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Stanley
Area Action Partnership

Annual Report

2022/23



Councillor Elizabeth Scott

Introduction

Portfolio Holder Statement

As the Cabinet portfolio holder for Economy and Partnerships I am happy to say that the overview of the Area Action Partnerships falls under my remit.

Over the last 13 years AAPs have helped local community organisations to thrive through practical support and funding. 2022/23 has been no different. The 14 AAPs across County Durham have helped to fund over 230 projects through their Area Budgets allocating £2.6m to these good causes. This is making a massive difference when like the rest of us, local organisations are being adversely impacted by the continued long term impacts of the Covid pandemic and the cost of living crisis.

County Durham is a diverse place, and each AAP is led and directed by local people, councillors, and partners. This means they can adapt to local circumstances whether they be in Wingate or Westgate, Castleside or Coxhoe. This local engagement means AAPs are firmly rooted in, and valued by their communities.

Throughout County Durham AAP funding has supported a wide variety of projects including, youth work, mental health support, environmental projects, activities for older people, sports clubs, children's play, village halls and community centres, parish councils, community safety initiatives and employment schemes, just to name a few.

The AAPs also support myself and my fellow councillors in allocating our annual Neighbourhood Budget. The 126 County Councillors have allocated over £2.2m to over 820 local projects in County Durham over the past year, again supporting a wide range of local schemes.

As with any service, it is always good practice to consider if any improvements can be made. Having remained largely unchanged for the last 14 years, the need for an independent view as to how the service might be enhanced led to the recently completed community engagement review. While consultation is still ongoing on the proposals contained in the review, it comes as no surprise that the consultants found many strengths of the AAPs that we could build upon in the future.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of AAP Boards, fellow councillors, partner organisations, members of the public and the AAP staff. So, thank you one and all. The AAPs would not be the success they have been without your continued support.

Councillor Elizabeth Scott,

Cabinet portfolio holder for Economy and Partnerships.



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Silver Talk Ladies



Just for Women, The Queen's Jubilee Garden Party

Stanley Area Action Partnership

Established in 2009 Stanley Area Action Partnership (AAP) is the main engagement mechanism of Durham County Council in Stanley to ensure that local residents are engaged with the Council's policies and have a voice in their community. The AAP takes forward neighbourhood issues, works with Partner Organisations to shape local service delivery, and develops projects in the local area to address priority issues and links with local Elected Members to support them in their community leadership role. Over the last year the key focus has been on supporting local communities deal with the impact of the cost-of-living crisis whilst still recovering from the impact of the Covid pandemic.

People can get involved in Stanley AAP through the Stanley AAP Forum or by participating in one of our Task Groups.

Welcome from the Chair

Jeanette Stephenson

It has been an honour to Chair Stanley AAP throughout 2022/23 which has proved to be yet another very productive and successful year for all involved. As ever we have continued to provide ongoing support and funding to local voluntary and community sectors organisations and our partners to improve the quality of life of local residents and the area we live, work and volunteer in.

The AAP has supported a range of projects focussing on welfare assistance, mental health support, tackling social isolation, improving and enhancing our local environment, ongoing and new youth provision, training and employment opportunities, health and wellbeing, sustainability of sports clubs and community buildings, that are all briefly outlined in this report.

As an AAP we felt it was important to continue our community recovery work with local organisations continuing to re-establish themselves and grow for the benefit of the local community or be newly formed, along with tackling the crippling cost-of-living crisis head on by setting up a Poverty Task Group to direct AAP funding support to local residents and families in need via a number of key local community buildings and charities across the Stanley area.

Going forward into 2023/24 we will look to support a number of Towns & Villages initiatives and continue to allocate funding to where it is needed in the community. In a changing and ever evolving community engagement landscape we will also strive to ensure that the people of Stanley can get involved with the work of the AAP, our key partners and that of our vital and invaluable voluntary and community sector network who continue to do so much locally with dedicated volunteers.



