

Dawdon Youth and Community Centre

Grant Awarded: £2,480

Dawdon Youth and Community Centre is a voluntary organisation with charitable status in an area of high deprivation, enabling the local community to access recreational, luncheon clubs, food banks, welfare advice, educational courses, information technology resources and free guidance.

The organisations youth section which is called The Youth Hub endeavours to reduce mental health inequalities by promoting and encouraging children and young people to participate in positive activities.

Domestic and Sexual Abuse Network (DASAN)

Grant Awarded: £1,840

Darlington and Sexual Abuse network (DASAN) is an initiative of Darlington Community Safety Partnership involving organisations and agencies in Darlington that work towards tackling domestic abuse. DASAN members work collectively and proactively to an agreed agenda with the aim of enabling victims of abuse/violence to find an appropriate route to safety.

Ferryhill L.a.d.d.e.r Centre Ltd.

Grant Awarded: £2,350

Ferryhill Lakes and District Development Education Resource Centre (The Ladder Centre) was established in 2002 and operates as a community resource centre delivering a wide range of services for local residents in Ferryhill.

This grant will help children and young people with a varied programme of activities – combining, safety, awareness and fun.

Junction 42

Grant Awarded: £2,500

Junction 42 is an established charity that has worked with offenders for over 15 years, formerly as a department of a previous youth charity before setting up as a charity that worked with adult and young offenders.

It aims to provide help to people who have criminal convictions or those considered at risk of offending. Current services are mentoring, education/enterprise, faith based groups and outreach.

Northumbria Coalition against Crime

Grant Awarded: £2,000

Northumbria Coalition against Crime (NCAC) is a registered charity, set up in March 1990 as a partnership between business, community, voluntary and statutory sectors, with a mission to reduce crime, anti-social and unacceptable behaviour in the North East.

Seaham Have Your Say

Grant Awarded: £500

To deliver a place of learning that young people will be happy to attend and learn. We believe that the countryside is the biggest classroom to learn in and it creates a relaxed atmosphere making it easier to engage with our young people.

We aim to get our young people fitter, healthier through outdoor activities. We intended to use our environment to do this through growing food from seed to the table, also take them out to do outdoor activities i.e. bird watching, fossil hunting,

flower/tree i.d, camping, cooking out etc and with the marine activities we can offer a full package throughout the year. We are also looking at doing a outdoor residential to learn team building and self-confidence.

Wear & Tees Rural Watch (Farmwatch)

Grant Awarded: £2,500

The main aim and objective of Farm Watch is to organise those living in rural areas to reduce, prevent and detect rural crime. There are 4 major farm watch operations throughout the year involving up to six Police forces and dozens of rural volunteers. Additionally there are several smaller operations within the Wear and Tees area which unfold in response to local concerns and crime patterns. Farm Watch can also act as the eyes and ears of the Police and look out for any suspicious activity; The Police can also get a message out to members and ask them to look out for vehicles that may be involved in crime.

City of Sunderland YMCA Ltd

Grant Awarded: £5,000

Chester-le-Street YMCA is situated in the town centre near transport links and amenities and the organisation offers support to over 150 homeless, socially excluded and the community in a residential project, in dispersed outreach properties and in our purpose built training department. (The organisation name is actually City of Sunderland YMCA. Chester le Street YMCA is a project of the main charity.)

Those that use the service have various support issues including drug and alcohol issues, family breakdown, mental health issues, criminal behaviour etc. This group is typically classed as difficult to reach and/or are socially isolated.

Cornforth Partnership

Grant Awarded: £10,000

The Cornforth Partnership aims to provide the right support, in the right place, at the right time; to enable the development of healthy, vibrant and aspirational communities. Their three main streams of work are Health and wellbeing, adult employability and youth work.

Deric Youth Bus Project

Grant Awarded: £12,000

DERIC Youth Bus Project is a registered charity, established in April 2001. The charity offers a unique mobile youth work service (using a converted single decker bus) for young people living in the Durham and Chester-le-Street area by providing opportunities to participate in positive activities in communities where there is little or no youth provision.

