

To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership

On: 9 May 2023

Report by:

Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:

Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership in 2022/23 and current budget position is attached as an appendix to this report.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report for 2022/23 be noted.

3. Feedback From 2022/23 Grant Recipients

3.1 Feedback on the use of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership funding allocated in 2022/23 was received from four organisations as follows.

Appendix 1

Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23

General Grant Fund £ 48,165 (net of Members expenses)

Total Funding Awards £48,159.19

Carry Forward to 2023/24 £3,170.81 (returned by Linwood Community

Council over two years)

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded £	Paid £
FR1045	Youth Interventions	£2,848.48	£2,848.48
	Linwood Community	£2,679.75	£2,679.75
FR1063	Council		
FR1079	CREATE Paisley	£2,012.79	£2,012.79
FR1082	Active Communities	£3,910.45	£3,910.45
	Renfrewshire Rainbow	£1,588	£1,588
FR1091	Buddies		
	Thorn Athletic	£1,786.50	£1,786.50
FR1101	Community Trust		
FR1103	Own Yer Bike	£1,288.40	£1,288.40
FR1107	Fordbank Scout Group	£2,458.80	£2,458.80
	Spateston Community	£1,965.15	£1,965.15
	Development Trust		
FR1109	SCIO		
	Renfrewshire Model	£1,000	£1,000
FR1116	Railway Club		
FR1117	Johnstone Band	£3,966.03	£3,966.03
	Brick Lane Music	£3,812.39	£3,812.39
FR1125	Academy	00.000	22.2
FR1130	Breastfeeding Network	£3,972	£3,972
	Johnstone Business	£3,812.79	£3,812.79
FR1140	Consortium	0=00	0=00
FR1141	Lamont Farm Project	£500	£500
	Cochrane Castle Halls	£3,043.24	£3,043.24
ED 4450	Management		
FR1153	Association	00.044.40	00.044.40
FR1160	AUTASTIC CLUB	£3,941.42	£3,941.42
ED4464	Paisley and District	£794	£794
FR1164	Battalion – Boys Brigade	00.770	00.770
FR1173	Kickin' On	£2,779	£2,779
Total	1	£48,159.19	£48,159.19

Feedback From Applications Awarded Grants In 2022/23

22/23 Local Partnership Feedback

Section 1

Organisation Name	Active Communities			

Section 2

Project Name	Feel Good Johnstone
Total Amount Received	£3910

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

- -Taking pride in the look and feel of our towns
- -What's on in Johnstone
- -Community Safety
- -Tackling isolation & loneliness
- -Health & wellbeing
- -Intergenerational work

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

We ran a programme of free weekly health and wellbeing activities accessible to the community. A list of which include:

Gardening Group

Holistic Self Care

Friday Drop in

Crotchet Group

Singing Buddies

Musical Tots (in partnership with Brick Lane)

Mindfulness

Music Café (in partnership with Brick Lane)

Men Meet (in partnership with ROAR)

Women only Break-xercise

Section 3 – Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

July 2022-March 2023 There were 2196 attendances across these 9 weekly groups.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

People are involved in activities which will improve their health & wellbeing

Increased number of people involved in health and wellbeing activities –

Provision of a safe, friendly and affordable local community space & activities –

Reduced health inequalities -

Reduced loneliness& isolation -

Local people are empowered to take ownership for their local community & affect change

Comments:

"I enjoy coming along to the crochet group as it helps my mental health and motivation being with likeminded individuals and chatting. It is comfortable and welcoming. I bring my daughter along with me and we are made welcome, and I look forward to it every week. "

"Good to see new faces. Nowhere else in the area with such a group. Very welcoming to everyone, includes new people."

"Good fun, have a laugh, emotional ride – can have a tear with the association of music. Companionship. "

"I have been coming to the group since it started. I look forward every week to meet up with the ladies. It is a lively group we chatter all the time and I have made some lovely friends which helps my mental health issues."

"The group help increase my mood from depression – it is a happy place to come to leave relaxed. After enjoying the class: knowledge fun & laughter"

"Go in feeling so-so, come out in fits of laughter. It's a buzz"

Project Name Renfrewshire: Rainbow Buddies Toddlers

Total Amount Received £1588.00

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet

-We have successfully done the following priorities engaged families to feel part of a local community being provided in a safe and welcoming environment providing a healthy snack for all attendees.

We have done local partnership working with local emergency services coming to visit and also discussing ways in which we can be safer in the community.

