



Chester-le-Street  
& District  
Area Action  
Partnership

Better for everyone

# Chester-le-Street & District Area Action Partnership

## **Annual Report**

# 2022/23



Councillor Elizabeth Scott

# Introduction

## Portfolio Holder Statement

As the Cabinet portfolio holder for Economy and Partnerships I am happy to say that the overview of the Area Action Partnerships falls under my remit.

Over the last 13 years AAPs have helped local community organisations to thrive through practical support and funding. 2022/23 has been no different. The 14 AAPs across County Durham have helped to fund over 230 projects through their Area Budgets allocating £2.6m to these good causes. This is making a massive difference when like the rest of us, local organisations are being adversely impacted by the continued long term impacts of the Covid pandemic and the cost of living crisis.

County Durham is a diverse place, and each AAP is led and directed by local people, councillors, and partners. This means they can adapt to local circumstances whether they be in Wingate or Westgate, Castleside or Coxhoe. This local engagement means AAPs are firmly rooted in, and valued by their communities.

Throughout County Durham AAP funding has supported a wide variety of projects including, youth work, mental health support, environmental projects, activities for older people, sports clubs, children's play, village halls and community centres, parish councils, community safety initiatives and employment schemes, just to name a few.

The AAPs also support myself and my fellow councillors in allocating our annual Neighbourhood Budget. The 126 County Councillors have allocated over £2.2m to over 820 local projects in County Durham over the past year, again supporting a wide range of local schemes.

As with any service, it is always good practice to consider if any improvements can be made. Having remained largely unchanged for the last 14 years, the need for an independent view as to how the service might be enhanced led to the recently completed community engagement review. While consultation is still ongoing on the proposals contained in the review, it comes as no surprise that the consultants found many strengths of the AAPs that we could build upon in the future.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of AAP Boards, fellow councillors, partner organisations, members of the public and the AAP staff. So, thank you one and all. The AAPs would not be the success they have been without your continued support.

### Councillor Elizabeth Scott,

Cabinet portfolio holder for Economy and Partnerships.



Fun Club at Live Well NorthEast



PALS at the movies

# Chester-le-Street & District Area Action Partnership 2022/23 Key Information



## FUNDING

**£167,374**

of Area Budget Fund allocated to 16 local projects

**£115,859**

of Area Budget match funding generated (£0.69 for every £1 allocated)

**£170,507**

of Councillor Neighbourhood Budget was allocated to 36 local groups/projects

**£21,532**

of Councillor Neighbourhood Budget Small Grants was distributed to 36 projects



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**2,372**

unique likes and engagements with the community through social media with 2,372 followers

**18** E-Bulletins produced

**19** Board Champion visits undertaken

**18** Task Group Meetings undertaken

**29** Holiday Activities with Healthy Food Initiatives supported



# Chester-le-Street & District Area Action Partnership

Established in 2009 the AAP brings together local people and partners to 'take action' on local issues.

The AAP is situated in the North of County Durham and incorporates the electoral divisions of: Chester-le-Street East, Chester-le-Street North, Chester-le-Street South, Chester-le-Street West/Central, Lumley, Sacriston, Pelton, North Lodge

Over the past operational year, the AAP's priorities moved from COVID Recovery back to priority-based project development through Task Groups. The AAP has worked to distribute funding to local organisations to help them to tackle issues within the AAP area.

## Welcome from the Chair

**Suzanne Jobson**, Karbon Homes – Partner Representative

2022/23 was another challenging year where the cost-of-living crisis undoubtedly had a big impact in our local communities. While responding to the crisis has been a priority for the AAP throughout 2022/23, we've also continued to address other important local priorities such as improving mental health and wellbeing, and reducing social isolation. Towns and Villages work is also gathering pace with some excellent schemes now approved that will make a real difference across our settlements.

