

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****CABINET MEMBER****5 MARCH 2014****REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR ADULT CARE****DERBYSHIRE TRUSTED BEFRIENDING NETWORK  
FRIENDS AND GOOD NEIGHBOURS GRANT SCHEME – ROUND 2****1. Purpose of the Report**

To obtain approval for the release of funding from the allocated budget for the Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network (TBN) for Round 2 of the Friends and Good Neighbours Grant Scheme.

**2. Information and Analysis**

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011, Cabinet approved the development of a Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network (DTBN), which commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 and aims to ensure that there is equitable, quality assured befriending provision across Derbyshire for all adults. The purpose of the development of the DTBN is to strengthen the level of preventative support available to local people and local communities which will in turn help to maintain independence, social inclusion and avoid or reduce the need for adult social care support.

A comprehensive needs and gap analysis of befriending services in Derbyshire was completed in the summer of 2012 and was reported to the Adult Care Board in January 2013. This gap analysis has been used to inform and shape investment in the further development of befriending support across the county. This has included investment in small and local community initiatives across the county, funded through a small grants scheme, entitled 'Friends and Good Neighbours Grants'.

The aim of the scheme is to help people who would benefit from some friendly contact and conversation or similar activity. The grant may be for a good neighbour type initiative or get a self-help group off the ground. The grant aims to encourage and facilitate the contribution of a wide range of community groups and organisations, including those that are not part of the traditional network of social care. This grant fund is worth, in total, £45,000. The maximum value of one-off individual grants is £3,000.

The grant can pay for equipment, hiring a venue, training fees, out-of-pocket expenses of volunteers, resources, activities, transport and costs associated with setting up a new community group to help tackle loneliness and social isolation. It is open to not-for-profit community groups, voluntary organisations, local charities or local branches of national charities, social enterprises and community interest companies, with a turnover of less than £20,000 a year.

The grant cannot fund:

- one off social events
- social trips for existing groups
- food or other refreshments
- promoting religious or political beliefs
- any costs associated with buying land or buildings
- projects outside of Derbyshire
- retrospective costs of projects that have already taken place.

The closing date for applications to the second round of the Friends and Good Neighbours grant was 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The following priorities for this round of funding were identified following a review of the first round of grants:

- Befriending focused activities that are specifically aimed at reaching out to people in their local communities who are lonely and socially isolated. Examples include (but are not limited to), setting up a small scale befriending scheme for your local community or setting up a group that provides an opportunity for local people to socialise.
- Applications from groups in Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales and Erewash.
- Applications from groups that aim to increase the opportunities of social activities for people with a learning disability.
- For existing groups, applications that are focused on increasing the membership of the group and/or providing wider/additional opportunities for befriending type opportunities will receive priority.

Applications for grant funding were assessed, by reference to a set of grant conditions and the above priorities, by a panel made up of the following representatives:

- Andrew Raynor – Public Health Manager (Ageing Well)
- Jem Brown - Group Manager – Prevention (Fieldwork Services North), Adult Care
- Louise Cope - Practical Independent Living Services Development Officer, Adult Care

The panel met on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 to consider the Round 2 applications and has made recommendations for 16 grant awards, totalling £21,384.88, from a total of 33 applications received (worth £67,047.04), subject to Cabinet Member approval.

The recommendations for awards are set out in Appendix 1.

The background and recommendations for awards were considered in detail by Councillor Paul Jones, Deputy Cabinet Member Adult Social Services, as an action arising from the Adult Care Directorate meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Following a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014 with the Group Manager – Prevention and the operational lead officer for the TBN, Cllr. Jones endorsed the recommendations of the Round 2 awards panel.

### **3. Financial Considerations**

The Round 2 Friends and Good Neighbours Grant Scheme costs will be met from the 2013/14 Trusted Befriending budget. A budget of £45K was set aside for Round 2 of the grant scheme. If the recommendations of the awards panel are ratified, there will be an accrued underspend of £23,615.12.

### **4. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

### **5. Key Decision**

No

### **5. Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report?**

No

### **6. Background Papers**

- *Cabinet Member Report February 12<sup>th</sup> 2013, Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network Capacity Building Grant – Round 1*
- *Cabinet Member Report 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network Friends and Good Neighbours Grant Scheme – Round 1*

## **7. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Cabinet Member approves the allocation of grants arising from Round 2 of the Trusted Befriending Network Friends and Good Neighbours Grant Scheme as set out in Appendix 1.

**Bill Robertson  
Strategic Director Adult Care  
County Hall, Matlock**

## APPENDIX 1

### Successful TBN Friends and Good Neighbours Grant Round 2 Applications – as recommended by the Grant Panel

#### **Application reference number: 2.1**

**Application of:** Amber Friendship Group

**Summary of proposal:** To develop a small scale community afternoon tea group in the Amber Valley area.

**Panel Findings:**

- All grant conditions met.
- Amber Valley is identified as a priority area for Round 2 funding.

