



# Big Warsop Plan Review

July 2018 – June 2020

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This review was undertaken over 4 partnership meetings from January to April 2020 – the last by conference call, drawing on regular reports on investment and activity, narratives of change and impact from residents, insights and reflections from partnership members and new statistical data to supplement and update our original profile.

## 1. Our vision and approach

### 1.1 Our vision

Our vision is to help make Warsop Parish an even better place to live, restoring some vibrancy and pride through being a catalyst to individuals and local groups, increasing capacity and helping residents achieve potential.

### 1.2 Our approach

The partnership has representation from most of Warsop Parish's main settlements and is always keen to welcome new members. Our partnership's focus is on getting others involved, commissioning, enabling, supporting and providing funding for others.

The partnership is unincorporated, supported by our Local Trusted Organisation and accountable body, Mansfield CVS and our Local Trust Representative Bill Badham. At this point in time we do not see it as necessary to set up as a legal entity.

Big Warsop works in line with the key principles of Big Local:

- Resident-led
- Inspired at community level
- Drawing in other support and money
- Thinking big
- Encouraging connections
- Looking beyond the 10 years of funding
- Involving lots of different people

We remain strongly committed to realising our vision through

- Supporting local people's involvement, energy and ideas
- Voluntary and paid resources and skills
- Engagement and collaboration with community groups and local residents
- Working with statutory bodies to maximise service delivery and impact for Warsop Parish.

We believe community collaboration is key to a successful legacy and that providing capacity to support change across the Parish must be central to the Big Warsop plan.

### 1.3 Governance Structure

#### Our values

All parts of the Partnership structure are guided by the following values:

- Openness, transparency and plain language
- Equality of opportunity and social inclusion
- Respect for similarity and difference in ways of working and the rightful place of legitimate conflict in partnership
- Quality and excellence in everything we do
- Cooperation and collaboration as the basis for community wellbeing
- Supporting residents and people locally in improving their own communities.

#### How we work

The Partnership is currently an unincorporated body and comprises three parts:

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- The Big Warsop Partnership Board
  - Any Big Warsop sub-groups agreed by the Board (example ROLO group).
  - Any resident, employee or volunteer in Warsop Parish

The Partnership Board is the overarching partnership body that:

- Agrees & reviews the framework and structure for the Partnership
- Provides strategic direction by agreeing the vision and ambition
- Agrees the content of the Partnership plan
- Influences local policy through strong and clear advocacy and through championing Warsop
- Acts to encourage partnership working and collaboration
- Tasks any sub-groups or working-groups with securing specific outcomes
- Monitors overall progress towards outcomes of the Big Warsop vision and plan
- Ensures appropriate structures for meaningful engagement with the communities of the Parish of Warsop
- Makes arrangements for the allocation of funds or grants received by the Big Warsop
- Approves arrangements for the management and administration of the Partnership.

## 2. Review of Activity

Our review of the 2018-2020 plan was done over four partnership meetings from January to April 2020, the last being by conference call due to Coronavirus. We have taken time to draw on project reports, feedback from residents on the impact of the work, insights and reflections from partnership members. We have taken our baseline statistical data from work done in March 2017, including from Local Insights which was last updated in October 2018. There have been no major or significant changes to this backdrop since then. In addition, we have undertaken and written up the findings of a programme of community engagement, drawing on stats and stories from events we have run and from the Strategic Leisure consultation into resident health and wellbeing.

We have made good progress across the five themes in the [2018 - 2020 plan](#).

- Strengthening the community
- Empowering people
- Supporting people
- Improving the environment
- Having things to do

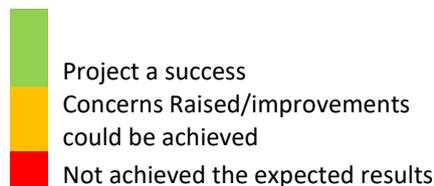
In January 2020 we took each activity and, knowing how well they had performed in relation to action and impact through quarterly monitoring reports, we used a traffic light system to assess their sustainability and legacy.

