

## EVALUATION REPORT

### IMPACT OF THE YOUR WIRRAL FUND IN WIRRAL WEST (Year 1 2014-15 and Year 2 2015-2016)

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Year 2	2nd Thingwall Scout Group	£2,000.00	Replacement of Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200 directly</li> <li>The wider community of Thingwall indirectly</li> </ul>	The replacement of the windows at Scout HQ made a huge difference. Inside the building it is much brighter, especially in the main hall where all weekly activities are held. Outside, the cleaner and tidier look of the building has improved its status in the community. The project has made the facility a safer, more attractive, warmer environment for the community who use it and has resulted in savings on heating costs.
Year 1	Barncroft Residents Association	£2,500.00	Use it or Lose it Exercise Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40 directly</li> </ul>	The project provided a number of benefits to the people participating, residents of the Barncroft supported living facility in Pensby. Positive outcomes were recorded at the end of each session using an evaluation form completed by the group leader. Participants reported that they had improved balance and flexibility, improved wellbeing through relaxation, better sleeping by adopting pre-bedtime relaxation techniques more confidence from increased interaction with others.
Year 2	Barnston Women's Institute	£895.00	Electrical Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>110 directly</li> <li>150 indirectly</li> </ul>	The electrical upgrade work at Margaret Milner Hall, the home of Barnston Women's Institute, was a success and the facility has an up to date Electrical Safety certificate and conforms to current regulations. The provision of an exterior light is also improving access and safety for members and visitors.
Year 1	Calday Grange Swimming Pool Trust	£1,198.00	Life-saving Aid and Community Notice Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1000+ directly and indirectly</li> </ul>	The grant paid for a new spineboard (life-saving aid) which has become a vital part of the lifeguard qualification training courses and every day practice at the pool. The project also included the installation of a noticeboard which has increased awareness of what is offered at the swimming pool and encouraged more participation. There has been an increase in take up of swimming lessons for children and adult learn to swim sessions.

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Year 2	Christ Church, Barnston with St Michael and All Angels, Pensby	£2,000.00	Sew Far Sew Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18 directly</li> </ul>	The main objective of the project was to reach out into the community to improve the lives of people, in all age groups, who are isolated and lonely. Over the course of the project 11 joined the course and participants are all reporting that they are happier, they have found a hobby and made friendships improving their mental health. One young mum, who has a chronic condition, has reported that she has found an interest in sewing that has made a significant impact on her wellbeing. The project has also raised awareness about the availability of Barnston Church Hall as a facility open for use within the community.
Year 2	Fellowship House Residents Trust	£2,000.00	Fellowship House Garden Project	-	This project has been granted an extension until end February 2017.
Year 1	Fender Primary School Fund (Friends of Fender)	£2,432.00	Eat Well - Be Well Community Healthy Eating Course	-	Building on work undertaken to develop a school garden and growing initiatives involving the school community, the aim of the project was to deliver a Healthy Eating course at the local retirement flats to encourage senior members of the community to mix with local families and young people.
Year 1	Friends of Grange Hill	£2,500.00	Hoylake & West Kirby War Memorial Footpath Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All visitors</li> </ul>	The grant contributed to the provision of an all-ability footpath between Grange Old Road, West Kirby and the Hoylake & West Kirby War Memorial and Garden of Remembrance. The new Grange Hill footpath is highly valued by local people and allows those with disabilities to visit the Memorial and remember those who served. All visitors are also able to take in the magnificent views from Grange Hill. The footpath was officially opened in May 2015.