Our People

Anyone who lives, works, studies or volunteers in the area can get involved with the Area Action Partnership. We currently have over 500 people who are part of our wider Forum who receive regular updates and who are invited to get involved in the work of the AAP.

Our Board is the decision-making body of the AAP. It is made up of local people, elected councillors and representatives for partner organisations. Our Board Members for 2022/23 were.

Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes)

Neighbourhood Inspector Dave Stewart (Police)

Barbara Edmundson (Integrated Care Board, NHS)

Martyn Stenson (Durham County Council)

Jonathan Smith (Fire and Rescue Service)

Max Wright (Business Representative)

Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Voluntary & Community Sector)
Vice Chair

Helen Richardson (Stanley Town Council) Co-optee

Linda Tyman (Public Representative)

Olga Milburn (Public Representative)

Helen McCaughey (Public Representative)

Vicky Walton (Public Representative) Vice Chair

Darren McMahan (Public Representative)

John Ullathorne (Public Representative)

Cllr Carole Hampson

Cllr Gordon Binney

Cllr Joan Nicholson

Cllr Angela Hanson

Cllr Carl Marshall

Cllr Christine Bell

Cllr Jeanette Stephenson (Stanley Town Council) Chair

Stanley Area Action Partnership 2022/23 Key Information



FUNDING

£213,958

of AAP Area Budget Funding allocated to 14 local projects generating

£196,723

of match funding - Levering in £0.92p for every £1 of funding

£139,177

of Councillor Neighbourhood Budget allocated to 26 projects

£17,600

of Neighbourhood Budget Small Grants allocated to 37 projects

£1,700

of Neighbourhood Budget Queen's Jubilee Grants allocated to seven projects

£49,150

allocated to support 25 projects that enable children to take part in school holiday activities with healthy food

£35,000

of County Councillors Towns & Villages funding allocated to three projects

HEALTH

456

People supported by schemes that improve mental health



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

21 Voluntary groups supported

1,972

beneficiaries supported through the main AAP funding streams



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

96

volunteers have been supported



COMMUNICATION

762

engagements with the community through social media



2022/23 Funding Allocation

Area Budget
£50,000 – Stanley Town Council – Stanley Assistance Scheme
£5,744 – Annfield Plain Community Centre – Warm Days
£7,219 – Annfield Plain Football Club – Wrap Around Phase Two
£17,400 – Durham Deafened Support – Life After Deaf
£10,670 – DurhamWorks, Durham County Council – Specialist Training and Equipment
£15,701 – PACT House – The Right Door
£12,250 – South Stanley Partnership – The Hot Spot
£5,368 – Stars Youth & Community – Youth / Family Drop In
£11,200 – Annfield Plain Cricket Club – Heating Refurbishment
£39,602 – PACT House – Think Positive – Community Wellbeing
£7,000 – Karbon Homes – Silver Talk
£10,764 – Stanley Events – Employability Support Project
£11,040 – The Activity Den – Covid Recovery Grant
Total £203,958
Healthy Relationships Funding
£10,000 – Stanley Youth Consortium – Healthy Relationships Project
Neighbourhood Budget
£2,542 – Durham County Council, Neighbourhoods – Annfield Plain Commemorative Benches
£1,640 – White-le-Head Bowls Club – Bowls Equipment
£7,000 – Craghead Allotment Association – Fencing
£2,100 – Tanfield Railway – Brown Signs
£300 – Durham Pride – 2023 Pride Event
£600 – Durham Miners Association – Brass Band Exchange Project
£1,000 – Tanfield Association – Tanfield School: 1912 – 2022 Then & Now Book
£2,000 – Stanley Woodcraft Folk – Camp Transport Costs
£17,403 – Annfield Plain AFC – Security Fencing
£2,000 – Morrison Lodge Banner Group – Louisa Morrison Disaster 75th Anniversary
£1,400 – Keep Moving CIC – Affordable Exercise Classes
£6,146 – Durham County Council, Neighbourhoods – Tanfield Play Area
£2,941 – Catchgate Primary School – Panto Trip

