



Better for everyone

East Durham Rural Corridor
Area Action Partnership
Annual Report

2020/21



Councillor Brian Stephens

Introduction

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Councillor Brian Stephens, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Local Partnerships



East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership 2020/21 Key Information

FUNDING



Area Budget

£83,818.67

allocated to 24 COVID response projects, which attracted £30,784.40 match funding.

£144,901.81

allocated to 14 COVID recovery projects, which attracted £147,492.00 match funding.

Additional Holiday Activities with Healthy Food (HAHF) projects were also funded.

£164,806.36

of Neighbourhood Budget allocated to 31 projects which supported 19 local groups/communities.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



6,976

people accessing new and improved community buildings and facilities. (projected not actual for COVID Recovery and Neighbourhood Budget only).

Total Beneficiaries:

Area Budget:

COVID Response – **6,975**

COVID Recovery – **6,163**

Neighbourhood Budget – **10,126**

HAHF Easter 2020 – groups were funded to offer provision, however changes to how projects were delivered and the pots the funding came from were made due to COVID.

HAHF May Half Term 2020 – **750**

HAHF Summer 2020 – **435**

HAHF October half-term 2020 – **355**

HAHF Feb half-term 2021 – **530**

HEALTH



1,583

children and young people involved in schemes to help them make healthy choices.

(projected not actual for COVID Recovery and Neighbourhood Budget only)

COMMUNICATION



29,676

engagements with the community through social media.

East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership

Established in 2009 East Durham Rural Corridor AAP brings together local people and partners take action on local issues. Areas covered include Sedgfield, Bowburn, Cassop, Quarrington Hill, Kelloe, Coxhoe, Deaf Hill/ Trimdon Station, Trimdon Colliery, Trimdon Grange, Trimdon Village, Fishburn, Bradbury and Mordon.

Welcome from the Chair

Malcolm Gray

Dear Stakeholder - As the chair of the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership I am very happy to announce the continued successes of this AAP over what has been one of the most challenging years we have ever faced not only locally, but globally too.

On behalf of the communities we have supported over these difficult times I would like to offer my thanks to the officers of this AAP who have worked tirelessly to support our local communities and elected members to make a real difference to local lives along our corridor; working closely with our residents on projects that really matter to them like improving community spirit, raising aspirations, developing greener initiatives, supporting financial inclusion, getting people more active, addressing anti-social behaviour and crime whilst collectively helping to tackle COVID-19 within our communities. Our AAP has always had the improvement of our communities at the heart of our decisions and not only supporting everyone through the pandemic but together making the communities we serve a place we can all be proud of and feel safe.

Last year we reached a milestone of our 10th anniversary as an AAP and we will seek to support our communities in the years ahead aiming to make the next 10 years even more successful, more engaging and more inclusive.

The East Durham Rural Corridor AAP prides itself on having a collaborative approach, which can be seen in all the work we do and is central to ensuring success, and I am very proud to be a part of this.

The end of this year has seen a worldwide pandemic continue to ravage our communities and the world, the likes of which we have never witnessed in our lifetime and the impact of this going forward into 2021/22 is going to have a devastating effect on a lot of people's lives. I feel as an AAP we have reacted incredibly well in unprecedented circumstances and it shows how we can work together as individuals and groups for the greater good. However, this needs to continue going forward if we are to keep our communities strong, healthy and a place people are proud to be associated with.



Our People

Anyone who lives, works, studies or volunteers in the area can get involved with the Area Action Partnership. We currently have 980 people who are part of our wider Forum who receive regular updates and who are invited to get involved in the work of the AAP.

Our Board is the decision-making body of the AAP. It is made up of local people, elected councillors and representatives from partner organisations. Our current board members are;

Cllr David Brown

Cllr John Robinson

Cllr Lucy Hovvels

Cllr Stuart Dunn

Cllr Jude Grant

Cllr Maura McKeon

Parish Cllr Bernie Oliver

Cllr Peter Brookes (Alternate)

Parish Cllr Kathleen Dowson (Alternate)

Malcolm Gray (Chair) (livin)

Angela Stobbart (Business Rep)

Neighbourhood Inspector Sarah Honeyman (Police)

Maureen Dixon-Berne covering for Michelle Atkinson (Durham County Council)

Tony Cutmore (Voluntary and Community Sector)

Michael Pearson (Fire and Rescue Service)