2022/23 was also the year we said goodbye to two of our longest serving and most dedicated community advocates in Public Representative, Derek Briggs and County Councillor for Chester-le-Street East and Chair of Durham County Council, Beaty Bainbridge. Both were valued members of the Chester-le-Street community and will be much missed. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to each of them.

As I conclude my year as Chair, I am proud to leave the partnership in a strong position as we head into 2023/24, continuing to tackle important issues in the local community. All that remains is for me to say thank you once again to the Team, the Board Members and not least our local community for making 2022/23 another successful year for the AAP.



## Our People

Anyone who lives, works, studies or volunteers in the area can get involved with the Area Action Partnership. We currently have 300 members who are part of our wider forum who receive regular updates and who are invited to get involved in the work of the AAP. We also have a large following on social media pages.

Our Board is the decision-making body of the AAP. It is made up of local people, elected councillors and representatives from partner organisations.

Our Board Members for 2022/23 were:

CLlr Bill Moist

CLlr Alison Batey

CLlr Philip Heaviside

CLlr Craig Martin

CLlr Tracie Smith

CLlr Emma Waldock

CLlr Elsie Forrester (Parish Council Representative)

Derek Briggs / Howell Davies (Public Representatives)

Khaled Malki (Public Representative)

Aaron McCormack (Public Representative)

Clare Todd (Public Representative)

Janet Ford-Davidson (Public Representative)

Chris Hoy (Public Representative)

Mick Rodgers (Public Representative)

Joanne Malki (Chester-le-Street & District Business Association)

Graeme Carr (Fire and Rescue Service)

Inspector Lee Morris (Police)

Colin Stephenson (Primary Care Network)

Victoria Murray (until February 2023) / Mary Readman (Durham County Council)

Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes)

Ian Heaviside (Voluntary and Community Sector)

# 2022/23 Funding Allocation

<b>Area Budget</b>
DCC CYPS Durham Works - Durham Works AB Allocation: £9,706 – Match Funding: £0
Pelton Community Centre – Warm Packs (Welfare Reform) AB / WR Allocation: £13,140 – Match Funding: £440
Great Lumley Methodist Church – Heaven’s Kitchen AB Allocation: £5,050 – Match Funding: £3,500
North East Environment Network, trading as OASES - Climate Friendly Schools in Chester-le-Street AB Allocation: £35,272 – Match Funding: £1,900
Aspire Learning & Support – Fifty & Beyond (OPSIF) AB / OPSIF Allocation: £7,750 – Match Funding: £4,580
DCC CYPS Selby Cottage Childcare Centre – South Pelaw Community Hub (OPSIF) AB / OPSIF Allocation: £5,000 – Match Funding: £3,846
Bullion Community Resource Centre – Bullion Hall (OPSIF) AB / OPSIF Allocation: £6,000 – Match Funding: £15,875
Pelton Community Centre – Come Together (OPSIF) AB / OPSIF Allocation: £5,638 – Match Funding: £150
Sacriston Community Association – The Fulforth Centre, Older People’s Project (OPSIF) AB / OPSIF Allocation: £7,550 – Match Funding: £17,643
If U Care Share – Chester Cares and Shares AB Allocation: £14,690 – Match Funding: £2,547
Aspire Learning Support & Wellbeing – Aspire to Learn AB Allocation: £15,000 – Match Funding: £750
North East First Credit Union – Cost of Living AB Allocation: £5,114 – Match Funding: £0
Rape and Sexual Abuse Crisis Centre (RSACC) – Art Based Collaborative Project (Healthy Relationships) AB Allocation: £6,952 – Match Funding: £26,952
Sacriston Youth & Community Project – Healthy Minds (Healthy Relationships) AB / HR Allocation: £3,048 – Match Funding: £1,022
Durham Constabulary - Market Activity Week 2023/24 AB / YF Allocation: £20,000 – Match Funding: £34,000
<b>Holiday Activities with Healthy Food (HAWHF)</b>
<b>Easter 2022</b>
Pelton Fell Community Partnership – Youth Café HAWHF Allocated: £1,245 – Match Funding: £1,140
Pelton Community Centre – Easter 2022 Provision HAWHF Allocated: £1,243 – Match Funding: £305