### 2. 1. What we have done

The chart below plots our activity since 2018 -2020 and maps it against sustainability and what seems likely to be the lasting legacy from the current plan.

### Sustainability and legacy since the beginning of Big Warsop

#### Activity review up to and including January 2020



Budget Heading	Project	Sustainability RAG status	Legacy RAG status	Comments
<b>Strengthening Communities</b>				
Community Chest Funded Projects	ROLO-funded projects	The majority of organisations applying are already self -sustainable and the funding is to increase their impact. 22 organisations have received funding to date between 2018 - 2020	Longer term legacy is seen in the way some new projects have become established and self-sustainable, that existing groups have been able to widen their impact and in how Rotary and Big Warsop have worked together for community benefit.	
Community Chest Programme	ROLO	As a programme once Big Warsop ends the project will fold	Legacy has already been achieved through projects supported to date.	Look to other potential partners to ensure longevity.
Good ideas	Freedom Project Warsop Vale,	Freedom has assured BW of its intention to develop	On average 40 people each week are accessing this support. This type of support gets people's lives	

	Meden Vale & Church Warsop	and to main these services as core to its mission	back on track and has its own lasting legacy at an individual and community level	
Good Ideas	Sargison Centre Legal Costs	Not achieved expected results due to lack of community capacity	Project currently on Hold	This may turn into an opportunity in the future.
Good Ideas	Each Amazing Breath Take 5 at School £20k.	A self-sustaining project within each school. The licence for Take 5 is not time-limited and so can go on being used indefinitely.	As a self-sustaining project, generations of students will benefit.	EAB have accessed further funding for Meden School
Good Ideas	Warsop Old Hall 5k	Match Funding for a project aimed at supporting future sustainability. National Lotter Heritage Finding £47k	The archaeology project should provide information for future funding applications The legacy will be increased emotional investment in Warsop Old Hall to secure caretakers of the future.	Strengthening Communities support developed this project
Carnival	Carnival	The carnival committee has started to seek alternative funding and fundraising events to raise their own income but we feel support is required.	The community are so emotionally connected to this event we feel it has a good probability of survival	Big Warsop will continue to contribute to the Carnival funding and will seek through Vibrant to encourage their wider strategic thinking about sustainability.
Community Hub	Community Hub Resource	BW capital investment helped develop the building. £39,515 external income achieved. This project was on track.	The opportunity to take this building forward still exists through the youth club, however this is currently at risk as a community hub development	The £39.5k funding will be returned to the funder.
Strengthening Communities	Vibrant Warsop Strengthening Communities Programme	<p>Projects developed within the parish to then be supported by Big Warsop funding. Projects developed with the parish to achieve external funding. External Funding achieved since 2016 is in excess of £170k</p> <p>The 'Living Well in Warsop' consultation (partnership -Vibrant, Warsop Parish Council, MDC, Active Notts) undertaken by Strategic Leisure is building a case for long term investment in Warsop.</p>	<p>The projects delivered to date are already showing a legacy. Strengthening Communities began through this funding and has contributed to the capacity building of a large number of groups and organisations, leveraging in more than £170k external funding. Projects include: Youth Social Action, Warsop Old Hall, Sargison Centre, Gym Mentoring, Horticulture project. Activities include: Fit Together, Creative workshops, Ukulele Group, Pilates, Line Dancing, Qi Gong Shabashi, Christmas Market, Warsop Fun Palace.</p>	<p>Future funding from BW would improve opportunity for wider impact and attracting more external funding.</p> <p>The increased capacity in the parish, its residents, and groups has built a greater shared desire and ability to work together which will last beyond BW. Relationships are and continue to grow stronger and collaborative ways of working have increased.</p>