**Level of funding requested:** £1,270

**Level of funding recommended:** £1,270

#### **Application reference number: 2.2**

**Application of:** Amber Valley Alliance for Learning Disabilities

**Summary of proposal:** To deliver a weekly social activity group for people with learning disabilities.

**Panel Findings:**

- All grant conditions met.
- Supporting people with a learning disability is identified as a priority for Round 2 funding.
- Request focus on increasing membership of the group, with a target to be agreed with Adult Care prior to funding being released.

**Level of funding requested:** £800

**Level of funding recommended:** £800

#### **Application reference number: 2.4**

**Application of:** Amber Valley Village Games

**Summary of proposal:** To develop social activity groups for older people in Amber Valley.

**Panel Findings:**

- Part fund as not all activities meet grant conditions.
- Amber Valley is identified as a priority area for Round 2 funding.
- Sustainability built into proposal.

**Level of funding requested:** £1,606.68  
**Level of funding recommended:** £1,558.68

**Application reference number: 2.5**

**Application of:** Asian Association of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire

**Summary of proposal:** To develop and run befriending/social sessions for adults from the Indian/Bangladeshi community.

**Panel Findings:**

- Supports a very specific isolated section of the community.
- Part fund as not all activities meet the grant conditions and to improve the value for money of the bid.
- Request that the group enrolls 4 volunteers as Befriending Champions.
- The group will be required to become a member of the Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network as a grant condition.

**Level of funding requested:** £3,000  
**Level of funding recommended:** £1,000

**Application reference number: 2.6**

**Application of:** Bakewell Community Arts Workshops

**Summary of proposal:** To develop a social group based around people learning and doing crafts in Bakewell.

**Panel Findings:**

- All grant conditions met.
- Derbyshire Dales is identified as a priority area for Round 2 funding.
- Part fund to improve value for money.
- Request that the group specifically aims to engage with people with a learning disability to join the group.

**Level of funding requested:** £2,446.80  
**Level of funding recommended:** £1,223.40

**Application reference number: 2.10**

**Application of:** Codnor Park and Ironville OAP Community Centre

**Summary of proposal:** To fund equipment for bingo sessions and coffee mornings to be held at the community centre.

**Panel Findings:**

- All grant conditions met.
- Amber Valley is identified as a priority area for Round 2 funding.
- Part fund to improve value for money.

**Level of funding requested:** £2,100

**Level of funding recommended:** £1,050

**Application reference number: 2.13**

**Application of:** Erewash Village Games

**Summary of proposal:** To develop social activity groups for older people in Erewash.

**Panel Findings:**

- Erewash is identified as a priority area for Round 2 funding.
- Sustainability built into proposal.

**Level of funding requested:** £1,900

**Level of funding recommended:** £1,900

**Application reference number: 2.18**

**Application of:** Golden Oldies

**Summary of proposal:** To deliver a weekly social activity group for older people in the Erewash area.

**Panel Findings:**

- All grant conditions met.
- Erewash is identified as a priority area for Round 2 funding.
- Part fund to improve value for money.
- Require that the group agrees with Adult Care a target of 12 new members to be recruited to the group.
- Request that the group explores the possibility of implementing a charge to increase its sustainability.

**Level of funding requested:** £1,200

**Level of funding recommended:** £600

**Application reference number: 2.19**

**Application of:** Grapevine Project

**Summary of proposal:** To fund equipment to develop a community allotment for people with mental ill health in the Buxton area.

**Panel Findings:**

- Grant conditions met.
- Recommended part-fund to increase value for money.
- Request that the group enrolls 4 volunteers as Befriending Champions.
- The group agrees with Adult Care a target of 12 new volunteers to be recruited.

**Level of funding requested:** £3,000

**Level of funding recommended:** £2,000

**Application reference number: 2.23**

**Application of:** Ilkeston and District 50+ Forum

**Summary of proposal:** To fund equipment to enable the group to hold additional social events, to contribute to room hire and to fund entertainment for a celebration event.

**Panel Findings:**

- Part fund as not all activities meet grant conditions.
- Request that the group use the funding for equipment only.
- Erewash is identified as a priority area for Round 2 funding.

**Level of funding requested:** £2,154

**Level of funding recommended:** £539

**Application reference number: 2.25**

**Application of:** Littlewick and Dales Patient Participation Group

**Summary of proposal:** To establish a regular activity and craft group for people who have a learning disability, long term physical disability or mental ill health.

**Panel Findings:**

- Erewash is identified as a priority area for Round 2 funding.
- Supporting people with a learning disability is identified as a priority for Round 2 funding.
- All grant conditions met.
- Recommended part-fund to increase value for money, and request that the local surgery waives the room hire charge.

**Level of funding requested:** £3,000

**Level of funding recommended:** £1,850



**Application reference number: 2.26****Application of:** Mayflower Court Friendship Club**Summary of proposal:** To support the development of a friendship club, craft class and gardening group for lonely and isolated older people.**Panel Findings:**

- All grant conditions met.
- Recommended part-fund to increase value for money.
- Request that the group engage with Groundwork for support around the development of the garden.

