

**Neighbourhood Forum
Community Engagement Fund
Annual Report 2015/16**

Ward: Callowland

Membership: Councillors Sohail Bashir, Favour Ewudo and Seamus Williams

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Beechfield School CD	£250.00	Very well received by all associated staff and pupils.
Skip for the new community garden in Copsewood Road	£265.00	Extremely appreciated by the Community Garden Association to clear up vegetation from land to be used for the purposes of a community garden for the benefit and use of local children and families
Donation towards the cost of new garden equipment for the community garden in Copsewood Road	£569.94	Extremely appreciated and very well received by the Community Garden Association. Gardening equipment which has been purchased with the funds provided is being used to maintain the Community Garden for the benefit and use of local children and families

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Skips for residents in St Georges Road, Leavesden Road and Bruce Grove	£840.00	The skips were very well received and used by a significant number of Callowland residents and they were hugely welcomed and appreciated by the residents of Callowland Ward. The skips were used to clear household rubbish in three distinct and easily accessible areas of Callowland Ward to serve large sections of the Ward.

Signed Councillor Sohail Bashir

Date: 21.6.2016

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Ward: Central

Membership: Councillors Stephen Bolton, Mike Haley and Rabi Martins

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Cost of printing for meeting held in March 2015	£132.34	
Contribution towards the cost of improvements to the Estcourt Road environment through enhancements of the footpath, tree guards etc	£750.00	Estcourt Road falls within the Conservation Area Thus it was felt appropriate to invest in improving the street scene That is not to say other areas are not considered worthy of investment
Forum meeting held on 17 December 2015 at Spiritualist Church Hall, Estcourt Road	£0	This was a forum paid for personally by ward councillors because it was expected to be a small meeting targeted at a small group
Contribution towards the costs of establishing the Watford Fields Residents Association (WFRA)	£375.00	Central Ward Councillors believe that Residents Associations contribute to the welfare of the area and bring people together. WFRA was set up through encouragement from ward councillors

<p>Contribution towards the cost of 2 students from Watford Girls Grammar School to attend the National Science and Engineering competition in Birmingham</p>	<p>£150.00</p>	<p>One of the students was a resident of the ward The school is in the ward The project had the potential to benefit other schools in the Ward and the town as a whole The girls won their category</p>
<p>Contribution towards the administration costs of the Central Town Residents Association (CTRA) and production of a newsletter</p>	<p>£200.00</p>	<p>As above CTRA is a long established Residents Association. However its membership has declined in recent years. This money was to pay towards a program of activities to boost its membership.</p>
<p>Contribution towards the total costs for environmental improvements in Watford Fields</p>	<p>£840.00</p>	<p>This was money towards a project to improve facilities on Watford Fields. The majority of the cost was picked up by HCC Locality Budget. The works were to make the footpath safer by the play area, and protect the adjoining grass. The path was being used illegally by cyclists, who were cycling on the grass to avoid the barriers, and it was being churned up. The work was to install posts and rail along the edge of the grass.</p>

Signed Councillor **R Martins**
 Councillor **S Bolton**

Date: 24th June 2016

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Ward: Holywell

Membership: Councillors Nigel Bell, Jackie Connal and Matt Turmaine

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Contribution towards the travel costs to Dusseldorf for Kodokan Kendo Club	£200.00	We gave £200 towards the total cost enabling 4 juniors to take part in a major competition in Dusseldorf.
Donation to Holywell Youth Club for equipment	£538.92	We are pleased to hear that local young people have been able to use the sports equipment and other facilities we were able to purchase.
Food hygiene course organised by Westfield Children's Centre	£600.00	The Childrens centre were delighted to be able to help young families as part of their important outreach work.
Donation to 16 th Watford South Scouts	£1,000.00	As the Scout Leader has stated our donation has helped children who often don't get involved in outside activities to be able to take part in feeling more part of the community.

