

Corporate Resources OSC - Review on Helping to Increase Support and Capacity of the Voluntary Sector - Evidence Gathering Session No. 3 Financial Assistance Case Studies



Jewish Community Council of Gateshead

The Council's Relationship Manager for the JCCG is based within the Commissioning & Neighbourhoods Service. The role includes identifying and supporting the development of funding bids with the JCCG, and in recent years this has included attempts to secure significant grant aid from the **Big Lottery Fund** (now renamed the National Lottery Community Fund). In November 2018, the JCCG was awarded **£319,000** for their project "Breaking Down Barriers – Bridging Gaps" which will help provide much needed capital investment into their Bewick Centre, core costs to help run the charity and support the delivery of initiatives to support the wellbeing of the Orthodox Community.



Gateshead Clubhouse The Neighbourhood Management & Volunteering Team has a long-standing relationship with the Clubhouse, a user-led mental health charity that operates out of premises in Worcester Green. As their capacity has developed, they have moved through successfully securing small grants, including the Council's Local Community Fund, through to securing **£98,000** in November 2018 from the **National Community Fund**, which will help secure the core operation of the charity for 5 years.



Chopwell Community Association is the charity that manages Chopwell Community Centre and acts as an umbrella organisation for many smaller local community groups. Although the Centre is largely self-sustaining it relies on grant aid to supplement its operation for additional activities/provision and to help with building and equipment improvements. Recent successful funding applications to **Gateshead Thrive Fund (£9,554)** and **Awards for All will (£9,544)** enable the Centre to offer independent community led and delivered Youth Work in the village over the next 1-2 years. The Charity will work with other local organisations (Chopwell Primary School and Friends of Chopwell Park) to engage as wide an audience as possible and to offer the provision across multiple venues. The Association, working with Friends of Chopwell Park, was also successful in securing funding from the I will Social Action Fund for a young person's Graffiti Art Project within Chopwell Park.



BALLINGER

CHARITABLE TRUST

The Ballinger Charitable Trust – micro grants pilots in Chopwell, Blackhall Mill & Highfield and Bensham & Saltwell.

The Ballinger Charitable Trust (BCT) gives approximately £1.5m to charitable causes across the north east of England each year. Most of these grants are to registered charities helping young and/or old people, and many grants go towards revenue costs. The Trustees recognise the increasing challenges surrounding sustainability/viability for small local charities and wanted to explore new ways of working with communities to help enable them to help themselves. This reinforces the Council's Thrive pledge with a similar ethos.

The Trust decided to pilot a community level micro grant approach in the Chopwell and Highfield and Bensham and Saltwell areas, working with Neighbourhood Management and Volunteering Team, to invite local groups and organisations to attend an event and pitch for small amounts of funding. The Trust chose these locations because of their contrasting demographics and community fabric. One being an urban, densely populated area, with large Jewish and BME communities and established community infrastructure. The other a rural location in the West of Gateshead with very little, if any, community infrastructure and operating community organisations.

The pilots were very successful, and awards were made to:

- 8 organisations in Chopwell and Highfield totalling **£6,072** including projects to provide indoor equipment, consumable materials, website improvements and localised environmental improvements
- 10 organisations were supported in Bensham and Saltwell totalling **£5,500**, including projects providing musical instruments for a group of refugees, a young people's local history project, and a commercial oven for a lunch club.



BLAYDON YOUTH AND
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Blaydon Youth Club is an important local charity that has provided valuable early years, youth club and wider community provision in the centre of Blaydon for over 40 years. The Charity is unincorporated, managed by a volunteer Management Committee, employs 15 staff and benefits from additional 13 volunteers.

The Centre is open 7 days/week and benefits the whole community through the provision of regular weekly sessions, drop ins and hireable space for a wide range of sporting and leisure activities. It also offers a very successful and comprehensive childcare provision. Its main activities include:

- Inclusive Youth Club (13+) – 3 hrs per week for young people with disabilities and/or additional learning needs in partnership with NE Youth.
- A junior youth club (ages 7-11) run for 2 ½ hrs per week in partnership with the Salvation Army.
- Early years childcare provision – including a breakfast club (3-11), increased provision for 3-4 year olds and an after school club (3-11).
- “Fill the Holiday Gap” which offers targeted school holiday activities and a healthy meal for families on low income during the school summer holidays
- Mother and Toddler Group

- Open access hireable Sports Hall and meeting/activity rooms – open up to 7 days per week

Whilst most of the charity's income is self-generated through bookings and childcare provision it has been successful (with support from the Council's NMVT Team) in grant applications to increase the organisations capacity and support its core running costs. Grants have been secured over the last 1-2 years for the following:

- **Sir James Knott Trust £5,000** towards the cost of the Centre's Inclusive Youth Club
- **Hadrian Trust £1,000** towards its Youth Club provision
- **Gateshead Thrive Fund £9,598** towards enhanced business planning and leadership, improved ICT equipment/ security provision and enhanced storage for the Centre.



