



Stanley
Area Action
Partnership

Better for everyone

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Annual Report

2020/21

Stanley Area Action Partnership

Established in 2009 Stanley Area Action Partnership (AAP) is the main engagement mechanism of Durham County Council in Stanley to ensure that local residents are engaged with the Council's policies and have a voice in their community. The AAP takes forward neighbourhood issues, works with Partner Organisations to shape local service delivery, and develops projects in the local area to address priority issues and links with local Elected Members to support them in their community leadership role.

People can get involved in Stanley AAP through the Stanley AAP Forum or by participating in one of our Task Groups.

Welcome from the Chair

Nerise Oldfield-Thompson

March 2020 brought the COVID-19 pandemic to our communities, the changes we had to make to the way we live, work and interact with others has meant those community priorities also had to change.

Stanley AAP has focused on providing co-ordination and funding to ensure our response to COVID-19 has been delivered in partnership. By funding our local community and voluntary groups we have ensured they have the resources to work in their own locality to support our vulnerable residents. Going forward we will continue to support our local people as we hopefully come out of the pandemic, utilising our local community and voluntary groups to provide this support - community at its best.



The past twelve months have challenged us all in many ways. The Covid pandemic has changed how the council and Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) have had to work as many communities and local residents have struggled because of the restrictions that we have all had to follow.

If there are positives we can take from this terrible situation it is that 'community' is alive and well in County Durham. Thousands of people have stepped forward and have taken action to ensure the most isolated and vulnerable have been looked after. The people of County Durham need to be applauded for their efforts.

Many of those organisations that have been helping out have been supported by the AAPs who have provided funding to numerous groups enabling them to do their vital work. Some of this funding has come directly through the

AAPs whilst other resources have been allocated from the County Councillors Neighbourhood Budgets. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the AAP teams for their help and support in ensuring that our Neighbourhood Budgets have been making a real difference in local communities.

The next year will be no less challenging but I am delighted to say that the AAPs are being given extra resources to help communities recover from the pandemic. There is also new funding to support the County Council's Towns and Villages Programme and the AAPs will be playing a key role in ensuring this funding helps to improve communities across County Durham.

Finally I would like to thank all those involved with AAPs including the members of the public who regularly support their work. I am very proud to have been involved with the AAPs over the past twelve years and know that they will keep making a difference in County Durham.

Councillor Brian Stephens, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Local Partnerships

Our People

Our Board is the decision-making body of the AAP. It is made up of local people, elected councillors and representatives for partner organisations. Our Board Members for 2020/21 were.

Karen Brown (Business Representative) Vice Chair

Michael Pearson (Fire and Rescue Service)

Inspector Dave Stewart (Police)

Nancy Elliott (North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group)

Helen Fergusson / Martyn Stenson (Durham County Council)

Suzanne Jobson (Karbon Homes)

Vacant (Voluntary and Community Sector)

Alan Tubman / James Black, Co-opted (Stanley Town Council)

Nerise Oldfield-Thompson (Public Representative) Chair

Linda Tyman (Public Representative)

Kevin Howe (Public Representative)

Vicky Walton (Public Representative)

Gordon Binney (Public Representative)

Katie Platten (Public Representative)

Helen McCaughey (Public Representative)

Cllr Jeanette Stephenson, Vice Chair

Cllr Lyn Boyd

Cllr Joyce Charlton

Cllr Carole Hampson

Cllr Olga Milburn

Cllr Joan Nicholson

Cllr Bala Nair (Stanley Town Council Rep)

Stanley Area Action Partnership 2020/21 Key Information

FUNDING



£185,210

of AAP Funding allocated to 26 local projects

14,579

supported through the main AAP funding.

MATCH FUNDING

Match Funding for the Area Budget projects that have been approved and committed to date is

£293,855

To date every £1 of Area Budget 2020/21 Funding has levered in £1.59p of match funding for locally based projects.

NEIGHBOURHOOD BUDGET

61 Community Projects supported by the AAP through Councillor Neighbourhood Budget Funding.

£293,550

of Councillor Neighbourhood Budget funding allocated

Neighbourhood Budget is an allocation of £19,400 that each County Councillor gets each year to spend on Community Projects. The process is supported by the AAP team.

The projects listed on the following page have been supported by County Councillors; Cllr Carl Marshall, Cllr Lyn Boyd, Cllr Mark Davinson, Cllr Carole Hampson, Cllr Olga Milburn, Cllr Joyce Charlton, Cllr Joan Nicholson, and Cllr Jeanette Stephenson.

