

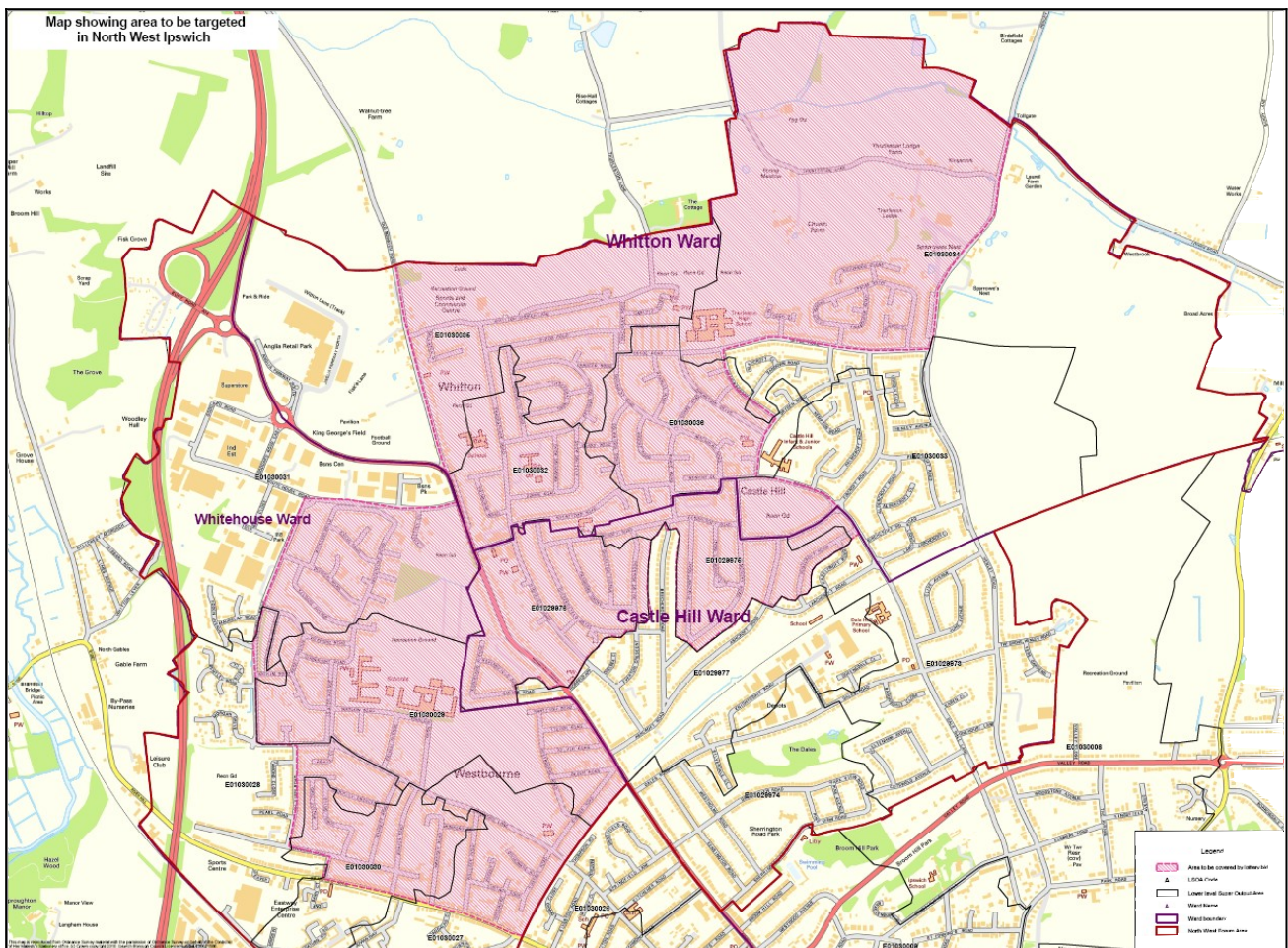


North West Ipswich

Big Local Trust Partnership

(NWI BLTP)

Interim Big Local Plan
1st June 2023 to 31st March 2024



Introduction

What is Big Local?

