



Annual Report

20 May 2015 (second annual report)

Introduction

Foreword from the Chair

This last year has seen Big Warsop make some significant progress in delivering on our plans set out on our first plan which started in September 2014. We have made progress in partnership with Warsop Youth Club toward them taking on the development of the community hub through the building bequeathed by the Eastwood Foundation. Our community chest partnership with the Rotary has continued to make grants to local groups and organisations. The Warsop Carnival was a huge success and puts Big Warsop at the heart of community life. And our written submission to the Fire and Rescue Service helped secure the retention in Warsop of our own much valued station. Our progress and stories of change have been shared in local news outlets, through social media and on our website.

There have been some obstacles and difficulties. We are a small and dedicated partnership and have on occasions struggled with capacity. We have lacked specific partners to deliver specified activity to promote Big Warsop outcomes as put forward by residents. Progress on such a sizeable project as the community hub takes time. For these reasons we extended the timeframe of our first plan by six months and have recently undertaken a full review of progress to inform this, our second plan. It holds to the vision we first set out, reflects on the changing landscape, provides continuity of intent and action while looking to address the difficulties we had in some aspects of delivery.

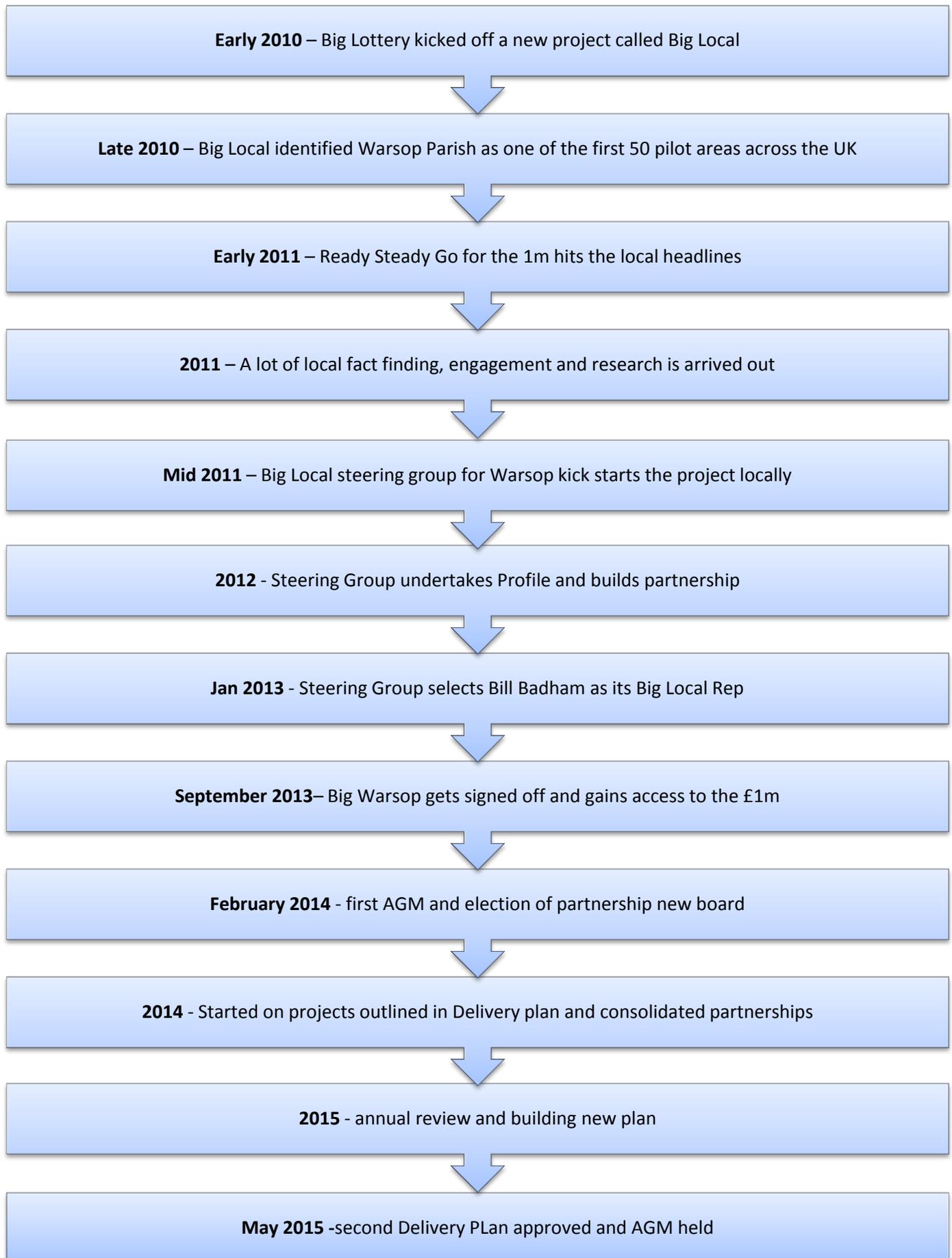
We hope you find the plan useful and in line with the issues and concerns you know are priorities for Warsop Parish residents. We always value your support. There are spaces for committed residents on the partnership and opportunities for local groups and organisations to contribute to realising the residents' vision and priorities as set out in this plan which we anticipate will run from April 2015 to March 2016. Thank you to everyone who has supported Big Warsop in many ways and we look forward to working with you in the future.

