineeship to build confidence, self esteem and a working tolerance to accepting change we can make a change to these statistics and more importantly young people's lives so they can move forward and create a brighter future for themselves.

We have a building rent free for a year that requires renovating in order to start the community café, On going charitable rent.

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STABLE EYES (39/80)

Helping young people recover from trauma, distress and improving their family relationships by involving them in the care and training of selected rescued ponies

Submitted: 1st May 2018 at 1:02 PM

York / North Yorkshire

#Votes (staff / public): 3 / 0

DESCRIPTION

We have a regional crisis throughout Yorkshire where anxiety among school children from the age of five leads them to self harm, many have attempted or committed suicide. In almost every case, parents had no idea of the seriousness or the cause of their anxiety. Early intervention is obviously essential but young people can feel unable to discuss problems with parents or seek help from a therapist at their local health centre but they would gladly spend time with them at a pony club in the countryside. We relied on the kindness of a landowner and nearby garden centre allowing us to use their car park and toilet facilities. We needed to relocate the ponies four times since then, in one instance because some people let vicious dogs into the field. Thankfully we found a farmer to rent us 3 acres of land with a shelter and she will keep an eye on them but public access and toilet facilities are restricted. We have an offer of match funding to build our own daycare facility with possibly, limited accommodation for respite, short breaks or emergencies. We offer teachers and parents, Expert Witness reports and professional risk assessments on the early signs and potential outcomes for children at risk. Having studied and worked in residential care of young people for Leeds Children's Services, these assessments accurately predict emotional problems long before the visible signs in behaviour. We are Preferred Suppliers to the Ministry of Justice and our case history includes child of ex-offenders. They are particularly vulnerable and volatile which where StabeEyes excels as a calming, stabilising influence.

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GILLETT HALL CORRIDOR LINK (40/80)

To renovate a cold, leaky corridor link area. This would require the removal of the existing roof, the construction of an insulated roof with skylights, internal plaster boarding and plaster skim, to replace the door to the courtyard area and to replace the worn, damaged carpet.

DESCRIPTION

West Heath Community Centre is a well used facility at the heart of one of the 10% most deprived areas of the UK. We are a self-funded Charity, yet we facilitate a wide variety of affordable activities serving the youngest, right through to the oldest members of the community. Our aim is to bring members of the community together, promote exercise, creativity and healthy living, and to provide affordable day care activities and hot food for the elderly who may otherwise be isolated. We subsidise many of the groups to enable everyone in the community to access the activities on offer, such as Saturday Morning Arts Class for youngsters, the Brownies and Scouting groups, Indoor Bowls, and a weekly Tea Dance.

We work hard to raise funds and are supported by a wonderful community who value our presence. The centre is always busy (we have approximately a thousand people through the doors each week), with a large number of volunteers who contribute to its daily running and fund-raising events. The Community Centre is called Hampstead House as the original part is an old family house that was owned by Robert Cadbury and has been added to over a number of years. However, many parts are now looking quite tired and in need of repair.

The existing corridor link area was constructed back in the early 1990's. It is a single brick construction with a Perspex roof which, at the time, served the purpose of providing a covered link to the then newly constructed activity hall. However it is far from being an energy efficient construction! Consequently, it is a very cold area for much of the time and water slides down the inside of the walls when it rains, ruining any wall displays and the carpeted flooring. This does not give a good impression to any visitors to the centre and wastes much of our heating energy.

We would love to update this area of our Community Centre and make it more energy efficient. The plan is to construct an insulated roof with skylights, apply insulated plasterboard internally, then plaster skim and redecorate. A partly glazed door, along with the skylights will ensure that the space remains light and airy whilst allowing access to the courtyard garden. Builder's estimates have indicated a cost of between £5330.00 and £6200.00 for this work (not including painting to interior walls).

Currently, the carpet is worn from the many feet over it each week, is often damp from the roof leaks and has unsightly water stains. Due to the slope in some corridor areas, carpet is the most suitable floor covering; it does not become slippery from damp shoes and provides better grip for many of our older patrons. It also gives a warmer atmosphere and lessens the noise from footfall. A new carpet would provide some added colour and give the whole approach to the hall an instant facelift! Estimated cost based on requiring 62m² commercial standard carpet @ £13.99m² = £867.38 + door bars/adhesives + fitting.

West Heath Community Centre is a wonderful, friendly, vibrant place and is an essential part of the local community. It supports the health and well-being of so many people that it deserves a helping hand. At a time when many people are suffering from stress, mental health issues or social isolation many of the activities provide vital therapeutic benefits. As an employee recently commented "We're not just a hub, we're a hug!"

West Heath Community Association reached its 80th birthday last year. Following recent changes to the management and the Board of Directors there

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Birmingham / West Midlands

Seeking: £8000.00

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is a feeling of wanting to move the centre forward so that it remains the 'buzzing' heart of the community for the next eighty years. A busy place is always going to need constant refurbishment, but this corridor link project will not only make the place look better, it will make it safer and warmer too. We do hope that you will carefully consider our application.

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CLAY CROSS TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (41/80)

In need of new changing facilities/club house. Currently we change in an "upgraded" shipping container with benches and shower area in it.

DESCRIPTION

Our groundsman Lee Watson has put a lot of his own money, spare time and effort into the pitch and ground which we play on at clay cross town. Winning community and national awards. The time has now come where we need new changing rooms/a club house so we can give something back to him to say thankyou for his hard work. It would be amazing to be able to add to his hard work ofmaking the pitch and playing surface as good as possible (best playing surface and pitch in the area/nationally for the level we play at) and having facilities that match the work he's put in to achieve what he has.

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CAERAU MARKET GARDEN (42/80)

We are a community garden in Caerau Maesteg Our mission statement is as follows " We are a thriving community garden, run by our members to provide for our community." We are a place of education to adults and children alike. We provide the community with a notorious and healthy lifestyle.

DESCRIPTION

WE are planning on building a keyhole raised bed garden for the community to learn how to grow their own food effectively

The benefits of a Key Hole Garden in the comminty would be as follows:

A growing system that uses everyday kitchen and garden waste to nourish the Keyhole Garden, eliminating the need for costly fertilisers and pesticides. The water and nutrients in the system increases the gardens food growth system,

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Cardiff / Bridgend

Seeking: £500

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enabling it to produce maximum food at minimum cost and maintenance. We intend to showcase this unique growing system in an educational setting, not just for our local community but extending to other projects, organisations and individuals.

The maintenance of the garden will be shared by the members of the Community Garden after the initial build is complete. We now have a list of organisations that want to be involved in this growing system. We currently have 52 children plus their families wishing to be involved in the design and build process of the Keyhole Garden from Caerau Primary School.

We plan to distribute the food into the community by selling locally grown produce at a discounted rate. We also want to give food out to local organisations, such as Food Bank and other organisations, so that the community have the opportunity to taste locally grown produce.

The maximum cost for this project will be £500. This cost will cover the entire build process and no further cost will be incurred for subsequent growing seasons.

Following a meeting today with Rachel & Martin from Caerau Skills Centre, I can confirm that both are fully on-board with our aims to manage and develop this project. The project will involve 14 services users in the build process, developing their skills and extending their training. This will lead to them gaining an extra qualification by participating in voluntary work in the community.

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COVENTRY WELSH RFC RENOVATIONS (43/80)

Whilst life on the pitch is going well, off the pitch a dedicated team of volunteers work tirelessly to fundraise for maintenance and improvements. The clubhouse consists of two main multi functional rooms. Adjacent to this are the well used changing rooms, which are in desperate need of an upgrade.

DESCRIPTION

About the club:

Coventry Welsh RFC is a big hearted community club, first established in 1948 by Welsh Miners coming to the city for work. It regularly puts out two senior men's teams and one senior women's team. The 1st XV won a cup last year and are heading for promotion this year, while both the 2nd XV and the Ladies were runners up in the finals this year also.

CWRFC at the heart of the community:

Access to sport for all and community wellbeing is the lifeblood of the club. A free touch rugby program runs during the summer months, and the clubhouse is used for slimming clubs and other community/ family friendly initiatives during the week all year round. Most recently we became the new home of Coventry Jets American Football Team after they had to leave their last ground.

Coventry Welsh are a lot of things to a lot of local people, making a positive legacy through sport and much needed community facilities and services in Coventry, Bedworth and surrounding areas.

What we would do with materials from Jewson:

First and foremost we would like to improve and enhance the changing

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Coventry / West Midlands

Seeking: £500 -£10,000

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facilities. They were not designed or intended for such a high volume of use and despite attempts by the club to make improvements they need bringing back to life.

What do we need to do this: timber, insulation, paint, flooring, concrete, paving ... the Jewson lot!

Our players and club volunteers would get stuck in to do the work (we're a hard working bunch). We also have members of the club who are skilled tradespeople (and Jewson customers) who we would get involved.

For 5k of materials we could achieve this vision, and work with Jewson to select the most sustainable materials for the job in hand. For 10k we'd venture outside and also do a large landscaping area outside, enabling wider community usage for spectators.

The Jewson branches in Bedworth and Coventry are both within three miles of the club, and the Jewson Head Office around 5 miles away. We'd welcome any Jewson staff to join us and get stuck in with the work too!

With help from Building Better Communities and Jewson we could achieve our vision. The building materials would not just improve the situation for the existing users but help us in securing new players and participants in all the sports and activities at the club, leaving a lasting community legacy.

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TEMPLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE (44/80)

We're refurbishing our Church Hall to give it a brighter look as it's become a bit tatty around the edges. When the Hall was built, the walls weren't plastered and over the years the bare brickwork has taken some wear and tear. We're looking to paint the bare walls to give it a lighter look.

DESCRIPTION

Our Church Hall plays host to many different groups week in week out and is used by all ages. More than 800 people per week, that's a footfall of over 40,000, come through the doors for a range of community activities.

Our Community Cafe offers free tea, coffee and light snacks through our partnership with the Tesco FareShare organisation who donate their unsold bread and fruit & veg to us several times a week. Visitors to our Foodbank can take home with them extra bread and fruit & veg in addition to their emergency food parcels. We have just become part of the Places of Welcome Network.

We're situated in one of the top 10% most deprived electoral wards in the country where only one in three households have access to a vehicle, way below the national average. It's important therefore that we offer facilities to the local community.

We run a Messy Church programme whereby children between the ages of 3

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Stoke-on-Trent / Staffordshire

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to 11 can come and engage in crafts and activities and have a 2 course hot meal, once again free of charge. The young people must be accompanied by a parent/carer and they are encouraged to assist their children in the crafts and activities and to sit down with their children and the Messy Church Leaders to enjoy a meal with their children. There are many single parents in this area and social isolation, particularly amongst young parents, is an increasing problem especially now that the local Children's Centre has closed.

Our Church Hall plays host to a Winter Night Shelter taking the homeless off the streets during the coldest nights of the winter. We have more than 30 volunteers and provide a bed for the night, an evening meal and breakfast, good second hand clothes, and a range of essential toiletries. We are shortly installing a shower room in the building so that our guests can enjoy a hot shower. We have secured funding for this. We are shortly to launch a Day Shelter providing somewhere for the homeless to drop in during the day offering a meal plus help from local agencies offering housing and benefit advice.

In addition to the above, the Hall is used by an Over 50s Exercise group; a Parent & Baby Exercise Group; Slimming World; Rainbows, Brownies and Guides; Card Craft classes; an allotment society; the Potteries Bonsai Club; birthday parties; Troupe Dancers; and a Choir.