£500 – Durham Hospital Radio – Studio Upgrade
£3,000 – Just for Women – Duvet Project
£5,000 – Durham County Council, Neighbourhoods – Causey Arch Interpretation Boards
£1,453 – Durham County Council, Neighbourhoods – The Old School Board CCTV
£2,000 – Wear Valley Wood Turners – Digital Display Equipment
£5,000 – Stanley Community Centre (The Venue) – Internal Lighting Project
£4,598 – Durham County Council, Neighbourhoods - South Moor Memorial Park Play Area Improvements
£30,000 – Beamish & East Stanley Sports Club – Toilets Refurbishment
£2,550 – Annfield Plain Cricket Club – New Electronic Scoreboard Numbers
£4,000 – Croft Community School – Growing Communities
£21,000 – Tantobie Cricket Club – Storage Building
£1,500 – Tanfield Lea Partnership – Banner Project
£11,504 – Craghead Village Hall – Refurbishment
Total £139,177
Neighbourhood Budget Small Grants
£300 – White-le-Head Methodist Church – Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations
£350 – Tanfield Lea & District Community Association – Jubilee Party
£150 – Annfield Plain Community Centre – Food Bank Carrier Bags
£500 – Tanfield School – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee
£200 – Annfield Plain Community Centre – Jubilee Afternoon Teas
£400 – South Moor Junior Football Club – New kit & footballs
£600 – Annfield Plain Park Bowling Club – Bowls Collector
£303 – Shikkari Karate Kai Competition – Storage Unit
£578 – Craghead Community Association – Defibrillator for Craghead
£990 – Tanfield Lea Partnership – Queen’s Jubilee & Fun Day
£500 – Stanley Indoor Bowls Centre – Ladies Shirts
£999 – South Moor Golf Club – Golf Event Volunteer Clothing
£800 – Morrison Lodge Banner Group – Miners’ Gala 2022
£750 – Craghead Village Hall – Miners’ Gala 2022

£250 – Craghead Football Club – Football Tournament
£100 – Tanfield Lea & District Community Association – Textiles Class
£286 – Catchgate Community Football Club – Football Nets & Equipment
£100 – Annfield Plain Women’s Institute – Craft Fair
£600 – Tantobie Association for Sport & The Community – Defibrillator for Tantobie
£100 – Tanfield Lea Partnership – Fun Day
£750 – Durham County Council, Clean & Green – Gate to stop Unauthorised Vehicles
£999 – Annfield Plain Football Club – Home & Away Football Strips
£980 – Durham County Council – Families First
£912 – Durham County Council, Highways – Annfield Plain Community Centre Salt Bin & Refills
£500 – Beamish Football Club – Winter Clothing & Training Kit
£500 – Tanfield Lea Community Primary – Dialogic Reading
£300 – New Kyo & Oxhill Partnership – Christmas 2022 Fayre
£500 – Tanfield School – Incentive Awards
£150 – Learning for Life (Real Care) – Christmas Party
£400 – Beamish Community Football Club – Under 12s Fundraising Event
£803 – Durham County Council, Highways – Greenacres Lane Salt Bin & Refills
£400 – Annfield Plain W.I. – Room Hire
£700 – White-le-Head Bowling Club – Club Equipment
£150 – Luminary Photography CIC – Stanley Film Project
£350 – Tanfield Lea Countryside Group – Fun Day 2023
£350 – Tanfield Lea Partnership – Mini Miners’ Gala
Total £17,600
Queen’s Jubilee Grants
£100 – Tantobie Association for Sport and the Community – Ladies Day
£100 – Tanfield in Bloom – Operation Jubilee
£200 – Craghead Village Hall – Jubilee Celebration
£600 – Annfield Plain Community Centre – Afternoon Teas
£300 – Just for Women – Garden Party
£200 – Quaking Houses Village Hall – Jubilee Street Party
£200 – Stanley Young People’s Club – Jubilee Family Party
Total £1,700

