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To: All Members of the Community and Partnerships Committee

Councillors Evans (Chair), P Taylor (Vice Chair), Bishop, Coe MBE, D Ennis, R Ennis, Gittings, Kirkham, Kube, Tranter, Willis-Croft and Wittstock

Dear Committee Member

COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Community and Partnerships Committee in **The Meeting Room, The Old Mining College Centre, Queen Street, Burntwood** on **Monday 09 March 2026 at 6:00 pm** to consider the following business.

Yours sincerely

Steve Lightfoot
Town Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

As part of the Better Burntwood Concept and to promote community engagement, the public now has the opportunity to attend and speak at all of the Town Council's meetings. Please refer to the end of the agenda for details of how to participate in this meeting.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

To consider any declarations of interests and consider requests for dispensations.

3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Partnerships Committee held on 19 January 2026 (Minute Nos. 32-42) (**ENCLOSURE NO. 1**)

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Councillors and the Community Development and Engagement Officer are invited to report to the meeting any updates or news from community groups within Burntwood.

5. BETTER BURNTWOOD FUND

To consider applications received from:

- i. Chasetown Football Club (**ENCLOSURE NO. 2A**)
- ii. South East Staffordshire Citizens Advice Bureau (**ENCLOSURE NO. 2B**)
- iii. Chase Terrace Academy (**ENCLOSURE NO. 2C**)
- iv. Kate Dawes (**ENCLOSURE NO. 2D**)
- v. Chasewater Light Railway and Museum Company (**ENCLOSURE NO. 2E**)

6. INFORMAL UPDATE ON THE BURNTWOOD WAKES FESTIVAL 2026

Members to receive and note the Summary of the Burntwood Wakes Festival Organising Group Meetings held on 22 January 2026 and 26 February 2026 (**ENCLOSURE NO. 3A AND 3B**)

7. INFORMAL UPDATE ON THE PLAY IN THE PARKS EVENTS 2026

Members to receive an update on the Play in the Parks Events 2026 (**ENCLOSURE NO. 4**)

8. INFORMAL UPDATE ON THE CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2026

Members to receive an update on the Christmas Events 2026 (**ENCLOSURE NO. 5**)

9. COMMISSIONING PROGRAMME UPDATE

Members are requested to note the contents of this report, and agree final payment for Burton and District Mind, and Platinum Boxing (**ENCLOSURE NO. 6, 6A, 6B AND 6C**)

10. BURNTWOOD LIONS WHITE GOODS SCHEME ANNUAL UPDATE

That Members agree payment of £4,326 in April 2026 for the White Goods Scheme. The increase in payment falls in line with the Town Council's precept as previously agreed (**ENCLOSURE NO. 7 AND 7A**)

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies [Admissions of Meeting] Act 1960 [Section 2] [and as expended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972], the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

12. FEEDBACK FROM THE 2025 RECIPIENTS OF THE BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL STUDENT AWARD IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN SUTTON MBE

This is for information purposes only and no decision is required by the committee
(ENCLOSURE NO. 8 AND 8A – PINK)

PUBLIC FORUM

30 minutes will be set aside at the beginning of this meeting for you to raise issues relevant to the remit of the meeting but are not already on the agenda. So that the Members of the meeting can be properly briefed in order to enable them to provide considered response to your question, please advise the Town Clerk of the question[s] you wish to ask the Council at least three working days before the meeting. The Chair of the meeting has the right to reject any representations that he/she considers not to be appropriate for the particular meeting.

You will also now have the opportunity to discuss specific items on the agenda as the Chair now has the discretion to allow you to speak where you have a legitimate interest in the item. Again, you will need to give three working days' notice of your wish to speak. Where more than one person wishes to speak on a particular application the Chair may decide to limit the number of speakers or ask for a spokesperson to be appointed.

Generally, in respect of both speaking in the public forum and to specific agenda items you will have up to 3 minutes and can raise more than one issue. However, the Chair has the option to extend the time allowed to you if they think it is appropriate.

While audio and video recordings of this meeting are entirely legal, as a matter of courtesy to Town Council members who work for this town and this Council on a voluntary basis, we would be grateful if you would let the Clerk or the Chair know beforehand.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE, QUEEN STREET,
BURNTWOOD ON MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Evans (in the Chair)

Councillors Coe MBE (from 6.07pm), D Ennis, Kirkham, Kube, P Taylor, Tranter, Willis-Croft and Wittstock

In attendance

Ms J Minor, Deputy Clerk

Ms K Horner, Community Development and Engagement Officer

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

- 32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillor R Ennis and Councillor Gittings.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Kube declared an interest in any discussion relating to Burntwood Rotary Club as she is a member.

Councillor P Taylor declared an interest in any discussion relating to Burntwood Memorial Association as he is Chair of Trustees.

34. MINUTES

The Chair reminded Members that they were being asked to comment solely on the accuracy of the Minutes.

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis and seconded by Councillor Tranter and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee held on 10 November 2025 (Minute Nos. 20-31) be approved as a correct record.

35. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Development and Engagement Officer reported that the Creative Burntwood launch event took place on the 14 January and was attended by residents, community groups and representatives from the Town Council. Attendees heard from staff from the Garrick Theatre, as well as the Arts Council England about the project's plans including a programme of live performances, and groups such as Young Garrick Burntwood and the Burntwood Community Choir. The Community Development and Engagement Officer stated that she also attends the Creative

Garrick steering group meetings where focused discussions about the project are undertaken with stakeholders and residents who have volunteered to play an active role in the project's development.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer also provided feedback on the White Ribbon event held on 25 November in partnership with Pathway Project. The event highlighted White Ribbon Day and called on local businesses and organisations to commit to action to raise awareness of domestic abuse and speak up and challenge harmful behaviours and attitudes. Councillor Coe MBE and Councillor D Ennis spoke at the event alongside Sam Booth, CEO of Pathway Project.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that in December she together with Councillor L Ennis and Councillor Evans had met with this year's BTC Student Award winners and a press release went out to celebrate their achievements.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer also reported that Chase Terrace Community Centre continues to be busy with more regular hirers launching new groups alongside the existing groups, and one off hires for private parties and events are also popular. She confirmed that she had attended Support Staffordshire's locality forum in December and presented to attendees about the community centre which also led to interest from new groups.