The building was built 45 years ago and needs a facelift. We are refurbishing our kitchen and our Men's and Ladies Washrooms and we've secured funding for this. The Hall however is the busiest room in the building, getting the most wear and tear.. In addition to painting the bare brick walls, we're resealing the floor and polishing it, installing eco friendly LED lights, fitting upvc windows and doors.

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BIDEFORD AMATEUR BOXING CLUB (45/80)

Bideford Amateur Boxing Club has a reputation for delivering high quality Boxing training and fitness programmes. After securing funding from Sport England Olympic Legacy Funds 2012 a new building was erected in support from Torridge District Council. The club now needs to extend to growing needs.

DESCRIPTION

Bideford Amateur Boxing Club (BABC) has been in existence since 1958 and during that time has successfully trained youths to national standard and instilled confidence, self esteem with many disengaged young people who

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Bideford / Devon

Seeking: £5000

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would otherwise have had no outlet in the Torridge area. However, BABC was made homeless in 2008 from the premises by a new landlord and now has a new purpose building provided by Sport England funding and Torridge District Council.

At this present time BABC is affiliated to England Boxing . BABC accommodates and trains 88 Young members and has successfully trained boxers to England Squad standard.

Torridge has been identified in the Regional Development Plan has one of the most deprived wards in the South West area (total 6 – all in North Devon area). The Boxing Club actively promotes health and fitness as an outlet to all who wish to attend; including minority sectors such as women and ethnic members of the community in Torridge. Boxing is traditionally a male dominated sport, and Bideford Boxing Club is keen to address this issue and would openly welcome participants from minority groups such as women.

BABC hold 3 tournaments a year for members of the public, this generates approximately £8000 towards club funds supported by parent and volunteer involvement.

BABC are supported by grants yearly, from:

- Bideford Town Council
- Bideford Bridge Trust

Members also participate in sponsored runs etc if any new equipment is needed such as track suits for competing members.

Ring hire to other clubs for competitions

BABC are also actively seeking opportunities for national grants

Parental Involvement

BABC actively involve and support parents within the club:

- Club registration officer is a parent
- Viewing area for parents at training sessions
- Actively involve parents with helping at home tournaments
- Accommodates travelling competition boxers with their parents support
- Advising and mentoring training courses if any parents would like to be a coach or an official (first aid/DBS accreditation etc)

Bideford Boxing Club has considerable input in addressing “turning words into action” several of these themes:

- Health (the Club addresses health and obesity by structured training).
- Economy and Employment (high self-esteem and enrichment of participants), Crime and Community Safety (the Club promotes structured training and community awareness).
- Education (the Club considers ALL sports to be educational, important and an essential element of academic success).
- Culture, Leisure, Sport (the Club is keen to develop into multi-sports – many of the boxers are integral in other sports clubs at school, college and county level.

Bideford Boxing Club has struggled to maintain the highest standard.

Testament to the Club's reputation is found in success of Club boxers at national level and the use of the Club from boxers who travel from as far as Port Talbot (Wales), Tiverton, Plymouth and Barnstaple to regularly and consistently take part in excellent training, advice, guidance and the camaraderie of the Club.

Tommy Langford the current "British Middleweight Champion" originated and boxed for BABC along with his parents who still live in Bideford

BABC has been a enemy of its own success and with the fantastic fundamentals in place needs to expand the building to accommodate a new storage/Garage area and extend the floor space to accommodate a new Boxing Ring for training

This extension will measure 12mtr x 6mtr x 4mtr high. Torridge District Council has approved in writing and planning permission granted for the project.

BABC is a not for profit club and registered with the inland revenue as a community amateur sports club registration number 05448

The project is supported by our local Devon County Councillor who has donated £1000 towards the project, Club funds and with Jewsons help would make this project a success along with sponsors, volunteers and local builders voluntary time.

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HEADWAY DARLINGTON – GARDEN PROJECT (46/80)

Headway Darlington and district support brain injury survivors and their families once they are discharged from hospital. We are desperately trying to raise funds to make a garden with seating area and also vegetable raised beds so we can start a gardening club.

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Darlington / County Durham

Seeking: £7000

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DESCRIPTION

There is currently no formal rehabilitation available in the area for brain injury survivors. Life post injury can be very isolating and difficult. Adjustment to life after injury is often a painful and lengthy process. Headway Darlington we offer a safe nonjudgmental environment where members can learn to rebuild their lives again. The garden would help to relax and rebuild members confidence.

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SPLICE CHILD AND FAMILY PROJECT (47/80)

Splice Child and Family Project promotes the development and education of children aged 0 - 5 years as well as their families, parents and carers providing

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Bridgend / Bridgend

children aged 0 - 5 years as well as their families, parents and carers providing help and family support through the provision of training and recreational learning activities in a safe secure and stimulating environment.

Seeking: £10,000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

DESCRIPTION

SPLICE Child and Family project offers a valuable service to the local community within Bridgend (which is both a town and a county) they aim to bring families together to learn about the value of play, and the benefits to the child's overall development. They offer various courses aiming to relieve isolation, increase self-esteem and confidence therefore enhancing parenting skills and family life which in turn has a positive effect to the whole community. Last year over 150 individuals attended various sessions, courses and programmes at the project.

The world of a parent can be isolating and lonely. With a child, suddenly young parents don't have the time to spend with their single friends. So parenting classes are an ideal way to meet other parents who are in the same walk of life. Together, they can find parenting solutions and have an opportunity to socialize with individuals who can relate to their day-to-day struggles.

SPLICE is special because of the passion, qualities and caring nature of the staff who work there. The project arose in 2005 because of the unmet need within the community where staff who worked in the statutory sector actually gave up their jobs to help the many children and families who needed support. It became obvious that the families needed parental support to enable the families to stay together.

In 2008 SPLICE became a registered charity and has helped reduce social exclusion for numerous families and children, at the time SPLICE didn't have their own base so rented, and at one point lost the building that they were using, the dedicated staff continued to support families in cafes, libraries and even in a gazebo in a carpark of a local supermarket, with some staff members working with out wages!

Through hard work and determination SPLICE started to receive funding and in 2010 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to purchase their current building from the salvation army, it needed some renovations but with the help of the local community and lots of fund raising they managed to get it in a suitable state to start running their programmes, courses, creche and play sessions.

There is nothing like the service that they offer in the area and SPLICE needs the building to be upgraded so that they can provide a safe, secure environment for everyone who attends their community building.

As you can see it hasn't been an easy road and the journey still isn't over, when the team returned to work after the Christmas holidays it was discovered that there had been a leak in the roof which also caused some water damage. The roof has been patched up but they know that it's only a matter of time until it needs renewing. On top of that the boiler also broke down and had to be replaced so it meant that the building couldn't be used for all of January and precious funds had to be spent. Winning this prize would be the answer to their dreams, a new roof is a priority but also having child sized toilets installed would mean that they could become registered with CSIW which would enable them to hold longer creche sessions, holiday schemes, after school clubs which could help make the charity more sustainable, although planning permission would have to be applied for the toilets.

SPLICE have dedicated staff, who go the extra mile to ensure that the service continues, any shortfall of funding if they won the prize would be raised by the staff and supporter all staff fundraise for the charity in their own time, holding table sales, buying raffle prizes and have recently a sponsored climb up Pen y Fan which is a mountain in the Brecon Beacons.

The staff do all this because they know that it can help stop children from going into care, it can give parents the confidence to do courses that may lead to a job, it relieves isolation, good parenting also helps the whole community as a whole new generation grows up there.

This project is unique and deserves to be supported.

Please help!

Thank you

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WHITELEYS RETREAT (48/80)

Whiteleys Retreat offers short therapeutic breaks to children, young people and their families with cancer & life altering illnesses across the UK. We will offer families a chance to make special memories, spend precious time together away from the harsh realities of hospital trips and treatment.

DESCRIPTION

Evidence shows that the numbers of children living with cancer and life altering illness is on the rise, indeed the rates are much higher than previously estimated. Receiving a diagnosis that your child or teen has such a condition is life changing, for some there is no reasonable hope of a cure while for others there is a journey ahead which more often than not is hugely distressing, painful and frightening. Life for the family changes dramatically, it is common that one parent will give up work to care for the child, leaving the family in a much different financial position than before. This is in addition to the fact that children and young people with these conditions come mainly from areas of deprivation where money is not a luxury but a necessity to daily living. All children and young people are individuals and have individual needs, depending on their age and stage of development, personality and family circumstances. Children with life -limiting conditions have the same needs, wished, hopes and fears which all children have. They also have painful treatment and extended hospital stays which affect both their physical and emotional health. Many miss schooling and the importance of mixing with their peers and friends; they feel socially isolated, often within the confines of their own home.

Many studies report that parents, siblings and extended family describe the joy and pleasure they experience in their relationship with their child and their pride in their child's response to challenges they encounter. This is of course mixed with a range of distressing and difficult emotions and this can mean living in a heightened state of emotional strain or stress.

At Whiteleys, we want to concentrate on bringing more joy, comfort and pride to these families through spending time away from the usual everyday stresses in a unique countryside environment equipped with modern, accessible, spacious, therapeutic facilities. A place where they can have so many opportunities to spend time together, making memories and to have opportunities and freedom which every child and young person should have.

We need to renovate 5 bathrooms to accommodate severe complex disabled children and young adults - construct a mediation centre for both children/young people and their families - develop a Garden of Wellbeing and a horticultural space for those staying in the retreat and for the children/young people of the local community to be involved in & a communal hub for the children/teenagers who want to spend a little time on their own.

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Ayr / South Ayrshire

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Please remember, when families receive the devastating news of a diagnosis that their child has cancer or a life limiting illness - precious time is an issue. Parents give up work and holidays are the last thing on their mind; for a lot of families it something that they just cannot afford. As I am sure you will know spending time with your family is one of the most important values in life and we need to allow these families to have this quality time together. With our great community spirit and dedication, we can provide this service for these families. With the help of Jewson, we can make it happen now, as for some, now is the only time they have.

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BUILDING THE ARK (49/80)

The Horticultural and Sensory Garden at 'The Ark', what will be the only children's hospice building in North and Central London, will enable seriously unwell children to access an inspiring space for relaxation and adventure. It will help them to live as children, not just patients.

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London / Greater London

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DESCRIPTION

Noah's Ark offers community-based services and, in late 2017, began constructing The Ark, which will be the only children's hospice building in its catchment area (Barnet, Enfield, Islington, Camden, Haringey and Hertsmere).

The Ark, opening in spring 2019, will be home-from-home for seriously unwell children. We ask Jewson Building Better Communities to kindly consider supporting The Ark's Horticultural and Sensory Garden. The estimated cost of this garden area is £45,000.

A space designed to provide respite with raised accessible planters, botanical beds and equipment for outdoor therapeutic treatments, this garden will help seriously unwell children enjoy the natural environment with their family and friends.

Noah's Ark currently supports 217 babies, children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions. By 2020 we project that we will be supporting 337 seriously unwell babies, children and young people, 395 of their siblings and 607 of their parents/guardians. All will have access to the Horticultural and Sensory Garden; creating opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment, inclusive play between children of different abilities, as well as the development of peer networks for children and parents.

"Noah's Ark is ideally placed to fill the need for additional care services for children in North London" Dr Finella Craig, Great Ormond Street Hospital.

