

## **Feedback on Honley Christmas Lights event**

### Project

Honley Business Association held a Christmas lights switch on event on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. This included stage entertainment, a Santa Parade and fireworks display.

### Cost

The total cost of the project was £6,193 for trees and lights, insurance, publicity, park and tent hire, entertainment and volunteer expenses. A grant of £1,000 from the district committee went towards the costs.

The project costs increased with the installation of additional lighting on Church Street/ Westgate and DJ costs were more. A grant from the Big Lottery of £3k was used to hire a cherry picker, enabling the investment in the lights infrastructure. A grant of £1,000 from Holme Valley Parish Council allowed for the purchase of larger trees. The Association contributed £2,000 from its own fundraising.

### Volunteers

82 volunteers installed the lights and 110 trees throughout the village. They built up tents, furnished the grotto, provided cakes and biscuits to sell, manned the drinks tent and the grotto. Over 30 volunteers manned the Santa Parade, were first aiders, litter pickers and general supervisors. Total volunteer hours 1,020.

### Beneficiaries

There were over 3,000 visitors to the event. The purpose of the event was to encourage the local community to use local businesses. It was a resounding success with the community getting behind it. The event created a great community vibe making everyone proud of the village. Feedback throughout the Christmas period from local people was very positive.

### Evaluation

A debrief has taken place with the volunteers. Feedback was that the event was fabulous and there are some suggestions for improving it. Future events will need more volunteers involved at the early stages of planning as this is very time consuming for the committee. The events contribute to cohesion between the local community and local businesses; shops and business premises in Honley are never vacant for long.

### What next?

Three events are planned for 2017; Honley Feast in September, Christmas Lights Switch on in November and a Christmas Street Market in December.

A website is being launched for local business collaboration, fundraising is continuing for CCTV and a fourth defibrillator for the village.

Photos







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Dear Julie

On behalf of all Honley Business Association we would like to thank Kirklees District for your grant of £1000.00 towards our Christmas Light Switch on Event.

We had a fantastic event with over 3000 people attending who were all amazed at our extended lights display and magical Santa's Grotto. We had entertainment all day on the stage with food and drinks available in the park and a super Santa parade from Church Street to the park all finishing with a firework display at 7pm. It is a lot of work for all our volunteers but well worth it when the community get behind it.

With nothing but positive feedback from even social media HBA feel pleased that we have yet again held an event for the whole of Honley to be proud of.

I have attached a selection of photographs of the event but have plenty more should you wish to have some others.

Once again big thanks for your support as without the grants the event would not be possible. Please be assured that we also gave thanks from the stage during the event and also on social media.

Yours sincerely

From all HBA Committee  
June Mclean - Secretary



## **Feedback on Holmfirth Christmas Lights event**

### Project

The Holmfirth Christmas Team installed an external Christmas lights display in the town centre and held a switch on event and community parade to make the town more attractive to residents, visitors and businesses during the festive season.

### Cost

The total cost of putting up the display was £9,565 for plugs and lights, installation, repairs, insurance, publicity, trees, hooks and fixings. The £1,000 grant from the district committee contributed to the capital purchase of plugs and lights.

Due to successful fundraising additional lights were purchased (265 strings were put up), more brackets were purchased and slightly fewer plugs were needed, saving £580 on the cost of an electrician.

£9,000 was raised from local businesses (147 businesses) and the local community. Holme Valley Parish Council gave a grant of £2,000. The cherry picker was provided free of charge by a local business and a local resident donated batteries to power additional lights in public areas.

### Volunteers

5 volunteers on the committee spent between 100 and 150 hours each fundraising, planning and putting up/ taking down the lights. A team of 20 volunteers spent 8 hours each putting up and taking down the lights and trees.

These volunteers also organised a celebration event on 26<sup>th</sup> November, which was supported by many more volunteers making lanterns at workshops/ with local schools, stewarding the parade and providing entertainment.