More detailed information can always be obtained from the Big Warsop coordinator at Warsop Town Hall or by visiting the Big Warsop website www.bigwarsop.co.uk.

Michael Smith

Chair
Big Warsop partnership
May 2015

What's happened up to now?



What is the Big Local then?

The Big Local is the governing body, it is the body that Big Warsop has to draw the £1m from and satisfy we are using the money wisely in a way that the people in or community want us to. In order to do this we have a Big Local Rep in the shape of Bill Badham. Bill comes along to our meetings to offer advice and guidance to keep the Partnership Board on track.

What is the Partnership Board?

The Partnership Board is a group of local people that have volunteered their time to get Big Warsop to the point it is at today. It can be said that progress has been hampered by the lack of resource in the Partnership Board; over the last 12 months there have been a number of vacancies on the board and 3 resignations with no appetite from people wanting to fill these vacancies. At the AGM in May 2015 the Board will be seeking to strengthen the capacity with the addition of new members.

During 2013 the Partnership Board has comprised of:

Michael Smith	Market Warsop	Chair	Voting Member
Halina Kochanowski	Market Warsop	Vice Chair	Voting Member
Andrew Johnson	Old Church Warsop	Resident	Voting Member
Jenifer Cockroft	Market Warsop	Resident	Voting Member
Trevor Hayes	Market Warsop	Business	Voting Member
Mike Johnson	Meden Vale	Resident	Voting Member
Stuart Whittle	Market Warsop	Resident	Voting Member
Stuart Moody	Market Warsop	Resident	Voting Member (resigned during year)
Tanya Barlow	Market Warsop	Resident	Voting Member (resigned during year)
Marion Ellis	Market Warsop	Resident	Voting Member (resigned during year)
Lesley Watkins	Plan co-ordinator		Non-Voting Member
Cllr Phil Shields	MDC, WPC		Non-Voting Member
Bill Badham	Big Local Rep		Non-Voting
Ian Marshall	Local Trusted Organisation		

So what does our Big Local Rep have to say?

I have now been the Big Local Rep for Big Warsop for over two years and have enjoyed every bit of it. Thank you for having me as part of the team. My job is to support and advise the local partnership in building the plan and making its vision a reality to help make Warsop Parish an even better place to live.

Looking back: running things

This has been a very busy and productive 3 months for Big Warsop. The partnership met to review the first 18 months covered by the first plan, reflected on how the partnership has worked, looked at what needs to be taken forward and built and had approved a second plan and budget for April 2015 – March 2016.

In its review, the partnership felt the vision still held true to the overall purpose of Big Warsop. It expresses “The high level of what we wanted to achieve which led to us agreeing specific themes, including trying to keep the money in Warsop.”

The partnership also recognised things are tough and likely to get tougher for traders, businesses and residents. There is already a visible effect in areas such as the main street. The partnership felt this simply underlined the importance of the Big Warsop vision and the need to invest in people and projects in the Parish with skills and time to give. The projected development of the Community Hub and the revitalised Community Interest Company, Vibrant Warsop, are “important alliances securing people and agencies to work together to make change happen”.