There are at least 1169 children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in our catchment area (Fraser et al 2011, 2015). But there is no children's hospice building for them to access.

This project will provide a wide range of paediatric care and support services that are not currently available in the area. The nearest children's hospice buildings are in East London, Twickenham, Essex and Bedfordshire. The families we support find it very difficult to access these facilities. The Ark and its Horticultural and Sensory Garden will enable Noah's Ark to offer a wider

breadth of support to those in need, within their local community

“We use another hospice for short breaks which is about 90 minutes away, but an hour and a half in bad traffic is difficult with our son’s condition. He might have an epileptic fit on the way. We are desperate for a local children’s hospice building for respite. For parents of a seriously ill child, you never get the chance to recuperate. A local children’s hospice is not a luxury provision; it’s a necessity.” Mother of a child benefitting from Noah’s Ark’s care.

Research conducted by Contact a Family found that 72% of families with disabled children experience poor mental health. Noah’s Ark is focused on enabling seriously unwell children and their families and promoting resilience. This requires Noah’s Ark to be flexible in delivering holistic support. The ongoing use of the Horticultural and Sensory Garden will enhance our current service and in particular, will offer ongoing opportunities for children and families to develop relationships within their local community.

As Michael, father of Eli, who is supported by Noah’s Ark, says “Gardens are crucial for children who have got physical or sensory difficulties. We walk past a garden and we don’t even think about it, but for Eli, it is crucial as it provokes a response from her. It’s one way of stimulating her to the natural environment, it is an important experience that will help brain development, attentiveness or engagement. It’s like a huge playground for Eli’s brain and senses. The Horticultural and Sensory Garden is going to be a big plus for The Ark.”

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GROVE HOUSE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT (50/80)

Grove House in St Albans is a day hospice providing care and support to people with life-limiting illnesses. The building is 23 years old and many areas are poorly designed, looking tired and in need of improvement. We need to refurbish the building to guarantee the future provision of our service.

DESCRIPTION

Rennie Grove Hospice Care is a charity providing care and support to adults and children with life-limiting illnesses in Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire. We are the only hospice charity in our area providing 24/7 specialist responsive care at home and in the local community at no cost to the patient or their family. The support we provide at our day hospice, Grove House, both during illness and bereavement is an integral part of our care which together with our clinical services provides one of the best models of complete hospice care in the country.

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St Albans / Hertfordshire

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Since opening in 1994 Grove House has developed its extensive hospice services to provide therapeutic care from the point of diagnosis through to bereavement support. The facilities run from this building currently support 1,200 individuals affected by life-limiting illness every year, as well as their families and carers. Our Education Team also deliver training at Grove House to our nurses and healthcare professionals across Hertfordshire. This project will therefore benefit the wider community, as well as directly improving the lives of the patients, families and carers we seek to help.

The number of sessions we provide has increased by almost 100% in the last 2 years and this demand is expected to increase further in the next 5 years as the local population ages and as improved palliative care extends people's lives. The aims of this project are therefore twofold: to make the building safer, more comfortable and fit for purpose, and to enable us to extend our palliative care services to more patients in the local community.

By refurbishing Grove House we aim to achieve the following outcomes for our beneficiaries:

- Supporting more people - We aim for more patients, carers and families to access our facilities at an earlier stage in their illness. By improving access, reconfiguring spaces and changing current room usage, we will be able to deliver our services to more people, improving quality of life and decreasing social isolation for a greater number of people with life-limiting illnesses in the local community.

- Delivering improved services –We will not only add to our current range of services but also make them safer, more comfortable and fit for purpose for patients, families and carers. A more welcoming and relaxed environment will put our patients and visitors at ease, supporting independence, health, wellbeing, comfort and dignity.

- Increasing partnership working and engagement with the local community - By expanding the current seminar room our Education Team will be able to run our education and training sessions in-house which will raise our profile as trainers in healthcare, enabling us to influence the quality of care provided by other professional groups.

One of our patients, Becky, describes her experience of Grove House's services: "It took me a while to get my head around going to Grove House as I was worried that the day hospice would be like an elderly care home and depressing. It was actually neither. Grove House has helped in every possible way. They have helped me remove my fears for the future, allowing me to concentrate on the here and now. I would say to anyone who's been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness to go to Grove House and give it a try".

The planned refurbishment works include replacement of the heating system, lighting and flooring in most areas, and redecoration throughout. Existing treatment rooms, offices and toilets will be rearranged to create more spaces in which to provide our therapeutic services. The reception area will be modified to create a larger, lighter and more welcoming space with better access for wheelchair users.

In the long term these refurbishment works will guarantee the future of day hospice services for the people of St Albans and North West Hertfordshire. The current building will not remain fit for purpose for very much longer so the renovation is vital to us continuing to provide our services.

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THE READING RETREAT AT STONEYDOWN (51/80)

Please help us transform a gloomy school shelter into a Reading Retreat - a library and cosy space to be used by pupils and the local community to boost literacy, host English language booster meetings and provide a sanctuary from the stress of the playground for pupils with additional needs.

DESCRIPTION

We would love Jewson to support our plans to convert a gloomy shelter in our school playground into a Reading Retreat. The new room will create a library and chill-out space for pupils and somewhere for the wider community to gather for coffee mornings to improve their English.

We should win this prize because this new space will benefit not only hundreds of children but also the wider community. With a focus on reading and improving English this space will play a huge part in helping to bring people from different backgrounds together.

As well as being really useful the space will look amazing too. With an architect on board we will create a space with a real wow factor which will inspire other community groups and schools to think big when embarking on a building project.

This project was conceived by children on our school council. We have involved parents in the discussion and they have really got behind the project, fundraising through bake sales, raffles etc. However every penny we save on materials donated by Jewson will mean more money for books and furniture. We are confident we will get 1000+ parents plus grandparents, neighbours etc involved in supporting our bid should we make it through to the next round.

About the Reading Retreat:

Having a space away from the hubbub of the playground is important for all children and will create a relaxing, safe alternative space for children to come when playtime becomes overwhelming. The space will particularly benefit children:

- suffering from bereavement
- with challenging home life situations
- with learning difficulties or special needs/disabilities

Stoneydown Park Primary school is based in Walthamstow, East London and over 66 percent of pupils arrive at either nursery or reception unable to speak English. With so many children playing catch up on English encouraging a love for reading isn't just important at our school it is essential. The space will also be used for coffee mornings which bring together parents who are native English speakers and parents wishing to improve their spoken English.

The space will be open outside school hours - breakfast and after school club, lunchtimes and to the school holiday playscheme. During class time parents will use the space for coffee mornings.

About the building project:

In terms of the building project we are working with local architects and carpenters to convert the space into a room which can be used year-round. On the advice of a structural engineer we are using the existing steel frame from a 9m x 5m shelter attached to the main school building to hang a new screen of cladding and a polycarbonate roof. Along with doors and some windows this will create a 45 sqm room which will have decking for the floor and built in seating and shelves. Working with the architect and building control at the local authority we will ensure the space meets all the necessary legal and safety requirements. Drawing will be available from June 2018.

The brief is that the space should be weather-proof and secure so that foxes and vandals cannot gain access. However the architects and carpenters are thinking big and we hope to create a really special space which is visually

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Seeking: 5,000

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interesting and flooded with light from above. This project started as a glorified shed but has developed into a mini Grand Design and we are really excited to see the finished result.

Materials we are requesting from Jewson:

200m KILN DRIED TREATED C16 CARCASSING 47 X 100 X 6M / CODE FVRT4710

20 BOARDS x MARINE PLY 18MM X 2440 X 1220MM / CODE PLYMBF18

300m x REDWOOD TREATED DECKING FSC 32 X 150 X 4800MM / CODE FR321548

300M x STANDARD REDWOOD PSE 38 X 225MM / CODE FSP38225

Wood screws - assorted sizes

EPDM roofing rubber: 80-90m

20 sheets x Polycarbonate sheet 16mm

4 x small standard casement windows e.g. 625w x 1045h

1 x Patio door 1200x2100

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KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE (52/80)

Our existing controlled drugs room is now too small and no longer fit-for-purpose due to an increase in patients having more complex life-limiting conditions. We plan to move the drugs room to an old bathroom, which is much bigger and will give our nurses a much more suitable space to prepare drugs

DESCRIPTION

This is one of the most important rooms on our in-patient unit and it is vital that our nurses have enough space in which to prepare all of our patients drugs, safely and in privacy, as there is no room for error. The old bathroom will make a perfect space for a new drugs room and we shall refurbish our existing, albeit smaller wet room to make that the main bathroom for our patients, giving them a much more enjoyable and relaxing bathing experience. Currently, one on five people dying in the Stafford district will receive care from Katharine House Hospice and we support over 1,000 patients and their families each year.

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Stafford / Staffordshire

Seeking: 5,000

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BRADFORD DEAF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (53/80)

We need to create more storage space. We have a suitable area but it is damp and cold. Having removed the 70's wall boards we now need to insulate, plaster board and paint the whole area and put in some tough washable

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Bradford / West Yorkshire

Seeking: 4375.70

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flooring. We also need to repair one of our toilets and one of the door frames

DESCRIPTION

Originally the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, the D/deaf community have been based in the same building for almost 150 years. Times, as well as the name, have changed and now the building is home to many other community groups and is a vibrant mix of ethnicity, faith and culture.

Over five hundred people now use our centre on a weekly basis including a refugee and asylum seekers support group and a project which provides hot food to homeless and vulnerable people. British Sign Language courses, a ladies and men's group for people who have suffered mental ill health, a luncheon club for elderly profoundly deaf people, sports and social activities, a signing tots group for deaf and hearing under 5's, English classes, craft groups and numerous other activities all take place every week within our walls.

With such diverse groups using the same facilities it is essential that the space available is used as wisely as possible, enabling groups to live harmoniously side by side. We need to ensure the facilities and layout are fit for purpose and need to make some alterations and improvements to accomodate everyone using the centre

Bradford Deaf Community Association receives no statutory funding. We rely on grants, donations and income from room hire to survive, we do not have any full time staff and the majority of the work in the centre is done by volunteers.

By improving the layout of the building we will improve what we have to offer the wider community, will increase usage of the building, our source of income and our financial stability

It is envisaged that there will be volunteers from each of the groups represented within the centre to help with the project. Majority of the groups never get the opportunity to meet each other or get to know each other but this project will change that.

Many refugees do not have permission to do paid work but have time on their hands and want to help. Many deaf people are retired but have a lot of skills they are happy to share with others. Our project will bring the diverse groups together to help get the storage area refurbished.

Already a team of volunteers have removed the 70's style wallboard cladding and got the area down to the brickwork ready for the refurbishment but now we need to source the money and/or materials to complete the project.

As we are solely reliant on donations and grants to survive we ensure every penny is spent wisely and provides maximum benefit to all our centre users. Being involved in the project will not only help people build a sense of community but will also help overcome some of the cultural barriers and stereotyping many of our centre users face on a daily basis.

We realise in order to achieve the changes we want we have to be willing to roll our sleeves up but the effort it takes to achieve the improvements everyone is wanting will encourage people to respect the building and environment around it. Security of each group's belongings will be improved and the centre will be tidier because groups will have their own allocated storage space and this will create a more ambient environment

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LOW WOOD SCOUT ACTIVITY AND CAMPING CENTRE (54/80)

The project is to take a former disused golf club site and turn it into an activity centre for scouts and other youth based organisations. The site has been derelict for two years prior to Scouts taking over the site and much of the work will be concentrated on building refurbishment and conversion.