It is a Community Fund programme, managed by Local Trust, to support 150 areas across England. Each area receives advice and support to make it 'an even better place to live', underpinned by over £1million of lottery funding. Each area forms a partnership of local people who create a Big Local Plan, setting out how the funding will be spent. All funds must be spent by March 2026.

The Partnership

North West Ipswich Big Local is managed by a partnership comprising 10 resident / associate members and 3 advisory members. The partnership meets monthly to oversee delivery of the Big Local Plan. The partnership is supported by a Locally Trusted Organisation (LTO) which holds the funds on its behalf. The partnership will be working with Eastern Regional Training as their LTO for this plan.

Who is Eastern Regional Training?

Eastern Region Training is a local organisation that specialise in delivering Construction, Healthcare, Manufacturing and Management Training across East Anglia. As well as working with adults they provide specialised courses for students at local schools and Academies. The management is very interested in becoming more involved in local community activities.

This Interim Big Local Plan

This Plan is for the period 1st June 2023 to 31st March 2024 to enable NWIBLT to continue to deliver on its previous plan, through a new LTO. The priorities and projects are broadly the same as the previous plan. This period will also enable the partnership to undertake a programme of community engagement and work with ERT on creation of a new plan to spend out the remaining Big Local Funds.

Legacy Statement

We have already started to create a legacy for our Big Local area. Our previous activities and the things we want to do next are leaving a legacy of Big Local in our area.

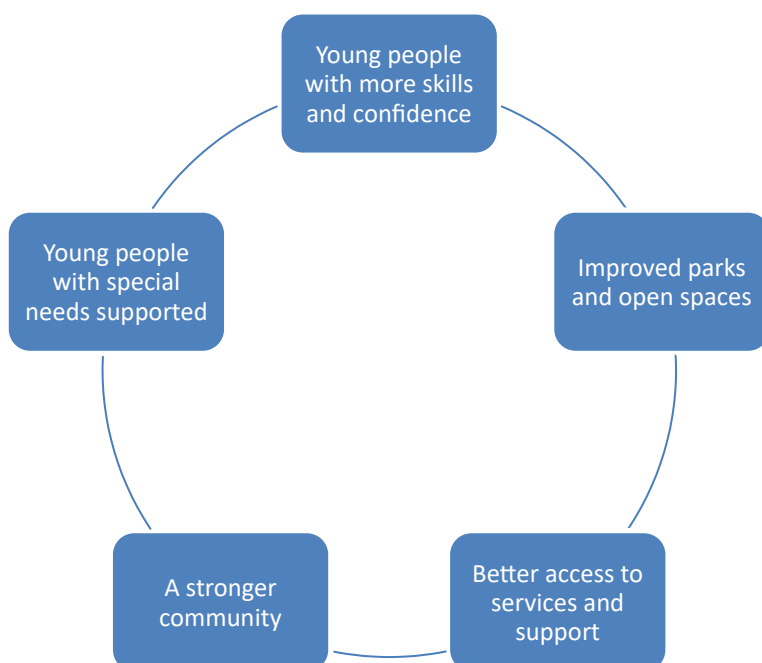
As a partnership we have gained knowledge and skills to help get things done. We have built lasting relationships between groups of active residents and our elected councillors, council officers, local voluntary groups, schools and local businesses. We have also supported new groups to set up and existing groups to grow to help people in our area.

We built a skate park in response to what young people in our area said they wanted, and we have continued to work with young people to help them to identify how they want to change the area and are helping them to take steps to do this.

We have set up a range of resources and activities to bring people together: a book club, a friendly bench, support services for people with dementia, a community garden, a craft group, upgrading community buildings – all of these are giving people the opportunity to meet and talk, to support their neighbours and strengthen the community.

We built the Lottie Shed, a new resource for people working on local allotments and now being used for a wide range of community activities.