2022/23 Funding Allocation

County Councillors Towns & Villages Funding
£5,000 – Tantobie Association for Sport and the Community – Tantobie Community Centre Improvements
£20,000 – South Moor Memorial Park – Play Equipment Refurbishment
£10,000 – Croft School Outdoor Learning Classroom & Community Garden
Fun & Food - Holiday Activities with Healthy Food (HAWHF)
Easter 2022
£1,205 – ATOMS Education CIC – An Easter Extravaganza
£2,000 - Catchgate & Annfield Plain Action Partnership – Easter 2022
£2,100 – Quaking Houses Village Hall – Easter Activities
£590 – South Stanley Partnership – Cracking Easter
£2,804 – Stanley Young Peoples’ Club – Eat-Ster Hols.
Summer 2022
£1,180 – ATOMS CIC – Super Summer Project
£8,400 – Catchgate & Annfield Plain Action Partnership – Summer 2022
£7,890 – Quaking Houses Village Hall Association – Quakies Summer Fun
£2,660 – South Stanley Partnership - Fun in the Sun
October 2022
£1,050 – Burnside Primary – Multi Sport Activities
£723 – Oxhill Youth Club – Beamish Museum
£675 – South Stanley Partnership – Wickedly Witchy Halloween
£1,798 – South Stanley Young Peoples’ Club – Reflective Away Days
£1,688 – Tanfield Lea Community Primary School – Holiday Club
£566 – The Activity Den – Spooky Spectacular
Christmas 2022
£850 – Catchgate & Annfield Plain Action Partnership – Christmas 2022
£1,332.40 – Stanley Young Peoples’ Club – Making Xmas

£850 – Tanfield Lea Community Association – Christmas Family Fun
£700 – The Activity Den – Festive Fun at the Den
February 2023
£1,079 – Burnside Primary School – Multi Sports Camp and Zoolab
£5,289 – North Durham Academy – February 2023 Half-Term with Sports King Coaching
£742.50 – South Stanley Partnership – Flipping Good Fun
£657 – Stanley Young Peoples’ Club – ½ Term Fun
£1,734 – Tanfield Lea Community Primary School - February Half Term Holiday Club
£597 – The Activity Den – Sound Hub Music Taster Session

Neighbourhood Budget is an allocation of £19,400 that each County Councillor gets each year to spend on Community Projects. This year the Councillors received an additional £300 each to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The process is supported by the Stanley AAP team. The projects listed above have been supported by County Councillors; Cllr Carl Marshall, Cllr Angela Hanson, Cllr Carole Hampson, Cllr Sam McMahon, Cllr Joan Nicholson, Cllr Christine Bell, Cllr Joyce Charlton, and Cllr Gordon Binney

County Councillors Towns & Villages Funding is a one-off allocation of £10,000 that the Councillors can use to fund localised projects that aim to revitalise and enhance Stanley Town Centre and the surrounding Villages. For further information on what projects individual Councillors have supported contact your local AAP.

Fun & Food provides free school holiday activities with healthy snacks and meals for children and young people. Activities are provided by schools, voluntary and community sector groups, sport and leisure services, and Family Centres. The scheme is funded by the Department for Education and Durham County Council.



Bowling with Stanley Young Peoples' Club



Stanley Young Peoples' Club



Scary Nights at Stanley Young Peoples' Club

The Difference We Have Made



PACT House The Right Door

Funding support from Stanley AAP has enabled PACT House to continue to deliver food access schemes and crisis support packages, ensuring the purchase of community meal ingredients, and safeguarding of stocks for crisis packs that include food staples, sanitary, cleaning and toiletry products.

PACT provide five distinct areas of support via The Right Door: 1: Open access foodbank, 2: Household cleaning packs, 3: Toiletries/Sanitary Products, 4: Baby Food/Nappies, 5: Supply Free and affordable meals as part of our community meal / warm place project. Provide a route for food support to people with specific dietary needs via health, religion or sensory issues via directly addressing needs with specific food items. Also, this support is linked to our Open 'right' Door policy and gives a place people can access for support as well as being involved in socialising, spend time in a warm place, have access to use of a shower, and clothes washing facilities.