Sacriston Youth & Community Project – Easter Holiday Provision HAWHF Allocated: £2,225 – Match Funding: £675
Selby Cottage Nursery – Easterfest HAWHF Allocated: £3,850 – Match Funding: £0
Cornerstones – Make Lunch Chester-le-Street HAWHF Allocated: £938 – Match Funding: £668
Live Well North East – Easter Holiday Club HAWHF Allocated: £3,245 – Match Funding: £12,646
The Craft Cabin – Easter Crafts HAWHF Allocated: £3,040 – Match Funding: £240
<b>Summer 2022</b>
Pelton Fell Community Partnership – The Youth Café HAWHF Allocated: £6,085 - Match Funding: £6,728
Cornerstones – Make Lunch Chester-le-Street HAWHF Allocated: £1,885 – Match Funding: £1,188
Chester-le-Street Swimming Club – Fit Food HAWHF Allocated: £5,461 – Match Funding: £1,475
Live Well North East – Summer Holiday Club HAWHF Allocated: £8,310 – Match Funding: £4,277
Sacriston Youth & Community Project – Holiday Club & Activities HAWHF Allocated: £4,180 – Match Funding: £1,880
<b>October 2022</b>
Pelton Fell Community Partnership – The Youth Café HAWHF Allocated: £923 – Match Funding: £950
Ouston Community Association – Half Term HAWHF HAWHF Allocated: £1,650 – Match Funding: £0
Live Well North East – October Holiday Project HAWHF Allocated: £2,441 – Match Funding: £670
Community Fitness – Food for Fitness HAWHF Allocated: £1,240 – Match Funding: £1,096
<b>Christmas 2022</b>
Pelton Fell Community Partnership – The Youth Café HAWHF Allocated: £1,463 – Match Funding: £2,430
The Craft Cabin – Christmas Crafts HAWHF Allocated: £1,660 – Match Funding: £0
Grange Villa Community Association HAWHF Allocated: £701 – Match Funding: £0
Cornerstones – Make Lunch Chester-le-Street HAWHF Allocated: £686 – Match Funding: £1,174
Community Fitness – Food for Fitness HAWHF Allocated: £2,044 – Match Funding: £270

<b>February 2023</b>
Pelton Fell Community Partnership – The Youth Café HAWHF Allocated: £1,440 – Match Funding: £693
Live Well North East – February Holiday Provision HAWHF Allocated: £1,889 – Match Funding: £818
Community Fitness – Food for Fitness HAWHF Allocated: £1,748 – Match Funding: £0
Park View Community Centre – February Half Term Holiday Camp HAWHF Allocated: £1,920 – Match Funding: £100
Sacriston Youth & Community Project – Half Term Minis & Juniors Holiday Club HAWHF Allocated: £500 – Match Funding: £580
Durham Area Youth – Half Term – Great Lumley HAWHF Allocated: £918 – Match Funding: £117
Ouston Community Association – Half Term Holiday Activities – February 2023. HAWHF Allocated: £765 – Match Funding: £0
<b>Towns and Villages</b>
DCC Clean & Green – Sacriston Multi Site Play Space Improvements T&V Allocated - £22,085
DCC Clean & Green – North Lodge Pocket Park Refurbishment T&V Allocated - £10,400
DCC Highways – Waldrige Village Traffic and Parking Scheme T&V Allocated - £26,700
DCC Clean & Green – Sacriston Multi Site Play Space Improvements T&V Allocated - £22,085 - Match Funding: £23,800
DCC Clean & Green – North Lodge Pocket Park Refurbishment - T&V Allocated - £10,400 - Match Funding: £8,600
DCC Highways – Waldrige Village Traffic and Parking Scheme T&V Allocated - £26,700 - Match Funding: £15,000
<b>Neighbourhood Budget</b>
DCC Bereavement Services – Ropery Lane Cemetery Improvements NB Allocation: £1,003 – Match Funding: £0
North Lodge Remembrance Group – Defibrillator at Wheatsheaf Pub NB Allocation: £2,027 – Match Funding: £0
Bournmoor Cricket Club – CCTV NB Allocation: £3,500 – Match Funding: £0
Durham Pride UK - Durham Pride Event 2022 NB Allocation: £450 – Match Funding: £0
Sacriston Youth Project – Woodcraft Project NB Allocation: £7,000 – Match Funding: £0

