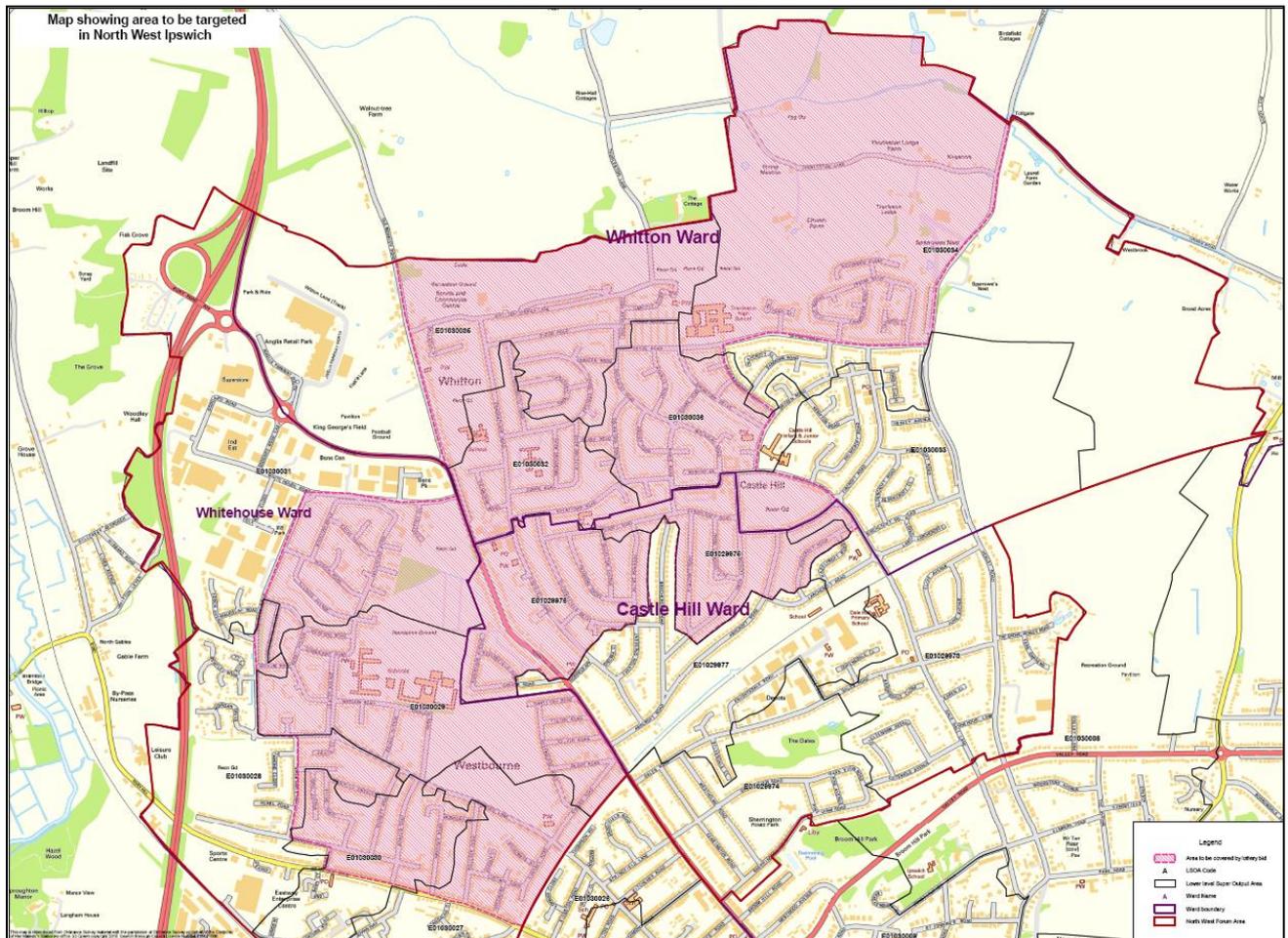


North West Ipswich Big Local Trust Partnership (NWI BLTP)



Big Local Plan (2020-25)

(Below): A map showing the areas targeted by the NWI BLT – known as the “Pink Area.”



What is the North West Ipswich Big Local Trust?

- We are a group of residents living in Whitton, Whitehouse, and Castle Hill.
- In 2011, we were given £1million to spend on the North West Ipswich. community.



Image: North West Ipswich Big Local Trust logo.

North West Ipswich Area

Our project covers parts of Whitehouse, Whitton, and Castle Hill (see the front cover for the map). It doesn't follow the ward boundaries, so it is referred to as North West Ipswich because some areas are considered more deprived than others, divided by Norwich Road. Nevertheless, we continue working to encourage people to see this as less of a barrier and more of a bridge.

What is Big Local?

Funded through an award programme by the Big Lottery, Big Local supports 150 neighbourhoods in England, providing each of them with just over £1 million to spend over ten years to make their areas 'an even better place to live.' The programme is managed by Local Trust, an independent charity set up in 2012 to oversee and support the programme.