### Beneficiaries

18,000 residents of the Holme Valley and visitors. Positive feedback and a huge number of compliments were received orally and on social media for example –

*“Holmfirth looks absolutely beautiful with these decorations. Thank you!!”*

*It's the best I've seen the Holmfirth lights look for a long time. Simple but very effective.”*

*“I have a grin on my face every time I drive through and have even walked the long way round to enjoy more of them! Huge thank you to everyone involved.”*

### Evaluation

The project was a great success, encouraging the community to work together to make Holmfirth look lovely. The town looked co-ordinated and festive. Local businesses and residents got involved and were enthused. Some great volunteers came forward to assist.

Those taking part were very positive about how it was organised and the quality of the project. The volunteers who had not been involved before all agreed to help in future. Despite the terrible weather when putting up the lights there was a real team spirit. *"It's been great to volunteer and meet lots of people I didn't know before. Lots of laughs along the way too!"*

The Committee has found that there are many businesses in Holmfirth who are willing to help make the town look better. Key to success is persistence and having a small team to make decisions and plan thoroughly for example measuring every stretch of building to work out how many lights were needed. Putting a new infrastructure in place is time consuming with many stakeholders to speak to and listen to, starting early in the year.

#### What next?

Planning for 2017 lights will start early in the year. The same string of lights will be installed and seeking to extend them along more public areas and in a few more business areas. Cross street professional festoon lighting on Victoria Street will also be considered.



Photos



Example of New lighting – on main streets & side streets (2km of lights put up)





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## **Feedback on Milnsbridge Village Hall Christmas lunch**

### Project

For the second year in a row Milnsbridge Community Trust provided a Christmas lunch and entertainment at the Village Hall for those who would otherwise be on their own, the elderly, infirm and with mental health issues.

### Cost

The total cost of the lunch was £1,508 for food, ingredients, crackers, equipment and kitchen improvements. The district committee grant of £205 was invested in new pots and pans for the kitchen which will be reused at future events. Fundraising and donations in cash and in kind contributed to the event. Donations included the turkey crowns, Christmas cake, presents, a magician and a singer.

### Volunteers

25-30 volunteers contributed over 200 hours. They helped to decorate and prepare the room and with shopping. They prepared, cooked and served the food, as well as clearing up and cleaning. Also providing transport and entertainment for those who attended. Plus some administrative work.

### Beneficiaries

Sixty people attended the lunch, their feedback from them on the day was very positive.

### Evaluation

The aims of the project were achieved and the careful planning paid off. People have been very generous in giving their time and making donations.

### What next?

The improvements to the kitchen and the new equipment will mean that the Village Hall can deliver other projects for the local community as well as next year's Christmas lunch.

### Photos











## **Feedback on Clayton West Cricket Club equipment**

### Project

The replacement of ground machinery with a new mower and repair of an outfield mower to improve the quality of ground maintenance at the Club.

### Cost

£5,250 in total was spent on a new cricket wicket mower and full refurbishment of the existing outfield mower. The club received a grant of £3,500 from the district committee and contributed £1,750 from its own funds.

### Volunteers

Seven club members were involved in the purchase and transporting of the new equipment.

### Beneficiaries

Up to 150 playing club members; 40 adults and 80 -100 children will benefit directly. The groundsman is over the moon! People connected with the club are delighted at being able to purchase machinery that will last for many years to come. The purchase will contribute to the sustainability of the club at what is a very uncertain time.

### Evaluation



The purpose of the project was to replace broken ground machinery, therefore make significant improvements to the quality of the wicket including artificial square and outfield on which adults and children play. The quality of the ground maintenance will be significantly enhanced compared with the current standard. This improvement will be noticeable at the start of the 2017 season.

The club will no longer have to spend £300 - £500 per year fixing the broken machinery.

What next?

There is likely to be fundraising in future for new heating systems at the club.