DESCRIPTION

Scouting helps give children and young adults the opportunity to realise their full potential. Scouting helps develop skills including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and commitment. All are key attributes that prospective employers seek when interviewing and make a positive impact on any CV

There is the opportunity for every young person to take part in activities such as camping, climbing, canoeing, environmental projects, etc. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express their creativity and experience the wider world

In Keighley, it is unfortunate that there are areas with significant social deprivation, where there are limited or no opportunities for young people to go and experience the great outdoors local to them or to mix with other young people from different communities.

Over 50% of young people who have recently joined Scouting have never been away on camp and 'Our Vision' is to develop a former golf club site into an activity and camping centre right on their door step which is easily accessible without traveling great distances and will make activities available for short duration visits.

Since the site was transferred from Bradford District Metropolitan Council to Scouting late August 2017, significant amounts of work has been undertaken. Work is well advanced with new toilets, showers and welfare facilities being installed. New kitchen areas are being developed with new flooring surfaces fitted. Improved access together with a wheel chair for disabled people has been installed .

The general fabric of the main building is now water tight, and repairs to damage caused by numerous breaks in prior to the site hand over is nearly complete.

Much of this work has been completed using volunteer staff and through the donation of materials or materials at reduced cost.

Where can you help....

If successful, the grant would go towards completing the building work in the club house building and improving services round the site for water and power distribution. With any project like this, we will endeavor to make any donation of money or material spread that bit further.

As previously stated, we have achieved a great deal since August 2017 but have set a stretching target for the site to be open for use (with limited facilities) by September 2018. It is important we have this target because as the site becomes operational, an income stream is generated which can immediately be re-invested on further improvements, facilities / activities and development of other parts of the site.

Through the kind donations of organisations and companies like you, any grants and contributions will make the full development of the site that bit closer. We have never under estimated the scale and the amount of work to be undertaken but if the medium to longer term phases of development start that bit sooner, the young people of Keighley and from the wider area would benefit also that bit sooner too.

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Keighley / West Yorkshire

Seeking: 5000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

Whilst the asset would be used by Scouting and will be open to all youth based organisations, schools and other educational establishments in the Keighley area, key to us getting the site was local support from residents living in the area. Part of the site is going to be open access for residents with development of new woodland and footpaths.

The remainder of the site would primarily be used for camping, adventurous activities, training, educational and environmental studies.

By developing this site into an activity and campsite, it will give young people from ALL communities across the district the opportunity to mix with other young people and to share and to learn from one another.

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JACOB'S LADDER'S NEW HOME (55/80)

Jacob's Ladder is a small community organisation supporting children with special needs. We need to raise funds to knock down and redesign a building specifically tailored to the needs of our children. This will offer a safe and secure building, giving the children the opportunities they so deserve.

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Warminster / Wiltshire

Seeking: £10,000

#Votes (staff / public): 2 / 0

DESCRIPTION

Jacob's Ladder is a small community organisation which supports children and young people with special needs, and their families. We provide a safe and stimulating environment for children and young people to play, enjoy activities, relax, interact, and socialise with their peers. Fun and acceptance are at the heart of what we do.

The children and young people who come to Jacob's Ladder have a wide range of needs. Some children have complex learning difficulties, autism, chromosome disorders, and some also have additional medical needs, such as epilepsy. Many of our children and young people are unable to access other clubs and groups, as their specific needs mean that they require 1:1 support.

At Jacob's Ladder we provide a 1:1 playworker for each child who attends. All of our play workers are volunteers from the local community. We provide them with regular training covering topics such as; behaviour needs, Makaton signing, and awareness of different disabilities. It's a brilliant opportunity for young people to become more aware and accepting of disability, creating a more inclusive local community.

Unfortunately, Jacob's Ladder is currently in temporary accommodation, based on the 1st floor of an office building. We solely believe the building is not as important as the care and compassion that the team pour into Jacob's Ladder, however with growing numbers and the wish to expand our services, we know that soon we have to take the scary, but exciting step of building our forever home. We hugely appreciate the space we've been given temporarily, but with limited access for our children, no outdoor space and the inability to fully transform the place to our own, we feel as though our base does not provide the children with the stimulation and engagement that we would like them to have.

We are fortunate enough to have a small area of land that we can transform into the home of Jacob's Ladder. This will involve tireless hours of grant applying and fundraising as Jacob's Ladder runs on donations, money raised

through fundraising events and contributions from families. We do not receive any funding. We try to keep our costs as low as we can, however the everyday running costs still exist and need to be paid in order for us to operate. It is for this reason that saving the funds to build our own home is proving difficult. Any money raised or donated to Jacob's Ladder will go towards building a secure home for our children in which they can make it there's. We will be able to design the building to suit the needs of our children, with a sensory room, messy play area and much desired outdoor space for further sensory exploration. Our children love the outdoors and have never had an outdoor space specifically designed for them, with a mud kitchen, bikes and giant marble runs! Furthermore having our own space will in time reduce Jacob's Ladder finances and attract more volunteers and families, so we can expand and enhance the experiences of many more children and their families.

We see how important Jacob's Ladder is for so many children and families and the smiles we see each week make everything worth it, despite our ongoing financial worries. Finances are extremely tight at Jacob's Ladder and a constant concern, but we are determined to offer a service to our children and families.

Jacob's mum said: 'Jacob's Ladder fills a much needed gap for families who have children with additional needs. It provides a place to come & play safely and happily as well as days where parents know the children are well looked after which allows them to have some much needed rest & relaxation.'

This grant would allow Jacob's Ladder to have the home the children we support deserve. Our children teach us something new everyday, bring smiles to our faces and have a huge love of life. We would love for them to feel safe, secure and supported in their own special environment.

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TONIC 44 COMMUNITY CAFE (56/80)

Tonic 44 will be a community cafe based in Surfleet. It will be open 7 days a week and alongside being an cafe will be focal point for the community and provide a range of activities to help tackle isolation and loneliness, encourage healthier lifestyles and build a stronger community.

DESCRIPTION

Tonic Health is a Spalding based health and well-being charity. It runs a

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Spalding / Lincolnshire

Seeking: £5000

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number of projects which are aimed at people with dementia, those struggling with their mental health, disadvantaged children/pre-obesity, men's shed and a timebanking group. The main source of income comes through grant funding and through hiring of facilities to local groups and organisations .

The formation of the community cafe is the next stage in the charity's growth and development and its first location outside of Spalding town Centre. Due to the rural nature of south Lincolnshire, and irregular public transport, travel can be difficult, so the longer term aim for the charity is to develop projects out in the community for those who are harder to reach.

The property is currently a disused art gallery and is a bit of an eyesore in the centre of an otherwise attractive village. The materials would be used to bring the building back to an accessible level for public use once again.

The aim of the Cafe is to provide a focal point for the local community, in the heart of the village. Many of the local residents are of the older generation and as such travel is not always an option. Hopefully the opening of the cafe will help combat loneliness and deal with the issues isolation can bring. Once established, Tonic Health will also look to set up and deliver a series of projects, depending on local need. These will include a healthy walking group, a jogging/running club, a mother and toddler group, and a youth group. Not only will the Cafe help to bring something more to the village, but will help to create a closer community spirit. Currently the village has three pubs, which close in the afternoon, a village hall, which is only available for hire and otherwise closed, and a local store/post office. Unless an organised activity, there is nowhere else for people to call into. The Cafe sits by the side of Glen Park, a large park complete with adventure playground, sports field, walk ways and outdoor gym. It is a fantastic facility, however there are no public toilets available on the site, which discourages families with young children and the older generations who require frequent toilet visits. The village does not have any public toilets either. The cafe's toilets will be available for public use during opening hours with no obligation to purchase anything from the Cafe.

Tonic Health currently run a variety of projects for people with mental health issues and dementia, and the plan is to establish further meeting groups from the Cafe. Alongside the meeting groups, volunteering opportunities will be provided in the Cafe for those who are currently unemployed/seeking employment. General cafe duties will be taught, alongside the discipline of working in a team, working shifts, handling money and dealing with customers etc. It is hoped this will help them to gain the experience and skills required to enable them to apply for employment in due course.

Part of the building will be given to Spalding Hockey Club who are the main users of the astroturf at Glen Park. The club have been based there for the past 8 years since the astroturf was laid down. Despite promises from the park owners, there are no shower/changing/toilet facilities available on site and the club have had to resort to purchasing portacabins to provide the necessary requirements for visiting teams - many who travel 2hours + for games. The current arrangement is not accessible for the long term, and as such an agreement has been made between Tonic Health and Spalding Hockey Club that space for the changing rooms is provided within the building, and in return the hockey club will use the Cafe for their after match facilities.

Ultimately, whilst the Cafe will provide all of the benefits written above, the charity has to look at more sustainable funding streams, and surplus funds will feed back into the charity to help with sustainability.

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REPLACEMENT CONSERVATORY ROOF AT WIGAN AND LEIGH HOSPICE (57/80)

Our conservatory roof is now 20 years old and in wet weather it leaks very badly making the space completely unusable and causing damage to the floor and walls. We have had the roof looked at by a local roofing company and been told that the best solution is to replace the roof entirely.

DESCRIPTION

I believe Wigan and Leigh Hospice should win because the loss of our conservatory room is having a detrimental impact on the care and support our hospice nurses are able to offer. The conservatory was a very well used and valuable room; it was used for having important conversations with patient's families regarding their loved ones condition, by our councillors to provide bereavement support and for families who wanted to stay overnight to be close to their loved one. During wet weather, which in Wigan happens very often, the roof has leaked very badly causing the walls and floor to become damaged. As a result, the conservatory is now unusable and our nurses are struggling to offer proper emotional support to the families of their patients without a space to speak privately away from the ward.

Whilst some people wrongly assume we are the NHS, the reality is that the hospice exists thanks to private donations and fundraising initiatives undertaken by our local community. Our aim is for as much of this fundraising income to be spent on delivering nursing care, and this is why we try very hard to keep our expenditure to an absolute minimum. Being awarded this grant would mean that we could regain the use of a very important hospice space without using any of the funds that would otherwise be used to deliver care to people at the end of their life.

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STEPHEN KEENAN – CO-FOUNDER OF HAPPY DAYS BUILDING AND ROOFING (58/80)

Stephen is the co-founder and director of Happy Days Building and Roofing Company, a social enterprise that provides building and roofing services across the North of England to support the work of Happy Days UK, a charity helping those suffering from addiction and homelessness.

DESCRIPTION

Stephen Keenan is the perfect example of someone who has struggled against the odds, and is now using his position to help the local community.

At the age of 14, Stephen was expelled from school and told by his teachers he "wouldn't amount to anything". He took the time to train as a builder and roofer and entered the workforce early. His family has a long history of charity

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Wigan / Greater Manchester

Seeking: £8,072

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Halifax / West Yorkshire

Trade hero: Stephen Keenan

Trade hero occupation: Director, Happy Days building and Roofing Company

#Votes (staff / public): 4 / 0

work, with his mother winning an MBE for her work in the local community. Growing up, helping others was always part of life, and he knew that was what he wanted to do when he was older, in some fashion.

A few years ago, Happy Days UK was launched by Stephen's brother, Dave Fawcett. Happy Days provides support and accomodation for those in Yorkshire who have struggled with addiction and homelessness in their lives. The team help to raise residents health and wellbeing through the creation of safe spaces and meaningful activity.