## Having Things to Do

Children & Families	Children's Centre Training	As a charity they are not solely reliant on Big Warsop funding however it does make a big impact	Children's Centre funding is difficult and what has been funded through Big Warsop has been well received	From May the children's centre will move to NCC control. At present we have no indication on the impact on the service.
Having Things To Do	Children & Families Friends of The Carrs	Application for match funding for outdoor gym equipment is on Hold	On Hold	BW is open to receive a revised application, despite no other match funding at the moment.
Having Things To Do	Young People Youth Roadshow	Future sustainability Uncertain	Appears to have been working well through the summer - not viable over winter	
Having Things To Do	Welbeck Lions	Not achieved the expected results	Do not expect to recoup loss	
Having Things To Do	Take 5 Celebration Event	One off Celebration Event	The event will highlight the projects legacy to leaders of the community.	
Having Things To Do	Older Residents Oaklands Garden	The Oaklands working with community volunteers to continue to expand the facility	The project has had significant impact on residents and extended family members	

## Empowering People

Empowering People	Training, Education & Skills Infotech Resource Support	Future sustainability Uncertain	Infotech achieved their 25th anniversary this year and have proved their own self sustainability	Working with Mansfield CVS and Vibrant on new business plan/approach to training
Empowering People	Training, Education & Skills Infotech Digital Scanner	Infotech scanner for the community to support archiving project	Local history digitised for future generations.	

## Improving the Environment

Improving the Environment	Future Greens Future Greens Project	In partnership with Vibrant Warsop achieved external funding for horticultural project as a result of progress to date.	Still achieving positive impact in the community and improvements undertaken to date by the volunteers have had a welcome impact from the wider community	Need to understand what level of funding might be needed to secure this project for the future.
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Legacy from previous plans includes our Community Mini Bus which is still in use and serves the community daily, investment in CIA training which has resulted in 80% of attendees gaining new employment, partnership consultation work which saved our local fire station, community defibrillators purchased and now sustained by EMAS. We haven't listed everything however this does evidence key activities.

## 2.2. The money we have spent

Here is a breakdown of key financial information:

### Getting Started Funding

During the initial setting up phase 2011-2013 a total of **£50,000** was provided to encourage people to get involved. This was additional funding and not from the £1 million.

- Getting People Involved Round 1 **£20,000**
- Getting People Involved Round 2 **£10,000**
- Pathway and Plan Development Support **£20,000**

### Investment through the delivery plans

Total funds likely to have been invested by the end of the current plan in June 2020 are **£866,423**

- First plan from summer 2013 to spring 2015 (Year 1) **£84,680.00.**
- Second plan to spring 2016 (Year 2) **£200,845.00.**
- Third plan to summer 2018 (Years 3 &4) **£218,898.00.**
- Fourth plan to summer 2020 (Years 5 & 6) **£326,353.85**

The current forecast is an underspend of £35,646.15. which is subject to change due to project delivery and community need over the next few months.

Our priorities	Investment Planned Budget '18-20	Investment Forecast '18-20	Forecast remaining June '20
Strengthening communities	£198,000	£175,004.70	£22,995.30
Having things to do	£60,000	£55,330.30	£4,669.70
Empowering people	£20,000	£12,997	£7,003
Improving the environment	£40,000	£39,021.85	£978.15
Operational Support	£44,000	£44,000	£0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£362,000</b>	<b>£326,353.85</b>	<b>£35,646.15</b>

### Additional funding released to Big Local areas

The £1 million for each area is held centrally by Local Trust. Some of these funds were invested to help increase the £1 million for each area, leading to an additional £105,000 for Big Warsop to invest.

Big Local areas will each be receiving an extra £50,000 on top of the £1.105 million already committed to allow them to support their communities with flexibility and certainty.

The total funding allocated to BIG Warsop for project delivery is £1,155,000.

The likely amount remaining at the start of the next plan schedule for July 2020 is £324,223.15

## 2.3. The impact we have had

Our impact is shown in the table in section 2.1 above. We have supported a wide range of groups, across the ages from young children and families to older residents. We have seen how some of our most memorable impacts have come from small investments as with the Memory Café where one of the members recently said: "I can't thank you enough for giving us this chance."

## 2.4. What we have learnt

- Vibrant Warsop CIC knew it needed, and was seeking a contract or lease agreement with the Warsop Youth Club but was not able to secure one. This has limited our ambitions for

developing a community hub, but we recognise that thanks to Big Warsop, the building was secured and has been much improved, the youth club is gaining income and is running sessions and activities to the benefit of young people in the parish.