Photos



**CWCC Juniors!** @CWCCJuniors · 4m

A great @CWCC\_cricket acquisition for the new 2017 season - his name is Dennis! Many thanks to

@KirkleesCouncil for their support! 👍🏏



**Paula Sherriff MP** ✓

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"TWEET" ISSUED FROM THE CLAYTON WEST CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS TWITTER ACCOUNT (ADMINISTERED BY MYSELF) ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - ACKNOWLEDGING THE KIRKLEES COUNCIL SUPPORTING CONTRIBUTION - WHICH HAS BEEN "LIKED" AND "RE-TWEETED" BY PAULA SHERRIFF MP + MICHAEL CLAYTON COUNCIL

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Dear Julie,

Please find enclosed the Monitoring Form regarding the grant for £3,500 kindly awarded to Clayton West Cricket Club in September 2016. I wanted to take the opportunity to personally thank Kirklees Council, on behalf of Clayton West Cricket Club, for their financial support to help purchase new cricket machinery in the form of a new cricket (wicket) mower and also completely refurbish the cricket club outfield mower. Both pieces of machinery will now provide us with the peace of mind of having machinery of brilliant quality and reliability – and remove the need for the cricket club to spend money each year on fixing our old and broken machinery.

The money spent (invoices attached) is summarised below:

- New cricket wicket mower - £4,300 (£60 delivery was not applicable as the mower was collected in person).
- Full refurbishment of existing outfield mower - £950.
- Total machinery expenditure - £5,250.
- Grant expenditure commitment - £5,250.

Income to fund grant:

- Grant award - £3,500.
- Clayton West Cricket Club investment - £1,750.
- Total investment - £5,250.

You will also note that I have enclosed photographs and invoices for both pieces of expenditure, both in line with the details above.

I have placed your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 on the cricket club noticeboard as I want to ensure the Kirklees Council grant award is communicated to all cricket club members. I have also shared this great news story on the CWCC Twitter account and will be writing to all cricket club members in the next 4 weeks with a start of season 'newsletter' – again communicating the grant award as a brilliant success story.

Once again, my kindest thanks on behalf of everyone at Clayton West Cricket Club.

  
Steve Scott

*On behalf of CWCC.*

*Thank you!*



### Aspire to Play Toy Library

The Aspire Cooperative Learning Trust was delighted to receive a grant from the Kirklees Rural District Committee to fund a Toy Library for our Trust partner schools.

A lot of preparatory work has been undertaken by the school library manager to purchase and record the stock of toys and to create a loaning system that can be replicated in each of our Trust partner schools. We have undertaken a training session with staff plus parent and student volunteers who will run the library each week. We have 9 students who are using the experience of running the toy library at Luck Lane to fulfil their commitment for their Duke of Edinburgh award and a mum of children at the school who has stepped forward to manage the weekly library sessions. Further volunteers will be recruited in each of the schools as their library is launched.

Each child who wishes to join is issued with a library card and the parent is asked to sign the terms of agreement form. It's quite simple; from there on they can borrow a toy for 50p each week and return the week after. If the toy is not returned a reminder of the terms of agreement is sent home stating that the RRP will be charged if the toy is not returned. This ensures that the system runs smoothly and that the stock does not diminish. We do have a number of children who due to circumstances are not charged.

The Toy library is fully operational at the new Luck Lane Primary School and has over 70 members with 9 secondary students and one parent volunteer managing it on a weekly basis. The toys are put on display in the hall after school, the student volunteers promote the library in the playground and the children and parents come along and choose a toy together. With an increasing selection ranging from family games, jigsaws, pirate ships and dolls houses to garages and Lego we have tried to cater for all children and selected toys that can be enjoyed as a family. We have many children attending on a weekly basis, returning one toy and selecting another to enjoy over the weekend. The look on their faces as they leave the hall carrying their chosen toy shows how much this means to them. It's like Christmas every week!

Our intention is, not for the Toy Library to be a profit making enterprise, but to provide fair access to good quality, robust toys. However, by charging 50p each week we will be able to sustain the club into the future as this gives us the scope to restock and replace tired toys.

The library is promoted in our newsletters and on school displays acknowledging the generous support of the Kirklees Rural Committee (as the logo above). All our promotional and registration documents also acknowledge the support of the Committee to who we are extremely grateful.

Our intention over the next couple of months is to extend the library into all our Trust partner schools that are all waiting in eager anticipation for their first delivery of toys. The joy of learning through play will be spread across the Trust and we believe will enable the families that are associated with our schools the opportunity to enjoy many happy hours of play and interaction.

We would like to sincerely thank the Kirklees Rural Committee for enabling our children and families access to a wide range of educational and recreational toys that support learning and strengthen the role of parents as first educators.