Looking back: doing things

In its review of the plan, the partnership used a simple traffic light colour coding. Green (things in place and happening) included the community chest, the carnival, education and training. On amber (things being planned and starting to happen) were the Hopper – a good ideas pot, horticulture and the training and enterprise hub. On red (not yet started or no longer needed) were trowel trades, hospitality and catering and activity for children and young people.

In building the new plan, hospitality and catering has been withdrawn. Work with children and young people and trowel trades are being given a big push to help take off and activities for older people has been added in line with findings from the original profile. A new partnership with Meden School is boosting the communications and reporting and celebrating activity and change achieved.

Looking ahead

The second plan’s approval by Local Trust gives a framework to progress the ambitions and aspirations of Big Warsop in the coming year. It contains continuity with things that have proven to work, such as the community chest and supporting the carnival. It sticks with its long term support for the development of the community hub through Warsop Youth Club. It gives renewed focus on activities for young people and trowel trades. It brings in new work with older residents. It retains flexibility and desire to respond and work with issues arising from the Vibrant Warsop consultation and report.

What’s going well

With some delays and frustrations on progress of delivering on the plan, motivation was flagging. But with renewed focus on the vision and local need, the group has its sights on practical action to deliver on outcomes of benefit to local people and the wider community. Links with Vibrant Warsop are strong and open up new avenues for joint working and identifying and responding to unmet need in the area.

Bill Badham, Big Local Rep, May 2015

What are we planning to do with your £1m?

We are not planning to anything with it, you are! We have spent month's refreshing our understanding of your local needs and priorities, asking questions and trying to get a broad understanding of what you want this money invested in. It is very important that we invest this, not spend it, to maximise the benefit we get from the fund.

Part of what we needed to do to access the £1m was to produce a delivery plan which we did back in the summer of 2012. These detailed where we invested your money up to April 2015.

We listened and now, there is a new plan in place taking us through to April 2016. You can obtain a copy from our Website or by calling in at Warsop Town Hall on a Monday.

Additionally we have produced a financial report for the period covered by the last Delivery plan alongside a budget for the new plan going forward. You can see from these where a proportion of the £1m has been invested or is planned to be invested.

What have we spent to date?

Income		
Big local Award	93,150.00	
Underspend from getting started	7,984.73	101,134.73
Expenditure		
Community Grants	12,773.00	
Community Chest Running costs	300.00	
Consultancy (Aspire Building)	14,175.50	
Support and running costs	11,484.61	
Warsop Carnival	10,000.00	
Aspire Centre Running Costs	26,547.50	
Aspire Centre Up Grade	10,000.00	
Hopper Grants	1,500.00	
Horticulture	500.00	
Education and Training	1,062.80	
Community Engagement	3,743.56	
Contingency	3,550.00	95,636.97
Remaining Funds		
Remaining from Income		5,497.76
Rotary match funding (Community Chest)		6,636.50
		12,134.26
Balance breakdown		
Big Lottery monies - Barclays Bank Account		10,324.53
Other funds - Caf Bank Account		1,809.73
		12,134.26
Status of £1m		
Initial monies	1,000,000	
Amount Drawn down	-93,150	
Remaining Big Warsop monies to draw down	906,850	
Remaining Funds	12,134	
Total monies remaining	918,984	

So what has happened so far?

Community Chest – The Community chest is joint venture with the Rotary Club, with both providing half of the money. So far we have had 3 grants rounds awarding 29 grants of up to £500 to various groups over the three rounds have resulted in £12,773.00 being awarded. The next round will be held in Autumn 2015. Further details on these can be found on our website and in the local press.

Hopper – This is due in Q3 and will be on a similar basis to the community chest; however there will be far more scrutiny over the applications as the awards will be larger. We are currently in discussions with potential partners and finalising the governance structure for this.

Carnival – Big Warsop was a key sponsor for the 2014 Carnival, the intention of the 1 off sponsorship of £10,000 was to enable the Carnival Committee to secure a long term future for this event. Again last year the Carnival was well attended and as a result of our sponsorship the Carnival is now able to continue with a further event well into the planning stages for 2015.

Horticulture - The Big Warsop partnership has commenced work with the allotments at Meden Vale and is looking to further develop the relationship with them to help generate more interest and offer advice and support on allotment gardening and horticulture in general.

