

**To: Renfrew Local Partnership**

**On: 13 September 2023**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**Applications for Local Partnership Funding To Renfrew  
Local Partnership 2023/24**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Three applications for funding to Renfrew Local Partnership have been received since the meeting held on 17 May 2023. These applications have been received from Our Place Our Families, Arkleston & Newmains Over 60s Club and Renfrew Victoria Youth Football Group.
- 1.2 £72,687.18 was awarded to successful grant applicants at the meeting in May 2023, leaving a remaining balance for allocation as at September 2023 of £42,715.82.
- 1.3 The total value of applications made to Renfrew Local Partnership in September 2023 is £19,930.70.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Renfrew Local Partnership consider the applications for Local Partnership grant funding, as set out below in Appendix 1 and 2.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Applicants for funding in 2023/24 have been provided with guidance, as well as a description of the Local Priorities identified by the Renfrew Local Partnership.
- 3.2 Local Partnership members are asked to consider the applications for funding summarised at Appendix 1 and 2 of this report, and to assess these against the Local Priorities agreed by the Renfrew local priorities.

3.3 The priorities of the Renfrew Local Partnership are:

### **Bringing Renfrew Town Centre to life**

The Local Partnership want to see more things to do in the town centre, particularly encouraging local events and seeing more happening in the evenings. They want to do this by making best use of community assets and spaces, including working with the town centre business community.

### **Moving around and connectivity**

The Local Partnership want the economic investment in Renfrew to benefit the local community, particularly making it easier for people to get around the town, and to travel to and from Renfrew.

### **Making the most of public assets**

The Local Partnership want to see the maximum use of public resources, such as parks and outdoor spaces, as well as maximising the use of buildings in the community.

### **Strengthening social connections**

Improving social connections and tackling social isolation is a key theme for the Local Partnership, and the Partnership recognise this affects all ages, including younger and older people. Community events and activities are important, as will be a focus on improving health and well-being locally.

### **Key Theme: Maximising economic impact**

The Local partnership want to see a focus on boosting the economic outcomes for people in Renfrew and how this can support their Local Priorities.

**APPENDIX 1****GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY REFERENCE TO PRIORITY THEME**

Renfrew Grant application forms – amount available £42,715.82.

**APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO RENFREW LOCAL PRIORITIES WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN OR SPECIFIC TO RENFREW**

<b>Ref No.</b>	<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Contribution to Renfrew priority</b>
FR1160	Cheap and cheerful cooking tips and classes	£9,900	Our Place Our Families	Strengthening Social Connections
FR1161	Community Events/Activities	£5,150	Arkleston and Newmains Over 60s Club	Strengthening Social Connections
FR1163	Regeneration of Kirklandneuk Playing Fields	£4,880.70	Renfrew Victoria Youth Football Club	Strengthening Social Connections

## SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

## APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE RENFREW LOCAL PRIORITIES WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN OR SPECIFIC TO RENFREW

## Application for Renfrew

## Local Partnership Support 2023/24

<b>Reference:</b> FR 1160	<b>Organisation Name:</b> Our Place, Our Families
Cheap and cheerful cooking tips and classes	<b>Amount applied for:</b> £9,900.00
<p><b>Purpose of the project</b></p> <p>The project will deliver cooking classes to enable people to gain basic cooking skills. The project will improve skills in food budgeting/meal planning and storing/freezing food safely and economically to consume later. This will enable people to eat healthier food that they cook themselves, save people money and reduce food waste.</p> <p>There is also a social dimension to the project in bringing people together and increasing social connection.</p> <p>These classes are to give help to people that are on universal credits or pensions to give them greater knowledge of cooking fresh and cheap instead of buying microwave meals. The project is based on a recipe book with 23 recipes designed by a fully qualified chef who worked in Renfrew.</p> <p>We had received £2000 from the Winter Connections grant, which funded the project between December 2022 and March 2023. We had a great turn out for this so we asked the people that attended to be our critics and there was support to continue and expand the project after Winter Connections funding was fully used. Since March 2023, OPOF has continued the classes from its own funds, but additional funding is now needed to continue and expand the project.</p> <p>Funding had also previously been received from Williamsburgh Housing Association for a pilot 10-week session of cooking classes for a group of six older men, which was successful.</p>	

If successful in being awarded funding for this year from Renfrew Local partnership, it is our intention to ensure the project continues in future years by applying to the National Lottery Investing In Communities Fund for a further three years funding from 2024.

### **What will the project do?**

We propose to deliver 4 blocks of a session of 10 two-hour classes, held once per week (Friday 12.30-2.30). This would be a total of forty classes in total. There would be around 30+ people benefitting from each class.