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Year 1	Hoylake and Meols in Bloom	£880.08	Meols Parade Gardens Informative Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All users and visitors</li> </ul>	The aim of the informative signs was to raise awareness amongst local residents and visitors about the work of Hoylake and Meols in Bloom in maintaining local parks and gardens. As a result of the signs being in place, new volunteers have come forward offering support. The group have also used informative signs to encourage responsible dog ownership and ask people to 'clean it up'. This has led to a reduction in the amount of dog fouling volunteers now have to clear up whilst working on site.
Year 2	Hoylake and Meols in Bloom	£1,500.00	Friends of Hoylake and Meols in Bloom Parks Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All users and visitors</li> </ul>	The project has resulted in a number of improvements. A weather resistant noticeboard has been installed at the Parade Gardens which provides up to date information on activities. Repairing, rendering and painting the Parade Gardens mural wall has made a visible improvement at this location and the purchase of gardening tools and equipment to keep on site is helping to make maintenance of the Parade Garden flower and grass beds much easier for the volunteers involved. The group has also been able to purchase gazebos with Friends of Hoylake and Meols in Bloom printed on them, which are a great asset in promoting the work of the group.
Year 1	HAWK Bowling Club	£2,160.00	Queens Park (Bowling Green) Bench Refurbishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All users and visitors</li> </ul>	The project has resulted in the installation of new benches around the bowling area. These provided much safer seating for the bowlers (who play twice a week in season) but also for all visitors to the park and pavilion tea room. The benches have also significantly improved the appearance of the park.

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Year 2	HAWK Bowling Club	£1,000.00	Queens Park Bowling Green and Tea Room improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All users and visitors</li> </ul>	Building on what was achieved with the previous Your Wirral funding, the removal of the loose gravel chippings under the seating has made the bowling green area a more visibly attractive and safer area for all users whether playing or watching bowls or just enjoying through the park. The purchase of A-frame notice boards is proving beneficial in directing passers-by and park users to the tea room when it's open for business. The Year 2 grant also funded a new bench between the bowling green and tea room.
Year 2	Hayfield School Parents Teachers and Friends Association	£1,200.00	Together We Can Create Great Things - A Tin Can Transformation	-	This project has been granted an extension until end July 2017.
Year 2	Hoylake Allotment Association	£911.00	Access for All - Raised Beds	-	This project has been granted an extension until end April 2017.
Year 2	Hoylake Flower Club	£1,400.00	Flowers For The People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>180 directly</li> <li>390 indirectly</li> </ul>	3 flower workshops took place as part of the project - 2 for adults and 1 for children and young people to develop new skills in flower arranging. Flowers from the workshops were then distributed to the community in a number of ways. 75 small 'lonely bouquets' were left throughout the area (e.g. on benches in the park, at bus stops etc.) with a message saying 'Enjoy - made for you' (the note stated that the bouquet was from the Hoylake Flower Club and funded by Your Wirral. Flower arrangements were also given to local facilities for them to display in a public area (West Kirby Library/OSS, Hoylake Parade Community Centre, Newton Village Hall and Melrose Hall) and other recipients included a local school and the Women's Refuge. The project far exceeded the expectations of the group.

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Year 1	Hoylelake Lifeboat Museum	£650.00	Development of Community Learning Resources Room	-	Some work was undertaken to improve the Hoylelake Lifeboat Museum with the grant, i.e. replacing windows and re-pointing some external brickwork. However the Museum closed on 5th May 2015 and a small amount of the grant was returned unspent.
Year 1	Hoylelake Parade Community Centre	£2,500.00	The Coffee Lounge Refurbishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre footfall c. 215,000</li> </ul>	As a result of the project, the communal coffee bar area at the Parade has been significantly improved for users of the centre, with new flooring, upholstery and upgraded kitchen cupboards and equipment. There has been a significant increase in the use of the coffee bar following the refurbishment for a range of activities including parties, informal coffee mornings, charity cake sales, tea dance refreshments and mums staying for a coffee and a chat following baby weigh in clinic as well as community meetings and events. Other positive outcomes include WirralMet prep 4 life special needs students working in the Parade Gardens being able to help with making refreshments in the kitchen which is now wheelchair accessible. There are also some older members of the community who come in for a cup of tea and company, an element of the community that the coffee bar did not previously attract. A number of public sector organisations have provided feedback that The Parade coffee bar is the place to come to engage with the local community.
Year 2	Hoylelake Parade Community Centre	£1,250.00	The Parade Lighting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>250,000+ per annum from across Wirral</li> </ul>	The aim of the lighting project is to reduce electricity bills for the centre by 40%. The project has gone to plan with all lights now fitted. The long term effect of having low cost LED lights will be demonstrated by the energy bills which will be received from April 2017. This will impact positively on the long-term sustainability of the centre through being able to maintain low cost room hire rates.