The following illustration shows the legacy we will be creating in the final years of the Big Local Programme, building on what we have already achieved.



Costed Vision

Our vision is to bring real improvements to the community and to the lives of people living in it.

The activities in this plan will achieve the following outcomes:

- More residents can set up and run activities;
- More residents can find out about and access other services;
- The outdoor spaces are improved, and more people are using them to improve their health and well-being;
- More residents can build and maintain support networks and activities that maintain their physical health and mental well-being;
- Facilities for young people are established and well-used;
- There is an established 'after Big Local' network that will continue to support the area.

Our impact will be:

Young people in our area have raised aspirations and have received support in achieving their goals.

Older and vulnerable people in our area are less isolated and people from all parts of the community have maintained or improved their physical health and mental well-being.

More people in our area have participated in social or community activities and will be aware of the options open to them.

PRIORITIES	Jun to Sept	Oct to Dec	Jan to Mar	Total
Young People	5000	12500	12500	30000
Well Being	3400	2750	2750	8900
Community Spaces	2000	5000	8000	15000
Grants Scheme	0	2500	2500	5000
Partnership Support	5700	13150	13150	32000
	16100	35900	38900	90900

Priorities

Young People

We will undertake community and stakeholder engagement to identify local needs and gaps in service provision. The information that we gather will be used to write a brief and seek a third-party delivery partner.

Well Being

We will continue to deliver our volunteer led projects for which we have our own insurance (recently renewed for 12 months).

- Community Garden – the therapeutic garden improves mental health and wellbeing. We will purchase plants, seeds, compost, tools etc for the garden and invest in larger scale projects to improve the site.
- Craft Activities – we will continue to run activities to reduce social isolation. It will be possible to increase provision with the support of the community engagement worker.
- Friendly Bench – events will continue to be held at the Friendly bench in partnership with local organisations. We will invest in a water butt to assist with plant care at Castle Hill Community Centre.
- Community Events – We will hold events for all the family. We have plans for a Dog Show, Christmas Fayre and Easter Event.
- Social Emergency Fund – We will purchase equipment and provisions for individuals and families in crisis, through referrals from local delivery partners.

Open Space

We will continue our conversations with Ipswich Borough Council (IBC) about improvements to local recreation grounds and about re-purposing the toilet block at Whitehouse Park. If the council agrees to work with us, we can commission feasibility studies and / or designs for these improvements. Progress with these projects is conditional upon support from IBC.

Grant Scheme

Once our new worker is in post, we will relaunch our Community Chest Grants Programme. The maximum grant per organisation will be £500.

Partnership Support

With the support of Peas in a Pod, we will recruit a community development worker to undertake engagement and deliver our grants programme, as well as supporting the partnership. The community engagement undertaken over the next few months will inform the creation of our final Big Local Plan. We will engage a Plan writer to help us with this.

ACTION PLAN

Projects	Jun to Sept	Oct to Dec	Jan to Mar	Total
Youth Project	5000	12500	12500	30000
Total Young People	5000	12500	12500	30000
Community Garden	1500	1000	1000	3500
Craft Activities	200	150	150	500
Friendly Bench	300	300	300	900
Community Events	1000	1000	1000	3000
Social Emergency Fund	400	300	300	1000
Total Well Being	3400	2750	2750	8900
Research/Feasibility/Design	2000	5000	8000	15000
Total Community Spaces	2000	5000	8000	15000
Community Chest	0	2500	2500	5000
Total Grant Scheme	0	2500	2500	5000
Staff costs	2000	9000	9000	20000
Staff Supervision (LTO cost)	500	1000	1000	2500
IT equipment	2500	0	0	2500
Staff base in NWI area	0	1000	1000	2000
Plan Writer	0	1500	1500	3000
Publicity and promotion	500	500	500	1500
Partnership meeting costs	200	150	150	500
Total Partnership support	5700	13150	13150	32000
Totals	16100	35900	38900	90900