We engaged the most vulnerable to attend, providing essential support and items they require to feel included understood and safe, as through doing toddlers families who don't have a school/ nursery age child due to covid and virtual calls these families where missed/ not know what help is available and how to obtain this support if it was required.

We would ensure there were no financial barriers to people accessing our range of sessions.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

We managed to supply a massive range of new toys which allowed us to replace the damaged toys which had been damaged/ mouldy due to covid and being in the cellar for a number of years untouched.

All volunteers where disclosure scotland checked and achieved training for health and safety/ first aid including Pediatric First Aid training.

We managed to ensure there was no exclusion to families for financial difficulties as well as allow us to pay for hall hire/ the families weekly payments who were struggling. Providing a much varied health snack for both Parent/Guardian and Children.

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project? (If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

From receiving the funding we have managed to engage 149 families which consisted of 1 parent and between 1 and 3 children, we have a higher turnover of children between August and February due to children being accepted into nursery 1 month after their 3rd birthday. We also managed to engage 4 childminders who come with 3 children per adult. We have 5 volunteers who are the face of the toddlers and do all the running of this. We also can see the same child for the 3 days we run so they attend on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning

How did your project benefit people in the community? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

It allowed children to come to a safe, secure welcoming environment to promote play and parental engagement through interacting with their children as well as form friendships with other peers.

It is a social aspect for the parents/ guardians to feel part of a community. We managed to get a number of isolated parents/carers to attend without having to worry with financial barriers.

Comments from 1 gran is 'Was a fun time coming to toddlers the children was excited to play with there new toys'

Comment from Mum 'It's a great Group I feel so much happier bring Sienna now I know she's safe in the new baby area'

Comment from care provider 'Great wee group love taking the kids'

Comment from Family 'Great to see some new people coming too from further afield than Johnstone met some lovely mums and grans through the group it's gave me some friends that will hopefully last a lifetime'

Organisation	Thorn Athletic Community Trust
Name	

Project Name	Club Growth Programme
Total Amount Received	£ 1786.50

The activities we carried out as a result if the grant funding were targeted at the helping the following areas: Children and Young People, Education and Learning, Environment and Sustainability, Health and Wellbeing, Older People, Regeneration, Tackling Inequalities.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

We utilized the funds to attract new young volunteers from the community and set them on their football coaching pathway by funding course attendance that led to them achieving SFA Qualifications. We also funded first aid training for these coaches. Some existing coaches upskilled. We also purchased training equipment (goals, balls, bibs etc) so that the coaches could deliver a variety of community programmes. These included introduction to football for kids 18 months and up, walking football sessions for 50 years and above and other fitness groups.

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

Approximately 15 volunteers earned qualifications or upskilled and they delivered sessions to more than 250 attendees at our community programmes.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

Participants in our walking football sessions gave anecdotal evidence that they felt healthier and more active, some reported that the sessions had helped them get out more and meet new people, therefore reducing isolation. Our coaches were educated to a higher level and this improved their confidence. Having more coaches available improved the sustainability of our project.

Organisation Name: Fordbank Scout Group				
Project Name	Keeping Scouting Affordable & Specialist Expedition Equipment			
Total Amount Received	£2458.80			

Priorities Covered: Children and Young People, Education and Learning, Health and Wellbeing

What It will do:

"The specialist equipment will allow the group to start planning expeditions within Scotland (which are essential to achieve a range of the awards including DoE and Queen Scout Award)

Flags and other equipment will allow the Group to support and offer more young people an opportunity to

take part in Scouting activities as well as have a presence in the local community (eg at Remembrance

Sunday)

Other costs will go towards ensuring the Group gives all young people a chance to experience what is

normally only present in affluent areas"

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

As we managed to get grants from Arnold Clark to help support purchase of some of the expedition equipment the majority of the grant has been used to help keep us affordable whilst the people accessing our services have seen an increase in their personal costs as a result of the cost of living crisis and we have focused it on the things which will save the most money for the families using our services and equipment we wouldn't be able to afford normally

- Parade Flags £1000 requested £1000 used £1531.32 total cost
- School Rental £1500 requested £1344.60 used

➤ Neckies for Uniform Costs - £140 Requested - £140 used - £220 total cost

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

Currently 121 young people (aged 4-18) access our services on a weekly basis with more weekly coming along to try out section nights. This number does not include our team of approx 25 adult volunteers

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

We have been able to provide more activities and a place for young people to go on a Monday/Thursday night from the surrounding area having been able to keep the nightly fees at the same price for the last 6 years thanks to the support of the grant. Skills and opportunities have. It has allowed us to be able to afford to use our funds to buy other equipment including tents and a collection of games and resources which have been used by the local community in the last year