# 2022/23 Funding Allocation

DCC Neighbourhoods - Hilda Park, Chester-le-Street - Layby Extension NB Allocation: £10,389 – Match Funding: £0
Durham Miners Association Brass Band - Notting Hill Gala Cultural Exchange NB Allocation: £300 – Match Funding: £750
Park View School – Supporting Mental Health at Park View School NB Allocation: £6,000 – Match: £4,716
Chester-le-Street & District Athletics Club – High Jump Bed NB Allocation: £4,381 – Match Funding: £0
Durham Constabulary – Market Activity Week 2022 NB Allocation: £5,300 – Match Funding: £0
Burnmoor Cricket Lawn Tennis & Football Club – Burnmoor Cricket Club Summer Festival NB Allocation: £2,000 – Match Funding: £150
Pelton Fell Community Partnership – Proms in the Park NB Allocation: £1,850 – Match Funding: £455
Pelton Community Centre - Summer 2022 Pelton Community Centre NB Allocation: £5,299 – Match Funding: £50
Sacriston Community Association - The Fulforth Centre - Revitalisation of Kitchen Facilities NB Allocation: £2,841 – Match Funding: £2,914
DCC Neighbourhoods – Planters for Chester West NB Allocation: £9,293 – Match Funding: £0
North Lodge Remembrance Group – Remembrance Poppies 2022 NB Allocation: £3,386 – Match Funding: £0
Live Well North-East – Boxing Club Capital Renovation NB Allocation: £9,806 – Match Funding: £0
DCC Neighbourhoods – Camperdown Pocket Park Refurbishment NB Allocation: £2,900 – Match Funding: £11,642
DCC Neighbourhoods – Seating – Edmondsley NB Allocation: £2,769 – Match Funding: £0
Bullion Community Resource Centre – Replace and Replenish NB Allocation: £1,005 – Match Funding: £200
Park View School – CAD CAM Initiative NB Allocation: £4,577 – Match Funding: £0
DCC Neighbourhoods – Public Seating Chester-le-Street South NB Allocation: £5,516 – Match Funding: £0
DCC Neighbourhoods – Glanton Close Street Lighting NB Allocation: £2,781 – Match Funding: £0

DCC Neighbourhoods – Bournmoor Play Area Improvements NB Allocation: £13,056 – Match Funding: £0
DCC Neighbourhoods – Picnic Benches – Burns Green and Seating at Riverside Park NB Allocation: £3,472 – Match Funding: £0
DCC Neighbourhoods – Elmway & The Glens Play Space Refurbishment NB Allocation: £12,643 – Match: £5,322
DCC Neighbourhoods – Urpeth Grange Play Area Transfer to DCC NB Allocation: £10,000 – Match Funding: £16,750
DCC Neighbourhoods - Jubilee Close, Edmondsley - Installation of 2 no. handrails NB Allocation: £6,550 – Match Funding: £0
Pelton Fell Community Partnership – Brockwell Brunch NB Allocation: £1,047 – Match Funding - £0
Fence Houses Community Centre – Funding Consultant NB Allocation: £3,000 – Match Funding: £0
DCC Neighbourhoods – Benches for Chester West NB Allocation: £2,397 – Match Funding: £0
Sacriston Youth Project – Talk it Out NB Allocation: £1,022 – Match Funding: £3,048
DCC Neighbourhoods – Ouston – The Brooms Play Space Refurbishment NB Allocation: £12,797 – Match Funding: £0
1507 (Chester-le-Street) Royal Air Force Air Cadets – STEM Project NB Allocation: £3,000 – Match Funding: £180
DCC Neighbourhoods - Chester-le-Street South - Waldrige Village Parking/Traffic Circulation NB Allocation: £6,150 – Match Funding: £36,700
Bullion Community Resource Centre – Ambient Temperatures NB Allocation: £1,000 – Match Funding: £8
<b>Neighbourhood Budget Small Grant Allocations</b>
1st Great Lumley Guides – Support Costs NBSG Allocation: £999 – Match Funding: £0
Central Residents Association – Room Hire & Admin Costs NBSG Allocation: £100 – Match Funding: £0
Sacriston Youth Project – Jubilee Fun Day NBSG Allocation: £999 – Match Funding - £0
Chester-le-Street ASC – Lifeguard Certificates NBSG Allocation: £780 – Match Funding: £0
Chester-le-Street CofE Primary School – Outdoor Equipment NBSG Allocation: £400 – Match Funding: £150

