



Saturday 24th January 2015, Westhoughton High School.

Welcome to the Westhoughton You Decide event, hosted by Greater Manchester Police and Partners.

Today you will see presentations from twenty-three community groups who are hoping to secure funding for a range of exciting projects to benefit the local community.

Within this booklet is a brief summary of the groups you will see bidding for the funding, and what they hope to use the funding for. There is space underneath each project description to make notes as you go along.

Once the presentations are complete you will have time to fill in the voting form, indicating the five groups you feel most deserving of the funding.

Successful bidders will be announced at the end of the day.

ITINERARY OF THE DAY

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| 12:00 | Registration |
| 12:15 | Welcome and Introduction |
| 12:30 | Presentations by groups |
| 14:00 | Community vote |
| 14:15 | Refreshments |
| 14:45 | Raffle |
| 15:15 | Announcement of winners |
| | Thank you and close |

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

1 VINTAGE DRUMS

We deliver group exercise sessions to music classes in the Westhoughton area. We use Swiss balls and tubs and use drumsticks to beat to the music. This is fun, different and great exercise.

Notes

2 FRIENDS OF EATOCK LODGE.

We work with Lancashire Wildlife Trust to provide outdoor nature-focused educational activities for local school children during the summer holidays, and put on a late summer Community fun day event focusing on what the lodge offers, its wildlife, history and amenity. Children will learn about nature and outdoor survival. The family fun day brings together the community with open, nature education sessions around the lodge which can be done as a family, as well as attractions that are both fun and interesting such as bodger (traditional woodcrafts). It's also an opportunity for local community groups to showcase what they do.

Notes

3 WESTHOUGHTON METHODIST CHURCH

Our project is to provide facilities for hospitality for the local community and existing groups using the church. We are in the process of upgrading our community cafe and require a new boiler. Our church holds a lunch club for over 55's which is open to all the community. We provide an opportunity for social contact for lonely people as well as providing a hot meal. Our church puts on shows during the year for the community and refreshments are provided. We currently cater for 80+ people from the community.

Notes

4 FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER YOUTH GROUP

We have 116 registered members who attend the group; our aim is to teach our young to socialise and to share. We do this by utilising games and sports in a collaborative sharing of time and talents. Members teach each other how to play games, videos, sport and dance. We need to replace and buy new games such as pool, tennis tables and sports equipment. Our motto is "WE CAN DO."

Notes

5 WESTHOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL-POLYTUNNEL

We aim to improve our Garden Club, which has had considerable success growing produce in our court-yard garden. We would like to expand on this much more than currently for the benefit of all Westhoughton Community. Our project would be to build and furnish a polytunnel in order to grow a selection of plants, herbs, fruits and vegetables. The wider community could enjoy the success by sharing the produce throughout the year, but in particular, during our Kindness Week in July.

Notes

6 WESTHOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL- ALLOTMENT PROJECT

Our aim would be to develop the garden beds to improve the soil structure and then to cultivate various fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. This project will introduce many young people to the wonderful occupation of growing their own food and eating it by linking in with our Food Technology Department. The produce cultivated could be shared with the wider community of Westhoughton in many ways; simply by sharing the flowers and vegetables produced, for example with local homes for the elderly.

Notes

7 WESTHOUGHTON COMMUNITY QUEENS ASSOCIATION.

The aim of the group is to encourage and support local families' involvement in Westhoughton's local community and civic events, inspiring community spirit. We appoint local community royalty (carnival queens) to represent the community at local events, fundraising events and celebrations. We would like funding for new medals, sashes and gowns for when we crown the new annual royalty.

Notes

8 RAINBOW CRAFTS GROUP.

Our group provides activity, social engagement and support to a significant group of elderly, disabled and vulnerable people. We undertake activities that are often difficult for our less able members to take part in. We require specialist equipment for disabled craft activities.

Notes

9 ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Our school will be holding its Music Makers' concert on Thursday 21st May 2015. The concert is an opportunity for all children within our school community, who play a musical instrument or are in the school choir, to perform in front of an audience and showcase their musical talent. The funding will be used to provide instruments and lessons teaching the children how to play. Parents/carers will also support the children by helping them to practice at home.

Notes

10 WESTHOUGHTON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP.

The History Group aims to provide something for everyone who is interested in the history and development of Westhoughton through the centuries. The Group has grown steadily since it was established in 2005 and meetings held fortnightly now attract over 70 members. Whilst some are actively researching the history of the town and its surrounding areas, others are content to listen to presentations and participate in events. We need to replace defective sound equipment

Notes

11 **BOLTON RUGBY UNION FC.**

Primary schools in Westhoughton will receive 6 weeks of coaching for 2 hours per week to take their young people from no rugby experience to be able to field a mixed girls and boys and years 5/6 team to compete in a TAG tournament. We will introduce them to rugby, help reduce child obesity and engender the rugby ethos of TREDs to help fight Hate Crime and Anti-social behavior.