Education and Training - The desire to see more locally based training and employability opportunities is something that came through strongly in our consultation. We are working with partners in the adult learning field to look at the range of training that can be offered across the Parish and to see how other funding streams can be accessed to support this. Big Warsop also plan to be instrumental in helping to publicise learning opportunities across the community through social media, and by supporting advertising in Warsop & District News.

Trowel Trades – The trowel trades is a project that is intended to dovetail into the Aspire Centre and give local people an insight and taster into a small part of the construction industry. The partnership have identified a delivery partner who will be engaged to help deliver on this in Q2 and Q3 2015.

The Hub (Aspire Centre) – The Hub has been a significant focus over the last 12 months, planning permission for change of use has been obtained and contractors identified to carry out works. The Delivery partner on this is Warsop Youth Club, to date we have invested £36,547.50 in getting to this stage, a further £90,000.00 is to be awarded over the coming months to enable the Youth Club to bring the facility to a point where activities can commence..

What are we planning to spend in 2015 – 2016?

(Green: on stream; yellow: development needed)

Project	Breakdown	Breakdown and code	Budget Cost	VAT Inc	Profile
Strengthening communities					
3.2.1 Community Chest	First Round	3.2.1.1: £2,500.00		Y	Q1
	Second Round	3.2.1.1: £2,500.00		Y	Q3
	Running Costs	3.2.1.2: £500.00	£5,500.00	Y	Q1
3.2.2 Good ideas pot	First round	3.2.2: £5,000.00		Y	Q2
	Second round	3.2.2: £5,000.00	£10,000.00	Y	Q4
3.2.3 Carnival	Sponsorship	3.2.3: £4,000	£4,000.00	Y	Q1
3.2.4 Children and young people	Funding activity	3.2.4: £8,000.00		Y	Q2
	Funding activity	3.2.4: £8,000.00	£16,000.00	Y	Q4
3.2.5 Older residents	Funding activity	3.2.5: £8,000.00		Y	Q2
	Funding activity	3.2.5: £8,000.00	£16,000.00	Y	Q4
Encouraging social training and enterprise					
3.3.1 Horticulture	Funding activity	3.3.1: £5,000.00	£5,000.00	Y	Q3
3.3.2 Education and Training	Funding training	3.3.2.1: £5000.00		N	Q1
	Funding training	3.3.2.1: £5000.00			Q3
	Marketing	3.3.2.2: £500.00	£10,500.00	N	Q1
3.3.3 Trowel Trades	Funding training	3.3.3: £5,000.00		N	Q2
		3.3.3: £5,000.00	£10,000.00	N	Q4
3.3.4 Training & Enterprise Hub	Site Upgrade	3.3.4.1: £90,000.00		Y	As required
	Development costs	3.3.4.2: £13,452.50	£103,452.50	Y	Q3
Telling the story and communications					
4.1 Communications	Funding news hub	4.1.1: £6,000.00			Q1 - 4
	Publications/publicity	4.1.2 £2,000.00	£8,000.00	Y	Q1 - 4
5.1 Partner and Community engagement	Funding activity	5.1: £1,000.00		Y	Q1
	Funding activity	5.1: £1,000.00	£2,000.00	Y	Q3
7.1 Governance and development	Project co-ordinator	7.1.1 : £6,720.00		Y	Q1 - 4
	Administration	7.1.2 : £3,600.00		Y	Q1 - 4
	Miscellaneous costs	7.1.3: £2,000.00	£12,320.00	Y	Q1 - 4
2013 - 2014 Budget			£20277.25		
Local Trusted Organisation running costs 5% of spend: £10138.62 (not from the £1m)				Y	Q1 - 4

Summary

There has been significant obstacles presented through 2014 /2015, not least the lack of resource required to deliver on the plan. There is considerable work to do on achieving completion of the tasks identified in the 2015 / 2016 Delivery Plan, however firm foundations have been laid and with the support of the local community we are confident we can achieve our objectives.

The success is very dependent on our ability to secure additional volunteers, engage partner organisations and exploit the expertise at our disposal.

Engagement has again particularly challenging during 2014 and 2015; more focus is now being placed on our ability to deliver effective communication through the identified channels without putting strain on the budget forecast.

There have been significant achievements to date, not least in the foundation work carried out to enable successful delivery of the objectives. With the right mix of volunteers, ideas and skills, not to mention commitment and willpower, 2015 has the potential to be a very successful year for Big Warsop.

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