Image: Local Trust & Big Local logos.

About our Big Local Partnership

Our Big Local Partnership currently has thirteen voting members. Seventeen are NWI residents, and we also have an Associated Member who has a vote. In addition, we can have up to eleven advisory members from other organisations who do not have a vote. Currently, three elected councillors for our area participate in an advisory capacity. Some members have been involved since the start in 2011, and most of us have been committed for several years.

Partnership Members (as of June 2021)

Isla Baker
Tracey Dockery
Lorraine Ganuszko (Chair)

Betty Howes
Ron Impey
Rebecca Jackaman (Secretary)
Bob Lucas (Vice-Chair)
Joe Louis
Maggi Lucas
Pat Prior
Marion Ransby
Stewart Setter

Local Trust Rep

Jan Stobart

Associate Member

David Goldsmith

Advisors

Councillor Tracey Grant – Whitehouse Ward
Councillor Darren Heaps – Whitton Ward
Councillor Sam Murray – Castle Hill Ward
Sandra Irvine – Asda
Julie Stokes - ActivLives
Jim Manning – Whitton Youth Partnership

Locally Trusted Organisation

Ray Boggis
Garath Jones

Who is our Locally Trusted Organisation?

Our LTO is Castle Hill Community Centre Trust, a community resource based in our area. We plan to continue to work with them as our LTO for the remainder of the Big Local programme.



Image: Castle Hill Community Centre

So, what have we achieved so far?

- The skate park in Whitehouse park is a safe space for young people to meet and enjoy themselves.
- The Friday Friends Dementia Hub in Whitehouse offers an opportunity for social interaction, local support and offers stimulating activities for older people living with dementia and their carers.
- The Lottie Shed at Whitton Allotments is an ideal meeting place – and excellent cover from the elements!
- We ran a very successful Dog Show at Castle Hill park in 2017, 2018, and 2019 and hope to do so again when COVID restrictions allow it.
- We have a Community Garden at Castle Hill Allotments with sessions running on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.
- We funded a Friendly Bench at Castle Hill Community Centre, another open space available for local events.
- Fresh Food Fridays provided fresh produce for struggling families during the first few lockdowns.
- We also support the Community Pantry based at Castle Hill Community Centre.



Image Description (above):
Some friends and members of NWI BLT Partnership pose around the Friendly Bench in Castle Hill Community Centre (September 2020).

So, what's next?

We have developed a new plan for the last four years of our project.

Our three priorities

1) Physical health and mental wellbeing

Projects can include:

- Any post-COVID work, improving open spaces and activities that bring the community together.

Please note – some are continuing projects with a new value in the current climate, such as a book club.

- More of a focus for our small grants.
- Some of these activities will focus on older people who have been badly affected by isolation and cannot use technology as a substitute for social and community activities.

2) Supporting young people

Future work can include:

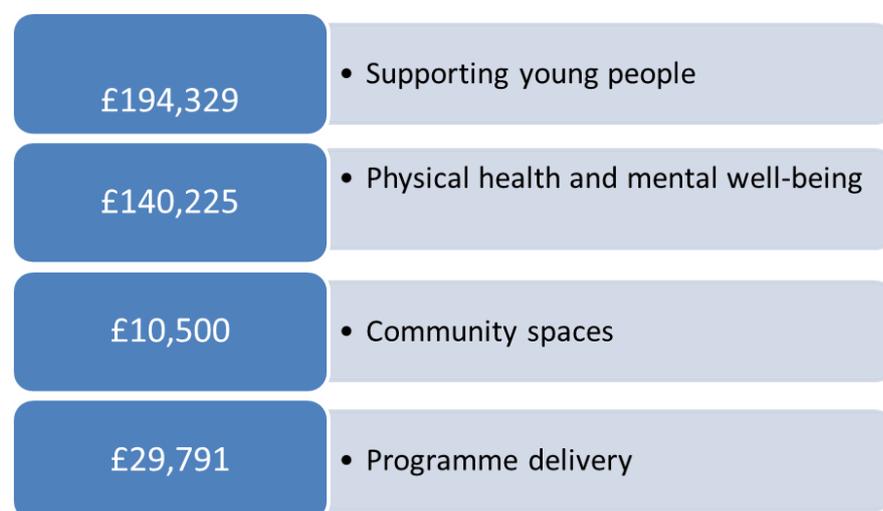
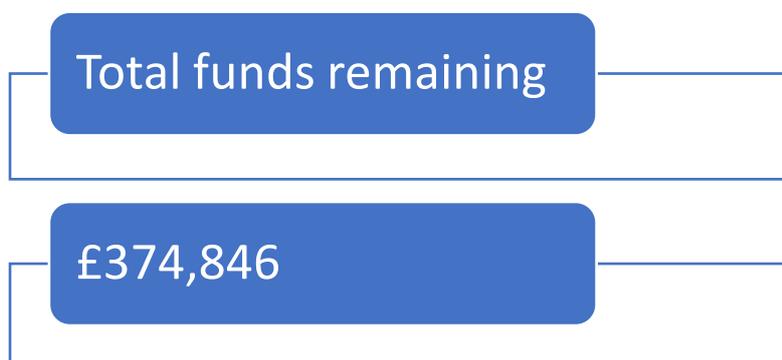
- Expanding existing support into new areas
- Finding spaces to operate new services
- Working with schools
- Helping young people to become more employable.