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Year 2	Incredible Edible Hoylake	£1,800.00	Renovation of existing Incredible Edible Hoylake site, Carr Lane, Hoylake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200+ directly</li> <li>100+ indirectly</li> </ul>	The new fencing put in place using the funding has improved the appearance and safety of the area and reduced the risk of vandalism. The improvements to the site, which also include a bench, have been very well received by local residents.
Year 1	Irby, Thingwall and Pensby Amenity Society	£495.00	Thingwall Community Noticeboard at The Warrens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients accessing the pedestrian entrance to surgery plus passing pedestrians</li> <li>Other community groups benefiting from their events being publicised</li> </ul>	The project went to plan and a large, perspex covered notice board is now in place. The board has been coated with good quality paint, is kept locked and is expected to last at least 10 years before further refurbishment is required. ITPAS has displayed its own notices plus those for other organisations including Wirral Council, Hoylake Special Needs Club, North Wirral Rotary (Coastal Walk), Friends of Ashton Park, Friends of Vale Park, Irby Gardening Club, Irby Methodist children's centre, as well as advisory notices about cleaning up dog mess. The board is in a prominent position at the main entrance to The Warrens GP surgery and pedestrians have been observed reading the information.
Year 2	Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society	£300.00	A New Village Sign for Thurstaston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5,000+</li> </ul>	The aim of the project is to have a sustainable new village sign at Thurstaston roundabout, made of local red sandstone with incised lettering, which will enhance the approach to Thurstaston Village and is in keeping with its surroundings. The aim is for it to be seen by the many people who use Station Road to access a range of visitor attractions such as Church Farm, Wirral Country Park Visitors Centre and the beach.

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Year 2	Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society	£100.00	Pensby Community Notice Board Refurbishment and Repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>500+ (very difficult to estimate – this figure is based on ten people a week reading the notice board but in reality it may be more than this)</li> </ul>	The notice board at Ridgewood Park was in need of repairs to the broken door hinges and rotting frame and was at risk of deteriorating further. The funding has allowed the group to bring back this useful community asset back up to scratch and meet the many requests to display information about community events and facilities to Pensby residents. Other regular users of the notice are the Hope Centre, Wirral Council, Irby Flower Club, various support sessions for children and adults plus other charity events such as the Wirral Coastal Walk, the Bikeathon and Hoylake 10k. This facility will continue to be of benefit to the community for years now that the notice board has been completely refurbished.
Year 2	Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society	£400.00	Daffodil Planting in Roadside Verges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Difficult to quantify</li> </ul>	15 sacks of daffodils were distributed between ITPAS volunteers and Thingwall Allotment Society who commenced planting in the Thingwall, Irby, Pensby and Thurstaston areas in mid-October 2016. The planting project was complete by 31st December ready for spring flowering. The aim to create a colourful display to enhance the local environment, which will be enjoyed by residents and those simply passing through.
Year 2	Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society	£139.00	Banner Pull Up for Displays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Difficult to quantify</li> </ul>	The funding has resulted in the group being able to purchase two pull up banners and an 'A' board to replace the group's very out of date display stands. Used for public events and publicity purposes, the display equipment enables the society to make ITPAS more attractive as an organisation and to recruit new members. Increasing membership means that the group will be able to deliver more community projects.



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Year 1	JFC Greasby	£1,500.00	JFC Greasby Equipment / Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>130 directly</li> <li>70 indirectly</li> </ul>	In total 130 children have benefitted from the project through the provision of new waterproof training outerwear and better equipment. Club members are now identifiable in their JFC Greasby warm winter training wear and this has given the children a great sense of belonging and pride. There has been a noticeable improvement in attendance at training sessions and at matches over the winter months and a reduction in the drop off rate from players which happens due to playing in poor weather. The project is sustainable as the training wear can be reused and passed from one age group to another when it is too small. Funding the kit and equipment has also meant that the Club could generate £1,300 in additional funds for the club from parental contributions which has been used to offset the increasing cost of pitch hire and to purchase additional equipment.
Year 2	JFC Greasby	£2,000.00	Improving Standards of Football Coaching and Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22 directly</li> <li>152 indirectly</li> </ul>	The project has enabled the club to increase participation number and increase the numbers of children and young people enjoying sport and exercise in a safe environment – the club is now offering football to over 220 boys and girls across 20 squads from the ages of 6 to 16. Local volunteers have gained coaching qualifications and the Club's volunteer base has increased by over 10 people. This expanded access to youth football been particularly positive for Greasby as most young players are local. The project is sustainable as the renewal of coaching qualifications will be funded by the club.