Organisation Name	Spateston Community Development Trust SCIO

Project Name	Bins and Benches
Total Amount Received	£1,965.15

Our aims align with our charitable values and purposes as per our constitution. This includes promoting and facilitating economic and social development in the Spateston area but also for the benefit of all communities in Southwest Johnstone. We take a creative approach to this, working with various partners and agencies. We are seeking to regenerate and cultivate SW Johnstone.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

In line with the priorities of the local community partnership for 2022 we wish to install a network of benches and bins as established in the Community Place Plan. Spateston is full of natural greenery. We have been selected as a wild flowering area as part of a Renfrewshire Council pilot project. We want to encourage residents and visitors to spend time outdoors and enjoy the natural scenery and wildlife. Litter is a problem across the country, and we hope that with more people being able to take a walk and rest outside they will become more aware of the harmful effects of littering. Therefore, we plan to install a series of 20 benches in the selected area around the estates. These will be accompanied by bins to encourage civic pride. By doing this we hope to tackle dog fouling as well as littering. We also see a health benefit through encouraged walking and time spent outdoors. In response to the LAP's priority of aligning with civic responsibility, we will give residents the opportunity to commemorate a bench to a loved one.

We received our grant in December 2022 due to a processing error and intend to spend as initially suggested, bearing in mind the difference between ask and received.

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

This project will benefit the immediate Spateston community, which is estimated at 3000.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

The project has not been completed due to delays in processing payment and procurement/installation.

Organisation Name Brick Lane Music Academy CIC

Project Name	Music For Families
Total Amount Received	£3812.39

We said that our project would break down barriers to participation and build confidence

The project would enable parents and guardians to develop their relationships with the children and their own musical confidence. The children would be more confident and the singing and games would aid their development in speech, motor skills and listening.

We said that the classes would have an impact on the wellbeing of the participants and all those attending would leave happy, with positive experiences.

Due to the rising cost of living we hoped that the free classes would enable those with limited resources to access the joy of music.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

We spent the money on tutor costs, musical instruments for the classes and Room hire. This was what we originally asked for.

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

Up to 15 children with parents/carers weekly have benefitted from our project.

How did your project benefit people in the community? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

Our project has had a huge positive impact on the participants. 100% percent said that their child's confidence had increased and 100% said that music making helped them bond with their child.

One carer with a 3 year old who has recently been diagnosed with autism reported a huge impact on his concentration and engagement. Initially the child wandered round the room not engaging and very isolated from the other children. As the weeks, progressed, the tutor had noticed the child becoming more engaged, listening to instructions, joining in by playing the instruments and communicating with other children. According to his carer, it is the only activity that he engages with. He is completely non verbal and the class has become a lifeline for him.

22/23 Local Partnership Feedback

Section 1

Organisation Name	Johnstone Band

Section 2

Project Name	Johnstone	Band	Event	and	Bandhall	Repairs	and
	Improvements						
Total Amount Received	£3966.03						

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

Focus on Young People

Taking pride in the look and feel of our town and heritage

What's on in Johnstone and Linwood by having community events which are safe and affordable

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

Our original plan was for a Workshop and Concert and for Improving access and safe use of the bandhall.

The grant award meant that we were able to complete installation of electric heating, and following flood damage due to frozen and burst pipes, we replaced the front door and repaired the surrounding damaged timbers. We have also been able to have a side room converted by installation of shelving to store equipment. This will help to better protect the instruments, music stands and mutes owned by the band.

We have carried out community based performances this year, and these have been smaller scale and self-funding via donations, including a summer concert as part of Make Music Day 2022 in Johnstone Castle Community Centre, and a Christmas Brass and Voices event which featured Wallace Primary School Choir.

The costs and availability of local venue hire are challenging and our application for 2023/24 includes a proposal for larger scale workshop and concert event.

Section 3 – Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

- 35 band members benefit directly from the improvements to the bandhall, and this means that we are able to deliver events to:
- unlimited numbers for performances such as Christmas Carolling, and to
- 50 approx audience members for the summer concert
- 100 approx audience members for the Christmas Brass and Voices, and including
- 20 members of the Wallace Primary School Choir and their families

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

Johnstone Band offers members and supporters lifelong access to making music in a welcoming setting.

Members are able to participate more fully because of the investment in heating and security.