Signed Councillor Nigel Bell
Councillor Jackie Connal
Councillor Matt Turmaine

Date: 21st June 2016

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Ward: Leggatts

Membership: Councillors Anne Joynes, Asif Khan and Bilqees Mauthoor

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Contribution towards the cost of flags for Courtlands Residents' Association	£200.00	This was for use with their annual 'Fun Day'.
Contribution towards cost of Treat boxes organised by Courtlands RA	£250.00	The RA organised treat boxes for their lunch club members and we were happy to contribute.
Donation to First Watford Guides towards the cost of new uniforms for the 'uniform bank'	£500.00	As the uniforms are expensive and not all members could afford them, we contributed to the purchase of uniforms so that the company could have a 'bank' of uniforms for Guides to hire for a small deposit.
Donation to 1st North Watford Scouts towards their work	£571.00	Contribution to renew equipment.

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Donation to Orchard School for materials for the early years classes	£200.00	As all three schools have had to expand by one form of entry, we contributed funds so that they could buy necessary equipment for Year 1 pupils.
Donation to Beechfield School for materials for the early years classes	£200.00	As above.
Donation to Cherry Tree School for materials for the early years classes	£200.00	As above.
Funding for a television for the Tuesday Circle and other groups who meet at St Marks Church	£379.00	This was requested by the Tuesday Club for their use and for the other activities both after school and holiday time activities.

Signed Councillor Anne Joynes
 Councillor Asif Khan
 Councillor Bilqees Mauthoor

Date: 22 June 2016

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Ward: Meriden

Membership: Councillors Jan Brown, Kareen Hastrick and Mark Whitman

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Pitch fees for Meriden FC at Garston Park and football kit	£685 + £547.79 = £1,232.79	Supporting sports club and local young people who run the Club
Gardening equipment for Meriden Community Centre	£425.96	WFC Charitable Trust now raising their own funding. The provision of gardening equipment enables on-site staff to keep the immediate grounds tidy and removes the need to pay external gardeners
Planting flower bed Eastlea Avenue	£500	Improving the existing flower bed at busy entrance to Meriden Estate at the junction with A41 and Westlea Avenue
Asda gift cards for pensioners	£300	Supporting Meriden Residents Association initiative at Christmas

Signed Councillor Kareen Hastrick
 Councillor Jan Brown

Date: 21 June 2016

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Ward: Nascot

Membership: Councillors Mark Hofman, Linda Topping and Mark Watkin

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Christmas 'treat boxes' for vulnerable residents	£250	Together with a similar donation from Leggatts Councillors these funded "hampers" containing a mix of sweet and savoury food items were provided to over 40 elderly residents selected by the Courtlands Residents Association. It is hoped to repeat this again this year.
Neighbourhood Forum meeting	Printing - £430.29 Delivery - £140 Hall hire - £44	As in previous years Nascot Councillors believe it is important that they hold a public meeting where they can be held to account by residents. This year's was held in the Recital Hall of Nascot Wood Junior School and was attended by over 80 residents. This was a highly successful. Items covered the Nascot Conservation Area, tree protection in the Ward, the plans for Civic Quarter, and Highways matters, including the Nascot Wood Road chicanes.
Maths materials for Cassio Pre-School	£283.91	Cassio pre-school working from St Andrew's Church is a Nascot institution of long standing. Councillors have supported it in the past and this year we agreed to fund essential materials to enable them to meet Ofsted's requirements for teaching maths.

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Gazebos for Courtlands Residents' Association	£466.48	These will be used by the Courtlands Residents Association both at their Annual Fund Day and at other events that they may choose to hold from time to time.
Cooker for Nascot Lunch Club	£358	The Nascot Lunch Club is a highly popular monthly event held at Cheslyn House. It has been running for over three years, but the facilities at Cheslyn House are basic. This new cooker will enable the Club to serve a wider range of meals than was possible before.
Camping equipment for North Watford Cub Pack	£316	The North Watford Cub Pack has only recently been formed and operated under the care of the Watford District Synagogue although it is open to any child. It has started from scratch so this donation enabled it to invest in camping equipment, essential for any Cub Pack.
Planting at Holly Tree House	£211	On the public land at the front of Holly Tree House there is a raised bed originally provided by the Courtlands Residents Association. This donation enabled it to be restocked with flowers for the year.

