

Partnership Name: Groundwork West Durham & Darlington

Lead Member: Cllr Fergus

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Corporate Plan Priority:

Dates covered by the report: 1/4/08 – 31/3/09

Progress Report

Programme 1, Healthy Communities

We have worked in partnership with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) to develop a Grow and Cook Programme that works with primary school children, parents, teachers and support services from both the County Council and the PCT. The Programme works with schools to develop a school based allotment that is used to grow fruit and vegetables. The allotment is created by staff, parents and pupils with guidance from our Project Officers and Community Caretaker Teams.

With support from the PCT food health team's parents and pupils are encouraged to attend cooking sessions which use the produce from the allotment to create healthy meals. These sessions equip pupils and parents with the knowledge and skills needed to eat a healthy balanced diet which helps achieve the project aim of promoting a healthier lifestyle and making people more active.

Programme 2, Young People

We have reviewed the way that we deliver youth work across Teesdale and are now trying to link the youth and project teams more closely. To assist in this process, we have appointed a Youth Programme Co-ordinator who will help develop the youth programme and ensure close links with the project delivery team. This has enabled us to develop several youth lead projects that include a mountain bike jump park. This project is part of the successful Teesdale Community Resources "HUB" bid and has been developed by young people from Barnard Castle. To date we have secured funding from CDENT and are working with partners to secure the additional funding necessary to deliver the project.

With support from 2D the Teesdale Youth Workers Forum has been developed and agencies and organisations have been invited from across Teesdale. This has helped to generate a focus to youth work across Teesdale and give young people a voice on the Local Strategic Partnerships and other such partnerships.

We have recently secured £1.1 million from the Big Lottery Young People's Fund 2 that will

allow 11 youth workers to be recruited across the North East and Yorkshire and The Humber to develop the Turning the Comer programme. This is a pan regional programme and aims to work with local businesses, young people and the community to help address the often perceived youth nuisance factor of young people socialising near to local shops or street corners. One of the 11 youth workers will be based in Teesdale and will initially target Cockfield and Evenwood.

The Teesdale Community Cycling programme is delivering 'Bikeability' training to schools throughout Teesdale. The Bikeability training replaces the old cycling proficiency scheme and involves training people on public roads. This training equips young people with the skills and knowledge to cycle safely on roads and will hopefully encourage them to cycle to school which helps achieve the project aim of increasing cycling participation and making people more active.

Programme 3, Land

The team have continued to work closely with a large number of Community Groups throughout Teesdale. They have involved community groups in consultation events, fun days, launch events and training courses. This has given local residents the opportunity to influence and develop environmental improvements in their area. This approach has led to the development of several new projects that include Bowes Community Garden, Mickleton Community Field, Egglestone Play Area, Ramshaw Play Area and Dawson Road Play Area. This year has also seen the completion of several long running schemes including The Barnard Castle Open Spaces Programme which includes the creation of new play areas at Marwood Drive and Kalafat. This scheme also targeted the Crook Lane enclosure that has been an eye sore for several years. We have also finished work on the Woodland Play Area project that has greatly improved the play value and access of this site. These schemes have helped the area become greener, cleaner and safer whilst allowing communities to work together helping to creating a sense of pride and identity for local communities throughout Teesdale.

Programme 4, Employment

Plans are being developed to include Teesdale in new placement initiatives which will commence in the next financial year.

Programme 5, Education & Heritage

The Heritage and Education programme has delivered five heritage projects at Barnard Castle, Stainton Grove, Cockfield and Evenwood. The projects range from a History Trust Web Site www.geocities.com/gaunless_valley that documents the social and cultural heritage of the Gaunless Valley to an exhibition with personal stories, photographs and memorabilia relating to the military camp which dominated Stainton Grove from World War II to the 1970s.

We have supported the Gaunless Valley Steering Group in their successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. This project will promote activities, run workshops and fund transport for school visits. In addition, it will develop a circular walk around Cockfield Fell that will be supported by a series of interpretation panels highlighting the heritage of the fell.

Summary of Outputs 2008 - 2009

2008 – 2009		
Measure	Units	Achieved
Area of land improved	Measured in Hectares squared	73200
Young people involved	Measured in person days	2060
Adults involved	Measured in person days	1600
Schools engaged	Counted 1 time only	16
Partners engaged	Counted 1 time only	65
Projects	Number of	31
Projects	On Books	25

Teesdale 2009 – 2010 Objectives

Objectives Teesdale 2009 – 2010	
Deliver a Healthy Communities programme and support Project Officers to facilitate all programme values	
Activity	Delivery total £45,000 Currently secured: £20,000 Secure remaining £25,000 through fee generating and possible new SLAs
Lead	Operations Director
Timetable	By 30 September 2009
Measure	Successfully securing the revenue funding
Target	Deliver £45,000 Secure further £25,000
Deliver a Youth Programme to ensure youth engagement in programmes delivered and to promote the full realisation of young peoples potential	
Activity	Delivery Total £50,000 Secured: £35,000
Lead	Operations Director & Youth Programme Co-ordinator
Timetable	By 30 September 2009
Measure	Deliver Motiv8, Turning the Corner and Young Voices projects

Target	Delivery £50,000 Secure further £15,000
Deliver a Land programme to ensure that schemes are sustainable and have community ownership	
Activity	Delivery total £271,000 Currently secured: £100,800 Secure remaining £170,200 through grants, commissioning and SLAs
Lead	Operations Director & Area Programme Manager
Timetable	By end of March 2010
Measure	Deliver Land programme of £271,000
Target	Delivery: £2271,000 Secure further: £170,200
Develop an Employment programme delivering better skills, better lives, better jobs	
Activity	Develop the expansion of the employment programme into Teesdale
Lead	Executive Director, Operations Director and Employment Programme Manager
Timetable	By end of March 2010
Measure	Develop an Employment programme of £10,000
Target	Develop programme of £10,000
Deliver an Education & Heritage programme to engage and raise awareness of our past and present environment	
Activity	Delivery total £148,000 Currently secured: £80,000 Secure remaining £68,000
Lead	Operations Director & Area Programme Manager
Timetable	By end of September 2010
Measure	Deliver an Education & Heritage programme of £148,000
Target	Deliver £148,000 Secure further £68,000
Deliver a Business programme to support, develop and improve the local economy	
Activity	Develop a Business programme and secure funding and fees to the value of £15,000
Lead	Area Programme Manager & Business Manager
Timetable	By end of March 2010
Measure	Deliver a Business programme of £15,000
Target	Deliver and secure £15,000
Teesdale Total	Total Business Plan: £539,000