

Project		Strengthening Communities	
Lead delivery partner		Vibrant Warsop	
Theme	Strengthening Communities	Priority	
Activity		Budget code	
Project outcomes (from SLA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased participation in volunteering and community activities, community groups strengthened • Increased awareness of existing provision and the community hub • Increased utilisation of the hub and inward investment in Warsop • Increased collaboration between existing groups and resources • Increased sense of pride and well-being in Warsop 			
Reporting period dates	November to December 2016	Nr and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period	900 people attending Christmas Fayre 25 Adult Volunteers 1 Young Volunteer aged 11
Introduction Promotion of volunteering opportunities, personal development programme to build capacity and confidence, information exchange Facilitation and support for partnership theme groups to increase networking and project development. Provision of support for community groups around funding opportunities, grant applications and legal requirements - e.g. safeguarding, health and safety etc Workshops/training programmes and inspirational visits linked to best practice examples. Community events			
Activities undertaken during reporting period <p><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> <p>We have made a great start. We have linked with several community groups and increased volunteering. We have identified projects which we are supporting and are under development and</p>			

will start/be delivered in the next quarter. We supported the delivery of a very successful Christmas Fayre at The Shed.

Promotion of Volunteering Opportunities & Support for Community Groups

We have supported Warsop Youth Club to begin delivering youth activities at The Shed on a Monday night for young people aged 7 to 11 and 11 to 19 years. This is facilitated by a small team of paid sessional staff and four regular volunteers. In addition we have created opportunities for young people to help out. One young person, Poppy Bedford, has volunteered to run the tuck shop.

Through linking with councillor Sharron Adey of Warsop Parish Council, we have identified a group of three volunteers who would like to start a youth club in Meden Vale. We have arranged a meeting to begin planning with this group. They will be linked with Warsop Youth Club to provide policies and management enabling them to quickly get going.

We have identified a group of six local people who are keen to start a Parents and Toddlers group which will be called Shaping Future Stars and will operate from The Shed. These are all volunteers. Our work has enabled them to plan more effectively and be in a position to commence operations in the next two weeks.

We have supported the Footpaths group to identify a green space project which will be delivered as a community day sometime in Spring/Summer. This will raise awareness of their work and through it we will promote further volunteering opportunities around the environment. We have linked with Sherwood Forest Trust in this work and will involve the local Heritage Group.

The Christmas Fayre was planned, managed and delivered by a team of fifteen volunteers.

We are looking at ways to increase volunteering with the Sports Project at Meden Leisure Centre and have met with Steve Holmes to discuss this.

We have linked with the Hetts Lane Holiday Club and will be meeting with them during February half-term.

We have met with Care Trainers to support the promotion of the training opportunities which their Big Warsop funded project affords. Many of these training sessions will be delivered at The Shed.

We have linked with Caroline Hughes to ensure her Big Warsop funded arts and crafts project is promoted throughout the community and within community groups.

Facilitation and support for partnership theme groups to increase networking and project development.

We completed the Vibrant Warsop groups, facilities and information website. This is in the process of being handed over to a local group (Infotech) for management and administration. This will provide a small amount work for one local person; providing work experience and paid support to the group.

We are planning to establish/support meetings for four groups in the next quarter. We are planning a date for the next Youth Partnership Group. There is a Women in Business Group which we are linking with and which we will support if needed. We have met with The Footpaths Group with a view to establishing a partnership group around the environment. We met with a small group from the Big

Warsop Partnership Group to begin discussing the Supporting People theme.

We have attended two networking conferences at The Fretwell Centre (arranged by Mansfield CVS) and have met representatives from other organisations which operate in Warsop including: Community Radio, Police, Job Centre Plus, Neighbourhood Wardens, Mansfield District Council, NIDAS, Stonham Group.

Workshops/training programmes and inspirational visits linked to best practice examples.

We had not planned to deliver anything on this aspect in this first quarter. However, we have met with a local training agency to scope possibilities for workshops.

Community Events

In December we supported the delivery of the Warsop Christmas Fayre at The Shed. This event was a huge success and was arranged, managed and delivered entirely by a group of fifteen local volunteers

We also benefitted from support from Inner Wheel, the Rotary Club, the fire and rescue service and a handful of customers from a local pub. Added to this, there were performances by children from two local schools (Meden School and Birklands Primary) and The Voices of The Vale Childrens' choir delivered their first ever performance! These activities were directly co-ordinated by our work in the Strengthening Communities Project.

The event attracted almost 900 people from Warsop. Feedback suggested that everyone enjoyed the event and would like another next year. We are already supporting the planning for next year.

Outcomes the project has contributed to

Tell us what difference you have made in relation to the SLA outcomes and more widely in the area.

- Increased participation in volunteering and community activities, community groups strengthened

We have increased volunteering. In this period we have supported 25 people to volunteer in the community. Of these at least 10 will be volunteering on an ongoing basis.

We have met, worked with and supported 9 community groups:

- Warsop Christmas Fayre
- Warsop Youth Club
- Shaping Future Stars
- Hetts Lane Holiday Club
- Meden Vale Youth Volunteers

- Meden Sports Project
- Footpaths Group
- Caroline Hughes
- Care Trainers

- Increased awareness of existing provision and the community hub

The Christmas Fayre raised awareness of The Shed and nearly 900 people attended. We have linked with and are sharing information with existing community groups. We now meet monthly with Cllr Sharron Adey to work together, share information and look for opportunities to strengthen existing work and support new initiatives.

We have linked with the Communications person at Big Warsop who has created a page on the website promoting The Shed.

- Increased utilisation of the hub and inward investment in Warsop

In the past month we have seen several new enquiries for booking The Shed. This includes a national "Flyball" dog training organisation, who are external to Warsop and who are looking to block book The Shed for the next year. This will generate revenue which will contribute to the running of youth activities.

Furthermore, we have received bookings for school holiday activities and Saturday morning sports activities.

- Increased collaboration between existing groups and resources

We are linking a possible new youth group in Meden Vale with Warsop Youth Club.

The Christmas Fayre involved voluntary contributions from other community groups:

- Rotary Club
- Inner Wheel
- Birklands Primary School
- Meden School
- Fire & Rescue Service
- Voices of The Vale Children's Choir

- Increased sense of pride and well-being in Warsop

Feedback from the Christmas Fayre suggested that people felt happier and more proud of Warsop through this.

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?

Yes

Plans for next reporting period

What are you going to do next? Are there any activities we should know about?

We will continue to deliver the project according to the plan and SLA.

We will continue to support the local groups mentioned and seek out new opportunities to provide support.

We will introduce a volunteer development programme to further support initiatives in the area.

We will offer an inspirational visit.

We will deliver workshops to support community groups.