

St. Ann's Development Board Achievements and Successes

Over the past three years (2006-2009) the Board has used Neighbourhood Element funding to meet priorities of residents. Using different approaches to distribute funding and develop projects and initiatives.

Crime and Community Safety

- Funded several schemes and initiatives to help tackle crime and community safety within neighbourhoods.
- Facilitated the use of a pool of neighbourhood enforcement officers to provide a dedicated service for the St. Ann's Development Board Area, allowing residents to form positive relationships with the officers and improving access to them via a specific mobile phone number.
- Positive outcomes relate to improvements in reducing fly tipping and collection of combustibles.
- Funded four CCTV cameras to monitor hot spot areas (2 fixed and 2 mobile). Whilst the number of review requests with positive action has reduced (from 78.3% in 2007/8 to 52.1% in 2008/9) the proportion of footage and stills being used as evidence to support cases by the Police, Fire and Rescue Service and Housing has more than doubled.
- 'Operation Dakar' carried out in partnership with Cleveland Police reduced the usage of off-road motorbikes within the housing estates. The programme also helped identify 'hot spot' areas which are now included within the regular patrol programme.

Health and Aspirations of Children and Young People

The Board commissioned 5 projects aimed at improving mental health, wellbeing and dental health of children aged 5 – 11 years of age. The projects were commissioned and a Sub Group created to ensure that all the projects were adding value to current service delivery and ensuring a joined up approach to tackling these issues.

Passport2 Fun and Drama Group

- 7 Volunteers recruited.
- 2 Passport2Fun sessions and 1 Drama session held per week.
- 27 children regularly involved in weekly Passport2Fun sessions.
- Children successfully applied for Youth Bank funding to hold an intergenerational project.
- An additional session of Passport2Fun is now running at Lustrum Community House.
- The project is now run purely by volunteers.

Dental Health

- 100% of young people from Tilery Primary School have benefited from this scheme through:
 - access to dental health information / educational materials to support good oral health routines at intervals through the scheme
 - Receiving prevention packs and support to encourage effective plaque removal
 - Receiving prevention packs to encourage continuation of the tooth brushing scheme during the summer holiday period
- Members of staff were trained in oral health and cross infection control issues.

- 67% of children improved plaque level results as a result of interventions

Healthier Lifestyles

- Average of 67 children attending the breakfast club.
- 18 children attending 1.5hours of SEAL workshops.
- 24 children involved in playground friends.
- 12 Families involved in Family Learning.

Routz2work with Fit4 Employment

- 3 jobs created.
- 40 young people received training qualifications.
- 10 young people into employment.
- 149 young people from within the NE area involved. (277 in total from Norton School).
- 122 young people received more than 6 hours support.
- 41 young people visited on work placement.
- 10 young people from Norton School accessed a weeks vocational training at the Vox Centre.
- 75 employers engaged on the project.
- 26 young people accessing college.
- 3 young people accessing E2e project

Numeracy and Literacy Project

- 30 children achieving 2 sub levels progress in Reading
- 20 children achieving 2 sub levels progress in Writing
- 30 children achieving 2 sub levels progress in Maths
- 100% of targeted children to achieving 1 sub level progress in Reading, Writing and Maths
- 96% of targeted children raising current scores of “self regard” and “perceived learning capability” by at least 15 percentage points.

St. Ann’s Funding Team Awards (SAFTA’S) for Young People

- Successfully used a Participatory Budgeting approach to distribute £21,000 of funding to projects and initiatives for young people aged 11-16. Involved over 150 young people. A DVD is currently being created to be used as best practice, with a piece about the SAFTA’s featuring on the national Participatory Budgeting website.

FIND Fund

- Created a pot of funding, for individuals and groups to bid in for grants of £250 - £500, to support local residents and groups run their own projects or initiatives and encourages community led schemes. Examples include:
 - £500 was given to Lustrum Community House, Victoria Community House and the Frank Wiseman Centre to make improvements to their buildings and to encourage usage.
 - Chillzone were given £500 to take young people on positive activities including surfing and outdoor activities.
 - Passport2 Fun was given £500 for equipment and materials to support the volunteers.

Community Cohesion

- Strong track record of holding events and consultation with local residents and has held several events to unite communities over the past three years, including an annual fun day. This year's event was carried out in conjunction with the Corner House Youth Project and will encourage residents to be more active with taster sessions in a variety of sports and physical activity.
- Annual tours and priority setting events for residents to have their say and influence priorities for their neighbourhoods. These priorities are the basis from which the Board develops interventions and projects on a yearly basis.

Evaluation

The Board sends a questionnaire to every household within the Neighbourhood Element area every 2 years to gauge if services have improved and to identify residents' satisfaction of their neighbourhood as a place to live.

Results from February 2008

Which services have got better or worse over the last three years?

Overall the majority of the services listed in the questionnaire have shown a net improvement change. The following services are the top 5 services, which showed a net improvement of 10% or more

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| • Health Services | +21% |
| • Job Opportunities | +13% |
| • Parks and Open Services | +13% |
| • Race Relations | +13% |

In comparison to 2006, it appears residents feel that their neighbourhood has got better by 17% from 2006, and those who felt it had got worse has dropped by 6% compared to 2006.

Partnership Working

- Developed strong and positive relationships with other public, private and third sector providers
- Provides practical support to local groups and organisations including Residents Associations including support for attracting external funding. Examples include:
 - Lustrum Community House – Eaga Funding £2000 for environmental works to Lustrum Beck
 - Tilery Residents Association – Grassroots Funding - £5000 to run the Frank Wiseman Centre and set up a programme of activities
 - Portrack Action Group – Grassroots Funding - £5000 to continue the Bingo and Lunch Club and provide trips and activities for its members.
 - £5000 from PCT Communities for Health funding to provide fruit and vegetable bags