Durham Alcohol Self Support

Grant Awarded: £5,000

Established in March 2011, Durham Alcohol Self Support (DASS) is a registered charity. The organisation was founded by a number of individuals that had experienced issues relating to alcohol misuse and who were concerned about relapse once their government funded (time limited) support programmes had ceased. In response they set up a self-support recovery group which has now grown to 7 weekly group meetings in Durham (x2), Chester le Street, Consett, Bishop Auckland, Newton Aycliffe and Shildon.

Durham Christian Partnership

Grant Awarded: £4,000

This is a registered charity, established in 1999 that supports Christian communities in County Durham to work with each other and with other organisations. It delivers a range of projects - these currently include Beyond Ourselves (a charity shop in Framwellgate Moor), Durham Money Advice Centre (offering free confidential help for those struggling with debt), County Durham Foodbank, Durham Cathedral Listening Service and Street Lights.

East Durham Community Development Trust Ltd

Grant Awarded: £11,265

East Durham Trust is the established lead Voluntary Community Sector organisation serving the former Coalfield area of East Durham and surrounding communities in the North East of England, based in a purpose built building in the heart of the community. The overall aim is to counter the social and economic deprivation in the area through engaging local communities. A registered charity and company limited by guarantee the trust is an independent entity which is led by and for the community.

Handcrafted Projects

Grant Awarded: £10,000

Handcrafted was set up to work with disadvantaged and socially excluded people in County Durham who long to turn their lives around, but need opportunities, mentoring and practical help. The majority of their trainees struggle with multiple needs, including homelessness, poor mental health, substance misuse and offending.

They get involved in meaningful and empowering training and experience doing woodwork, gardening and house renovation projects. They are taught both practical and social skills. Trainees can progress onto our Enterprise project to set up their own business or start an apprenticeship.

Horden Youth & Community Centre

Grant Awarded: £18,300

The Centre's primary aim is to strengthen and motivate the local community, particularly the more disadvantaged and isolated individuals and families in our area, by encouraging them to explore ways of improving their physical, mental, emotional and social health and wellbeing through a wide and varied programme of activities, courses and events.

Just for Women Centre

Grant Awarded: £8,000

Just for Women Centre is a not for profit organisation based in Stanley and offers a safe environment for women to access a range of support services. The Thread Project is the primary service and has been specially developed for women who have been subjected to domestic or historic abuse or have more complex mental health needs as a result of substance/alcohol abuse and/or homelessness. The women supported are aged between 16 and 65 years of age.

Open Gate

Grant Awarded: £10,209

Open Gate aims to encourage women towards a new life free from crime. Open Gate works in partnership with HMP & YO1 Low Newton in Durham, supporting women from custody to community to aid resettlement into North East communities and help reduce the risks of re-offending.

Pelton Community Association

Grant Awarded: £3,583

Formed in May 1972, PCA is registered as a charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The community association and trustees are responsible for the management of Pelton Youth and Community Centre. The organisation aims to offer a modern and vibrant community hub where all members of the community can access educational, leisure and health activities.

SHAID (Single Homeless: Action Initiative Derwentside)

Grant Awarded: £10,000

Housing and supporting the young homeless of Derwentside and Durham across all tenures. We also work and house ex armed forces homeless personnel with multiple health issues. Exploring with the clients and developing bespoke support packages around each client to achieve sustainability of life choices. Developing support networks using a multi-agency approach to meet the needs of our clients as well as clients from other agencies.

Wheatley Hill Community Association

Grant Awarded: £9,490

Established in 1970, Wheatley Hill Community Association operates from The Greenhills Centre the former (and now extended) miners hall in the village. The building was extensively renovated between 2005 and 2010 and provides a base for a wide range of community activities including soft play, fit kids gym, dance classes, youth drop-in sessions, children's parties, holiday activity programmes, fitness activities, weekly tea dance, luncheon club and meals on wheels service. In the year ending March 2014, the footfall of regular users was in excess of 700 per week.

WM Morrison Darlington Enterprise Trust

Grant Awarded: £18,966

Wm Morrison Darlington Enterprise Trust is a registered charity established in 1995. It aims to deliver projects which support people who are disadvantaged in accessing the labour market to gain paid employment