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Year 1	KH2 Community Link Services	£1,225.00	Ways to Wellness Exercise Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 directly</li> </ul>	<p>This Hoylake project aimed to improve the quality of life for older people through offering gentle exercise in a non-threatening environment. Feedback from the project was that participants felt more mobile and found day-to-day chores easier. The social element of the class was noticeable - new friendships were formed with participants initially arriving on their own but gradually starting to come to the class together. Several participants commented positively about the class being accessible locally because going to West Kirby was a barrier to attending exercise classes. The project has been sustainable - participants who said they wouldn't have previously thought of investing in an exercise class have enjoyed the experience and now are happy to pay £4 per week.</p>
Year 2	KH2 Community Link Services	£1,735.00	Keep Your Eye on the Ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>57 directly</li> <li>228 indirectly</li> </ul>	<p>Attracting participants, particularly men, to get involved in 'Keep Your Eye on the Ball' (initially offering a walking football activity) was a challenge and the project has therefore been delivered differently. An Easy Going Pilates class was established and promoted as being 'men friendly' and resulted in some men taking part alongside women. In 2017 this class will be run as a sustainable self-funding activity. Feedback from participants suggested that one activity they would enjoy was cycling and two cycle maintenance workshops were delivered at The Parade, Hoylake followed by a series of guided rides from various places in West Wirral. Many participants have gone on to cycle by themselves and/or join the BCF Social Cycling network. The final project activity has been Tai Chi which has proved popular with men and even with two young men (teenagers, one with autism and ADHD). The introductory class (at The Parade) has seen participants transfer to other classes in West Kirby and Newton but due to demand it will also continue (self-funded) in 2017. Overall, as a result of the funding, people that were not engaged in activity because of social or other barriers are now taking part in local activities benefiting their physical and mental health.</p>

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Year 1	Kylemore Listening Centre / Luncheon Club	£745.00	Kylemore Centre Kitchen Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30+ directly</li> </ul>	The Kylemore Centre Luncheon Club, which is self-supported and run by volunteers, is open 50 weeks per year and aims to help form friendships, prevent isolation and provide support when people have been bereaved or have mobility or health issues. The club provides both lunch and shared activities. Using the funding, the club was able to buy new kitchen equipment and replacements for old utensils. Having a new freezer and blender is enabling the volunteer shopper to make savings i.e. buying in bulk and seasonal produce, and prevent wastage.
Year 1	Melrose Club	£1,250.00	Melrose Hall Theatre Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All users and visitors (c. 400+)</li> </ul>	Melrose Hall is a venue which benefits from a stage, lighting, curtains etc. and is well used for theatrical and other performances. The grant enabled the purchase of new curtains which have greatly enhanced the facility for the Hall's user groups and audiences.
Year 2	Memories Singing Group	£800.00	Memories Singing Group Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>170 directly</li> <li>350 indirectly</li> </ul>	The group aims to bring enjoyment, happiness and friendship to the people they entertain and, in addition to visiting care home residents, they sing to people in local hospitals (including Hoylake Cottage), to members of the local Stroke Association, to organisations for the blind and visually impaired and to local charities for people with mental health issues. The funding enabled the group to buy new equipment and extend their activities.
Year 2	Pensby Recreational Centre	£1,865.00	New Security Fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All users and visitors (c.850)</li> </ul>	The project been a success and the new fending provides additional security for the bowling green area at the centre. The fencing also enhances the appearance of the facility and is a sustainable maintenance free improvement.