Councillor D Ennis explained that he continues to attend 'business' meetings around the Town, having recently attended the second business meeting to be hosted by Chasetown Football Club which had also been attended by County Councillor Robin Hall and Dave Robertson MP. He felt that the Town Council could be doing more for local businesses and this was something that he and the Town Clerk were currently looking into.

Councillor D Ennis stated that in December 2025 he together with Councillor L Ennis, Councillor Norman, and Councillor Woodward, had visited the Chasewater Railway - a hidden gem on our doorstep. He was currently considering having a designated page on the Town Council's website highlighting the railway and signposting them to sources of funding/grants available. He explained that museums across the county were closing and Chasewater Railway were gaining memorabilia but had little storage facilities.

Councillor Kirkham confirmed that she would be chairing the next Staffordshire Police Independent Advisory Group (IAG) meeting at Police HQ on Saturday 07 February with a focus on some planned and already actioned changes in the force and asked if any Councillors had any matters, they wished for her to raise at the meeting could they please email her. Councillor Kirkham also confirmed that she had recently attended an informal meeting at Lichfield Police Station with the new T/Superintendent over the East Staffordshire (Lichfield, Burton, and Tamworth) Neighbourhood Policing Teams in her capacity as IAG Chair.

Councillor P Taylor stated that the Burntwood Afternoon Cinema, held at the Burntwood Memorial Hall, will be celebrating its second anniversary with showing the film I Swear on 20 January.

Councillor P Taylor explained that the next Burntwood Winter Markets to be held at the Burntwood Memorial Hall will be on 08 February. He explained that the indoor markets were initially set up to 'fill the gap' as the Town Council's Burntwood Markets are held at Sankey's Corner run from April to October and the indoor markets would ensure that the traders could still trade in the winter months, however, the winter markets have not received a huge amount of support.

36. BETTER BURNTWOOD FUND

Members referred to each of the applications received in depth.

36a. Burntwood Repair & Share Café (part of Transition Lichfield)

Referring to Minute No. 31.4 (Community & Partnerships Committee – 07 November 2024) the Deputy Clerk explained to Members what they had previously said that this is another application of funding a group's core costs and that the Town Council had provided funding to this Group for this type of request in September 2023. The resolution stated that the Community Development and Engagement Officer, in consultation with the Town Clerk, speaks to the Group to offer support on other sources of funding before a grant of £500 is awarded. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the payment had been made on 13 December 2024.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that she had spoken to the applicant who said that they were established at their current venue which had car parking facilities. She pointed out that the conversation had been before the Chase Terrace Community Centre was available for hire.

Councillor P Taylor felt that there was no point in having the same conversation again but more along the lines that if the application is for the group's core costs again it is unlikely to be successful unless they can demonstrate other sources of funding having been applied for (as the current application stated that they get donations from visitors to the sessions but have not had received other funding to support the Burntwood sessions other than from the Town Council).

Referring to the group's submitted accounts, Councillor D Ennis explained that their income came from repairs and donations and the grant from the Town Council. No other grants were shown on the accounts. He felt that the Town Council was their only funding source and they should be looking at other funding sources.

Councillor Tranter agreed with Councillor D Ennis and explained that there were other sources of funding available for example they could apply to Lichfield District Council Councillors for funding. She suggested that perhaps a percentage of the requested grant could be given which would give the group an opportunity to apply for alternative funding.

Councillor P Taylor stated that there is currently an underspend on this budget. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that there was currently £3,517.02 left in the budget, however, there is currently one application to be considered at the next Committee in March. Councillor Evans felt that it would be a shame to lose this facility.

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis and seconded by Councillor Tranter and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That Burntwood Repair & Share Café (part of Transition Lichfield) be awarded £250 towards room hire.

36b. Star Parenting CIC

Referring to Minute No. 6a (Community & Partnerships Committee – 16 July 2025) the Deputy Clerk explained to Members what they had previously said that parenting courses had been run previously by Pathway and asked how Star Parenting would target the parents who needed the help and the fact that the breakdown included staff wages.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the previous application asked for funding of £460 whilst the current application was asking for funding of £385 but still included the same cost for staff wages.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that she had spoken to a representative from SCVYS regarding the application. She had advised that the applicant could reapply however had recommended that the applicant speaks to her in the first instance. The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that she had not spoken directly to the applicant.

Councillor D Ennis pointed out that they had received £2,000 from the Noel Sweeney Foundation within the last 12 months. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that on the previous application the group had received a start up grant of £300 from SCVYS. Councillor D Ennis also referred to the breakdown which again included staff wages and he felt that we needed more specifics (bringing something new to the area).

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis and seconded by Councillor Evans and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That this application be held in abeyance until further specifics are received.

36c. Revive Staffordshire CIC

Councillor D Ennis felt that this is what the area needed (something new), which is accessible to all. Councillor Evans stated that the applicant was community minded and the grant would benefit a lot of people.

It was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor D Ennis and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That Revive Staffordshire CIC be awarded £500 towards marketing materials – design and print of leaflets, flyers, and event banners.

36d. LifeSpring Church

Referring to Minute No. 50.3 (Community & Partnerships Committee – 08 February 2023) Councillor P Taylor felt that this was a similar application to the one received from CASES (general tidy up - painting front doors and window frames, replace film to the front windows, external lockable noticeboard and replace back door). The church was near to the retail area and located on the main road (visual impact).

Having clicked on the link in the application form, Councillor D Ennis felt that he would prefer to see a mock up of the design for the signage before making a decision.

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis and seconded by Councillor Kube and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That this application be held in abeyance until such time as the design of the signage is submitted and that planning permission has been granted.

37. DATES FOR THE BURNTWOOD MARKETS IN 2026

Councillor Evans informed Members that this item was for information purposes only and no decision was required by the Committee.

Referring to Minute No. 26 (Policy & Resources Committee – 06 January 2025) the Deputy Clerk confirmed that she, together with the Town Clerk, had met with Bert and Gerts Limited on 07 January 2026 offering a service level agreement for 1 year. She confirmed that the discussion had included the need to continue to encourage more traders and a variety of traders, focusing on local which was hoped would encourage more footfall, an idea was of 'turning the market into an event' and she was awaiting a quotation from Bert and Gerts Limited for a 'big' screen and desk chairs for 12 July (Wimbledon), more food trailers which would hopefully improve the 'linger' time.