Stephen and Dave knew how much money they would have to put in to make the charity a success, and with no guarantees of outside funding they had to be the ones to raise the majority of their capital. As a result, Stephen founded Happy Days Building and Roofing Company, dedicated to supporting the work of the charity. Happy Days Build donates their profits to the charity, and also provides training and work opportunities for those being helped by the charity. Members of the community who've had to tackle homelessness and addiction have found work at Happy Days Building and Roofing, helping them to get back on their feet.

Stephen is a consummate professional, and knew that Happy Days Building & Roofing couldn't just rely on their charitable angle to become a success. Happy Days had to become a renowned building company in their own right, so that they can better support their charity work. To this end, Happy Days Building and Roofing Company have become one of the fastest growing building companies in West Yorkshire. The rapidly expanding team have worked on churches, schools, and now have contracts with some of the country's biggest housing associations. Their continued success all goes to support the work of their charity, which can now help even more residents than ever who are sleeping rough or fighting addiction.

Stephen is a Trade Hero for all of these reasons. At 14, he had left school with no qualifications to his name. To go from there to creating a company that now works on a range of buildings, from historic churches to schools, would be a success story in it's own right. At the same time, being able to raise thousands of pounds through his business to positively impact members of the community most at risk is a testament to the man he is.

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FC ST HELENS GIRLS (59/80)

FC St Helens girls football team are in need of new changing facilities at their home ground. The current facilities have been condemned by the council and therefore we currently have no toilet or changing facilities for the girls.

DESCRIPTION

Our under 13's girls football team have won this year's league cup. When they have training sessions twice a week for 1.5 hours they have no access to toilets or extra water if required. The facilities they had have been condemned

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Haydock, St Helens / Merseyside

Seeking: 10,000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

by the council and we are not allowed to access to repair these. It would be fantastic for the girls to have new facilities and enable the coaches to continue to support our girls. The photo shows our girls and the trophies we won last year. They are recruiting for more girls to join for the next season. We have two teams that are managed and coached by Keith and Simon. They have worked very hard to support and train our girls over the past few years.

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THE OLD FIRE STATION MAKE OVER (60/80)

We'd like to decorate and update our training centre (The Old Fire Station) in Swanscombe which has the potential to be a great community asset. The centre is in good condition, but needs bringing up to date.

DESCRIPTION

We are a not for profit based in the Old Fire Station, Church Road, Swanscombe. We provide free back to work support, digital skills and debt management for local people.

The Old Fire Station is in a great location and we plan to make it a real centre of activity where local people feel safe and supported.

All our work is funded by grants and we have a great track record of getting being back into work, training, volunteering and improving their digital skills. We support people with debt management and welfare benefit advice. We are supported by a team of paid staff and volunteers.

The centre has a large teaching / IT room, small office, DDA compliant WC, stairs and hallway - all of which need to be painted. Many of the wooden windows have small leaks and need to be filled and painted. The main entrance and window are wooden and also need painting. The main teaching area has a mezzanine floor and loft used for storage and archiving.

It would be great to restore the Old Fire Station to its original state, and make it a safe and welcoming place for local people to fulfill their potential.

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Swanscombe / Kent

Seeking: £2500

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

(61/80)

Improvements and refurbishment of the toilets and shower facilities in Lukes Lane Community Centre.

DESCRIPTION

Jarrovians Rugby Union Football Club have recently taken over the the local Community Centre at Lukes Lane in Hebburn, Tyne and Wear using the Asset transfer programme designed to help local communities use Local Authority buildings that can no longer be funded.

The Community Centre was in danger of being mothballed leaving the local area without any viable facilities for meetings, sport & recreation, fitness classes and healthy eating awarness courses.

The rugby club have now been running the centre for twelve months and have taken it from being open for two hours per day to now being open for close to ten hours per day. We have worked with other community interest companies and groups to provide a wide range of activities within the centre, such as early morning fitness classes, mother and toddler groups and more recently a senior citizens lunch club is being set up with the help of volunteers. A Youth Club has been started and is proving very popular, junior football and rugby for both boys and girls is also growing at a pace.

The increased use of the community centre has highlighted a number of areas that require some urgent work and as with all charities involved in this kind of provision we have a limited budget to carry out refurbishments.

We have recently started working with "Holder House" a CIC that provides care and support for disabled and mentally handicaped people and their families. Because the local authority removed the showers and plumbing in the changing rooms due to vandalism we now find that there is a need to reinstate the facility for the use of disabled people and the users of the centre. The toilets also require updating and improving in order to bring them up to modern standards.

To date Jarrovians have invested a large ammount of funding and voluteers time into the project and we need to seek help from other sources to help with improving the facility for the use of the community.

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TADCASTER ALBION (62/80)

Tadcaster Albion are a non league football, with a senior & junior sections, we are looking to renovate specific facilities, these include the external toilets, changing rooms, clubhouse, create sheltered standing and health & safety improvements and build an external catering facility.

DESCRIPTION

The club is run by a team of dedicated volunteers and relies on sponsorship from local businesses, along with numerous fundraising events from match day raffles, along with the year round fundraising of the volunteers which covers the usual raffles, sportman's evenings, grants, gifts and donations of people's time. We are in need of assistance to renovate some of our facilities, some are over 50 years old!

The club during each close season has several maintenance activities and projects which require to be completed, but these have to be prioritised due to

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JARROW / Tyne and Wear

Seeking: community fund

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

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Tadcaster / North Yorkshire

Seeking: 10,000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

funds and resources.

Any assistance for the projects for the 2018 would be much appreciated, they are as follows

Renovate the clubhouse

The clubhouse is a single storey facility that provides the main changing, toilets, bar, catering & communal area. Unfortunately, the building was damaged by floods a couple of years ago and requires an amount of remedial work covering the following

- redecorating due to mould on the bar area ceiling.
- replacement flooring due to water damage,
- both team changing rooms have mould on the walls & ceiling, this will require sanding back & repainting
- the gents toilet floor needs replacing with non-slip vinyl as the current tiles are a slip hazard when they get wet.
- the referees changing room requires a total revamp as its very dilapidated.
- The external fascia needs repairing due to storm damage.
- the roof needs several minor repairs which allow water ingress in several areas.

For all the above internal elements 18mm plywood floor decking, for referees room requires waterproof wall boards & trims and for the other areas specialist paint are required along with the associated tools, sandpaper & chemicals etc. For the external fascia & roof work typical materials are plastic fascia board, softwood timber, associated fixings & tools, along with exterior paints & roof sealants.

External toilets/store room

A portacabin is used to provide some external storage for the junior football club along with toilets for use on match day and by the junior teams.

Unfortunately, the floor needs replacing as the timber is rotten and has several holes. The floor is dangerous and requires immediate action. The toilet requires repair to the cubicles and a deep clean to get them back to a more suitable condition. The external needs painting along with the fence around the entrance / portacabin.

Materials which we require are 18mm plywood decking & fixings for the portacabin floor and for the toilet repairs toilet cubicle type boards and associated fixing kits. Paint for the external walls & fence around the portacabin.

External Catering facility

The club requires a small external building to cater for match day supporters. The current clubhouse is not big enough on match day and consequently the club cannot provide the required volume of refreshments, additionally the club is losing out on potential revenue. The proposed building is a 20 foot by 10 foot single storey facility which would have a serving hatch. The proposed location is on an area which must be fenced off as this area is deemed unsafe for the public to use.

Materials required for this building are Celcon building blocks, cement, sand, timber joists, roof boarding & sheet materials. External faced outward opening door, two windows, large serving hatch. Electrical mains board, wiring sockets & associated trunking/conduit.

Health & safety improvements

The club was developed over several years & hence the facility has several issues which need to be addressed as they are health & safety concerns, these being

- 1) Trip hazards by the pitch perimeter hard standing.
- 2) Improvements to perimeter lighting
- 3) Improvements to the media tower used on match day by reporters.
- 4) Improvements in emergency signage
- 5) Improvements to access and egress.

Covered standing areas

The club is short of covered standing areas around the pitch. We need to put down the hard standing for these & require 250m³ of concrete

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Gallery image 2: clubhouse-external

Gallery image 3: gents-toilet-2

Gallery image 4: ladies-toilet-2

Gallery image 5: proposed-new-tea-area

Gallery image 6: sponsors-area2

Gallery image 7: storage-floor

Gallery image 8: away-changing-damp-wall-ceiling

Gallery image 9: gents-inside-needs-new-floor-covering

Gallery image 10: refs-room

**ESSEX SEARCH AND RESCUE STORAGE
(63/80)**

As the team has no premises the only storage the team have are 2 recently donated containers and a trailer to store equipment in. The containers require fitting out with racking, ventilation, portable generator and some internal lights.

DESCRIPTION

The team are 100% volunteers who search for missing vulnerable people in Essex, 24hrs a day all year round. The people the team search for include people living with dementia, children, people with mental health issues, dispondant or anyone deemed vulnerable. They also support the local communities in civil contingencies such as flooding. Essex Search and Rescue also work with and alongside the Emergency services. Nobody receives any payment or expenses and all funding has to be raised though fundraising, street collections, applying for charitable grants or as more often this case team members using their own money. By installing shelving and lighting it would provide better 24hr access, make it safe for members in the hours of darkness and keep the teams hard earned equipment better protected rather than laying on the floor getting damp and damaged.

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Chelmsford / Essex

Seeking: £2500

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**WHERE THERES A JOHN THERES A WAY !!
(64/80)**

John is such a friendly and honest builder - he is always saving his customers

Submitted: 18th April 2018 at 7:24 PM

Horndean / Hampshire

money. He is highly respected by his customers and generally is a workaholic! He also likes to go that extra mile with no intention of financial gain.

DESCRIPTION

John works so hard for all his customers - his next project is really dear to his heart. A very close friend is needing to have her house adapted to suit the needs of her beautiful disabled son - the requirements and requests are not over and above, but the basic requirements to make his day to day living just a little easier. John has taken it upon himself to create a mini 'DIY SOS' style build - he is calling in trades to offer their time/some of their time for free and has approached many suppliers to see what discount or complimentary items he is able to obtain.

Planning a renevation is no mean feat, so please consider the fact that that John wants to make it as cost effective as he possibly can - which may enable the family to purchase other items to provide safety and comfort to the little lad - we arent talking luxuries, we are talking a thicker pile carpet, black out blinds, sensory lighting, a spare fabric seating for the hoist.

I am so proud of John for wanting to do this project, even more proud that he wants to perform it the way he has chosen. He truly deserves to win a share of the funds so all this can become easily achievable.

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GARNOCK VALLEY MEN'S SHED (65/80)

To covert an old council maintenance depot into a Men's Shed to serve the population of the Garnock Valley, i.e. Kilbirnie, Beith and Dalry. Thus providing a place where men can socialise and work on projects or hobbies. A place where men can get together which is neither a pub or a bookies.

DESCRIPTION

Being aware of local statistics showing that life expectancy in the Garnock Valley is lower than the Scottish average in four out of the six neighbourhoods in the area and having read in the media about the health benefits on men's sheds, we were surprised to discover that there were no men's sheds in our own locality.