HEALTH



406

beneficiaries supported through the main AAP funding

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



61

community projects supported by Councillor funding

3,143

engagements with the community through social media



COMMUNICATION

2020/21 Funding Allocation

Area Budget	£2,000 – Catchgate and Annfield Plain Action Partnership – Summer Activities	£7,500 – Beamish & Pelton Community School – Opal Outdoor Project
£15,000 – Stanley Area Youth Consortium – Mental Health Youth Worker	£12,000 – DCC Regeneration – South Moor Heritage Trail	£3,863 – DCC Neighbourhoods – Tantobie Green Space
£12,520 – Just for Women – Counselling & Crafting to Wellness	£3,600 – DCC Neighbourhoods – Dropped Kerbs Tanfield	£4,587 – DCC Neighbourhoods – Louisa Nursery – Outdoor Space
£14,768 – PACT House – Post COVID Response	£17,377 – DCC Neighbourhoods – Annfield Plain Gateways	£4,000 – PACT House – Think Positive Durham
£9,899 – Annfield Plain Community Centre – Advice Centre and Recovery	£1,500 – Stanley Town Council – Annfield Plain Gateways Enhancement	£13,000 – Just for Women – Making, Baking & Wellbeing
£5,441 – PACT House – Weekend Warmers	£2,000 – DCC Neighbourhoods – Stop Unauthorised Parking; Annfield Plain	£10,000 – Tanfield Lea Partnership – War Memorial
£11,040 – Quaking Houses Village Hall – ‘Quakies’ Resilience	£9,000 – Stanley Young Peoples’ Club – Roof Replacement	£12,000 – Mental Health North East – Refurbishment
£5,925 – Mental Health North East – Replanting a Better Future	£2,510 – White-le-Head Bowling Club – Storage Container	£20,083 – Tanfield Lea Railway Trust – Heritage Learning
£20,000 – County Durham Community Foundation – Stanley Community Fund	£1,000 – Tantobie Cricket Club – Club Support	£10,000 – Annfield Plain Community Centre – Doors & Windows
COVID Response & Recovery	£3,822 – Durham Constabulary – eBikes & Safer Homes	COVID Response - Neighbourhood Budget
£10,000 – PACT House – ImpACT on COVID	£8,328 – North Road Gym – Heating Project	£3,950 - PACT House – PACT-Lights Telephone Support
£9,000 – South Stanley Partnership – A Helping Hand	£1,600 – Tanfield School – Food Technology & Recreational Student Facilities Project	£4,800 – Just for Women Centre – Feel Good Hampers
£7,434 – Just for Women – Crafting	£10,000 – DCC – St Cuthbert; The Tanfield Connection	£833 – Catchgate Primary School – Safer COVID Cleaning
£4,001 – Annfield Plain Community Centre – Catchgate & Annfield Plain Isolation Support	£8,142 – Quaking Houses Village Hall – Outdoor Improvements & Banner Case Project	£2,321 – Annfield Plain Junior School – Protecting Our Future
£4,708 – Quaking Houses Village Hall – Quakies COVID Support	£2,995 – DCC Neighbourhoods – Causey Arch Laybys	£980 – Annfield Plain Infant School – COVID Cleaning Preparation
£4,996 – PACT House – ImpACT on COVID Satellites	£11,800 – Beamish Football Centre – Redevelopment	Small Grants - Neighbourhood Budget
£1,300 – SHAID – Keeping Key Workers Safe	£1,850 – Tantobie Association for Sport & the Community – Supporting Families	£100 – Tantobie Association for Sport and the Community – Paper Towels & Dispensers
£10,000 – SHAID – Young Persons Accommodation	£2,043 – Shield Row Primary School – iPads for Remote Learning	£180 – Durham Constabulary – Speed Watch Zones
£1,621 – Stanley Young Peoples’ Club – Homework & Crafting Packs	£2,080 – St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School – iPads for Remote Learning	£999 – DCC – Punch Bowl Site Resurfacing
£2,100 – Quaking Houses Village Hall – Meal Provision	£4,688 – DCC Neighbourhoods – Harelaw Cemetery Parking Improvements	£250 – Catchgate & Annfield Plain Action Partnership – Land Research
£8,528 – Stanley Events – Community ICT Library	£9,179 – Tanfield Lea Community Primary – Chromebooks	£990 – Annfield Plain Football Club – Drainage Project
£2,400 – Stanley Town Council – COVID Response Newsletter with Stanley AAP	£7,500 – Annfield Plain Association Football Club – Security & Safety	£250 – St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School – Video Camera
£9,323 – Craghead Development Trust – Craghead Childcare Centre	£2,000 – Burnside Primary School – Remote Learning	£350 – Beamish Lionesses – Football Strips
£4,800 – Stanley Learning Partnership – Food Hampers	£5,000 – Quaking Houses Second Street Allotment Society – Development Project	£200 – Catchgate & Annfield Plain Action Partnership – Personal Safety Alarms
£566 – PACT House – The Socially Distanced Chef	£1,128 – Shields Row Gardens Residents Association – IT Project	£995 – ATOMS Education - Christmas Activity Packs
£1,764 – Annfield Plain Community Centre – Breakfast Club	£23,974 – Beamish Football Centre – Redevelopment Build Phase	£999 – Love Beamish & Stanley – Business Support Coordinator
£4,476 – Catchgate Community Football Club - Ensuring Our Club’s Future	£2,807 – Stanley Young People’s Club – Club Improvements	£842 – South Moor Golf Club – Bridle Path & Footpath Signage
£3,600 – Stanley Events – Community ICT Library Additional Resources	£9,466 – DCC Neighbourhoods – St Aidan’s Crescent Road Improvements	£500 – Tanfield in Bloom – Planting around St. Cuthbert’s Cross
Neighbourhood Budget	£2,151 – Catchgate & Annfield Plain Partnership – Environmental Challenge	£500 – Durham Constabulary – Personal Safety Equipment
£14,292 – Durham County Council (DCC) – Century Terrace Verge Hardening		£200 – Tanfield Lea Community Primary School – Breakfast Club
£1,746 – Tanfield Lea Primary School – COVID Cleaning		£200 – Tanfield Lea Countryside Group – Hallowe’en Story-Walk
		£500 – South Moor & Quaking Houses in Bloom – Plants