- Capacity and expertise are crucial and within a small volunteer group has sometimes been lacking.
- External support has been limited at times and this has reduced our ability to progress some areas of work.
- £1m is not a lot in relation to overall need and local authority spend.
- We have been targeted and effective. Big Warsop is open and responsive, not restrictive, with a clear vision and needs led.

The partnership undertakes reviews of its work and activity and has produced [annual reports](#) since 2014. The Big Local Rep writes a [quarterly blog](#) posted to the website, reflecting on progress and learning.

## 2.5. Progress against our vision

### Our legacy statement

We aim to help make Warsop Parish an even better place to live, restoring some vibrancy and pride through being a catalyst to individuals and local groups, increasing capacity and helping residents achieve potential.

### Our main legacy priorities

The chart in section 2.1 maps our investment in relation to sustainability and legacy. People and partnerships are at the heart of this in line with our vision, boosted by a successful Strengthening Communities programme. Second, a range of projects we initially funded have become self-sustaining and stand as a tribute to Big Warsop's vision and belief in what the partnership wanted to achieve. Third, places, buildings and the environment have changed for the long term and while the ambitions for the Shed as a wider community hub have faltered, the building is much improved as a home for Warsop Youth Club.

We have seen how small amounts of money can have a disproportionate impact on what can be done but also in the value it brings to people and groups in feeling recognised, valued and given a boost.

## 2.6. Refreshing vision and priorities

The partnership does not think it necessary to refresh or reword the vision nor update the priorities as these both have continued to prove effective and have been endorsed again in the community consultation process.

## 2.7. Progress relating to the Big Local outcomes

The vision, priorities, intended wider impacts and specific outcomes work toward the four outcomes in line with the Big Local programme:

- The community agrees needs and priorities in the area and takes action on them
- People gain confidence and skills for now and the future
- The community makes a real difference to the needs it has given priority to
- People feel this area is an even better place to live.

The initial community consultation and community profile are refreshed through continuing conversation, feedback from delivery partners and residents taking part in activities. These reports show the confidence and skills gained and these are written up in reports and news stories, shared on the website, through social media and through local news outlets, especially Warsop Parish News.

## **2.8. A new or revised plan**

Big Warsop will be submitting a new plan.

## **2.9. Community engagement and feedback**

From the beginning of Big Local we have endeavoured to engage with local residents to find out what is important to them and to ascertain if the projects invested in are having a positive impact. We have strong evidence of this through events such as the Carnival, comments from local people on projects and feedback and reports from specific activities and courses.

Our partnership meetings are open to the public and our annual general meetings are fairly well attended however we can never have too many people. Our reports and relevant information are shared online, via social media, through marketing materials and articles in Warsop Parish News.

Occasionally we take part in or run events to bring people together to share and celebrate what is happening and reflect on what needs to happen next. The information gathered at these events helps shape current thinking and future planning. A summary is given below.

## **Themes of community engagement 2019: informing our new plan in June 2020**

Over the year, there have been two main sources feeding into our refreshed understanding of community needs and priorities. First, we have listened to residents at a range of events in the parish across the year. Second, we have contributed to and learnt from the Strategic Leisure consultation with all residents in the parish and feedback from around 700 individuals and a range of partners and stakeholders.

### **A. Listening to residents**

**Easter Fair, July Carnival, Big Thank You, Big Warsop AGM, Fun Palace and Christmas Market**

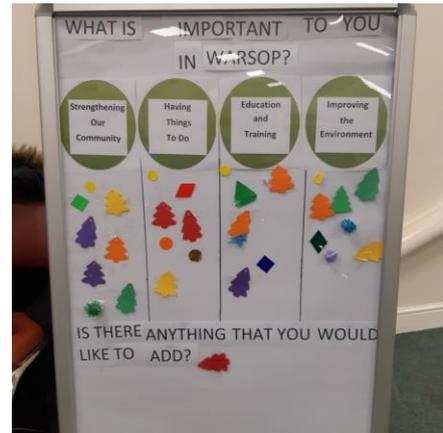
#### **Warsop Carnival**

As well as the circa 200 hard copy feedback forms completed on the day plus online submissions to the strategic leisure consultation post in notes were captured with the following comments:

1. Veg and fruit competition back for next year
2. Swimming baths, Gym, youth club or similar (to keep kids off streets)
3. Somewhere to go swimming and play netball
4. Gymnastics club – after school-school holidays
5. Drawing club or litter picking club
6. Older people in Warsop are lonely and have no transport. Can anything like this be done to help them?
7. Help required to start up a samba band in Warsop
8. Swimming Pool, Gym, youth club or similar
9. Craft making
10. Clean everyone's garden
11. An outdoor gym e.g. on the Carrs like they have in Titchfield Park Mansfield
12. Kickboxing and or Pilates in the evening

## Christmas Market

Discussions were held with some taking part in the event, to gauge how well the current main themes of the plan fitted with local priorities. The picture below shows that from this small group, each theme resonates with a sense of local priorities, with the focus on strengthening our community being the strongest. Importantly, no new themes were thought necessary, with one comment indicating the ongoing need to ensure there are things to do and places to go for young people.



Also at the event, we talked with partners, especially from the Children’s Centre and from the Freedom project, who highlighted the need to hold onto wider community capacity building while also retaining a focus on supporting some of those most in need in the Parish, as seen by the response to their own work.

## B. Living Well in Warsop Consultation

Some key points are given below arising from the [Living Well in Warsop Consultation](#) undertaken by Strategic Leisure report, November 2019. (The words are as close to quotations as possible.)

### Background

The ‘Living Well in Warsop’ consultation took place over the summer of 2019, undertaken by Strategic Leisure in partnership with Vibrant Warsop CIC, Active Notts and the Parish and District councils.

The aim was to understand the wellbeing needs of residents in the area, to find out what activities were taking place in Warsop Parish, where they were taking place and to discover what activities people would like to be doing. A range of methods were used including about 700 surveys, one to one discussions and focus groups and surveys to help gather insight into lifestyles and health aspirations in Warsop.

### Findings

There are a range of opportunity for residents to maintain and improve their well-being through group activities, but no central formal pay and play sports facilities. A number of these activities have been developed by Vibrant Warsop and run at the different venues. Lack of awareness as to what is available further hampers take up. Barriers to participation include travel, cost, time, health.

Investing in people resources is the key. While the parish faces significant challenges (forgotten, unfairly treated, resources and facilities taken away), it has many strengths, especially in the “amazing people who are doing their best to help the community and make things better.” It is critical to ensure that resources are in place in the future to continue to support engagement and physical activity work in the area.” The network of volunteers and provision can be grown, recognising that “the day to day social and economic challenges are significant for many people and this should not be under-estimated.”

## 9. Local data trends as supporting evidence for the plan

The 2018 Local Insights data has informed the statistical backdrop to this plan. Key findings are:

- **Unemployment** remains a challenge and this is reflected in Big Warsop continuing to support training and skills development through our Empowering People priority.

- **Older Residents** experience loneliness and isolation which indicates the importance of continuing support for this strand of activity in the new plan.
- **Mental Health** is of national concern and this is reflected in the statistical data for Warsop Parish.
- **Poor health indicators**; residents of Warsop Parish life expectancy is lower than the national average but residents here also experience poorer quality of health over a longer period of time in comparison to the national averages.
- **Children and young people** the profile continues to raise concerns regarding the number of children living in poverty.

## 2.10. Conclusions and supporting documents

Everything detailed in our plan is focused to deliver against the priorities identified within the community and is driven by the Local Insight data we have for Warsop Parish. We continue to invest in projects and activities and help develop and strengthen existing and new groups in our community, with an eye on sustainability and lasting legacy. We also try to keep the plan flexible for good ideas put forward by passionate people who can make these ideas come alive through their drive and determination.

This review process has already been helping the partnership to develop our next plan, seeking to build on successes and consider longer term benefits Big Warsop can enable.

This review is supported by additional documents, downloaded separately.

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