38. INFORMAL UPDATE ON THE BURNTWOOD WAKES FESTIVAL 2026

Referring to the summary of the Burntwood Wakes Festival Organising Group Meeting held on 15 December 2025, Councillor Evans asked if Members had any questions. The content of the summary was received and noted. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the next meeting of the Organising Group was 22 January 2026.

Referring to Minute No. 26 (Policy & Resources Committee – 06 January 2025) the Deputy Clerk confirmed that she, together with the Town Clerk, had met with Bescot Promotions on 16 January 2026 to discuss both the Wakes Festival and Xmas Event market provision.

39. INFORMAL UPDATE ON THE PLAY IN THE PARKS EVENTS 2026

Referring to the informal update relating to the Play in the Parks events for 2026, Councillor Evans asked if Members had any questions. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the inflatables and packed lunches had been booked and that the Lichfield Garrick had confirmed that they would be providing a giant puppets workshop at the Burntwood Leisure Centre event.

Referring in particular to the event held at St Anne's Church in 2025, Councillor D Ennis felt that it was vital that the events were marketed to say that the events are funded by the Town Council (as these are our events) but are supported by partners.

Councillor D Ennis asked that even though we were not using St Matthews Cricket Ground in 2026, perhaps we could look at using the facilities at Burntwood Memorial. Councillor P Taylor emphasised that perhaps we could use the land and toilets but there would be no volunteers. As Chasetown Football Club use the pitch at the Memorial Hall, Councillor D Ennis felt that perhaps they would be interested in working in partnership.

Councillor Kirkham asked if provision was made for parents with neurodivergent children (quiet space). Councillor D Ennis explained that BLAST had previously been involved in the Wakes Festival (by providing a gazebo for a quiet space), but this had proved difficult due to noise levels at the event.

(Councillor Kirkham left the meeting at 7:05pm)

40. INFORMAL UPDATE ON THE CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2026

Referring to the informal update relating to the Christmas Events for 2026, Councillor Evans asked if Members had any questions. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that following the previous discussion led by Councillor P Taylor, a quotation had been obtained regarding the provision of a stage.

Councillor P Taylor felt that as the Chasetown and Swan Island Christmas events had stages, a stage at the Sankey's Corner would enhance the event. Councillor D Ennis pointed out that the road space for the Sankey's Corner event would likely be reduced in 2026 due to the care home development.

It was proposed by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor D Ennis and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the Deputy Clerk books the stage for Saturday 28 November. The stage to be located in the Haywood Blinds car park (facing the Xmas tree).

Referring to the Christmas trees and in particular the ones down Chasetown, Councillor D Ennis asked if enquiries could be made with Tara Group to see if the Town Council could 'tie in' with them so that the Christmas tree at Sankey's Corner could be more visual/have an impact.

41. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admissions of Meeting) Act 1960 (Section 2) (and as expended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

42. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Chair reminded Members that they were being asked to comment solely on the accuracy of the Minutes.

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis and seconded by Councillor Evans and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the Confidential Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee held on 10 November 2025 (Minute Nos. 30-31) be approved as a correct record.

(The Meeting closed at 7.19 pm)

Signed

Date



Burntwood Town Council

Application for the Better Burntwood Fund (funding of up to £500)

Burntwood Town Council is committed to assisting local organisations and groups that provide activities and support to the local community.

Any amount given will be proportionate to the public benefit and must be relevant to the area.

Please provide as much detail as possible and refer to the Guidance Notes and Conditions of Funding before submitting this form.

Name of Organisation	Chasetown FC – Mental Health Football Project
Address	Church Street, WS7 3QL
Email	
Main telephone No.	

Overview of your organisation including objectives, and membership numbers (how many members live in Burntwood Parish):

Chasetown Football Club is a community-focused club providing sporting and social opportunities for people of all ages across Burntwood and Staffordshire. The club runs youth, girls, adult, walking, and inclusive football, alongside initiatives that promote health, wellbeing, and inclusion.

At Chasetown FC – we don't just value the importance of physical health but also our participants mental health. During the week – we look to offer a range of engaging activities for our participants - including football challenges, mini-game/tournaments, and interactive sessions with coaches and players. These activities are designed to be fun, safe, and inclusive, encouraging everyone to participate, develop skills, build confidence, and make new friends whilst naturally gaining benefits to their mental health.

Mental Health activities through the club engage local families and volunteers, reinforcing Chasetown FC's role as a central hub for the community and creating a welcoming environment for people of all ages.

Type of organisation:

☐ Informal group

X Company Limited by Guarantee

☐ Registered Charity. Registered Charity Number _____

☐ Local branch of a national organisation

Society or Club with Adopted Constitution

☐ Other (please specify) _____

☐ Community Interest Company

Have you received any other funding within the last 12 months?:

No

Describe your project and the support you require:

To deliver the project effectively, Chasetown FC would require funding to cover facility cost, ensuring that everyone, including those with wellbeing/mental health issues, can take part regardless of any barriers or circumstances. Support would also be needed to purchase equipment for use during activities, such as footballs, cones, bibs, goals, and other resources to set up skill challenges and mini-games. This funding would enable the club to provide safe, inclusive, and engaging experiences for individuals while maintaining high-quality delivery across all sessions.

Additional sheet attached ☐

Funding breakdown and total amount requested:

Item	Amount
Facility Hire	£400
Equipment	£100
	Total:£500

Who are the project beneficiaries? How will this benefit Burntwood residents?:

The main beneficiaries of the project can be anyone in Burntwood who may look to access our sessions, particularly those with wellbeing/mental health issues or any limited opportunities to access sport and physical activity. More broadly, the wider community benefits from increased social inclusion, stronger intergenerational connections, and a greater sense of community

cohesion. Residents gain opportunities to engage with Chasetown FC, and see positive outcomes in confidence, teamwork, wellbeing, and social skills, contributing to a healthier, more connected, and supportive community that values mental health.

X A recent statement of accounts is attached.

X A copy of our constitution is attached.

X If successful we agree to appearing in publicity about the funding received across platforms such as Burntwood Town Council's social media channels and website, and in the local media.

X If successful we agree to acknowledging Burntwood Town Council in any publicity relating to the activity for which the funding has been given.

X If successful we agree to providing Burntwood Town Council with an update on the outcome of the activity when requested.