1409 (Consett) Air Training Corps Air Cadets

1409 received Area Budget Funding via Stanley AAP for their STEM Project and the purchase of IT equipment to support 188 individuals to train towards BTEC Aviation Studies. Each classification comprises of 3-6 subjects and once a Cadet has undergone training and completed the exam for all the subjects in a classification, they are said to have obtained that classification. For example, the four classifications are First Class, Leading, Senior and Master - a new Cadet will begin training in the First Class subjects, and once they are all complete they will become a First Class Cadet. From here they can begin working on the Leading subject with a view to becoming a Leading Cadet and so on. Upon completion of the whole classification syllabus each Cadet can claim a BTEC in Aviation Studies, which is an excellent recognised qualification to show prospective employers, particularly in the aviation industry. This award is completely free of charge to the Cadet and is Equivalent to 2 GCSE's at grade 4 to 9.



Annfield Plain Community Centre Kitchen Refurbishment

Annfield Plain Community Centre have recently refitted their kitchen to a high commercial standard, and it is now ready to be utilised for the benefit of the local community. The Centre is successfully running The Bread-and-Butter Thing (TBBT) every Tuesday with 80 attendees every week (260 are registered and attending TBBT when they are able to secure a slot). The Centre also run a Trussell Trust Foodbank on a Tuesday and Thursday with average attendance being 10 per day (roughly 80 over the course of a month). Centre Volunteers are engaging and interacting with attendees who are informing them that they are being adversely affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

The Centre have received funding support from Stanley AAP to run a pilot Warm Days project for 6 months that would see Centre volunteers utilise the new kitchen to provide free hot meals for 30 people on a Wednesday and a Friday from 10am – 4pm ensuring people in the area are well nourished and safeguarded in a safe, free, and well heated environment where they can access free Wi-Fi.

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Stars Youth and Community CIC

Stanley AAP have supported Stars Youth and Community CIC to employ a dedicated youth and community worker via their I-Identify project to support members of the LGBTQ+ community including those facing issues relating to gender identity and their sexuality. Providing advice and guidance, facilitating two sessions each week aimed at creating a social space, building peer support, sharing experiences, and providing activities supporting LGBTQ+ needs. Sessions will be split for ages 12 plus to 18 (activity) and 16 to 25 (drop-in), with cross working and peer support / volunteering encouraged and fostered. Clients will be supported on a one-to-one basis and build referral routes for young people, build a local resource and knowledge base. Create WhatsApp, snapchat and Instagram peer support groups. The project will support young people in the process of identifying and discovering themselves, it will also allow young people to express their views and educate others.

Durham Deafened Support

Durham Deafened Support (DDS) have received funding from Stanley AAP to deliver their Life after Deaf project. The project will give support to deafened and hard of hearing adults. This is a holistic approach to hearing loss, dealing with all the needs of the person and any causes of social isolation and exclusion not just the hearing loss. Each service user will have access to a benefit check, equipment loans and support for their mental health. Late deafened people become socially isolated even within the family unit due to a breakdown in communication. This will be the main focus of this project. A sudden loss or further deterioration of hearing can have a debilitating effect driving many people to despair. It affects them psychologically, emotionally, physically and destroys their social foundation. Even with the best hearing aids available people still struggle, early intervention and by complementing the services available DDS help to prevent mental health problems before they begin. The funding will also allow DDS to continue to run their pre-existing Local Community Support Group including Lip Reading at The Venue.

DurhamWorks

Stanley Area Action Partnership (AAP) is supporting DurhamWorks to deliver a Stanley Specialist Training & Equipment Budget (Flex Fund) project. This budget would be used to supply all the unemployed young people of Stanley with everything they need to start work, college, or training in their chosen field. The budget could be used for specialist equipment and courses that are not available other than via private procurement methods,

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