As well as enabling the band to carry out community events in the summer and around Christmas, the grant funding meant that the band was able to compete in the West of Scotland Brass Band Contest in Troon in August, the Wychavon Festival of Brass in Evesham in October, the Scottish Brass Band Open Championships in Perth in November and the Scottish Championships in March 2023. The band continues to represent Johnstone, Renfrewshire and Scotland in a positive way

Organisation Name	Johnstone Business Consortium	

Project Name	Johnstone Christmas Market
Total Amount Received	£3,812.79

The project enabled us to organize a Christmas Market for all ages from children the elderly and everyone in between. We had a craft tent with free crafts for children. We had Santas Grotto for a small fee the children got to see Santa and receive a gift, the money from this went into the fundraising for the food hampers for the Family First Families. During this event we organized Breakfast with Santa for adults in supported living. The market had stalls with crafters and small businesses selling varies gifs, the market was busy with people from local area and surrounding villages

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

2 marques including tables, chairs, lighting, heating, delivery and set up, security and pick up £4,207.90

Generator £594

Public liability insurance for 1 day only £58

Crafts £71.15

Hook and loop to attach to decorations for marques £11

Breakfast with Santa (rolls with hot fillings, hot drinks, cakes, paper plates and napkins £90

Total £ 5032.05

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

Local business benefited from this event due to increased footfall into the town, people of all ages, local people and people from surrounding villages. Small business who had a stall/table at the market estimated number 300.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

On the day of the event the town had a huge increase of footfall, local business we're much buzzier with increased profits on the day,

This event also encouraged family day out with several generations of same family, due to the location it was ideal for people with mobility problems, it was also attended by people with supported living and their support staff.

Organisation Name	Cochrane Castle Halls Management Association

Project Name	Cochrane Castle Halls Management Association
Total Amount Received	£3043.24

The arranging of events for the community i.e. Christmas Fayre. The refurbishment of the tables and storage cabinet in the main office within the hall. The clearing of the car park to the rear of the hall of weeds and moss and cutting back of trees.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

Initially we were going to replace all the tables and the storage cabinet but when we realized that is would curtail other spending it was held back to be the last expenditure. We then put the funds to arranging a Christmas Fayre which entailed updating/ replacing the Christmas decorations and purchasing prizes for the tombola stand and Santa's grotto. During this time we found that certain electrical fixtures had failed and we were responsible for their repair/replacement. This again was the case later on when two more extractor fans indicated that they are on the way out. Once these expenses were taken care of, we used the funds which were left to upgrade what tables we could afford.

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

The Christmas Fayre attracted about 50 people mainly due to the same sort of event having taking place in the days proceeding and in close proximity to our hall.

The purchase of the tables will only benefit people hiring the hall in the future as we will have removed the risk of tables collapsing.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

It helped people who would not have normally frequented the hall see what is going on within their community and how they could become involved. It also showed what the hall could offer either for hiring for parties or hiring of tables and chairs to supplement their dining arrangements for home events.

22/23 Local Partnership Feedback

Section 1

Organisation Name	AUTASTIC CLUB

Section 2

Project Name	
Total Amount Received	£3940

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

We said we would create a safe and affordable community group which was specific to children with additional support needs and their siblings. We would offer freestyle unstructured play incorporating sensory elements in all play areas.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

It was agreed to create sensory areas, plushy areas, imagination areas, agility and reciprocation areas.

We bought a large soft play climbing set, 2 animal soft play sets, sensory floor tiles, stepping stones & agility toys, wooden imagination toys. A ball pit and balls. Plushies. Spinning surfboard, chair and seat. Storage. 2 wagons. A sensory den, soft furnishings and light system – to reduce or recover for any meltdowns.

We bought 5 trikes, 3 balance bikes and 3 scooters to allow children to try this without any fear or judgement of failure.

Section 3 – Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

We are offering a safe and welcoming space for families with additional support needs. They are able to attend and feel relaxed and comfortable. Children can play, have fun, and feel included. Families are able to attend together and meet the needs of all their children. Adults can share their experiences, feel comfortable with no judgement. Form friendships and be part of a support network.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

Children are keen to attend. They feel relaxed and welcome. They are included and accepted. They are part of something and have a feeling of a sense of belonging.

Adults have formed friendships and an informal support network within and out-with the club. Adults can share their challenges and experiences and recognise they are not alone in this journey. There is no judgment and adults can relax.

Feedback from families is being shared with others, also with professionals too which has resulted in a 'word of mouth' affect which has further families making contact to come along.