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Year 2	Pioneer People Wirral	£2,000.00	Shedheads Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 64 directly</li> <li>▪ 200 indirectly</li> </ul>	Shedheads workshops have focused on welding, metal work, woodwork, upcycling and lamp making, with the funding being used for equipment and tutors. Many of the activities have been one to one/small group sessions rather than larger workshops given the support needed by participants. Some of the outcomes have exceeded the group's expectations. There is a strong sense of community amongst users and the project has evolved in line with the skills and opportunities arising from the new members joining resulting in some genuine community based leadership and peer led training. The quality of items being produced is much higher than expected and shared ideas are helping create some very innovative work. The workshops involve a large amount of recycling – for example cable reels being turned into tables, chairs and garden planters. Planters are also being built for use in public places. The benefits to the wellbeing and mental health of participants were underestimated at the start of the project. The nature of working together, learning new skills, growing in confidence and making a finished product have contributed to significant quality of life improvements. Pottery workshops will be delivered later in 2017 with the group's own resources.
Year 1	St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School (Parents Group)	£2,500.00	Development of Community Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Approx 20 families use mums and tots weekly + 30 families benefited directly from courses etc.</li> <li>▪ 225 pupils indirectly</li> </ul>	The project has greatly improved the hall and kitchen and has allowed the area to be opened up for community use in different ways. On a weekly basis a parent runs a 'mums and tots' group from the hall area which is accessed by parents from across the Woodchurch estate. A library space in the hall area has also been established which parents can visit with their children and borrow adult and children's books to promote the importance of reading at home. The space is used for coffee mornings/afternoons and training sessions and courses linked to family support training – e.g. dealing with conflict at home – and other subjects such as healthy eating.

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Year 1	The Caldý Society	£247.89	The Caldý Planting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>800+ (the number is hard to calculate but includes local households, walkers, cyclists, horse riders, golfers and visitors)</li> </ul>	There is a marked difference to the look of Caldý because of the project. In the springtime the area was awash with daffodils, with wonderful displays in all corners of the village and on the Caldý roundabout. This activity has been part of an ongoing programme of clearing and planting in Caldý to enhance the environment, for the benefit of residents and visitors. The project has encouraged resident participation and community spirit, with many people helping out. The project is sustainable, with the bulbs coming up each spring, and the residents maintaining the areas where planting has taken place.
Year 2	The Friends of Hilbre	£2,000.00	Hilbre Community Archaeology Project	-	This project has been granted an extension until end February 2017.
Year 2	The Growing Environment	£2,000.00	A Community Feast	-	The project did not progress as planned. Arrangements have been made by Magenta Living to transfer the lease for the land which was to be used and any assets purchased at the outset of the project to other community groups to develop and deliver similar activities.
Year 1	The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist	£2,500.00	Good Fellowship in the Community Luncheon Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All users of the centre</li> </ul>	The purchase of new chairs has made a difference and had a greater impact than expected with additional groups actively using the centre, e.g. Meols Community Choir which regularly has in excess of 80 attendees. The centre continues to thrive.

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Year 2	The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist	£842.35	Lunch and Fellowship at Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 20 directly</li> <li>▪ 15 indirectly</li> </ul>	The project began weekly deliveries of homemade soup and freshly made sandwiches in April 2016. The first delivery was to 8 people which increased over the course of 30 weeks to 22 people. The contact and conversation with beneficiaries is very valuable. The volunteers involved have been able to offer solutions to small problems e.g. changing a bed. The service is advertised locally and in Meols Matters and is available to anyone who might benefit either short term after being in hospital or long term if circumstances dictate that. Beneficiaries also receive a small treat of a wrapped chocolate in their lunch box, as a result of trying this in week 1, which is enjoyed very much. The project will continue thanks to a small bequest of £1,000 made to St John's.
Year 2	The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist	£428.40	Storage for All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 27 directly</li> <li>▪ 45 indirectly</li> </ul>	Using the funding, there is now internal storage available and this has freed up space in the centre particularly in the hall and reception area. The project has enabled the centre to be kept tidier, with valuable pieces of equipment kept in a secure place rather than continually transported.
Year 2	The Woodchurch T.R.U.S.T.	£1,984.25	The Ford Way Bee Keeping Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 250+ directly</li> <li>▪ 250+ indirectly</li> </ul>	The grant was used to purchase equipment to develop the beekeeping project at 'Flourish' Fordway building on funding from the Big Lottery to purchase a shed and have electricity installed on site. The group is now engaging with a local beekeeping organisation which plans to use the facilities to train people to become bee keepers. There are also plans for the Princes Trust to work with the project to engage young people from the Woodchurch area.

