

Pelsall and Rushall Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 9th January 2006

Funding Priorities for Action

Portfolio:	Local Partnerships
Service Area:	Neighbourhood Services
Wards:	Pelsall, Rushall Shelfield

Summary of report

The purpose of the report is to inform Members of Pelsall and Rushall Local Neighbourhood Partnership of progress to date with the funding priorities.

Recommendations

- (1) For LNP members to note the progress to date
- (2) For the LNP to review progress at the next meeting

Progress

- **Local high profile campaign regarding litter and dog fouling**

The dog wardens mounted a display at the Pelsall Christmas Fayre and gave away a lot of publicity material. Currently working towards confirming the dates of other locations for raising awareness of dog fouling in the LNP area.

- **Improvements to High Heath park to help define the area. Railings along the Spring Lane, community notice board for the park and benches**

Project has been approved and is in the early stages of development and will be delivered in partnership with the embryonic Friends of High Heath Park.

Once the group have been formalised and constituted it is proposed to work with its members and the local community to

agree the exact proposals and designs for the scheme i.e. fencing, signage, bins and benches etc.

Recent consultation undertaken as part of the High Heath Park Transforming Your Space Scheme has also helped inform this process and identify the needs / demands of local residents and park users.

The scheme is anticipated to cost in the region of £15,000 based on initial discussions with landscape architects. Additional funding is currently being explored .

It is envisaged that the LNP funded scheme will commence on the ground in March 2006 to coincide with the completion of the TYS project and to allow additional funding to be secured. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in April 2006.

- **Improve space adjacent to Pelsall Common, either to have a landscape garden or a feature around Sister Dora and her work in the Pelsall Colliery Disaster.**

Currently working with Community Arts to develop a design for the area. A number of external funding streams are available for this project.

- **Christmas tree holders for the LNP area.**

Councillor Griffiths and Ron Carpenter undertook a mapping exercise of which shop keepers who wished to have a Christmas tree holder installed. The Christmas tree holders and Christmas trees have been installed throughout the LNP area.

- **Increase number of litter bins available in the LNP area**

An additional litter bin has been installed at Stubbers Green, the location of the bin was determined by Councillor Micklewright.

- **Secure installation of physical measures to prevent access to common areas by motorcycles and other motorised bikes**

The project proposal was to replace existing fencing at Pelsall Community Centre to prevent access to the bowling green by motorcycles. This project has been approved.

- **Work towards getting a youth worker in Rushall**

The project proposed would be focusing upon taking young people from the LNP area on a workshop based/residential programme that would focus upon crime prevention, drug awareness, peer education and other wider issues affecting young people activities. This would support the work of the detached youth work scheme in Rushall and wider provision Pelsall and Shelfield.

A total of 20 young people will attend. There will be 5 workshops prior to the residential to develop team work. Group work and bonding, also looking at what they know about drug awareness and peer education. This will be followed by a residential which will look at the whole person, developing self confidence, self awareness through challenging activities, as well as their knowledge of drug awareness and peer education. The young people will also be expected to set tables, serve food and keep their dormitories clean and tidy. This will be followed up with a presentation to the LNP.

The project will start in December and will cost £6914.

- **Develop green house project**

The project will seek to educate the children in the need to eat a healthy and balanced diet and will involve the 'sowing and growing' of foodstuffs. The children will make use of a greenhouse (fitted with Perspex panels) located within the school grounds and will learn the seed tending process and grow their own healthy food stuffs. In addition they will be shown how a home composter works and the benefits of recycling

The project will provide

3 week sessions (45mins each) to cover healthy eating topics in a classroom setting which would link the food that is grown in the greenhouse to a balanced and healthy diet. (15 Sessions in total)

Session 1

What is a healthy and balanced diet? What sorts of foods should we be eating most of? Activities

Session 2

Taster sessions – vegetables that you might grow in your garden/allotment

Session 3

Produce posters to show how you can grow foods that will keep you healthy.

Option 2 was agreed at the last LNP meeting and the project will commence in May 2006

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