Clair White (DDES CCG)

Jen Straughan-Hawley (Public representative)

Eileen Dickinson (Public representative)

Melvyn Carr (Public representative)

Chris Varty (Public representative)

Ann Carr (Public representative)

Clive Crosby (Public representative)

Christine Carter (Public representative)

Chloe Watson (Public representative – young person co-optee)

2020/21 Funding Allocation

Area Budget – Covid Emergency Funding		
£4,500, DJ Evans Youth Club – Covid Support Group: Meals on wheel service and care packs for those who are vulnerable, isolating or struggling financially.	£910.10, Coxhoe Village Hall - Bags of Cheer: To bring a smile and symbol of cheeriness to older shielding/isolating residents of Coxhoe. 'Bags of Cheer' were prepared and delivered on an Afternoon Tea theme, along with a colourful card with a light-hearted verse included and a handwritten note from the Village Hall.	£8,290.50, Trimdon Village Hall - COVID-19 Essential Activities for the Elderly Extension: Providing the elderly residents of both Trimdon Village and Trimdon Grange essential activities and meals to prevent them becoming socially isolated, causing mental health issues.
£2,200, Coxhoe Parish Council – Coxhoe Cares: Distribution of 'care packages' to those residents who are struggling financially because of the effects of Covid-19 on their livelihoods, and to those who are unable to leave the house due to self-isolation.	£3,247.50, Trimdon Community College Association - Trimdon Area Help Group COVID-19, Part 2: Food provision and activity packs for children.	£923.09, Coxhoe Village Hall Association - Bags of VJ Day Cheer: Prepared and delivered 'Bags of VJ Day Cheer' for a VJ Day Celebration along with up to date Government information on COVID restrictions.
£856, Wheatley Hill Community Association, Greenhills Centre: Meals on Wheels Service Support - East Durham AAP project with East Durham Rural Corridor AAP contribution.	£4,500, DJ Evans Youth Club – Covid Support Group part 2: Meals on wheels, care packages and PPE.	£807.96, Coxhoe Parish Council – Coxhoe & Quarrington Hill Young People and Coxhoe Cares: Delivered 250 packs to children in Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill over the summer holidays including a healthy lunch and sports equipment.
£558, Fishburn Youth & Community Centre – Hot meal delivery service: Additional kitchen equipment to meet demand for the hot meal delivery service.	£1,464, Coxhoe Village Hall Association - Coxhoe Village Hall Emergency Roof Repair: Urgent roof and ceiling repairs.	Area Budget: COVID-19 Recovery
£1,330.85, The Market Garden Sedgfield – Growing Together in Sedgfield: Funding for food and equipment used by the community to help, grow, engage and provide food packages to those in need.	£5,000, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre - COVID-19 Family Activity Packs: Family activity packs including meal boxes.	£9,895.94 Job Shop, The Cornforth Partnership - Supporting local residents of the EDRC AAP area who have been affected financially by the COVID 19 pandemic. The project offers a programme of personal mentoring, bespoke training and informal learning available to all.
£2,908, Trimdon Community College Association – Fresh Support for Trimdon during the Covid19 Crisis: Emergency food-packs with cleaning materials and toiletries. Hot lunches for those who are alone, older and vulnerable and/or socially isolating. Also providing activity packs for children.	£1,476.96, DJ Evans Youth Club - Heating System Repairs: Emergency heating system repairs.	£14,930 Covid Enrichment Programme, Groundwork North East & Cumbria - Providing holiday enrichment and food packs for 400 individual families over the Christmas holiday period across the whole EDRC AAP area.
12,084, Trimdon Village Hall – COVID-19 Essential Activities for the Elderly: Hot meals and craft packs for the elderly.	£2,000, Livin, Work and Training Grant: Funding to set up a discretionary fund that will be delivered through Livin Futures Employability team.	£8,714 Over 60's Doorstop, Craft and Food, Trimdon Village Hall Association - Delivering craft activities and a two course hot meal to 50 elderly people's homes, for a 12 week period.
£11,680, Trimdon Grange Community Association – Trimdon Area Help Group Covid19: Delivery of two-course meals twice per week to 100 residents, as well as fresh fruit and vegetable packs and hygiene packs.	£2,310, Spennymoor Youth and Community Centre - Helping Young people Get Through COVID: Providing a two-hour session of socially-distanced youth work with a packed lunch each week of the summer holidays for young people in Kelloe aged 8-16. Young people will also receive a craft kit or recipe box every week to take home.	£14,180.80 The Hive – Eat Fresh, Feel Great for Everyone, The Market Garden (Sedgfield) CIC - This project is to adapt The Market Garden's new premises 'The Hive of Sedgfield' allowing them to increase current services in Sedgfield and go beyond, across the EDRC AAP area.
£5,670, Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership – The Fresh Project: Food packages to those in need during the Covid-19 crisis.	£4,485, Durham Christian Partnership - Foodbank Debt Advice: Funding to cover the costs of a debt adviser being available for video consultation during 1 session per week in Trimdon, with follow-up work to resolve debts.	£11,390.65 Coxhoe and Area Community Pantry, Coxhoe Village Hall Association – To establish a community pantry and food bank at Coxhoe Village Hall, being fully accessible to all who need it.
£2,000, Kelloe Parish Council - Kelloe COVID-19 Support Group: Food parcels to include essentials and fresh produce targeting families that are unemployed, elderly and those who are experiencing hardship due to Covid-19.	£4,430, Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership - Fresh Project 2: Food packages to those in need mainly targeting people from Deaf Hill and Trimdon Station.	£6,300 Bowburn Community Association IT Upgrade, Bowburn Community Association – Installation of a new computer system and software which would enable them to take bookings and create invoices and accounts online.
	£1,042.71, Trimdon Village Hall - Sports Packages for Teenagers: To engage with teenagers, delivering sports equipment to each household and having access to larger sports equipment so that parents and teenagers can interact with each other more.	