Notes

12 **TOTS AND TODDLERS.**

Tots and Toddlers is a baby and toddler group run from John Holt Community Centre every Friday morning. Approximately 30 local families attend with one or more children from the Washacre area. The group is a support network for local mums and dads, some of whom are very isolated and on low incomes. There are organized activities for the children as well as some free play and singing time. On special occasions like Christmas and summer holidays, we try to run subsidized trips out for the families. Our funding will help towards the cost of these trips.

Notes

13 GET ACTIVE WESTHOUGHTON.

Get Active Westhoughton is a youth focused project to deliver positive activities aimed at young people aged 13-19yrs. The aim is to encourage young people to divert away from antisocial activities and support them in their positive choices. Youth workers hold supervised activities enabling youths to engage in a more positive outlook. With funding we will be able to hire a mobile skate park and get it delivered to Westhoughton Central Park once a month.

Notes

14 WESTHOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL- PERFORMING ARTS.

Westhoughton High School has an enthusiastic group of students who love to entertain others, and especially the wider community, by taking part in school musicals and drama productions whether front or back stage. Our project would be to improve the quality of our presentations by purchasing new stage lights to enhance the lighting system we presently have which is quite old and limited.

Notes

15 WESTHOUGHTON ROTARY CLUB.

We are a friendly, welcoming club which is very active in many aspects of our local community, from events and competitions for young people to our annual St. George's party for senior citizens. We are best known for helping Santa to tour around the streets of Westhoughton for a couple of weeks before Christmas. Each year we hold a St Georges day party for senior citizens from Westhoughton. For a large number of participants this is the only chance to meet with old friends they may have known for years, the funding will be used to fund the event.

Notes

16 WESTHOUGHTON RANGERS UNDER 7'S

Westhoughton Rangers under 7's are 6-8 year olds that play in the Wigan league. The team is a great opportunity for local kids to learn about co-operation, about winning and losing and improving fitness-vital skills for long term wellbeing in our communities. The funding will supply new kits for the children along with a team building trip out.

Notes

17 WASHACRE FM.

Washacre FM is a community radio project that involves local people working together to produce and run an annual, week-long broadcast for the benefit of our local community. It airs a wide variety of community based shows that are well received by local people. It provides members of our community with the opportunity to be directly involved. We provide Westhoughton community with an informative insight in to what's happening in their town. The funding will go towards the studio hire, transmitter and Ariel along with technical equipment.

Notes

18 WASHACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

We would like to enable Year 6 pupils to attend a 3 day residential at Colomendy in Mold, Wales. Part of the residential is to build team building and community skills. Children who have taken part on the project before have gone onto work and support various local community groups. The life skills that children learn will stay with them as they progress into High School.

Notes

19 **WINGATES BAND**

Wingate's band is one of Britain's oldest and finest brass bands, having been founded in 1873, since when it has gained a national and international reputation, winning innumerable national championships and many other accolades. Wingate's is Westhoughton's most famous and most cherished cultural asset and has left a wonderful music legacy.

Notes

20 **GIANT GAMES LEARN AS YOU PLAY**

Our project is to improve an area of the school grounds that is rarely used. We would like to place 2 Giant Outdoor Games; 2 Mega 4 in a Line, 4 3D Noughts and Crosses, 2 Chess /draughts board with pieces. This facility will not only support Year 5 and 6 pupils from local primary schools to make an enjoyable and successful transition from primary to Year 7 secondary school but the whole school community. This project will encourage students to enjoy the outdoors while challenging their cognitive thinking skills.

Notes

21 WESTHOUGHTON AGE SUPPORT PROJECT (WASP)

The aim of the project is to promote the welfare of the elderly in Westhoughton and surrounding areas, by providing opportunities to improve the quality of life, and thereby enabling people living alone, to have regular social interaction. We deliver two weekly social events, held in The Winifred Kettle House or The John Holt Centre. At these sessions attendees may play bingo, dominos or just have refreshments and conversations. Funding will pay for 2015 Christmas Event.

Notes

22 TRY-GOLF FESTIVAL

As a community school we work closely with our local primary schools to develop sport and fitness from an early age. With participation in team sports declining and childhood obesity growing, it is essential that we find new ways to engage younger people in sports. Try-golf is a project mainly aimed at the younger, primary school members of the community to help individual personal development and team building skills, building confidence and pride in being part of a successful team at all ages.

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23 THE BETHEL CROWD AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

We stage at least two major productions each year. Our January pantomime is extremely well received by the Westhoughton community and surrounding areas and our Junior Productions give children and young people from the area, the opportunity to express themselves on stage and in public, in ways they may not be able to do so within their normal school activities, and in a safe and secure environment. Funding is needed to create portable screens to be used to enable separate and private costume changing facilities for adult males, adult females and male and female children.

Notes

Thank you for taking the time to take part in
this event.

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