Waldrige Village Craft Class – Crafting Materials NBSG Allocation: £500 – Match Funding: £0
Chester-le-Street Methodist Church – CCTV Recorder NBSG Allocation: £558 – Match Funding: £0
Platinum Jubilee Swimathon – Rotary Club of Chester-le-Street NBSG Allocation: £493 – Match Funding: £0
DCC Neighbourhoods – Northlands Roundabout Christmas Tree Lights 2022 NBSG Allocation: £954 – Match Funding: £0
Selby Cottage Childcare Centre – Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party NBSG Allocation: £200 – Match Funding: £800
EMDUK (Keep Fit Association) – Panorama of Movement and Dance NBSG Allocation: £500 – Match Funding: £70
Chester-le-Street Cricket Club – Queens Jubilee – NASUWT Band NBSG Allocation: £500 – Match Funding: £0
Grange Villa Residents Association – Platinum Jubilee Village Party NBSG Allocation: £300 – Match Funding: £900
Chester-le-Street Camera Club – Replacement Digital Projector NBSG Allocation: £800 – Match Funding: £49
DCC - Durham & CLS School Sports Partnership – Durham Dash Event Costs NBSG Allocation: £750 – Match Funding: £0
Bullion Community Resource Centre – Boiler at Bullion Hall NBSG Allocation: £999 – Match Funding: £376
Garden Farm & West Lane RA – Cuppa, Chat & Bingo for Vulnerable People NBSG Allocation: £200 – Match Funding: £0
Garden Farm & West Lane RA – Gardening Equipment, Know How and Environment for Nursery Children NBSG Allocation: £800 – Match Funding: £0
Waldrige Parish Council – Winter Lunch Groups NBSG Allocation: £993 – Match Funding: £0
Little Lumley Parish Council – Planting NBSG Allocation: £999 – Match Funding: £501
Community Fitness Chester-le-Street – Food for Fitness NBSG Allocation: £999 – Match Funding: £1,241
DCC Clean & Green – Queens Jubilee Rose Garden NBSG Allocation: £899 – Match Funding: £100
Durham Hospitals Radio - Technical Updates Studio 3 and Windows 11 NBSG Allocation: £100 – Match Funding: £1,808