By signing and submitting it is accepted that all the above facts are correct, and the funds will only be used for the stated purpose:

Signature	CPPRICE
Print Name	CHRIS PRICE
Date	14/01/2026

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Burntwood Town Council

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Name of Organisation	SOUTH EAST STAFFORDSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
Address	7 Cannock Road Chase Terrace BURNTWOOD WS7 1JS
Email	
Main telephone No.	

Overview of your organisation including objectives, and membership numbers (how many members live in Burntwood Parish):

CASES provide free, confidential and impartial advice services to the highest possible standards. We give advice on a wide variety of subjects; debt, welfare benefits, housing, energy efficiency, consumer issues, immigration, tax and relationships. We offer practical support; form filling, drafting letters, etc.

We are supporting residents through the current cost of living crisis, often working in partnership and referring to other agencies and services, wherever appropriate.

To help to support those most vulnerable, we are working from different locations within Burntwood.

Over the last 12 months, CASES has benefitted the lives of over 3,600 residents of Lichfield District.

Type of organisation:

☐ Informal group

X Registered Charity. Registered Charity
Number 1128413

☐ Society or Club with Adopted
Constitution

☐ Community Interest Company

☐ Company Limited by Guarantee

☐ Local branch of a national organisation

☐ Other (please specify)

Have you received any other funding within the last 12 months?:

Yes, as a charity we apply to various funding pots to support our ongoing work

Describe your project and the support you require:

We attend and support local community events in the area to promote the help and assistance we can provide our local residents on debt, welfare benefits, housing, energy efficiency, consumer issues, immigration, tax and relationships.

To increase the number of events we attend, we are looking to upgrade our gazebo and weights, we have received the advice of Burntwood Town Council officers and the grant would go towards a new gazebo and the weights to ensure the highest of standards of health and safety.

Funding breakdown and total amount requested:

Item	Amount
Gazebo	£450.00
Weights	£50.00
	Total: £500.00

Who are the project beneficiaries? How will this benefit Burntwood residents?:

Residents who are local to the area can receive free, confidential and impartial advice services to the highest possible standards.

We support residents who are struggling due to the current cost of living crisis and we would like to reach more in the area with local publicity, the grant would help us attend more events and promote our work to more local Burntwood residents, especially those in hard to reach areas of deprivation who may need our help.

X A recent statement of accounts is attached.

X A copy of our constitution is attached.

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X If successful we agree to providing Burntwood Town Council with an update on the outcome of the activity when requested.

By signing and submitting it is accepted that all the above facts are correct, and the funds will only be used for the stated purpose:

Signature	
Print Name	Marisha Place
Date	20/1/2026

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Name of Organisation	Chase Terrace Academy
Address	Bridge Cross Road Burntwood WS7 2DB
Email	
Main telephone No.	

Overview of your organisation including objectives, and membership numbers (how many members live in Burntwood Parish):

Chase Terrace Academy is a school that has its community at its heart. The Governing Body and staff teamwork in partnership with our families, our local community and more widely with our family of schools within John Taylor MAT, to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. We have high expectations for all our pupils and strive for our values to be lived out by all who work and learn here: to be respectful, community focused, tenacious and aspirational.

Type of organisation:

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| ☐ Informal group | ☐ Company Limited by Guarantee |
| ☐ Registered Charity. Registered Charity Number _____ | ☐ Local branch of a national organisation |
| ☐ Society or Club with Adopted Constitution | ☐ Other (please specify) |
| ☐ Community Interest Company | Secondary School |

Have you received any other funding within the last 12 months?

No

Describe your project and the support you require:

Community Collaboration Cooking for Champion's

Chase Terrace Academy recently met with **Chris Price**, Community Project Officer from **Chasetown Football Club**, to explore opportunities to collaborate with local partners on projects that deliver meaningful and positive outcomes for our students and their families.

Our focus was on identifying initiatives that could improve **physical health and emotional wellbeing**, while also **raising career aspirations and developing employability skills**.

Through this partnership, Chris introduced us to **Zena Weeks** and **Natalie Fernihough** from **Cooking 4 Champions (which is a registered limited company)**. Natalie is the Business Manager and Co-Founder, and Zena is a private chef and Co-Founder. Zena works with Premier League and England footballers, including **Morgan Rogers** and **Jacob Ramsey**, as well as professional athletes who require food to support training, recovery, performance, and long-term wellbeing.

Alongside her private chef work, Zena delivers hands-on food education for children, families, and young athletes. She focuses on developing practical cooking skills, safe working practices, and positive habits around food from an early age. She is also part of **Countryside Classroom**, working with schools and community partners to help children understand where food comes from and how it connects to everyday cooking. In addition, Zena is a **Lecturer at the Birmingham City University**, where she works with undergraduate and master's students to link nutritional science with cooking practice and performance environments.

We met with Zena and Natalie last week to explore a potential collaboration, and they are keen to deliver a **practical, skills-led project** for a group of our **Year 10 students**. The project would engage students with nutrition and food concepts through a realistic, real-world application.

The core brief would involve students **planning and preparing a dish for a Premier League footballer**, designed to support performance and recovery around a matchday. We believe this authentic context will be both motivating and meaningful for students.

The pilot session will be a two-hour workshop for up to 16 year 10 pupils (and is designed to align with the Food Preparation and Nutrition Curriculum), delivered by Zena and Natalie, covering:

- An overview of Zena's role as a Performance Chef
- A demonstration of a dish prepared for professional athletes
- Discussion of nutrition, portion size, timing, and presentation
- Practical cooking activities in small groups

Following these sessions, students would develop their own responses to the same brief during subsequent lessons, supported by teachers. This approach reinforces learning and encourages independent thinking. Students would then receive **professional feedback** on their final dishes.

This project would contribute directly to students' **GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition coursework**, where they are required to respond to a real-world food brief for a specific individual. Students must demonstrate their understanding of nutrition, appropriate portion sizes, presentation, and cooking skills, before evaluating how effectively their dish meets the needs of the intended person.

Funding breakdown and total amount requested:

The total amount of the project **The school is requesting £500 from Burntwood Town Council towards this pilot session. The remaining £200 is currently subject to confirmation from an additional funding source.**

Item	Amount
Professional Delivery and Staffing	£380
Ingredients and Food Consumables	£160
Educational Materials and Resources	£60
Travel and Logistics	£100
	Total: £700.00

Who are the project beneficiaries? How will this benefit Burntwood residents?