3) Community spaces

Members agreed that they wanted to address community spaces, but there wasn't a consensus on how we wanted to do it. To resolve this, we have allocated some money to test out some of our ideas. In addition, some money has been allocated to developing some community spaces, under the assumption that we will fundraise from other sources.

Our costed vision

(What we plan to do with our remaining money)



Our action plan – from 2021 to 2025

Priorities	2021-2	2022-3	2023-4	2024-5	Total
Young people					
Vocational training	£14,000	£14,000	£14,000		£42,000
Youth support	£30,070	£30,070	£30,070	30,070	£120,280
Learning support programme	£4,930	£9,862	£9,861	£7,396	£32,049
Well-being					
Grants programme	£20,000	£20,000	£20,000		£60,000
Communication	£5,000	£5,000	£3,000	£1,500	£14,500
Improving outdoor spaces	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£7,000	£37,000
Community events	£3,000	£1,500	£1,500	£3,000	£9,000
Friday Friends	£11,535	£8,190			£19,725

Community spaces					
Research into community spaces	£4,500				£4,500
Developing community spaces			£6,000		£6,000
Programme delivery					
Admin support	£7,500	£7,500	£7,500	£7,291	£29,791
Total	£110,535	£106,122	£101,931	£56,257	£374,845

So, how will we deliver our plan?

Existing projects:

Activity	Why?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whitton Youth Partnership delivers our young people's project – we have committed to funding this work until March 2022. 	We did not want to risk having a gap between the two programmes. Our plan commits to providing support for young people until 2025.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ActivLives deliver Friday Friends – we have also committed to funding this activity until December 2022. 	We wanted this project to continue providing support during the lockdown. Therefore, Friday Friends will be eligible for support in our grants programme.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Support Partnership – this project has committed funding until 2025 	It is a project we agreed to fund during our last plan period. It has taken a long time to start up, but we still want to commit to delivering this project. We will need to review the delivery of this project and identify any likely underspends that will need to be re-allocated.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admin support 	We needed admin support for our current work during the change from our last plan to our next one and have committed to this budget for the remainder of the Big Local project. We will continue to access this through our Locally Trusted Organisation.

New projects:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocational training for young people 	We have already spoken to vocational training providers and Westbourne Academy about delivering this project.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth support 	<p>As already stated, we have committed to funding Whitton Youth Partnership to continue to deliver the same service for a further year. During the coming year, we will ensure that the service meets the needs of all parts of the NWI area as defined in the funding agreement.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants programme 	<p>We have managed a small grants scheme in the past and will continue to build on that experience. We want to enable local groups to support the health and wellbeing of residents, in particular, to meet the needs identified as a result of the coronavirus lockdowns. We also aim to help projects learn new skills in fundraising etc.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication 	<p>Our project aims to communicate better with residents, letting them know what services and support they can access in their area. It will also enable us to promote our Big Local activities, but we can also signpost people to other services. We will achieve this through our social media platforms, but we also want to erect some community noticeboards in the area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving outdoor spaces 	<p>From our consultation, there has been strong support for improving our outdoor spaces. During the lockdowns, people have been more dependent on local parks and open spaces, so they want to see more facilities (e.g. outdoor gym equipment, litter picking, and replicating our Friendly Bench. We will have more conversations with residents and stakeholders such as the council before deciding how best to invest our money.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community events 	<p>Local people will want to get together as soon as possible after the coronavirus lift restrictions. We have plans to run a series of events in the last plan period, based on some of the successes in previous years (such as the Dog Show) and whatever events our partnership members decide to deliver to celebrate being able to come together again. We may be optimistic in budgeting this for later in 2021, but we would like to hope that this will be possible.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researching community spaces 	<p>We have previously funded some research into available spaces in our area. A further investigation will map the existing spaces against the current needs of community groups.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing community spaces 	<p>Depending on the research outcomes (see above), we will work with other partners to see how we can meet and fill these local needs. We have some ideas of our own and have invested some money to use with other funding.</p>

Our Legacy

What will be our impact?

- Young people in our area with raised aspirations and the proper support to achieve their goals.
- Older and vulnerable people in our area who are less isolated.
- People from all parts of the community maintaining or improving their physical and mental wellbeing.
- More people in our area participate in social or community activities with more awareness of their available options.

These impacts will help achieve our original vision: **To bring real improvements to the community and the lives of people living in it!**