Further investigation into the matter, including a number of research/study visits to other men's sheds, revealed that men's sheds were instrumental in reducing loneliness, social isolation and depression, leading to improved mental health and well-being amongst men. We formed a start-up group and with the great assistance of Project Kilbirnie we have been able to acquire premises that were previously a North Ayrshire Council maintenance depot and are in the process of finalising an "Asset Transfer" for the property. The Men's Shed Association was founded in Australia over 20 years ago where there are now over 1,000 sheds and it has spread to New Zealand, Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales across Europe and as far as Kenya in Africa.

It was identified originally in Australia that men with time on their hands e.g. pre/retired men, offshore workers, ex servicemen, men out of work, men who have a disability can find it difficult to socialise outside of a work environment. The Men's Shed is the new place in our modern society offering a healthy and creative solution.

The task that faces us is to get the premises up to a standard that is safe and secure for all our members which will involve the following;

1) Getting the building secure and watertight - we have received estimates of

Trade hero: John Simkins

Trade hero occupation: Builder

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KILBIRNIE / North Ayrshire

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over £21,000 to repair the fabric of the building, upgrade the electrical system and improve access for wheelchair users.

2) We intent to install a heating system, using wood and sawdust, to heat the building and water supply.

This has been estimated at approx. £17,500

3) It is also our intention to create an IT room to assist the members with completing online applications which in today's world is an necessity on the road back to work. Estimated cost £2,100 which includes installing a BT landline.

4) We are currently using the toilet facilities of our local library so the installation of proper facilities are estimated at £1,800.

5) We must make the premises secure and we estimated an alarm system at £950

6) Part of our refurbishment of the property is to construct a log cabin within the premises which will provide a tearoom, training room, meeting room and most importantly a place where the men can relax and socialise. The estimated cost of this is £3,800 of which we have already received £1,582 in a grant from North Ayrshire Council.

7) The workshop requires heavy tooling in the way of lathes, band saws, drill presses and a metal working area all at an estimated cost of £8,500

The impact of opening in mid February is that over 30 men are now using the Shed which we have open on Tuesdays and Thursdays and already we are getting very positive feedback from the members, for instance we have a member who had a mental breakdown leading to panic attacks therefore he has been unable to work for over 5 years. We are delighted that not only is he attending on a regular basis but is now becoming confident in socialising with the other members. As one shedder put it " to you it may only be a shed, but to me... it's a sanctuary.

Furthermore, members are now hosting a pilot project for a local dementia respite centre in therapeutic woodwork, and having established a music room, decorated by shed members using paint donated by the local community, this has had a dramatic impact on the wellbeing of members with significant personal issues. This has improved their literacy and enhanced their employability. Also increasing their confidence and self-esteem and enabled them to become more positively engaged with their peers and in the wider community.

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DOVER OUTREACH CENTRE (66/80)

Dover Outreach Centre is a charity set up to help homeless people, not to support them in homelessness but to help them move on into work & homes & to become independent. DOC offers training, mental health therapy, a GP, a postal address, use of a PC. for CV writing, job applications & work experience.

DESCRIPTION

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DEAL / Kent

Seeking: £10.000

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Also running the only Winter Night Shelter in the area, DOC are funded solely by donations. Homelessness has increased by 51% in the UK; and Dover, as a port town, also sees many migrant homeless as well, hence has a disproportionately large number of homeless people.

The Outreach Centre opened in September 2016, it's work within the community has grown and now there is need of a larger building, which the homeless people themselves will work to 'do up' under the training of tradesmen who volunteer their services free of charge. The homeless will come off of benefits and will need to be paid. Also materials need to be bought and the move itself to the new premises also needs funding.

Dover Outreach Centre are transforming lives in Dover by empowering homeless people to take back control of their futures. Starting with the root cause of each person's homelessness Outreach Centre staff help them to overcome their addictions, address mental health issues, renew family bonds, organise finances, train for work, find employment and accommodation. It is a holistic approach, rebuilding broken lives and finding solutions to (seemingly) enormous problems.

Since it opened, the Dover Outreach Centre has helped to home over 50 people, finding work for 32 of those, 14 have been repatriated to home nations, 22 have returned home to (previously) broken families, two are in long term rehabilitation for drugs issues. By working with Police and local government DOC have been responsible for tracing three people who were previously on the 'Missing Person's Register' so much more could be done to help the long-term homeless of the town and those who are drawn there, some of whom have also never worked at all. However, currently the building they use is too small to offer more services.

A new building has been identified but it needs substantial work.

There are volunteers willing to teach the long-term homeless men and women how to do maintenance and repairs as well as basic carpentry, plumbing and painting and decorating. Once trained and having a reference, a CV and some newly gained confidence they are ready to move on into independent employment. Six men have now gone through the process from beginning to end; working for a year within the community; for four of them this was their first ever job, for the others it was their first job for many years. All of them had addictions and mental health illnesses to overcome as well. The limit to helping these people to turn their lives around rests solely on lack of adequate funding. Such a prize as Jewson are offering could make all the difference. Life expectancy for a homeless male is 46 years of age (for a female it is 42) these figures increase to 82 and 86 respectively for housed people. With this in mind it becomes a matter of life and death.

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SHAID / ST PETERS COURT SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION FOR HOMELESS VETERANS (67/80)

Shaid is a small local charity based in County Durham, they open St Peters Court in Sacriston due to the high number of homeless veterans contacting them for accommodation. The charity have recently purchased Hollyacre centre next to St Peters court. The building needs fully refurbished.

DESCRIPTION

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Sacriston / County Durham

#Votes (staff / public): 2 / 0

Shaid / St Peters Court is a small local charity which provides supported accommodation for Homeless ex-service personnel and early service leavers. St. Peter's court consist of sixteen self-contained flats and one emergency room. The project was officially open by Kevin Jones MP and Andrew Drake The Royal British Legions area manager on 4th November 2011.

Since opening the project we have been at full capacity and received 1235 referrals and rehoused 865 homeless ex-service personnel within northeast local communities. Shaid have recently purchased Hollyacre Centre which is located next to St Peters Court.

Project manager has completed all relevant paperwork with local authority and has been granted full planning permission to convert former care home Hollyacre Centre from 40 bedsits into 14 self-contained flats and one family flat.

Shaid/St Peters Court staff member attend regular training provided by Durham County Council and other professional external agencies to ensure the project provide a high standard of care and support. The project manager has over twenty years' experience working with homeless people and supported accommodation. The manager is health & Safety qualified by NEBOSH, and has a level five housing management qualification.

The organisation partners include The Royal British Legion, SSAFA, Armed Force Covenant, Combat Stress, VWALS, Finchale, New College Durham, and other external agencies.

The organisation has recently been recognised by the following agencies Armed Forces Covenant silver award, Northeast Chronical Award and Area Action Partnership award by Durham council and community groups

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THE THERAPY GARDEN (68/80)

The Therapy Garden which is a horticulture and education charity supporting those with mental health challenges, physical disabilities and learning difficulties, is looking for support with materials to develop its new land and garden redesign, including much needed raised beds.

DESCRIPTION

The Therapy Garden is a horticulture and education charity that uses gardening to generate positive change. We work with adults and teenagers with learning difficulties, physical disabilities and a range of mental health challenges. Green School offers teenagers aged 14-18 the chance to gain a City & Guilds vocational qualification- 'Skills for Working Life: Horticulture'. Our Grow to Work project supports 19-25 year olds with their transition from school or college to the workplace by offering further training and work experience, maintaining local gardens or in our shop selling our home grown produce. Stroke survivors and clients living with dementia are offered social and therapeutic horticulture, reducing social isolation. Adult clients with anxiety, depression or other mental health challenges are referred to us by Social Services. We aim to help our service users improve psychologically, physically and socially and provide the opportunity to enter into further education, training and employment.

We are a small but growing charity, and our client numbers are at capacity. We

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Glaziers Lane / Surrey

Seeking: 5000

#Votes (staff / public): 0 / 0

have been given some additional land, which provides us with much needed space for our growing client numbers, and gives us opportunity to offer a more diverse horticultural experience to our clients. The new land has been cleared but requires materials and resources to develop it further into useful land for our clients to enjoy.

Our raised beds provide an area for planting, education and enjoyment, and are at a height suitable for wheelchair users to use. Unfortunately our current beds are falling apart and need replacing. Our clients take great pride in planting up and looking after these beds and we would be so grateful for support to help us to replace these beds.

Also much of our current paths are in need of repair and we need to lay new paths for access onto our new land. Many of our clients are unsteady on their feet and some are wheelchair bound, and therefore having even and clear paths is essential to their ability to take part in horticulture activities and enjoy their experience.

Our clients, their families, carers and teachers gain so many benefits from their time at The Therapy Garden, with evident improvement to their mental and physical well being, and to be able to maintain and improve the garden further would greatly help them. The Therapy Garden would ensure that any support given would be used in the best way possible, and we welcome kind donors to visit the garden and see the work that we do.

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LITTLE STEPS TO BIG CHANGES – THE HAVEN WOLVERHAMPTON (69/80)

The project seeks funding to renovate Honor refuge - one of our six refuges for women and children affected by abuse and homelessness. For many this is a first step on a journey away from abuse and it's key the spaces are inviting to encourage women to stay and access additional support services.

DESCRIPTION

The Haven Wolverhampton are the only organisation in the city whose services are dedicated to supporting women and children affected by domestic abuse and homelessness. As such the organisation is a lifeline for women living in Wolverhampton and vital to ensure women have a safe space to go when fleeing abuse, particularly helping them avoid 'sofa surfing'. run-down hostels and street homelessness.

The project seeks to refurbish the only of The Haven's six refuges that has never undergone major upgrade work. The total cost of the project is £40,000-£50,000 and we have already secured just under £40,000. A grant from the Building Better Communities fund would ensure the space is welcoming and inviting for women coming to refuge.

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Wolverhampton / West Midlands

Seeking: £8,000

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Our refuges are full of memories of all the people that found a home within its walls. The smells of food they cooked, the celebrations they had, the activities they enjoyed. Every room, every corner can tell a story. But we don't want marked walls, broken cupboards or chipped tiles to tell a story as well. We want to ensure every resident can make all the spaces truly part of them, to feel comfortable enough to stay with us while they overcome the trauma they have faced, before they feel ready to reintegrate into the community, independent and strong.

Women can arrive at refuge in shock. By ensuring the spaces are modern and fresh, women and children will find a safe and homely environment. Therefore they will truly realise they don't need their abuser to provide for them. This will not only benefit each individual, but also the staff, with whom they will share common areas and find the support they need. In this way, we can put an end to the isolation they previously lived with.

Providing a habitable, comfortable environment in refuge means so much more than a clean space. A vibrant, welcoming environment can make the difference between a woman feeling comfortable enough to stay, and access vital support, or leaving, to return to a life of never ending abuse.

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GREAT TOWER SCOUT ASSOCIATION – NEW ROOF FOR THE BIELD (70/80)

The Bield is our only indoor activity space for groups to eat, learn and have fun. It requires a new roof and we would like it to be a Green Roof so we can help the environment, and maintain a pivotal part of Great Tower allowing everyone to access it no matter their physical ability or background.

DESCRIPTION

On our site we have a Building we refer to as the Bield. Originally, as the name suggests it was used as a Barn/Shelter. Today our site relies on the Bield as a large undercover area which provides an area for groups to sit and eat, it allows activities to be carried out sheltered from the elements and it houses a small bouldering wall. Due to the terrain of our site it is very difficult for individuals who require a wheel chair or struggle with mobility to access many areas of our site. The Bield is a vital indoor space which is located directly adjacent to the main reception area and site centre, meaning it is accessible to everyone and allows us to give opportunity to all.