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Year 1	Thingwall Community Allotment Society	£2,456.15	Planters for Thingwall and Pensby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All residents</li> </ul>	The planters installed using the funding have provided several points of interest along Pensby Road and improved the overall look and feel of the area, making it a more beautiful place for residents and visitors and benefiting local businesses. The project will continue to enhance the area and the planters to attract and sustain wildlife. There are now plans in place to involve schools in the area, and to use this to engage with local families about getting involved in other community activities.
Year 2	Thingwall Recreation Centre	£2,000.00	Centre Upgrade and Re-decoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200 directly</li> <li>380 indirectly</li> </ul>	The projects has resulted in visible improvements to the centre and made it a safer environment for the users who attend for example children's groups, parties and dance classes. The project has created more interest in the use of the centre and footfall by has increased by about 5- 10%. Afternoon bowls sessions are now attended by 60 people on average, and use of the hall and conservatory has increased. Additional groups are now using the centre.
Year 1	Thurstaston Parochial Church Council	£1,250.00	St Chad's, Irby - Kitchen Refurbishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All users (c. 1,200)</li> </ul>	The grant contributed to a significant kitchen refurbishment project at St Chad's and the resulting improvement to the centre is outstanding. The old kitchen units were rotten or falling apart and the new kitchen will the centre fit for purpose in the long-term. Numerous groups use the hall and the kitchen from the Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby areas as well as from further afield.
Year 2	Thurstaston Parochial Church Council	£750.00	St Chad's, Irby – New Oven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All users (c. 1,200)</li> </ul>	The final element of the St Chad's kitchen refurbishment project was the installation of a new oven. The centre is now 'fit for purpose' catering events and the overall improvement to this facility is significant.

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Year 1	Upton Cricket Club	£1,250.00	Electronic Shutters for Tea Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200 directly</li> </ul>	The funding was used to install electronic roller shutters to the rear door and three windows of the new tea room, and have improved safety and security. The electronic roller shutters can be used by both abled and disabled people making the use of the facility more accessible. The installation of the shutters has also allowed the club to open up the tea room for use by the wider community as well as members of the cricket club. Wirral Table Tennis Club uses the facility and it has been used for parties, christening and funerals and there also plans to hold training courses in the tea room. By having the roller shutters it is felt that it is an effective deterrent against burglaries and vandalism given the siting of the Tearoom.
Year 1	West Kirby Wasps FC	£1,250.00	Healthy Football Pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>400 directly</li> </ul>	The funding greatly assisted the Club's maintenance schedule and ensured that the pitches were able to be used during the winter months. This helped children maintain their overall fitness through the winter season and to continue the social bonding of small groups.
Year 2	West Kirby Wasps FC	£1,000.00	Achieving Our Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>400 directly</li> <li>800 indirectly</li> </ul>	The Club uses plastic mobile goals that need to be removed after each football match due to the risk of vandalism. The funding has contributed to the purchase of a container which has allowed the club to secure the goals in a safe place. The container is lockable and only club managers have access. Since the purchase of the container there have been no reported incidents of damage to the goals and the project is considered a great success.



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Year 1	West Kirby Christmas Lights	£2,500.00	West Kirby Christmas Lights and Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents, businesses and visitors</li> </ul>	The aim of the project was to provide festive Christmas lights in West Kirby town centre and roads leading in to encourage residents and visitors to shop locally and build a sense of community. The response to the project was fantastic and almost £18,000 was raised, including the Your Wirral grant, to enable the purchase and installation of the lights. The festive lights were a success in 2014 and have been each year since. The project requires funding year on year to install and take down the lights, insure and repair /replace damages and the group continues to fundraise to maintain and extend the display.
Year 2	West Kirby District Guides	£750.00	West Kirby District Guides New Cooker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>250 directly</li> </ul>	The funding has resulted in Guide HQ being provided with a new safe and easy to use and maintain cooker that enables catering for large numbers of people. This benefits members of West Kirby guide district and other members of the community using the guide HQ building.
Year 2	Wirral Community Orchestra	£100.00	Musical Memories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100 - although difficult to quantify</li> </ul>	The grant bought new music which has enabled the group to widen its repertoire and plan themed afternoon concerts. The community orchestra plays in residential homes across the area. Using the group's newly created song book, residents are able to have a large print copy of the songs and are encouraged to sing along. The group is aiming to take their music therapy into more care homes.