Sessions are delivered by qualified food professionals, OPOF staff and five volunteers to ensure support to people participating.

Classes would use the recipe book as guidance and this will help people's basic knowledge and increase cooking and budgeting skills in a social environment.

During classes, people will be taught to make meals such as soup, eat together the meals prepared and take food away to store and use later. People will also enjoy a cup of coffee and home baking at the sessions.

Other meals taught will include mince and potatoes, chicken goujons, frittata, curry and spaghetti so people have a range of meals they can confidently and affordably cook.

Some of the ingredients will be fresh from an allotment near OPOF.

Other advice given will include how to freeze food safely, ideas on sharing costs (e.g. by people sharing purchase of some food), using the internet, advice on the best times to visit supermarkets for bargains and how to manage energy costs.

Social elements alongside the cooking classes include bringing together older and younger people to play board games, darts and dominoes. Younger people have also helped older people learn skills in using i-pads

### **Renfrew Local Priorities:**

- Key theme: Maximising economic impact**
- Bringing Renfrew town centre to life**
- Moving around and connectivity**
- Making the most of public assets**
- Strengthening social connections**
- Partial fit with priorities**
- Does not fit with priorities**

### Anticipated Outcomes

People on limited incomes, who are local to Renfrew, improve their knowledge, confidence and skills in food cooking and planning. They will gain skills to enable them to prepare and store food that is healthy and cheap.

People are given advice on reducing food costs and also receive other cost of living advice.

People learn in a fun and social environment which strengthens social engagement and confidence.

### Breakdown of costs

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Hire of hall (40 x two-hour sessions)	£1200.00	£1200.00		
Food costs for 40 classes (vegetables, meat, eggs, pasta etc)	£3000.00	£3000.00		
Volunteer Expenses (petrol/public transport costs for 40 sessions, 5 volunteers per session)	£1000.00	£1000.00		
Cleaning Sundries	£200.00	£200.00		
Staff costs: Sessional hire of qualified cook (40 sessions at £60 per	£4500.00	£4500.00		

<p>session)</p> <p>One member of staff to plan and organise sessions, supervise and support volunteers including assurance of Disclosure status, carry out evaluations to inform future development.</p>				
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**About the organisation:**

Support to vulnerable families and encourage Healthy eating and budgeting.

- . To promote low cost active for families,. Individuals and promote friendship and positive thinking and net work with other projects
- . To promote a greater knowledge and awareness of drugs and alcohol issues.

Arrange and run activities around Renfrew designed to get families out and about having fun. We will rotate the activities and events around Renfrew, specifically Moorpark, Kirklandneuk, Newmains and Arkleston. This way we can get families together from communities that have historically kept to themselves and minimised any contact between each other

**Grant funding award history:**

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2022-23	Winter Connections	£2000.00	Eat Share Care Cafe
2022-23	Local Partnership	£10,000.00	Eat Better, Feel Better

2021-22	Local Partnership	£10,000.00	IT for All
2020-21	Local Partnership	£8,950.00	



## Application for Renfrew

### Local Partnership Support 2023/24

<b>Reference:</b> FR1161	<b>Organisation Name:</b> Arkleston & Newmains Over 60's Club
<b>Project Name:</b> Community Events/Activities	<b>Amount applied for:</b> £ 5,150
<p>To improve social connections, share experiences, reduce isolation, improve mental health and wellbeing NHS programme Eat Better Feel Better healthy meals at reducing costs</p> <p>The project was identified through community engagement. The need for a group for people of over 60s to share experiences, socialise, learn from others which helps reduce isolation and improve social connections. To help improve health and wellbeing of Renfrewshire residents.</p>	
<p><b>What will the project do?</b></p> <p>We will hold group sessions weekly (every Thursday) for 40 weeks running from September 2023 to May 2024. Each session is for three hours.</p> <p>The activities offered varies from week to week in order to provide a varied and interesting programme across the year.</p> <p>63 people are currently registered to attend and benefit from the sessions, pending new registrations.</p> <p>People attending learn new skills and participate in new activities, hear advice and information on different subjects and enjoy entertainment in a social setting with tea and coffee. The group brings together older people to strengthen social connections, engage older people in exercise and activities that support good mental health.</p> <p>The group offers activities including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Entertainment – singers and instrumentalists such as accordion players</li><li>• Speakers on issues affecting older people, such as Age UK and Energy Advice</li><li>• Relaxation therapies with a qualified instructor</li><li>• Chair yoga to support good health and mobility</li><li>• Flower arranging</li><li>• Hands-on musical instrument teaching</li><li>• Eat Better Feel Better cooking demonstrations funded by NHS</li><li>• Refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits)</li><li>• Bingo</li></ul>	

A networking event is also being planned which will invite other pensioner groups operating across Renfrewshire to meet in Arkleston Community Centre in Renfrew. Groups and people will share ideas and experience about how to meet the needs of older people in our communities.

