

Big Warsop Monitoring and Feedback Report

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Project Name		Strengthening Communities (£35k)			
Organisation Name		Vibrant Warsop CIC			
Theme(s)	Strengthening the Community	Empowering People	Supporting People	Improving the Environment	Having things to do
Target Outcomes					
Insert Project outcomes (from SLA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased capacity within local groups (skills & volunteers) Improved marketing Continued development of Vibrant Warsop website Increased investment in Warsop Parish 					
Reporting period	Date From:	October 2019	Date To:	March 2020	
1. Activities undertaken during reporting period <i>Tell us what you have done and how well things have gone. Include any issues carried over from previous report, activities carried out and any base line monitoring. Please attach photographs, quotes, good news stories etc.</i>					
<p>The Big Warsop Strengthening Communities funding has enabled Vibrant Warsop CIC to continue working within the parish to support the community and bring in additional funding</p> <p>Future Greens Horticulture Project - Funding secured £9,820 Vibrant has secured the funding from the Wheatcroft Foundation to finance Ecologic to run a Level 1 course in Practical skills in Horticulture and includes a poly-tunnel. The course will provide opportunities to grow and learn about plants and achieve certification. Andy Hollis has been liaising with NCC and MDC regarding planning permission for the polytunnel. We have had a site visit from MDC in February and we have been advised we do not need a planning application but need change of use which is now in progress with the school.</p> <p>Future Greens Horticulture Project - Funding secured £1,250 Vibrant has been successful in obtaining £1250 from the Freemasons Fund which will allow us to purchase a tool shed and tools as needed.</p> <p>Future Greens – Butterfly Garden - Co-op Local Cause – estimated £500 Vibrant are now one of the Co-op's local causes and funds will contribute towards a wildflower garden. These funds will not be forthcoming until the end of the year but please encourage anyone you know to take a co-op membership card and select us as their local cause.</p> <p>Youth in Action project £5,000 The project is running very well with Meden School. Vicky Kennedy has been running the sessions with young people going into the community litter picking. We will be working with other schools after Easter once the weather improves.</p> <p>Mayors £500 – Litter pickers As the children from Meden were so keen to continue with litter picking regardless of the weather Vicky has also been awarded £500 from the Mayors fund to purchase litter pickers for use in the group which can remain at the town hall for other groups to use should they need them rather than us keep having to borrow them from MDC.</p> <p>Creative Activities - £5,000</p>					

In December we ran three creative arts taster days at Meden school for over two hundred and fifty pupils. The project was jointly funded by Jones 1986 and Thomas Farr Charitable Trusts and it gave the pupils an opportunity to work with professional arts practitioners in the fields of music, art, drama, and dance. Through the sessions pupils discovered hidden talents and interests and they learned new expressive arts skills. Kim Hickinbotham, Head of Year nine at Meden School worked closely with us to organise the programme of Arts taster sessions. She said that 'the sessions for us were fantastic, the students really enjoyed them and it has helped us in our plight to raise aspirations here at Meden. We have had a number of students asking about arts careers and the decision has been made to bring music and singing back to the curriculum which is amazing'. See Warsop Parish News Article.

Warsop Vale Residents & the Sargison Centre

The group ran their AGM in October and gave notice to the village that this meeting was a final opportunity to bring forward support for the Sargison Centre. Whilst the AGM did attract a few new faces there was not enough additional support to take on the building. Reluctantly the group has placed the Sargison project on hold and will continue to concentrate on opportunities and activities to bring villagers together in the hope that in time more residents will join the group to focus on some form of community centre. There is still opportunity to approach the crown in the future regarding the Sargison Centre.

Warsop Old Hall – The National Lottery Heritage Fund £47,200 (+£5,000 Big Warsop)

The project launch events are 3rd and 14th March at Warsop Parish Centre and articles have been placed in Warsop News, on Big Warsop & Vibrant Websites and community facebook pages. The archaeology team are visiting schools in March. We are running a 'mini' archaeology project with Meden where the students will take on their own research and will use data from the project to map results. The project received a request from a Meden School student for work experience; this student is interested in becoming an archaeologist. Stacey Moon Tracy has been working with the WPC volunteers to develop a 'Live Museum' event in June. Stacey is meeting with all schools to discuss their involvement and has also met with Mansfield Museum who are supporting in any they can to advertise the project and have confirmed exhibition space for the project for next year. Please see associated articles Warsop Parish News.