Signed Councillor Mark Watkin
 Councillor Mark Hofman

Date: 1st June 2016

**Neighbourhood Forum
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Ward: Oxhey

Membership: Councillors Shirena Counter, Iain Sharpe and Peter Taylor

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Replacement tree for Oxhey Road	£140	Street trees are an important part of the street scene across Oxhey ward. This tree was in a prominent location, close to the bridge linking Watford Heath and Oxhey Road.
Play equipment for Oxhey Methodist Church	£200	Each Thursday morning many children, carers, parents and grandparents attend this popular toddler group. They receive no financial support and rely entirely on donations to cover their costs. This donation enabled those who run the group to purchase new play equipment including a play house, slide and small trampoline.
Bushey and Oxhey Scout Group – building refurbishment	£500	Bushey and Oxhey Scout hut is used by a number of popular youth groups. This donation was towards their ongoing capital appeal to improve the building, especially the roof.
Bookshelves for St Matthews Oxhey Bookswap	£626.52	St Matthew’s have set up a new bookswap group. This meets each month and is open to everyone. Following the cessation of the mobile library in Oxhey this offers residents the opportunity to swap their books and to meet others.

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Donation to fund two students at Watford Girls Grammar School to attend the final of a competition for a project on carbon footprints and environmental science.	£150	This funding enabled two female students to attend a prestigious national science competition in Birmingham. Their project on carbon footprints won first prize.
Plants for the lower terrace gardens in Oxhey Park	£467	Oxhey Park is a well used green space by residents across Oxhey and the whole town. Recent investment by the council resulted in the park being awarded a green flag for the first time in 2015. These plants added to the attractiveness of the lower terrace gardens. They were purchased and planted by Friends of Oxhey Park.
Purchase of litter pickers, hoops and a wacker plate for Friends of Oxhey Park.	£415.90	The Friends of Oxhey Park meet each month to clear litter and other items from the park. They requested two long handles pickers and hoops to assist with this work. The wacker plate will be used to maintain the paths in the park. This will be especially helpful for those with mobility difficulties.

Signed. Councillor P. Taylor
 Councillor Iain Sharpe

Date: 17.6.16

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Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Pop-up banners for the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership	£350	These banners are gratefully used by the Refugee Partnership during charity and fundraising activities to promote their work.
Goalkeepers' kit for West Herts Hockey Club	£590	Donation to this local sports club to purchase a goal keepers outfit.
Bird feeders for the Friends of Cassiobury Park	£197.96	The Friends of Cassiobury Park support the maintenance and enhancement of the Park in many ways. The 4 squirrel-proof bird feeders are used to feed the birds during winter. Visitors can observe the birds attracted by the contents of the feeders.
Grit bin for Grove Mill Lane/Heath Farm Court	£79.50	Cllr Mehta received requests for the grit bin since the last few winters, Grove Mill Lane is closed due to ice and snow. The box will provide better access to the residents' homes.
Footballs, equipment and kit for Cassiobury Rangers FC	£100	Donation to this neighbourhood sports club so they could buy 10 footballs, a carry bag for the balls and a pack of 10 bibs for their young players.