For the last couple of years the roof of the Bield has been gradually deteriorating, and in its current state it leaks badly in many areas, meaning that when it is raining, sections of the area have to be taped off, restricting what activities can take place.

Ideally we would like a Green roof which could serve then multiple purposes for a building, such as absorbing rainwater, providing insulation, creating a habitat for wildlife, and helping to lower urban air temperatures. As you will be aware there are many benefits to installing a green roof, especially in a location such as ours. Green roofing can extend the lifespan of a roof by over 200% by covering the waterproofing membrane with growing medium and vegetation, this shields the membrane from ultra-violet radiation and physical damage. We also have a large team of dedicated staff and volunteers so maintenance and upkeep of a green roof would not be an issue. A Prize amount of any value would be hugely received, but £10, 000 would mean we could get a long way to completing our project.

Great Tower was opened as a Scout Campsite in August 1936 and has since served as an invaluable place for Young people to come and have fun, learn new skills and make new friends. The site is situated close to the east shore of Lake Windermere, midway between Bowness and Newby Bridge and consists of 250 acres of heavily wooded and rocky terrain, with the highest point offering extensive panoramic views of the Lake District and the eastern hills of the Yorkshire Dales.

Our site revolves around scouting values, existing to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. In Cumbria alone there are over 4000 Young people involved in Scouting and Great Tower has played a pivotal part in offering a place for them to come and camp and be together in a safe and welcoming environment. Great Tower is run by Scout Adventures as a national activity centre continuing to promote Scouting ethos, allowing Scouts from all over the country to visit. As well as Scouts we also have lots of local Primary School groups, Youth Groups and various other organisations coming to stay with us and experiencing what we have to offer.

Great Tower offers a range of activities from Caving and Ghyll Scrambling to Tomahawk Throwing, Archery and High Roped Activities. Alongside these we also promote true Scouting skills, teaching survival skills, bush craft, fire lighting, team work, and underlying all of this respect for everything around you.

We have put in this Bid as we believe the charity that is Scouting relies heavily on the work of Volunteers, we have hundreds of volunteers giving up their free

Submitted: 29th April 2018 at 1:23 PM

WINDERMERE / Cumbria

Seeking: 10,000

#Votes (staff / public): 1 / 0

time to come and bring young people to our site, help with the maintenance of our site and keep the family that is Scouting alive. To be able to replace the roof on the Bield would mean we can continue to host large Network events, and welcome everyone onto our site, continuing the amazing work for our community.

We are regular visitors to Jewson's, Bowness, which is situated 3 miles away from our site. We receive excellent service from these guys and will continue to provide them with our business. To win a bid would mean the world to all of the

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DAY OPPTS 4 ALL AT HAMELIN TRUST (71/80)

Day Opps 4 All aims to increase capacity and deliver extra support to adults and young people with learning disabilities across Essex. We are looking to expand our service to provide more opportunities in the areas of woodwork, furniture restoration, sewing, IT refurbishment, recycling and retail.

Submitted: 16th April 2018 at 1:07 PM

Billericay / Essex

Seeking: 7500

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DESCRIPTION

Currently we can only support 37 adults and young people with work based learning opportunities, including woodwork and furniture restoration, sewing, IT refurbishment, recycling and retail experience in our charity shop, The Hub.

This project aims to increase this by almost double by focusing on two key areas: workshops and The Hub.

The first part of the project will create a dedicated furniture restoration workshop to benefit our existing service users, who currently have to share a small workshop with those recycling IT equipment. This will enable both projects to have independent, specifically designed areas, improving the standard of the work based learning opportunities we can provide, as well as increasing the number of users we can support.

The project is primarily driven by three main factors:

1. The joint workshop is extremely busy and already at maximum capacity for both projects
2. Sharing a space is far from ideal with wood work dust passing across the space to those undertaking IT activities
3. The exit and entry point for our service users is currently through our charity shop, The Hub, which is an unsupervised route and is open to members of the public

The project will address all of these by firstly creating an additional eight spaces per day (currently we can only accommodate 10 service users across woodwork and IT). Secondly, by partitioning the workshops, no dust from the woodwork areas will contaminate the IT project area. Thirdly, the inclusion of extra doorways into both project areas will mean that our service users do not

need to enter and exit through our charity shop. This will have a huge impact from a health and safety and safeguarding perspective.

By extending into our charity shop, The Hub, to create the extra room for our increased project areas. The second part of the project will focus on clawing back this area, through the development of a dedicated clothing and sorting area for donated goods, as well as the improvement of storage facilities through the purchase of storage containers. These changes will also improve the space and flow of the shop enabling Hamelin Trust to provide further opportunities for existing and new service users to develop their skills in a retail environment.

The two project focus areas outlined above will provide greater opportunities for choice, skill development and confidence building for service users who can choose to alternate between any of the different areas. Each project requires varying skill sets, enabling the build up of transferable skills and increasing employability. The Hub redevelopment will also help increase communication skills with the general public for those looking to gain retail experience. Most importantly, the Day Opps 4 All project will enable us to increase capacity to our services, which are currently at maximum capacity.

Our short term project aims, to address the three driving factors outlined above, will be easily met once Day Opps 4 All is completed. In the long term we aim to replicate the considerable success of our Roots and Shoots programme, a horticultural project at our site in Rochford. This project teaches gardening and agriculture skills and has resulted in the employment of 19 of our service users. We plan to take our learnings from Roots and Shoots to make Day Opportunities as successful in the long term, building up our beneficiaries transferable skills resulting in increased prospects of paid employment.

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THE HIVE – EARLESTOWN ATHLETIC (72/80)

The Hive is a football facility providing access to high quality grass football pitches for children aged 5-12 years old in Newton le willows. Opened in July 2017 there is a need for materials to put down paths and erect fencing to increase safety for players and spectators alike

DESCRIPTION

The Hive was developed after 5 years of working with the local council to build a first class grass pitch facility for youngster in the area to develop their footballing skills and give themselves the opportunity to be the best they can be - something that's difficult on poorly maintained council pitches that are typically shut between Nov - March. When we built the facility the primary focus was the pitches. Having used the facility for several months now we have identified a number of areas where we need to invest to increase safety, there are a number of banks which in the wet becomes slippery and could be dangerous to players and spectators, also the spectating areas become muddy due to the footfall so we'd like to install some artificial turf. The facility also incorporates a car park if a ball is kicked with sufficient force it could hit parked car, there is also the potential for a young child to run into the path of a car when they attempt to retrieve the ball. Fencing along the edges of the pitch would alleviate this problem. The Hive is a long term project which will serve the local community for years to come, at the moment over 100 children

Submitted: 16th April 2018 at 10:19 AM

Newton le Willows / Merseyside

Seeking: £5,000

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per week us the facility. Adding these elements will ensure its quality is maintained and it provides the safest environment possible for our children to develop both their personal skills and footballing ability.

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DAVID LLOYD (73/80)

Completed a lot of projects alongside and seperately to Band of Builders as a floor layer at the top of his game.

DESCRIPTION

A charity David is involved with called Team Reece plans to buy and renovate a holiday home in the UK, so that terminally ill children that can't travel can still have a holiday with their families.

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Morecambe / Lancashire

Trade hero: David Lloyd

Trade hero occupation: Flooring wizard

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TOPCATS SENSORY GARDEN (74/80)

Topcats is an independent charity providing opportunities to young people from the ages of 0-30yrs with additional needs in the Waveney area. We have an outside area that needs a sensory addition to allow inclusion for EVERYONE that attends, not just the able bodied young people alone.

DESCRIPTION

TOPCATS provides much needed respite to both the young people and their families. With approx 80 families registered with TOPCATS charity we are one of very few to provide such a service in our area. We strive to make their time with us as meaningful as possible and to have a sensory area for those that are less able would be a real asset to TOPCATS allowing us to provide much needed interaction.

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Lowestoft / Suffolk

Seeking: 10,000

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WORKSOP SEA CADETS AND ROYAL MARINE CADETS (75/80)

Our building needs major repairs: replace guttering, repair/replace pitched roof depending on lath fixings, remove overhanging branches/ivy originating from neighbouring gardens to stop water ingress and damage to chimneys, replace damaged suspended ceiling tiles and insert a new damp proof course

DESCRIPTION

Worksop Sea Cadets and Royal Marine Cadets is a thriving Nottinghamshire cadet unit and registered charity working with young people under 18. The unit has been an important part of the local community since it was founded in 1942 so for 76 years has offered opportunities to countless young people, helping build skills, confidence and character regardless of gender, race or ability. Year on year, our average number of cadets is around 35-45 attending twice a week plus regular weekends. The unit is run by staff and a management team, all unpaid volunteers. We rely on fundraising to pay the bills and maintain the premises and equipment we use to develop our young people's skills and enable them to try new opportunities and possibilities. The cadets play a vital role in this too, learning that everyone is a responsible team member. Our aim is to give young people a flying start to their adult lives as well as having fun and good times together.

Some of our leaders have grown up through cadets to become instructors and leaders themselves, qualifying cadets in Rowing, Power Boating and Dinghy Sailing every year, as well as training in drill, field craft, nautical skills and navigation. They are role models and help young people to try things they've never done before, safely, and to support them until they achieve it. While most parents work incredibly hard to support their children, there can be a lack of guidance and role models at home.

We currently operate Sea Cadets, Junior Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets and are proud to be able to offer local young people aged 10-18 the opportunities that will give them transferable skills for life. We aim to make exploring the world and who our young people want to be safe and exciting.

When our youngsters are not on the water, on expeditions and taking part in competitions, they will be in our unit engaged in skills training, young leader training, problem solving, confidence building and teamwork. They travel across the country to compete against district, area and national teams. Everyone looks after each other at Sea Cadets. There's a lot of respect in the air and many cadets and volunteers say it feels like a second family. Our unit building has an extensive and diverse footfall of users and is used not only by our own cadets but we also host training events for other units within the Notts and Derby District and Eastern Area. We host social events not just for our cadets and their families but friends and those living in the wider area. A local Martial Arts group also uses our premises and we hire out for functions at only a token charge as we are not in an affluent area.

We can give so much to young people who may be struggling. We work hard to offer an alternative to destructive behaviours, self-abuse, aggressive gang cultures. The gap between rich and poor means large numbers of youngsters from disadvantaged backgrounds being shut out of opportunities because they cost too much. Part of our fundraising is to ensure that no cadet misses out because parents cannot afford to pay. More teenagers are now experiencing mental health problems like anxiety and depression. We offer the opportunity for genuine friendship, disciplined activities and self-respect. We want them to be proud of what they achieve. Fewer children now learn to sort out problems and to cope when the unexpected happens. We show them how to overcome these. The culture of social media, where everyone else looks like they're having a great time, can make teenagers feel isolated and a failure. We get

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Worksop / Nottinghamshire

Seeking: £10,000

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them active and participating, not watching from the sidelines. Pressure at school may mean that young people believe exams are their one shot at a future and if they fail all is lost. We give them confidence to be the best they can be.

We must ensure our unit building lasts for many more years but it now needs major repairs. Please help us provide a safe environment to develop, challenge and inspire our young people.