The Difference We Have Made



PACT House Volunteer



Staff at the local Medical Centre wearing the visors



Staff delivering Food Hampers to Venerable Families

PACT House

PACT House received funding from Stanley AAP and Stanley Town Council to support the delivery of their Fresh Foodbank that receives produce from local supermarkets and food distribution charity FareShare, thus ensuring those in need can access and receive free Food Parcels and Hygiene essentials. The ImPACT on COVID-19 project averages between 25-30 contacts to the service a day six days a week. The donated produce is also used to prepare free cooked meals that are then frozen and delivered to people in need. All work is carried out by volunteers who give up their time to help others. PACT House also worked alongside the Durham Christian Partnership to co-locate their Food Bank alongside theirs in Stanley Civic Hall, as several of the Partnership's volunteers were shielding following NHS guidance at the height of the pandemic. A great joint effort to maintain a vital and much needed service at a crucial time.

SHAID

SHAID secured funding from Stanley AAP, Durham County Council to supply free Face Shields to Key Workers living or working in the Stanley area.

These masks are 3D printed. The face visors were created by volunteers across the county who used their own printers, with materials supplied to them. They supplied over 1000 shields to front line staff in Medical Centres, Care homes, GP Practices and many other areas and are continuing to do so.

The project was co-ordinated by Durham Community Tennis Partnership. Working with PACT House to help distribute this equipment locally.

Stanley Learning Partnership – A Helping Hand

Funding was utilised to purchase food hampers for families that needed additional support due to Covid-19. Working in partnership with a local food supplier hampers included basic essentials such as bread, milk, eggs and a selection of fruit and vegetables. Whenever possible additional learning or recreational resources were provided for children.

Hampers were delivered weekly by Stanley Learning Partnership staff following strict Government guidelines.

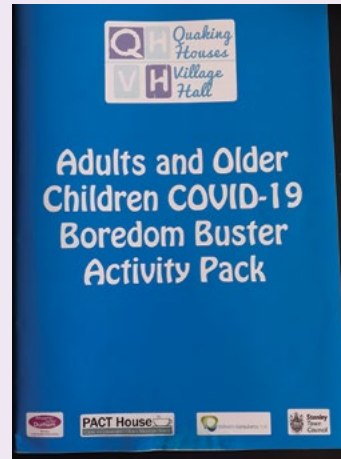
The Difference We Have Made



CAPIS Volunteer

Annfield Plain Community Centre

Annfield Plain Community Centre is the home of the Catchgate and Annfield Plain Isolation Support (CAPIS) service that supports vulnerable and elderly residents from across the Annfield Plain Division. The Centre's Committee set up Volunteer Networks in each of their villages to collect and delivery shopping, pick up prescriptions, deliver Food and Care Packages, and oversee a telephone befriending service during the crisis, whilst still managing the delivery of their Food Bank. The Centre received grants from Stanley AAP to expand and support their local volunteers, purchase cleaning materials for their premises, and enhance the capacity of their telephone befriending service. One key volunteer stated that; "The project has led to renewed community spirit and neighbourliness which I hope will continue once we are out of this awful time."



Boredom Buster Activity Pack for adults and older children

Quaking Houses Village Hall

Quaking House Village Hall received a grant to deliver its project, 'Quakies Covid-19 – Satellite Centre', using the village hall as a hub for people to collect food packages.

Volunteers gathered spare fresh produce received by PACT House and utilised the village hall to prepare meals and deliver to vulnerable residents in Quaking Houses and Old South Moor.

Volunteers also created 'Covid-19 Boredom Buster Activity Packs', tailored to residents of particular ages, and delivered them to families, elderly and vulnerable people to keep them engaged and entertained while unable to leave the house during lockdown.



Wayne & Linda Barrass and Louise Frost at Craghead Village Hall

Craghead Village Hall

Craghead Village Hall teamed up with PACT House and received a grant to set up a satellite foodbank to provide crisis food and support packs, toiletries, sanitary products, and baby milk and nappies. The scheme has been run and delivered by volunteers who have been supporting 100 people per week during the outbreak.

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