This project would benefit beneficiaries and their wider families as part of the community by promoting healthier lifestyles, raising aspirations, and developing employability skills among young people. Through strong partnerships with local sports organisations and industry professionals, it provides inclusive access to real-world learning experiences that support wellbeing, social mobility, and long-term positive outcomes for the community

☐ A recent statement of accounts is attached.

☐ A copy of our constitution is attached.

☐ If successful we agree to appearing in publicity about the funding received across platforms such as Burntwood Town Council's social media channels and website, and in the local media.

YES

☐ If successful we agree to acknowledging Burntwood Town Council in any publicity relating to the activity for which the funding has been given **YES**

☐ If successful we agree to providing Burntwood Town Council with an update on the outcome of the activity when requested **YES**

By signing and submitting it is accepted that all the above facts are correct, and the funds will only be used for the stated purpose:

Signature	
Print Name	Julie Poppleton
Date	11/2/2026

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Burntwood Town Council

Application for the Better Burntwood Fund (funding of up to £500)

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Name of Organisation	Kate Dawes
Address	
Email	
Main telephone No.	

Overview of your organisation including objectives, and membership numbers (how many members live in Burntwood Parish):

I run Pen Drawing for Wellbeing workshops for community groups. I have worked with NHS Social Prescribing and Healthwatch Staffordshire to run these Pen Drawing for Wellbeing workshops.

I have worked with Staffordshire County Council (We Are Staffordshire) & have been part of a team that was a finalist for an International Award for Civic Engagement through my art project for Staffordshire Day.

As well as community art projects I run art workshops for the RHS, National Trust, David Austin Roses and Wedgewood - I run very high-quality workshops.

Please see my Art Workshops webpage: <https://katedawesstudio.com/pages/art-workshops>

Type of organisation:

☐ Informal group

☐ Registered Charity. Registered Charity Number _____

☐ Society or Club with Adopted Constitution

☐ Community Interest Company

☐ Company Limited by Guarantee

☐ Local branch of a national organisation

☐ Other (please specify) _____

Have you received any other funding within the last 12 months?:

Yes I won a Creative Commission with Outside Arts to run Pen Drawing for Wellbeing workshops in the Staffordshire Moorlands for NHS Social Prescribing.
I have also worked with Healthwatch Staffordshire running workshops with those with gynaecological problems.

Describe your project and the support you require:

After attending your Creative Burntwood meet up and from the positive feedback from attendees there I would like to propose I run 2 x Pen Drawing for Wellbeing workshops in Burntwood. These are for all residents of Burntwood plus NHS Social Prescribing could also refer people to the workshops.

In my workshops we use black biro to create beautiful botanical art – this is to show that art is completely accessible to all and doesn't require any special or expensive equipment – just a biro and some scrap paper. And that the skills learnt at the workshop can be continued in people's everyday lives.

I teach people different pen drawing techniques and also the well-being aspects of art. How to use it as a mindfulness & meditation tool to help relieve anxiety, stress & mental health. I also talk about how it helps relieve loneliness and can foster a sense of community.

The workshops themselves will foster a sense of community as people will meet others in the local community and hopefully chat to new local people or reconnect with those they already know.

As we work with flowers and foliage and natural objects it also helps people to connect with the outdoors and surrounding countryside of Staffordshire.

I could link the workshops to foliage & leaves in particular, to link with nearby Cannock Chase as Burntwood is a 'gateway to nature' of the Chase.

All I need is a room space in Burntwood and for publicity to let the local community know when and where the workshops are on.

I am happy to work in any community space in Burntwood (after discussion with yourselves).

Additional sheet attached ☐

Funding breakdown and total amount requested:

Item	Amount
Workshop 1: tuition fees, material and equipment costs including flowers /foliage. Travel costs. Room hire.	£250
Workshop 2: tuition fees, material and equipment costs including flowers /foliage. Travel costs. Room hire.	£250

	Total: £500
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Who are the project beneficiaries? How will this benefit Burntwood residents?:

The project beneficiaries as the residents of Burntwood who would like to attend. It is open to all to attend. I would suggest from 16 years plus.

It will teach residents pen drawing techniques & how to use art to deal with stress, anxiety and loneliness. The events will bring local residents together and foster a sense of community and belonging.

It is a joyful workshop where people find hidden art talents they didn't realise they had.

We will talk about using the pen drawing techniques learnt and implementing them into people's routines to help with stress, anxiety and general mental health wellbeing. This will hopefully improve the mental well-being of the residents of Burntwood in the long term.

☐ A recent statement of accounts is attached.

☐ A copy of our constitution is attached.

X If successful we agree to appearing in publicity about the funding received across platforms such as Burntwood Town Council's social media channels and website, and in the local media.

X If successful we agree to acknowledging Burntwood Town Council in any publicity relating to the activity for which the funding has been given.

X If successful we agree to providing Burntwood Town Council with an update on the outcome of the activity when requested.

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Signature	K Dawes
Print Name	Kate Dawes
Date	16/2/26

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Name of Organisation	Chasewater Light Railway and Museum Company
Address	Brownhills West Station Chasewater Country Park Pool Road Brownhill West WS8 7 NL
Email	
Main telephone No.	

Overview of your organisation including objectives, and membership numbers (how many members live in Burntwood Parish):

The Chasewater Railway and Museum was originally established in November 1959 and as such is the 5th oldest heritage railway in the world, The railway moved to Chasewater in 1965 from its original base in Hednesford, its aims and objectives are based around the preservation and operation of industrial and local railway heritage as an educational charity, current membership is around 500 nationally with the majority in the West Midlands and over 200 in Burntwood, most members are within 20 miles of the railways base.

Type of organisation:

☐ Informal group

☐ Community Interest Company

X Registered Charity. Registered Charity
Number ___518516_____

X Company Limited by Guarantee

☐ Society or Club with Adopted
Constitution

☐ Local branch of a national organisation

☐ Other (please specify)

Have you received any other funding within the last 12 months?:

£250 grant from Robin Hall County Councillor to support volunteer facilities refurbishment

Describe your project and the support you require:

We have seen a decline in the attendance of schools principally due to the cost of Transport to the railway, we support Key Stage 2 curriculum on aspects of history and travel, we see it is a key part of our educational function to support schools.