Salvation Army and Birkheads Wild

Birkheads Wild is a social enterprise based in the Lamesley Ward offering forest school and outdoor activities.

In 2018, Birkheads Wild were taking nominations of young people who had maybe had a tough time at school and who would benefit from a memorable outdoor experience. Salvation Army, Gateshead nominated some children to attend. The children visited and took part in games and wild play, campfire cooking, woodland crafts, nature walks and den building. The feedback received from the children and volunteers who attended was very positive. The Council's Neighbourhood Management & Volunteering Team supported the Salvation Army to secure **£560** from the Council's Local Community Fund to enable more children they support (from Bridges Ward) to attend Birkheads Wild in the Summer of 2019.

<https://birkheadswild.org.uk/> www.salvationarmy.org.uk/gateshead-community-church

TW Skills Birtley

TW Skills Birtley is a small independent Charity working operating out of Birtley. It works with young people with low to mild learning disabilities in Gateshead that no longer receive support from mainstream providers. It focuses on Employment support, enabling young people to access employment through a range of training opportunities including: ICT, Health & Safety, First Aid, Maths and English. Working with Gateshead Council's Public Health Team it has been actively delivering the Making Every Contact Count model in Birtley. It has also been successful in securing the following funding:

- Awards for All. **£10,000** - Employment Support
- Co-op Foundation - **£3,000** – Employment Support
- Community Foundation - **£5,000** Health & Wellbeing and **£4,000** Youth Social Action
- Greggs Foundation - **£3,000** Social Action
- Tesco – **£2,000** Social Action
- Gateshead Council – **£4,892** Make Every Contact Count
- Thrive Fund - **£1,280** Summer Programme and **£485** Volunteer Month



Birtley Hub is a Resource Centre for the local community working with and supporting small organisations across Birtley. It has been open for about 12 years now and is a valued local resource and meeting point. It has recently been successful in securing the following funding:

- Thrive Fund (18/19) – **£10,000** Running Costs -
- The Gateshead Housing Company Community Fund (18/19) – **£4,700** Community digital Art project



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Teams Life Centre – the former Teams Community Centre is operated by Dunston Family Church, a faith-based charity. The church has operated in Dunston since the early 1990's. For over two decades they raised money and provided resources to other local and overseas charities to do good works. Five years ago, the Council transferred the community to the church as part of the review of community centres. The Teams Life Centre is now a bustling hub of activity. The centre is host to several organisations delivering services including Gateshead councils' guidepost project supporting people with learning disabilities. This project is a self-sustaining with funds raised from the congregation and trading. Over the last 12 months, the centre has been supported through the Making Every Contact Count (MECC) programme. The programme has invested **£7320** into training and support for TLC and the Advance Men's Group who were supported by room hire costs for the year. The centre has also benefitted from an award from TGHC of **£5000** to replace the heating boiler.

BIG LOCAL



LOTTERY FUNDED

Big Local - Racecourse and Teams in a community partnership that has been bestowed with (£1 million of lottery resources) to deliver projects in the Teams and Racecourse estates. The original application to be part of the programme was submitted by the Neighbourhood Management and Volunteering Team in 2009. The independently run partnership (which must maintain 51% local resident representation) determines its own funding priorities, therefore This is a slightly different example of project support in that it is less about the money, instead it is about how the Council can help Big Local develop projects using their own resources to help deliver good outcomes for the people of Gateshead. The Neighbourhood Management and Volunteering Team have been supporting big local to develop ideas around the development of business incubator units. Emerging drawings and outline plans illustrate a capital project in the region of £400,000. Potentially this could be matched against CLLD (ERDF and ESF Funding). This is at the earliest stages of development and still requires permissions and negotiation with Gateshead Council.



**Edberts House is a registered charity No: 1127388
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Edberts House is a place-based community development charity initially located in East Gateshead. Since its creation 10 years ago the charity has been supported by the Neighbourhood Management Team to develop a range of community based projects and has raised over £2 million pounds which has been invested into projects in the statistically deprived East area. Based on the evidenced social impact of the first hub – Edberts House - the charity has been working in partnership with NMT and Peoples Health Trust to develop a second hub: Pattinson House on the Old Fold/Nest estates in Felling.