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Year 1	Wirral Festival of Firsts	£2,500.00	Children's Festival Days Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1,158 directly</li> <li>▪ 2,316 indirectly</li> </ul>	<p>An objective of the 2015 Wirral Festival of Firsts was to engage with local children and families to build sustainable participation in the arts. The funding was used for an expanded programme of activities for children including arts workshops with a wide range of groups across the area. The workshops covered lantern making, arts and crafts, music, dance and drama, creative writing, parade float planning and design and bike decoration. Over 235 children benefitted directly from these workshops. The Festival of Firsts supported the development of a new magazine of creative writing and art by children (<a href="http://www.kaleidoscopemagazine.org">www.kaleidoscopemagazine.org</a>) with contributions from the workshops and, working with Wirral Arts Centre (West Kirby) and West Kirby Library, a children's literature trail was established in various shop windows in West Kirby. The magazine and trail were launched at a poetry workshop attended by about 40 children and their parents. The Festival also commissioned a local theatre company, Off Book Theatre, to develop a pop up production of Alice in Wonderland which was performed at Wirral West venues. Working with St John's in Meols, a children's festival day attended by at least 750 people included performances by the local children's choir, circus performers and other attractions. Finally, the Festival of Firsts programme included a range of events deliberately designed to showcase the talents of younger members of the community.</p>

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Year 2	Wirral Festival of Firsts	£2,000.00	Wirral Festival of Firsts Community Participation Weekend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6,000 directly</li> </ul>	The funding contributed to the successful delivery of three Festival Saturdays in Meols, Hoylake and West Kirby as an integrated package of community participation and celebration events. The pirate-themed Children's Festival Day at St John's had numerous stalls, a BBQ, refreshments, side shows, face painting, arts and crafts with entertainment provided by Punch and Judy, the Melodymakers, the Meols Community Choir and a children's pop up performance of Treasure Island. The event was attended by well over 500 and raised £1,000 for Claire House. The Olympic themed Carnival Parade and Queens Park Family Festival Day and Art in the Parade Gardens was much more inclusive and community based than ever before featuring several local disability sports groups. A community art project to create a 'Razzle Dazzle Piano' preceded the parade and the event attracted more than 4,000 people overall. Each section of the parade represented a continent headed by colourful banners created by children at a series of workshops. Working with Wirral Methodist Housing and other local community groups, the parade Summer Craft Fair and Open Stage involved Wirral Arts Centre hosting a craft fair with many local art and crafts practitioners selling their wares, with exciting artwork and live performances of music from a variety of music performers. About 1,500 people participated.
Year 1	Wirral Youth for Christ	£1,000.00	Wirral Romance Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 directly</li> </ul>	The project was aimed at engaging young people to increase their knowledge and awareness of emotional health, healthy eating and the importance of healthy relationships. The young people who completed the course engaged well and the project had a positive effect on their life outcomes. Confidence and self-esteem grew and they increased their ability to build safe and happy relationships.

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Year 1	Woodchurch JMC	£2,494.63	Woodchurch Community Centre CCTV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50+ per week</li> </ul>	The funding has been used to install CCTV at Woodchurch Community Centre (now known as the Carr Bridge Community Centre), a facility which has undergone asset transfer and refurbishment. Providing a safe environment encourages residents to use the centre. The equipment was tested at the Hoole Road Hub whilst the community centre was being refurbished with positive outcomes in terms of people feeling safer and reducing the risk of anti-social behaviour.
Year 2	Woodchurch Partnership	£850.00	Hoole Road Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60+</li> </ul>	Purchasing new furniture for the Hoole Road Hub was aimed at enhancing this facility for volunteers and users – activities delivered by the hub include signposting and supporting local residents.



Thank you to voluntary and community groups in Wirral West for delivering and providing feedback on their fantastic Your Wirral projects!