We have made the decision to hold our group travel costs for educational establishments at our normal fares.

Child £6.00 and adults at £8.50 but for a single school party this does not cover our operating costs at £690 per day for a steam journey. (the majority of our costs is our coal and lubricating oil, which we spend in lighting up and preparing the loco for service) as such a grant would assist us in continuing in subsidising our school's educational services, and making us a viable option even when coach travel to and from us is included.

Additional sheet attached ☐

Funding breakdown and total amount requested:

Item	Amount
Subsidy of educational program costs	£500
	Total:£500

Who are the project beneficiaries? How will this benefit Burntwood residents?:

The educational support helps local schools both in Burntwood and the wider area to access the Railway and Museum, this also brings wider benefits in that the children will often create a wider knowledge of the railway and for those outside Burntwood who may not know of the railway or Chasewater park encourage a wider family visit.

The railway also supports work experience with younger people who show an interest in and the maintaining of heritage skills, and as a whole the railway acts as a community anchor institution.

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Signature	
Print Name	A B Mould (Acting Chairman)
Date	19.02.2026

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SUMMARY OF BURNTWOOD WAKES FESTIVAL ORGANISING GROUP MEETING

22 JANUARY 2026

PRESENT

Jayne Minor (JM) (BTC Deputy Clerk)
Kat Horner (KH) (BTC Community Development and Engagement Officer)
Gary Williams (GW) (Seventeen43 Limited)
Councillor Evans (DE)
Councillor Paul Taylor (PT)
Denise Orton-Brown (DOB) (Creative Burntwood Project Manager – Lichfield Garrick Theatre & Studio)
Nicole Vanacore (NV) (Event & Communications Manager, LDC)

Apologies

Aimee Hawkins (AH) (Events Officer, LDC)
Councillor Darren Ennis (DEN)
Darren Ruston (DR) (TNT Presents)

Welcome

DE welcomed everyone to the meeting. As this was NV first meeting, everyone introduced themselves.

Review actions from the notes of the previous meeting held on 15 December 2025

Referring to the previous meeting held on 15 December 2025 DE asked if anyone had any questions or items to report. JM confirmed that 15 spaces had currently been allocated in the hall. JM asked NV if she knew of any charities/community groups who would benefit from having a stall. NV confirmed that she would ask and email JM with contact details.

KH suggested the Chair's charity may be interested and JM said she would make contact.

GW explained that he was currently working on Burntwood's first community Wellbeing Festival due to be held on Sunday 22 March with Susan Jackson (the core of the festival will be held at Fulfen Primary School). He was due to meet Susan within the next couple of days, they had not really discussed the Wakes as they were concentrating on the Wellbeing Festival however, he would mention the Wakes in July and no doubt Susan will get involved again.

Referring to previous discussions, it was **agreed** that DOB would look at workshops focusing more on teenager participation and email JM with the details.

Referring to previous discussions, JM stated that she would email Urban Hax CIC.

Update on quotes received and discussion to agree bookings

Referring to the previous meeting held on 15 December 2025 JM confirmed that as agreed she had obtained quotations. It was **agreed** that JM would book 5 cold wash units & 1 disabled unit, dinosaur craft workshop, balloon modeller, outdoor giant bubbles plus have a go bubble station, 4-person mobile climbing wall and mobile caving, static bird display, inflatables, first aid and security, petting zoo, face glitter, punch and judy, face painter and fairground rides (ferris wheel, dodgems and two childrens rides).

It was **agreed** that JM would order 20 barriers (for the arena and car parking area) and the barriers to arrive by 7.30am/8am at the latest.

DOB asked if there would be room for the Community Choir to perform and with regard to the stage artists etc (both on the stage and in the arena), it was **agreed** that PT would meet with

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DR to ascertain the up to date situation. DOB suggested, as an alternative host, Jimmy Hill from Capital Radio, who was originally from Burntwood.

DOB confirmed that HandMade Theatre (the Puppet Petting Farm Theatre) had been booked and GW suggested that these could be located next to the punch and judy.

With regard to producing a brochure KH stated that if there is the demand for a brochure one would be produced.

It was **agreed** that the Lichfield Garrick would again bring their own gazebo 3m x 3m.

GW referred to the recently launched Lichfield Radio and stated that they were looking at good news stories. It was **agreed** that PT and GW would speak to Lichfield Radio leading up to the event.

PT asked if Ridez & Vibez UK had been contacted and JM confirmed that Fun Club had been contacted as Ridez & Vibez UK were part of them last year but was awaiting confirmation of their attendance. It was **agreed** that JM would contact Ridez & Vibez Limited as they had a good teenager following.

Any Other Business

PT asked if a marketing budget had been set and how that budget would be spent as previously, he had asked if an A-Board could be purchased and placed in the reception area at the Leisure Centre and asked if more banners could be purchased. KH confirmed that a 'Save The Date' had appeared on social media. However, we were still working on sponsorship before banners were ordered. It was noted that previously when advertising the Wakes Festival in the Lichfield and Burntwood Independent Newspaper the cost had come from the communications budget however, banners, brochures etc had come from the community events budget.

JM asked if NV knew of any local Burntwood businesses who may be interested in sponsoring the event and it was **agreed** that NV would find out and email JM.

NV asked if we used 'paid' adverts on social media. KH explained that this was not something we did at the moment.

NV referred to the new licensing laws for stallholders etc and it was **agreed** that NV would email JM the link and further details.

PT referred to Hello Velo and NV confirmed that she would speak to Tasmin Turner and email JM.

Date of Next Meeting

JM to email members with the next meeting date (sometime in February).

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Steve Lightfoot (SL) (BTC Town Clerk)

Welcome

DE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review actions from the notes of the previous meeting held on 22 January 2026

Referring to the previous meeting, JM confirmed 19 spaces had currently been allocated in the hall. She confirmed that all items, previously agreed, had been booked. As requested, JM confirmed that she had obtained a quotation from Urban Hax (Microscopic World, Futuristic Moon Rover and Robo Man Mascot). She confirmed that the costs would be the same as in 2025, however, they needed to be located in a suitable position on the field as they will need to attach their gazebo to the rear of the van. It was **agreed** that JM would book Urban Hax.