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Gallery image 8: [teamwork](#)

Gallery image 9: [training-3](#)

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Gallery image 12: [off-on-an-adventure](#)

Gallery image 13: [training4](#)

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WEST MIDLANDS ROTARY SHELTER BUS (76/80)

We're transforming double-decker buses into mobile homeless shelters to alleviate homelessness and rough sleeping in Greater Birmingham.

DESCRIPTION

This is an amazing new project that will really the homeless community of Birmingham. This Bus will give valuable and required services such as mental health support, warmth, shelter and importantly support.

Rotary Shelter Bus is more than just a place to lie your head, it's a home. We'll provide every single tenant a place to sleep, shower and cook, in addition to private consultation facilities that give access to a range of health and advisory services. Every inch of the bus has been designed to maximise available sleeping spaces, whilst maintaining a level of privacy and comfort. Whether it's one night or several, we aim to create a community that fosters self-improvement and empowerment.

How ShelterBus Works

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Dodwell, Stratford Upon Avon / Warwickshire

Seeking: 6,000

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Rotary ShelterBus works in partnership with local non-profit organisations to provide a range of care services to our beneficiaries. It all starts with a bus. First, our parent organisation, Rotary Club Birmingham Breakfast, will procure and renovate our ShelterBuses to meet all necessary comfort and safety standards. Once the ShelterBus is road-ready, we'll partner with a local homeless charity to provide day-to-day care and administration whilst our bus is on the move. Every day, the ShelterBus will travel throughout Greater Birmingham, ensuring that all areas of our community are served. Our ShelterBus will be free as long as our tenants are in a full-time job or fulfil voluntary community services arranged daily by our team. It's important that we give back to the community full-circle, whilst instilling skills that can help our tenants turn around their personal situations. Throughout the year, we'll partner with a range of local charitable and for-profit organisations to provide food, healthcare and career advice to our beneficiaries. Anyone is welcome to partner with us and volunteer their time or resources.

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NORTH KESSOCK BOWLING CLUB – BOWLING FOR KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY (77/80)

to erect a safe and suitable sheltered cover for our junior and adult members to keep equipment and belongings dry during games. It will also create a safe and dry area for local visitors to spectate from.

DESCRIPTION

Every Friday from 12-3:30 from April-October I welcome the local primary school (around 30-40 p5/6 kids) to our green. I am self employed so am fortunate enough to arrange Friday off to allow this to happen, work Saturday now instead ! Our biggest advantage is we are located only 100yds from the school with no road crossings for the kids. So getting them here is a safe process, we have an absolute ball when they arrive and kids laughter Can be heard through the village each Friday. Success is judged by the smiles on each little ones face as they leave the green. We've had the local Ross shire journal do an article on what we've achieved so far. We have 3 kids who are now full members and playing in our adult league team each week . As it's a team of 12 players having 3 kids playing is great to see.

But.....

As we only have around 30 members funds are an ongoing issue with green maintenance taking a fair chunk of any monies available. I've held various events to raise money to purchase junior equipment so everyone can enjoy our sport to The full. Our problem is the Scottish weather sometimes! Quite often during games our kids and adults players get soaked! To solve this we need a tin shelter along one side of the green to keep our bowling bags and

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Inverness / Highland

Seeking: £6000

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shoes dry and also to retreat to when the weather changes . It might also encourage more village residents to come along and spectate as it does at other greens. As I said already we are a small community club running since 1992 in the village of north kessock, we get no funding except from our members fees and constant raffles, and the free help and generosity from a few members to keep the place running. If you could consider our request it would be very much appreciated. The amount asked for is for materials only, as the labour was kindly offered free of charge by local self employed tradesmen .

I must Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter. Anything you can do to help would mean so much to us all and would definitely have a huge impact on our clubs growth for all the community to enjoy for years to come.

Thanking you again for your time.

Alec hooper ,Vice President.

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THOMPSON COMMUNITY HALL (78/80)

To create a pathway to enable wheelchair users and pushchairs to access Thompson Community Hall from the road when being propelled by self or others. The path will follow the edge of the car park from the new pedestrian gate to provide a safe route away from parked cars

DESCRIPTION

Thompson Community Hall is a new facility for the residents of Thompson village and the surrounding area. It adjoins the Millennium Green and the children's play area. Although we have parking for the disabled and paved access to the hall from those spaces, the remainder of the car park is gravel. We were unable to meet the costs of a fully paved car park when building the hall and were advised to change it to gravel. This means that those using the hall on foot are finding it difficult to propel a wheelchair or pushchair across the gravel surface. Although the surrounding areas are grass and can be used as access, this presents a problem in wet weather, especially for wheelchair users as the ground is too soft due to our light sandy soil. To meet all disability and access needs we need to create a paved path along the edge of the car park from the pedestrian entrance from the road. It would not be safe to construct a path across the car park and all advice has been to construct it around the perimeter. In all other respects we have striven to provide good facilities for all and this has always been an important focus of the build. We have a disabled toilet, good access through all doorways, including those to the patio and have taken into consideration the needs of the disabled as visitors or when helping to put on events. The provision of a good access path for those who do not arrive by car would complete the facilities for the disabled and also make access to the hall, and adjacent play area, from the road much better for parents with prams and pushchairs. The village school is next to the hall and we have already provided a pedestrian gate for access to the play area

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Thompson / Norfolk

Seeking: £3,660

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belonging to the Millennium Green so that parents and children do not have to walk along the road to the Green's main entrance. We are seeing a much increased number of parents and children using the play equipment after school and at weekends and holidays. We are intensely proud of our achievement in creating wonderful facilities for the village to replace a small hall that was not fit for purpose. We wish it to be the best it can be for the community, and this pathway would make a big difference to those from the village and from the wider community using the hall. We are a small community, somewhat isolated due to our location, but the new hall is already bringing people into our community from a much wider area as well as enabling villagers to socialise together in suitable surroundings.

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THE BRIGHTER SAFER OUTDOOR PROJECT (79/80)

We would like to get rid of the grass area surrounding our play equipment and put down recycled mulch to make the area safer and mud free and colourful and bright for the children to explore and develop their physical skills.

DESCRIPTION

We are a charity lead nursery offering wrap around care for children ages 3 months to 12 years. We are available for the local military families and children from this deprivation area and for families wide spread from Portland to Poole. We have a holiday club to offer support to families during the holidays and also children who attend other schools and settings term time attend our holiday club. We offer funded places from 2-5 years to support families. Our outside area, is well used by our children but is looking very sad and is need of a over haul. During the winter the children will run around in wellies but the grass is not up to this hard wear and has diminished, we have tried to grow back the grass but now feel that this mulch would be a fantastic addition. The mulch is made from recycled tyres and is dyed into primary colours which not only would be bright, but safe if the children fall and can be used for colour recognition.

We are aiming for our summer fete to raise funds to put in a new sand pit which would have cranes and scales for the children to use math and area and also communication and language and physical skills.

We do have some children with additional needs and having a quiet "snook" area for them to read quietly or just take them selves off to have quiet time would be another fantastic addition which we would like to add to our outside. This project has started with getting new storage for the toys and sectioned areas for them to use. We have purchased from our Christmas raffle new balls and toys for physical play and small world play. We have looked at ways to

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Bovington / Dorset

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make our walls brighter and have purchased through fundraising new alphabet signs and pictures and have purchased number lines. This mulch will make a massive difference to the lives of the children in our care. The toddlers and babies cannot go on the grass when it is wet as it is so slippery and can appear like a swamp.

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STANLEY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB (80/80)

Renovating shower and changing facilities making them usable for both male and female sports teams. We can't currently play female sports despite having female rugby league players as we don't have separate showers and changing facilities to accommodate both genders and all abilities.

DESCRIPTION

Stanley Sports and Social Club is home to Stanley Rangers ARLFC. The rugby club is 100 years old next year (2019) and we would like to be able to offer Rugby League and other sports and activities to all members of the community. We have been a traditional Rugby League club for many years but would like to move into the next 100 years with foresight and opportunity for all. We currently have teams from under 7s to under 14s & Open Age offering opportunities to children from 5 to 14 and adults. We are currently recruiting for an under 18s team and will organically replenish the U15s & 16s. Stanley Rangers have been successful in developing many Rugby League professionals who have played for club and country.

The club is run by volunteers from the team coaches, managers & fundraisers, to the parents and community members that make the after games food, cut & mark the pitches, work behind the bar and support the teams both home & away. The wider community support the club by joining in with fundraising events and utilising the club facilities for parties, events, galas.

The changing facilities are tired and in need of renovation. We are in the process of renovating the clubhouse with donations and willing hands to offer a nicer place for the community to continue to meet and hold clubs (eg Slimming World), charity events (eg, Hospice Bike Ride final stop & MacMillan Coffee Mornings) and training courses (eg, Emergency First Aid & Touch Line Manager training).

Our new venture is to offer Rugby League to girls teams from 12 upwards – the Stanley Nibs.

Our shower facilities need updating and making usable for both male and female teams of all abilities. We are currently recruiting female players but don't have separate showers and changing facilities to accommodate them. Girls cannot play in mixed Rugby League teams after the age of 12 and we have girls in our Under 9s & 10s and would like to create a platform for their development in the local area, currently they would have to travel to Leeds and leave the Club that they have played for from a very young age.

If we have separate facilities we can encourage more children into different sports & activities and give children and teenagers somewhere to go away from the streets or the games console.

We have created posters and utilised social media to promote the new girls teams – Stanley Nibs, we have a Qualified Coach & Team Manager and training facilities. We can arrange fixtures for the girls as soon as we have

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Wakefield / West Yorkshire

Seeking: 10,000

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adequate showering and changing facilities for them. We have begun work to raise funds and sponsorship for kit and equipment for the teams. We are promoting the teams within the local schools via word of mouth, posters and flyers – there are 10 local Primary and Secondary schools in the area. We have male players coming from far and wide as they want to play for Stanley Rangers – we want to encourage the girls to to play for Stanley Nibs by giving them facilities they can be proud of.

We want to be able to offer local girls the same opportunities as their male counterparts, Rugby League offers both boys and girls social opportunities, team building, friendship and peer support as well as fitness, nutrition and dietary advice. The girls will be given opportunities to get involved with the younger age groups as coaches and team assistants as the boys currently are. They will be able to offer their female (and male) peers support with self-esteem, teach respect and offer guidance on the game.

The club currently utilises ex-players and contacts within education and sport to come and speak to the teams about issues such as drugs and alcohol, mental health and nutrition looking after and developing the whole child or adult.

We want to make sports accessible to all age groups and abilities at Stanley Sports and Social Club through Stanley Rangers, Stanley Nibs and hopefully encourage other disciplines to the club by having the facilities available & user-friendly for all.

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Gallery image 5: [view-out-of-door-to-field](#)

Gallery image 6: [walls-in-corridor-flaking-paint](#)

Gallery image 7: [urinals-and-ceilings](#)

Gallery image 8: [urinals-2](#)

Gallery image 9: [urinals-1](#)

Gallery image 10: [toilet-and-vent-hole](#)

Gallery image 11: [showers-1](#)

Gallery image 12: [shower-lights](#)

Gallery image 13: [shower-ceilings](#)

Gallery image 14: [refs-shower](#)

Gallery image 15: [refs-room-seating](#)

Gallery image 16: [radiators-uncovered-in-corridor](#)

Gallery image 17: [full-shower-pic](#)

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Gallery image 22: mouldy-corridor-walls

Gallery image 23: broken-timer-for-boiler

Gallery image 24: urinals-and-wall