2020/21 Funding Allocation

<p>Area Budget: COVID-19 Recovery</p>	<p>£5,583 New Flooring at Coxhoe Village Hall, Coxhoe Parish Council – Cllrs Jan Blakey, Stuart Dunn and Maura McKeon.</p>	<p>£10,000 Patio Repairs, Sedgefield Cricket Club - Cllrs David Brown and John Robinson.</p>
<p>£13,100 Coxhoe Village Hall Association – replacement of windows to able compliance with Covid guidelines. Wider opening will ensure sufficient air flow and ventilation.</p>	<p>£1,000 Quarrington Hill Christmas Packages, Quarrington Hill Community Association – Cllr Jan Blakey.</p>	<p>£1,500 Sedgefield Bloom, Sedgefield in Bloom - Cllrs David Brown and John Robinson.</p>
<p>£8,489.02 Community Gym, DJ Evans Youth Club Bowburn – provision of gym staff to enable re-opening of valued community facility.</p>	<p>£1,000 Cassop Christmas Packages, Cassop Community Centre – Cllr Jan Blakey.</p>	<p>£5,000 Sedgefield Out of Hours Club, Out of Hours Club Fun Club Ltd.</p>
<p>£6,194.40 Go Well – Take Home Pack Challenges, Sedgefield School Sports Partnership - to provide Take Home activity packs of equipment for physically inactive pupils who have been negatively impacted during the Covid Pandemic.</p>	<p>£3,828 Install Knee Rail at Green Crescent in Coxhoe, Durham County Council – Cllrs Stuart Dunn and Maura McKeon.</p>	<p>£853.25 Trimdon Foodbank Storage and IT, Durham Christian Partnership – Cllr Peter Brookes.</p>
<p>£10,805 Fighting the Effects of Covid-19 Stage 2, Trimdon Grange Community Association – to provide activities for residents.</p>	<p>£6,534 Installation of AstroTurf, DJ Evans Youth Club – Cllrs Stuart Dunn and Maura McKeon.</p>	<p>£3,174 West Lane, Trimdon – Road Safety Measures, Durham County Council – Cllr Lucy Hovvels.</p>
<p>£15,000 FYCC Covid-19 Recovery, Fishburn Youth & Community Centre – provision of staff to provide a hot meal delivery service.</p>	<p>£3,000 Coxhoe and Area Community Pantry, Coxhoe Village Hall Association – Cllrs Stuart Dunn and Maura McKeon.</p>	<p>£2,280 Ringing Stone and Trimdon Village Hall Improvements, Durham County Council – Cllr Peter Brookes.</p>
<p>£10,805 Covid - Community Centre Support, Deaf Hill Ward Community Partnership – to assist with running and maintenance costs.</p>	<p>£6,408 Cassop, Quarrington Hill and Coxhoe Tree Planting, Durham County Council – Cllrs Stuart Dunn and Maura McKeon.</p>	<p>£29,887 Trimdon Village Hall Play Area Upgrade, Durham County Council – Cllr Peter Brookes.</p>
<p>£4,000 Creating a Safe Learning Environment, Trimdon Community College Association – to refurbish and development a unused to space to become a multi - use community space for training and meetings.</p>	<p>£4,000 Kelloe, Croxdale and Coxhoe Planters, Durham County Council – Cllrs Stuart Dunn and Maura McKeon.</p>	<p>£1,500 Trimdon Village Hall external redecoration and repair, Trimdon Village Hall Association – Cllr Peter Brookes.</p>