Stage and Arena Acts

Referring to previous discussions, with regard to a Host, DR confirmed that there were five options available

- James Hill (radio, television, and YouTube personality)
- Gemma Hunt (presenter best known for presenting the children's competition show Swashbuckle)
- James Redmond (actor, presenter, and stand-up comedian)
- Des Coleman (actor, singer, and weather presenter)
- Walkabout Grannies on Segways (dancing shopping trolley act)

PT felt that even though Des Coleman had been excellent in 2025 he could in fact be invited back in 2027 and it was **agreed** DR would pencil in Des Coleman for 2027. It was **agreed** that Jimmy Hill would be option 1 and in the event that Jimmy Hill was unable to attend Gemma Hunt would be option 2. DR confirmed that he was awaiting confirmation that Jimmy Hill could book the time off from Capital Radio and he should be able to confirm Jimmy Hill's attendance within the week. KH asked if the host was Gemma Hunt, if she could dress as a pirate (associated with Swashbuckle) for say part of the time and DR confirmed that he would need to check out copy rights etc. It was confirmed that both Jimmy Hill and Gemma Hunt were hosts only.

DR confirmed that two acts for the stage had been confirmed (Back The 1940's and Solo Singer Lavinia Leigh). Having agreed a budget, PT confirmed that he would speak to the

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Gorstey Lea Band. PT confirmed that he would also speak to CWAGMS a community musical theatre group.

With regard to the arena acts, DR explained that they were awaiting confirmation from the army cadets, brass band (PT to email), Through the Dogs Eyes (dog agility show) and Burntwood Community Choir (Creative Burntwood). DR confirmed that with regard to the dog agility show it was down to practicalities as they had asked for a 20m x 20m space which was difficult to accommodate.

Referring to Chase Terrace Community Centre, KH explained that if more acts were required then Southern Staffordshire Dragons a brand new group introducing the art of traditional Chinese Lion Dance could be approached. She also stated that there was a karate group who hold sessions at the Community Centre that could also be approached.

Open Discussion/Sponsorship

DR suggested that the arena barriers could be made available for advertising space (i.e. banners) as it was felt that we needed to maximise all advertising potential. DR stated that there was also space on the stage wing. KH confirmed that she had obtained a quotation for a wobble board signage from a local company. Referring to advertising on the arena barriers, it was **agreed** that the starting point for costs needed to be in line with the brochure costs. It was **agreed** that a brochure would be produced but this was dependent on selling adverts as it needed to pay for itself. KH confirmed that the timeline for the brochure was that all of the content needed to be ready for the start of May and needed to go to print by end of May as DR had offered to help deliver some of the brochures around the town.

PT explained that Lichfield Radio wanted to do an outside broadcast (subject to volunteers) on the day. PT confirmed that he was a regular on the radio (every Thursday morning) and we could promote all of the Town Council's events. In his absence it was **agreed** that perhaps SL would like to attend Lichfield Radio together with PT on a Thursday to promote the Wakes and all other events/news items associated with the Town Council.

Date of Next Meeting

JM to email members with the next meeting date (sometime in March). DR asked if we could avoid Tuesdays and Thursdays if possible. PT suggested Monday 23 March.



Play in the Parks 2026

Dates & Locations:

Monday 27 July – Chase Terrace Park (in partnership with St John's Community Church)
 Wednesday 29 July – Springhill Academy (in partnership with Spark)
 Monday 03 August – Burntwood Park (in partnership with Chasetown Football Club)
 Wednesday 05 August – St Annes (in partnership with St Anne's Church, Spark & Fun Club)
 Monday 10 August – Burntwood Leisure Centre (in partnership with Lichfield Garrick – Creative Burntwood Project)
 Wednesday 12 August – Redwood Park

Items Booked Already:

Organisation	Items
Chasetown Football Club	03.08.26 – Booked in just awaiting confirmation of activities
Lichfield Garrick	10.08.26 – Giant Puppets Workshop & Parade
Face Glitter	All Events
Fun Fair Rides	29.07.26; 05.08.26 & 12.08.26
Inflatables	All Events
Packed Lunches	29.07.26; 05.08.26 & 10.08.26
CASES	All Events
Active Lichfield	All Events
Burntwood Library	12.08.26

Emails Sent & Quotes Obtained:

Organisation	Items
Gary Williams	Awaiting a quotation
Burntwood Memorial	Awaiting response for 17.08.26

Sponsorship/Funding

Name
Noel Sweeney Foundation (earmarked for packed lunches)
Tesco Stronger Starts – In Store Vote (Voting is open from mid-January 2026 until 31st March 2026)

Christmas Events 2026

Dates & Locations:

Monday 23 November – 6pm to 7pm – Corner of Bells Lane/Longfellow Road
Saturday 28 November – 4pm to 7pm – Sankey's Corner

Items Booked Already:

Organisation	Items
Burntwood Rotary	Santa (for both events)
Roadtech Cutting Services Limited	28.11.2026 Road Closure
Burntwood Library	28.11.2026 Xmas Fayre 2-6pm
Boney Hay Primary Academy	23.11.2026
Stage	28.11.2026 Quotation received for mobile stage unit, audio equipment, tech support, D&C, and sound engineer. To be located on the car park of Haywoods Blinds facing the Xmas tree
Bescot Promotions	28.11.26 – Market Stalls

Enquiries made & Quotations requested:

Organisation	Items

Burntwood Town Council

Community and Partnerships Committee

Monday 9th March 2026

Commissioning Programme update

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress made by three projects in receipt of funding from Burntwood Town Council's 3-year commissioning programme.

2. Background

In February 2023 it was agreed by Members to change Burntwood Town Council's existing larger grants of one-off payments of up to £5,000 to a commissioning model, providing £15,000 over three years for projects delivering outcomes related to specific priorities.

Following a public consultation, two priority areas were identified, adult mental health and wellbeing and youth services (11 – 18yrs). Applications were received, and projects delivered by Burton and District Mind, Burntwood Be a Friend and St Anne's Church (joint project), and Platinum Boxing were selected by Members.

All projects are required to return reports every 6 months to update Members on progress based on the objectives each organisation had set themselves to deliver.

- Burton and District Mind began their project in April 2024 and have provided their second annual report (enclosure A).
- Platinum Boxing began their project in April 2024 and have provided their second annual report (enclosure B).
- Burntwood Be a Friend and St Anne's Church began their project in October 2024 so have provided their six-monthly report (enclosure C).