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**Anticipated Outcomes**

Members will benefit from the social aspect of the group. Meeting friends and sharing experiences, learning about budgeting, health & wellbeing.

**Breakdown of costs**

£5150

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Bingo Books	£50	£50		
Entertainment - Singers (£50-£150 per session) - Instrumentalists - Florists	£1500	£1500		
Miscellaneous - Materials to support activities -	£200	£200		
Rent of Arkleston Community Hall (40 sessions)	£1200	£1200		
Older People's Networking Event - Costs of hosting event	£600	£600		
Accountant fee	£100	£100		
Volunteer expenses (petrol/public transport costs) 40 sessions, 8 volunteers per session, plus sessional volunteers (e.g. volunteer instrument	£1500	£1500		

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**About the organisation:**  
 To benefit members and reduce isolation, community engagement, social activities, improving mental health and well being, supporting families

**Grant funding award history:**

	<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Used for</b>
<b>2022/23</b>	Renfrew Local Partnership	£4,150	Rent, Entertainment, ,Music system, Various items
<b>2021/22</b>	Renfrew Local Partnership	£2,400	Events/Activities
<b>2020/21</b>	Renfrew Local Partnership	£1,200	Events/Activities

**Application for Renfrew  
Local Partnership Support 2023/24**

<b>Reference:</b> FR1162	<b>Organisation Name:</b> Renfrew Victoria Youth Football Club
<b>Project Name:</b> Regeneration of Kirklandneuk Playing Fields	<b>Amount applied for:</b> £ 4,880.70
<p><b>Purpose of the project</b> To regenerate an area of wasteland which at present is overgrown with weeds and is used as a dumping area.</p> <p>With current funding from the Greenspace Fund we are at present embarking on transforming an area of 600 square meters into an environmentally and socially friendly area for local residents to use as a space to walk and relax. This area will be covered by the relaying top soil to grass and the planting of wildflowers.</p> <p>Since inception of this initial project, we have had interaction from local high schools (Trinity High and Renfrew High Schools) to create a partnership project involving S3 and S4 pupils. This partnership would entail both schools closely together to design, build and deliver a landscaped area suitable for the community's needs. This would include an increased size of area and an upscale of the project to include a further 400 square meters.</p>	
<p><b>What will the project do?</b> Teachers and pupils in conjunction with the club have defined the needs following a site meeting. Next, they will design a potential solution, gain agreement from all parties to suitability.</p> <p>Once agreed, works can then be planned, materials and other costs factored in. The build and works can then be carried out to suit the timetable of the school curriculum and the associate national award schemes.</p>	
<p><b>Renfrew Local Priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Key theme: Maximising economic impact</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bringing Renfrew town centre to life</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Moving around and connectivity</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Making the most of public assets</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strengthening social connections</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities</li> </ul> <p><b>Anticipated Outcomes</b> 4 seating areas will be constructed by the pupils which will include benches and areas of flower and shrubbery. 2 paths to allow local residents and dog walkers safe access to Kirklandneuk playing fields,</p>	

currently access is gained through uneven, wooded and weeded area.

By increasing the area this will allow visually improved landscape which was not covered in the Greenspace funding application made previously.

**Breakdown of costs**

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Contractor to scrape back area including heavy plant and machinery.	£1058.00	£740.60	RVYFC	
Purchase of topsoil	£1344.00	£940.80	RVYFC	
Removal of weeds, wood and any other items including chemical testing prior to dumping.	£560.00	£392.00	RVYFC	
Chemical spraying of the area	£396	£277.20	RVYFC	
Seeding and levelling of the area	£1488.50	£1041.95	RVYFC	
Purchase of flowers and shrubs and materials for flowerbed	£602.34	£421.63	RVYFC	
Construction of benches including materials	£876.61	£613.62	RVYFC	
Materials to create 2 paths/walkways.	£647.00	£452.90	RVYFC	

**About the organisation:**

The club aims to provide a safe environment free of any outside challenges which are face

by children on a daily basis. In this environment the children are taught the basic skills required to enjoy football from early years till later life. Our aims out with sport are to foster coaches who the players look to as role models in how to conduct themselves showing respect to all no matter race, creed, culture, or gender showing no bias.

**Grant funding award history:**

	<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Used for</b>
<b>2022/23</b>	Celebrating Renfrewshire	£3000.00	Holland Trip 2023
<b>2021/22</b>	Celebrating Renfrewshire	£2500.00	Holland Trip
<b>2020/21</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A