Signed: Councillor Anne Rindl

Date: 31 May 2016

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Ward: Stanborough
Membership: Councillors Keith Crout, Derek Scudder and Tim Williams

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs
Entertainer for Kingswood Residents Association's children's Christmas party	£200.00
Kingswood Residents Association activities for elderly and vulnerable residents	£250.00
Gazebo for North Watford District Scouts to encourage adult volunteering	£985.00
Installation of a traffic bollard on St Albans Road to prevent through traffic	£224.24
Replacement tree planting	£840.00

Signed: Councillor Keith Crout
Councillor Derek Scudder
Councillor Tim Williams

Date: 24 May 2016

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Ward: Tudor

Membership: Councillors Stephen Johnson, Sean Silver and Darren Walford

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Purchase of tents for 53rd Watford South Scout Group	£300	The 53rd Watford South Scout Group is a long established, well respected group that has helped in the development of youngsters in the local community. The tents will help them to continue outside activities.
Purchase of the Brownie Adventure Book for 21 st Watford Brownies	£200	Brownie Adventure Book is a resource which can be used all through their time as a Brownie either within the pack or on their own. The book can be used to work towards a number of adventure challenge badges and it is something which they have looked to do in the past, but have never had the funds to do it.
Contribution towards the refurbishment of the Peace Hospice shop	£500	The shop is the main meeting place for a large number of Tudor residents. It was in need of an upgrade. It is one of very few places on the estate residents can meet and share information. It is the only contact many elderly residents have with the local community. The ability of local residents to use this resource with better

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		access will be of great benefit. They will also be able to rationalising the storage space in the new design.
Street furniture on the frontages of 170-180 Bushey Mill Lane	£1,500	Local residents were keen to see an improvement of the street scene on this side of the road. They were keen that we mirror as closely as possible the improvements that have been obtained the other side of the parade. These include resurfacing the frontage, wooden posts, cycle rings, and planters. Residents we have spoken to have been very pleased with the results.

Signed Councillor Steve Johnson
 Councillor Darren Walford

Date: 16/6/2016

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Ward: Vicarage
Membership: Councillors Jagtar Dhindsa, Mo Mills and Nasreen Shah

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Repair hinges and replace a security lock on an alley gate	£65	£65.00 was sent to repair hinges and replace a security lock on an alley gate in Pretoria Road.
Repositioning an existing alley gate	£300	£300.00 was spent on repositioning an existing alley gate on Southsea Avenue which serves the alley way on the back of Whippendell Road. This is to stop people urinating and dumping rubbish in the alley way.
Donation towards the redesigned playground at Chater Infant School	£1,100	£1,100.00 was given as a donation towards the much needed improvements on the playground at Chater Infant School.
Purchase of playground equipment for Chater Junior School	£1,035	£1,035.00 was spent on the purchase of playground equipment for Chater Junior School.

As Vicarage ward Councillors we feel the money was spent on the much needed projects in the ward and it will benefit the residents of Vicarage and beyond.

Signed Councillor Jagtar Singh Dhindsa
Councillor Mo Mills
Councillor Nasreen Shah

Date: 22 May 2016

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Ward: Woodside
Membership: Councillors Ian Brown, Tony Rogers and Karen Collett

Activities during 2015/16

Project / meeting	Costs	Comments
Payment for Christmas party entertainer for the Leavesden Community Group	£150.00	This event is growing each year and provides fun and social engagement for children and local mums and dads.
Purchase of a tea urn and microwave for Leavesden Community Group	£100.00	The Leavesden Community Group is very active and does many indoor and outdoor events - these items help provide refreshments/food for the community.
Donation towards activities at the Orbital Community Centre youth club	£388.34	Our young people made place mats, keyrings, decorations and Easter cards with our elderly residents at Lancaster Court. In addition they set up a stall for an outdoor soup kitchen, using utensils outside St Mary's Church.
Repair of the 9 th North Watford Scouts' hut roof	£661.66	Provided a roof that was free from leaks and protection from the elements.
Donation to the Lemarie Centre to support several separate charities	£1,200.00	Provided resources for all user groups within.

Signed Councillor Karen Collett
 Councillor Ian Brown
 Councillor Tony Rogers

Date: 28/05/16