# 2022/23 Funding Allocation

Ouston Community Association – Fun & Food – Children’s Books NBSG Allocation: £375 – Match Funding: £0
Durham Constabulary – Mobile Christmas Grotto NBSG Allocation: £999 – Match Funding: £1,001
DCC Clean & Green – Plawsworth Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting NBSG Allocation: £230 – Match Funding: £600
Durham Christian Partnership – Community Christmas Dinner NBSG Allocation: £250 – Match Funding: £0
Garden Farm & West Lane Residents Association – Christmas Dinner for Elderly & Vulnerable Residents NBSG Allocation: £200 – Match Funding: £0
DCC Safer Neighbourhoods – Robertson Court – CCTV NBSG Allocation: £500 – Match Funding: £0
Cornerstones Centre for the Community – Reach for the Stars NBSG Allocation: £999 – Match Funding: £501
Selby Cottage Childcare Centre – Warm Space – South Pelaw NBSG Allocation: £999 – Match Funding: £0
DCC Clean & Green – Jubilee Tree Planting – Riverside Park NBSG Allocation: £100 – Match Funding: £260
DCC Clean & Green – Trees for Kingsmere NBSG Allocation: £569 – Match Funding: £0
Parkrun – Safety Equipment NBSG Allocation: £490 – Match Funding: £0
Pelton Community Association – 50th Birthday NBSG Allocation: £999 – Match Funding: £3,434
Ouston Community Association – 50th Birthday NBSG Allocation: £999 – Match Funding: £601

Neighbourhood Budget is an allocation of £19,400 (£14,000 capital and £5,400 revenue) that each County Councillor receives year on year to support community projects. The funding process is supported by the AAP team.

In 2021/22 Councillors were centrally allocated £10,000 each from the Town & Villages Fund, which would form part of their NB allocation. This was allocated in the first year of term, to be used any time over their term of office. This allocation is separate to their main NB allocation and is dealt with by the Town & Villages Team.

The projects listed above have been supported by County Councillors Beaty Bainbridge, Alison Batey, Alan Bell, Karen Fantarrow-Darby, Philip Heaviside, Simon Henig, Craig Martin, Bill Moist, Paul Pringle, Paul Sexton, Tracie Smith, Emma Waldock, Simon Wilson and Danny Wood.

Information on which projects individual Councillors have supported can be found on the Durham County Council website <https://www.durham.gov.uk/>



Afternoon tea event



Cornerstones



AgeUk Curling at Bullion Hall



DurhamWorks



Live Well North East

# The Difference We Have Made



## Aspire – 50 and Beyond

A women's only project, developed to provide women from the area with the opportunity to share experiences and support one another. Sessions were aimed at women over the age of 50 living in the Chester-le-Street AAP area and typically include a guest speaker and some gentle exercise, as well as an opportunity for information sharing and socialising. At least 30 women from the local area have received support through this project to date. This is one of five initiatives supported by the AAP this year to address social isolation, others include activities at Bullion Hall, Pelton, Sacriston and South Pelaw.



## Warm Packs

The AAP responded to the cost-of-living crisis by providing funding for warm packs containing items such as hot water bottles and blankets for those most in need during winter 2022/23. 480 warm packs were distributed via community venues across the AAP area, providing an important resource to those unable to heat their homes adequately during the winter months. This was one of several initiatives funded by the AAP during this year to help respond to the cost-of-living crisis, other projects included the provision of financial surgeries through NE First Credit Union to help mitigate against illegal money lending and providing support to Heaven's Kitchen based in Great Lumley to allow them to increase their capacity to respond to the growing demand for food provision in the local community.



## Activity Week

Activity Week is a free to participate, five-day event held in August during the summer holidays, delivered in partnership with Durham Constabulary. Activities such as climbing walls, face painting, bucking bronco and ping ball shooting ranges are all designed to build relationships between young people and agencies such as the Police and Fire & Rescue so they can convey important messages around crime and community safety. The event has recently received funding for an 11th year in 2023 and a 12th year in 2024. It is estimated that 10,000 people attended the event in 2022.

## Contact Details

Chester-le-Street & District Area Action Partnership  
Durham County Council  
One Point Hub  
Burns Green  
Chester-le-Street DH3 3QH



Tel: 03000 266 147

Email: [chester-le-streetaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:chester-le-streetaap@durham.gov.uk)

[www.durham.gov.uk/chesterlestreetaap](http://www.durham.gov.uk/chesterlestreetaap)

 Chester-le-Street and District Area Action Partnership