**Level of funding requested:** £3,000**Level of funding recommended:** £2,150**Application reference number: 2.27****Application of:** Memory Lane**Summary of proposal:** To fund a REMPOD (a piece of equipment that evokes and stimulates memory) and entertainment to be used at social sessions for people with cognitive impairment.**Panel Findings:**

- All grant conditions met.
- Part fund to improve value for money.
- Request consideration of charging for participants to improve the sustainability of the group.
- Request that the group link with Adult Care's Intergenerational Officer to develop the inter-generational element of the project.

**Level of funding requested:** £2,398**Level of funding recommended:** £2,098.80**Application reference number: 2.28****Application of:** Milton Lunch Club**Summary of proposal:** To fund equipment to support the development of a lunch club in South Derbyshire.**Panel Findings:**

- Grant conditions met.
- Demonstrates good value for money.

**Level of funding requested:** £435

**Level of funding recommended: £435**

**Application reference number: 2.30**

**Application of:** Polski Link Limited

**Summary of proposal:** To establish a befriending service for the Polish community in Shirebrook.

**Panel Findings:**

- Part fund as not all activities meet grant conditions.
- Request that the group does not use the funding for an Advisor.
- The group will be required to become a member of the Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network as a condition of receiving this funding.

**Level of funding requested: £2,960**

**Level of funding recommended: £2,180**

**Application reference number: 2.31**

**Application of:** Speak and Eat

**Summary of proposal:** To develop a community forum for people with a learning disability in the High Peak area.

**Panel Findings:**

- Grant conditions met.
- Part fund to improve value for money.
- Request that funding is used for promotion, insurance, transport to meetings and volunteer expenses only.
- The group agrees with Adult Care a target of 12 new volunteers to be recruited.

**Level of funding requested: £1,180**

**Level of funding recommended: £730**

## Un-Successful TBN Friends and Good Neighbours Grant Round 2 Applications – as recommended by the Grant Panel

Ref	Organisation	Summary of Application	Amount Requested	Reason for Recommendation Not to Fund
2.3	Amber Valley Parkinson's	To circulate a questionnaire and fund a garden party/BBQ.	£913.31	Does not meet the grant conditions – one-off event with limited impact on social isolation.
2.7	Buxton and Beyond Macular Disease Support Group	Top up of existing funding for support group.	£1,800	Does not meet the grant conditions – running costs of existing group.
2.8	Chesterfield Chinese Elderly Group	Sessions to improve the reading skills of Chinese elderly people.	£2,956	Does not meet the grant conditions - not primarily focused on reducing social isolation.
2.9	Codnor Park & Ironville OAP Club	Monthly trips for shopping/socialising.	£1,367	Does not meet the grant conditions – social trips for existing group.
2.11	De Rodes Group of Women's Institutes	Equipment for IT sessions for WI members.	£2,947.95	Does not meet the grant conditions - not primarily focused on reducing social isolation.
2.12	Elvaston Garden Club	Social functions, excursions and funding towards a horticultural show.	£1,200	Does not meet the grant conditions – social trips for existing group.
2.14	Friday Friends	Funding required to sustain group.	£2,550	Does not meet the grant conditions – running costs of existing group.
2.15	Friendship First (Peaks & Dales Advocacy)	Expansion of existing social sessions for people with a learning disability into Dales area.	£3,000	Does not meet the grant conditions – received funding in Round 1 for same activity.

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2.16	Fun2Do	Funding for volunteers to support people with a learning disability to access social activities.	£3,000	Does not meet the grant conditions – received funding in Round 1 for same activity.
2.17	Glossop VIP (Visually Impaired People)	Expand existing group.	£1,576	Does not meet the grant conditions - not primarily focused on reducing social isolation.
2.20	GS2	Launch brand new community group.	£2,110	Does not meet the grant conditions - not primarily focused on reducing social isolation.
2.21	Hadfield Carnival Association	Funding for Hadfield carnival.	£1,100	Does not meet the grant conditions – one-off event with limited impact on social isolation.
2.22	High Peak Access Group	Expand existing access group for older/disabled people.	£2,158	Does not meet the grant conditions - not primarily focused on reducing social isolation.
2.24	Inspire Festival	Funding for a Community Festival in Glossop.	£2,060	Does not meet the grant conditions – one-off event with limited impact on social isolation.
2.29	Parenting Additional Needs	Train existing group coordinators as counsellors or advocates.	£2,768.30	Does not meet the grant conditions - not primarily focused on befriending, this is a formal counselling service.
2.32	Techno Tyros	Take photographs out to community groups.	£150	Does not meet the grant conditions - not primarily focused on reducing social isolation.
2.33	Whitwell Community Choir	Funding to continue community choir.	£2,940	Does not meet the grant conditions - not primarily focused on reducing social isolation and an existing group.

**Summary:**

- **Total amount of grant available: £45,000**
- **Total amount of grant (provisionally) allocated: £21,384.88**
- **Amount of grant currently unallocated: £23,615.12**