Strategic Leisure Report inc Meden Sports Centre

Work is ongoing with the partnership (Parish Council, Active Notts, Mansfield District Council, Vibrant Warsop) since the publication of the strategic leisure report. An action plan has been drafted and Vibrant are currently investigating funding options with Active Notts to see how some of this work might be funded. Work is ongoing regarding the Meden Sports Centre.

Partnership with Each Amazing Breath (EAB)

We have been working with EAB to further develop the Take 5 programme to support the wider community. We have developed a 2 year programme and in February we submitted a partnership bid for external funding to take this forward.

Fit Together £9,700

Vicky is now running the sessions and liaising with our partners in Mansfield District Leisure Trust and sport 4 kidz to see how we can keep developing the sessions. MDLT secured the funding to pay room hire for the sessions and cover the costs of 2 coaches up to April 2020. Up until December the funding to cover the costs for co-ordination of these sessions was match funding by the community hub. The Strengthening Communities budget has been used to continue this service and we are currently seeking further funding to continue to run these much needed and valued sessions for a further 12 months. Donations from attendees on average is around £30 per week which would cover some of the room hire at the shed but not all. We are investigating alternative venues to see if anywhere else could accommodate the sessions more cheaply. MDLT are happy to seek the funding on our behalf as they very much want to support activities in Warsop. Vicky recently surveyed the attendees and they are starting to be more vocal about how important these weekly sessions are for them and also want to find ways to help fund the sessions; cake bakes and raffles etc. If we did move the sessions the only piece of equipment we need would be a pool table as all other equipment we have purchased from external funding.

Health & Wellbeing - Patient Participation Groups

We have visited both local surgery Patient Participation Group meetings to try and work more closely with the surgeries to sign post people to local activities and groups. We supported a Meden Medical Services open day

last year and will be supporting Riverbank PPG in the same way at the end of March. We are now working more closely with the North Nottinghamshire community social prescriber Helen Duzynsky who is based at Warsop Surgery once a week to support people in the community to take action to help themselves lead a healthier lifestyle.

Events

Vibrant has supported a number of events; The Fun Palace, Warsop Christmas Market, The Big Thank You. Vibrant has helped manage these events and supported them to be successful. A community needs opportunities to come together to celebrate whether that is at large events or smaller ones and many groups in the community make this happen.

Awards for all – Community Fund £9,400

In 2019 we were awarded funding to help with financial management and operations for 12 months. This funding comes to an end in April 2020 and we continue to look for support.

2. Target Outcomes the project has contributed to

Tell us the difference your activity has made in relation to the participants, the local area and the SLA outcomes.

- *Increased capacity within local groups (skills & volunteers)*
We have been working with the newly founded Meden Vale Colts to help develop funding applications and have just submitted a bid to Notts FA for grounds improvements. 2 new volunteers have been recruited to Warsop Infotech.
- *Improved marketing*
The 4 page pull out is working well and we continue ensure articles go into Warsop News. Websites and social media. We have shared information with the Chad and we have a new contact for Warsop although they seem more interested in online content rather than giving us space in the newspaper.
- *Continued development of Vibrant Warsop website* – there needs to be more investment in the website in order to make it more interactive and it will be something we now start to look at funding for. The Social media sites are getting much more interest and sharing with other community pages seems to have more impact but we continue to look at ways to reach people.
- *Increased investment in Warsop Parish*
The total funding achieved for projects over the past 2 years funding 2018 – 2020 £144,615 Please see attached spreadsheet summary of investment to date.

3. Timescales/Participant Numbers

Is project on track both in terms of timescales and the number of participants? If not what are you planning to do to address the issues? What activity was taking place when you started the project and how has this changed/increased/improved in quality?

Projects are running well and we are about to launch the Warsop Old Hall, which in terms of media coverage and impact from a Big Warsop funding perspective is likely to get the most publicity of all of our projects to date. This is due to the fact that we anticipate people will travel to Warsop from further afield in order to take part in the activities. All groups involved are also sharing our social media posts and Mercian Archaeology are also publicising to all of their followers.

Plans for next reporting period

What are you going to do next?

Are there any concerns/risks to the project you need support with? What are you looking forward to?

Much of our funding to date has been to provide funds for other groups in the community and for many projects the funds go directly to the project activity – e.g. running the activities. Funders do not like to provide for core costs or back office staff. Vibrant are focusing on core funding in order to continue providing support to the community.

Project Budget (is the project still on track in terms of costs?)

Do you have any concerns that you will not be able to deliver your project as intended?

We are running within budget.