Local Partnership Feedback Survey

Section 1

Organisation Name	Paisley and District Battalion – the Boys' Brigade		
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Section 2			
Project Name	BB Development Funding		
Amount Received	£3,306.15 (4 awards)		
What priorities did you tell us your	project would meet?		
☐ Tackling isolation & lonelin	229		
☐ Health & wellbeing			
☐ Environment & parks			
☐ Roads & transport			
☐ Moving around & connect	ivity		
☐ Community & road safety	•		
☐ Community facilities & pu	blic assets		
☐ Community identity & civi	c pride		
☐ Young people and/or inte	rgenerational work		
☐ Renfrew town centre & pla	ay facilities		
What did you want to do with the	money?		
_	o towards administration and recruitment costs/flyers for		
,	ch of the companies, with an ambitious target of 25% increase		
_	rd. We received full funding of £500 and £1,000 from Renfrew		
	2,000 request) and £1,012.15 (from a £2,500 request) from		
Johnstone and Paisley North and V	vest.		
What did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).			
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We spent some of the money on re	ecruitment documentation and on social media support to try		
to attract new boys. We also used	it to subsidise all of the companies with respect to fees which		
	gade for their boy numbers and support by way of free supplies		
	programme was more successful in some areas and less		
successful in others.			

Section 3 – Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your reached in each Local Partnership area)

We don't have data to accurately identify exactly how many people were impacted here. Post pandemic, we hope that we simply got people to hear about the Boys' Brigade whether on-line or by hearing about us at a school or church. In terms of numbers:

Renfrew – we had 63 boys, we now have 58. There is always natural attrition as older boys leave so this result was disappointing. Part of the reason here in uncertainty regarding the future of the church.

Johnstone – we had 57 boys, we now have 58, so a little success here.

Paisley East – we had 26 boys, we now have 28 boys, so again some success here.

Paisley North, West and Central – we had 104 boys, we now have 120, so this has been a great success.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

As above, we hope that we simply got people to hear about the Boys' Brigade whether on-line or by hearing about us at a school or church. It's very difficult to attract boys to a church organization in today's world so anything to get our message out there is deemed a success.

How can you evidence the impact of your project?

(Please tell us what evidence you can provide that demonstrates the impact of your project, i.e. pictures, feedback, comments and any other evidence you have collected through the delivery of the project. You can send this evidence electronically (by email) to communityplanning@renfrewshire.gov.uk stating your groups name and @Evidence@ in the subject heading).

The main evidence is the increased numbers noted above.

How has the grant been spent?

(Give a breakdown of the items or activities funded by the grant. These should be the same as those detailed in your application form).

- (a) Item or Activity list all the individual items or activities that your grant was spent on.
- (b) Actual total cost of the item/activity for the project the amount spent on your activity
- (c) Amount of Local Partnership grant spent on items/activities how much was paid from your local Partnership award

(If the Local Partnership grant funded your entire project costs, then the figures in B + C will be the same. The figure you put in should be the actual amounts. These may be different from the estimates in your application form)

Item or Activity (A)	Total Cost (B)	LP Spend (C)
Flyers/banners	£465.04	£465.04
Website support/update	/update £205.87 £205.87	
Admin/recruitment support costs	£9,829.65	£2,635.24

Organisation Name	Kickin' On

Project Name	Unit 23
Total Amount Received	£2779.00

Our project was to launch Unit 23 fully. A community space aimed at continuing to bring people together who suffer from Mental health, addiction, social isolation or loneliness. We aimed to do this by offering a community gym space, music studio and a coffee shop/seated area that those from our community could use.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

We aimed to use the money to create the separate spaces we required and equip them to allow us to carry out our group activities. We done this and also managed to squeeze a little bit more that we actually envisaged. It was difficult and we also had to rely on the good nature of local contractors etc.

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

We continue to deliver our original bootcamps, male and female peer support groups, music and art to around 60 people per week. On top of this we have additional footfall to our new music studio, gym and seated area for other groups.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

We have achieved the outcomes we set out to do by engaging a new audience of people who may not be familiar with what we have done for the past 3 years. We will continue to do this by delivering our groups the way we intended to from the start.

Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund £21,697 Total Funding Awards £21,697

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded £	Paid £
CE1050	Solid Rock Cheer and Gym	£3,000.00	£3,000
CE1055	YI (Youth Interventions)	£3,000.00	£3,000
CE1051	St Convals YFC 2008	£3,000.00	£3,000
CE1054	Who Cares Scotland	£3,000.00	£3,000
CE1046	Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,715.00	£1,715
CE1016	Fordbank Scout Group	£2,959.00	£2,959.00
	Linstone Housing		£2,913.14
CE1025	Association	£2,913.14	
CE1031	PACE Theatre Company	£2,109.86	£2,109.86
	TOTAL	£21,697	£21,697