<p>£7,500 The Skill Mill Durham, Skill Mill Ltd – to provide employment opportunities for young people who have previously offended.</p>	<p>£10,000 Keeping Coxhoe Park Safe – CCTV System, Durham County Council – Cllrs Stuart Dunn and Maura McKeon.</p>	<p>£5,200 Deaf Hill Cemetery Water Feature, Trimdon Foundry Parish Council – Cllrs Peter Brookes, Jude Grant and Lucy Hovvels.</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Budget Projects</p>	<p>£1,500 Commemorative Bears, Bowburn Primary School – Cllrs Stuart Dunn and Maura McKeon.</p>	<p>£2,000 Internal decoration, Trimdon Grange Community Association – Cllr Lucy Hovvels.</p>
<p>£4,300 Path Surrounding the Community Centre, Bowburn Community Association – Cllr Jan Blakey.</p>	<p>£10,000 Fishburn Play Area, Fishburn Parish Council – Cllrs David Brown and John Robinson.</p>	<p>Consultations carried out during 2020-21</p>
<p>£2,280 Memorial Benches and Tommys, Bowburn Community Association – Cllr Jan Blakey.</p>	<p>£3,900 Lighting upgrade and Storage, Fishburn Youth & Community Centre – Cllrs David Brown and John Robinson.</p>	<p>Durham County Council Budget.</p>
<p>£15,000 Toilet Refurbishment, Coxhoe Village Hall – Cllrs Jan Blakey, Stuart Dunn and Maura McKeon.</p>	<p>£2,934 Installation of Storage Container, Sedgefield Youth Football Club - Cllrs David Brown and John Robinson.</p>	<p>Durham County Council Leisure Transformation.</p>
<p>£6,000 Fire Doors, Bowburn Community Association – Cllrs Jan Blakey, Stuart Dunn and Maura McKeon.</p>	<p>£2,768.11 Sedgefield Show Specialist Trailer, Sedgefield and District Agricultural and Horticultural Show - Cllrs David Brown and John Robinson.</p>	<p>Custody Briefing by Office of the Durham Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner.</p>
	<p>£5,000 Sedgefield Rugby Club Training, Sedgefield Rugby Club - Cllrs David Brown and John Robinson.</p>	<p>Community Risk Management Plan 2021 – 24 by County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service.</p>
	<p>£3,377 Sedgefield Cricket Club Ground Regeneration Post Covid-19, Sedgefield Cricket Club - Cllrs David Brown and John Robinson.</p>	
	<p>£5,000 Sedgefield Primary PTFA Trim Trail, Sedgefield Primary PTFA - Cllrs David Brown and John Robinson.</p>	

The Difference We Have Made



Coxhoe and Area Community Pantry

Coxhoe Village Hall Association

To establish a community pantry and food bank at Coxhoe Village Hall, being fully accessible to all who need it.

“ Just having someone that cares enough to do this for us. ”



Coxhoe Cares

“ The Easter bunny arriving was such a lovely touch from Coxhoe Parish Council. We had to self isolate and were unable to get the boys any eggs this year. It really made their day. Thanks to you all and of course the Easter Bunny. ”



Fresh Support for Trimdon during the Covid19 Crisis

Trimdon Community College Association project

Emergency food packs with cleaning materials and toiletries. Hot lunches for those who are alone, older and vulnerable and/or socially isolating. Providing activity packs for children.

“ We have had so much fun making cakes and the bonus was we could feed our family at teatime. Thank you so much a great idea to keep our kids going through these difficult times. ”



Growing Together in Sedgefield

The Market Garden Sedgefield project

Food and equipment used by the community to help, grow, engage and provide food packages to those in need.

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