3. Project Update Summaries

Burton & District Mind: Burntwood Community and Development Anchor

Within this reporting period, Burton & District Mind have:

- Delivered Gentle Walks at Gentleshaw and Mindful Martial Arts
- Began delivering Sideways Gaming
- Held ongoing discussions with other partners to plan future activities
- Began planning a community survey
- Achieved Queerify accreditation and Thrive at Work Foundation accreditation as a result of project pilots
- Began working with Support Staffordshire and their Volunteer Buddy programme to supply volunteers to their projects
- Provided counselling to 19 individuals from the Old Mining College
- Commenced larger grant applications to sustain project work in Burntwood
- Provided a case study from two Mindful Martial Arts participants.

Burntwood Platinum ABC: Opening futures with consequential thinking

Within this reporting period, Burntwood Platinum ABC have:

- Continued to see steady participant numbers across classes
- Added a new Saturday morning class which has seen good uptake
- Supporting young people to continue to train without financial barriers
- Coached young people using the theme of consequential thinking, by not just instructing but helping them make decisions themselves
- Continued to raise awareness of the importance of dietary choices among young boxers when in training
- Supported young people with their PE GCSE with boxing being chosen as an element to the qualification
- Exploring options to expand their offer during school holidays
- Provided three case studies on young boxers.

Burntwood Be a Friend and St Anne's Church: Wellbeing Works

Within this reporting period, Burntwood Be a Friend and St Anne's Church have:

- Consistently held two wellbeing walks for men and women followed by Welcome Spaces each week
- Continued to see steady numbers of participants, including 12 walkers on the men's walk and 15 walkers on the women's walk, and additional participants who attend the Welcome Spaces
- Supported a wide range of participants from 18 – 91 years old
- Referred participants on to other local services and opportunities
- Offered 4 counselling sessions per week with no restrictions on amount of sessions
- Developed partnerships with other wellbeing services in the area that undertake classes and sessions free of charge
- Promoted services widely across the town
- Planning a community day at the community garden
- Provided a case study from a Wellbeing Works participant.

4. Recommendation

Members are requested to note the contents of this report, and agree final payment for Burton and District Mind, and Platinum Boxing.

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Commissioning Outcomes Feedback, 17 August 2025 -17 February 2026

Organisation name	Burton & District Mind
Project name	Burntwood Community and Development Anchor
Name and position within the organisation	keri lawrence, Development and Sustainability Officer
Contact details	[REDACTED]
Start date of project and reporting period	13 Feb 2026 for 17 August 2025- 17 February 2026
Have there been any significant changes in your organisation since the grant was agreed?	Our NHS funded Older Adults Outreach Service concluded 31 October 2024. Our Safe Hands Service concluded 31 March 2025. This project is unaffected by these changes.

For each of your project outcomes please, briefly, answer the following questions and where relevant please include figures. We understand that the project outcomes relate to the whole 3-year project, so if you expect an outcome to be delivered at a later stage, please note this in your response. Please limit each response to 50 words.

Outcome 1: A community development exercise following previous work, updating evidence and detail based on coproduction within Burntwood and rural surrounds.	
What have you achieved during this period?	We continue to make use of the previously published Community Development Report and are updating this in Quarter 4 for informing operational planning 2026-27. A new community survey is now being planned also.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	Burton & District Mind have achieved Queerify accreditation and Thrive at Work Foundation Accreditation as a direct result of our work on Expression Equity and Creative Spaces Pilot. The pilot was successful and has led to an Awards for All grant to repeat and expand delivery from March 2026.
How has this benefitted the community?	Burton & District Mind have demonstrated ability to apply for grants and to build partnerships with a better understanding of the needs of the community.

Outcome 2:

Minimum of three match-funded activity groups per year, including eco-therapy, sports and mindfulness projects

What have you achieved during this period?

We have successfully delivered:

- 'Gentle Walks at Gentleshaw': mindful-walking funded by Coalfields Regeneration trust.
- Mindful Martial Arts project, funding by Mind/ASICS working in partnership with MAMA (local yoga and martial arts enterprise) and British Calisthenics Association.

We have commenced:

Sideways Gaming (Dungeons & Dragons for Mental Health) in February 2026

We have ongoing discussions with Chasetown Football Club to site a community garden for 'Wildflowers' ecotherapy project.

We have an ongoing application for 'Marcus Movers/Mind' grant for a Walking Photography project.

What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?

The Awards for All funding for Creative Spaces (LGBTQIA+) project as closed a previous gap reported previously.

The ongoing discussions regarding a community garden will close another previous gap also.

We are delayed in delivery of Sideways Gaming due to promotion time being extended in the New year.

How has this benefitted the community?

'Gentle Walks at Gentleshaw':

KPI	Target	Actual	Diff
# of volunteers	1	1	0
Weeks of delivery	8	8	0
# Participants	10	12	2
Wellbeing Scale improve	75%	83%	8%
Self Esteem improve	75%	100%	25%
Social Connectivity improve	75%	83%	8%
Net promotor score	50%	85%	35%

Mindful Martial Arts:

KPI Burntwood	Target	Actual	Diff
# of volunteers	2	1	0
12 weeks delivery	12	12	12
# Participants	18	11	-7
Wellbeing Scale improve	75%	100%	100
Self Esteem improve	75%	100%	100
Social Connectivity improve	75%	100%	100
Net promotor score	50	100	50
Reporting to continue activity	50%	70%	20%

The Mindful Martial Arts project has been extended for one to one sessions and support in joining the general groups ran by MAMA.

Outcome 3: One match-funded programme a year of peer-led psychoeducation which lead to mental health recovery and reduce episodes of distress and crisis.	
What have you achieved during this period?	No delivery this period. However, Mind Makeover for Carers, funded by Together for Carers, will be delivered in the next period.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	Funding secured for next programme.
How has this benefitted the community?	

Outcome 4: Three aspirational and vocational-focused volunteer opportunities aimed at people with lived experience of mental health problems leading to vocational outcomes.	
What have you achieved during this period?	No new volunteers this period from Burntwood.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	Burton & District Mind are now working closely with Support Staffordshire and their Volunteer Buddy programme in order to supply volunteers to our projects. Our volunteer programme will focus on people looking for careers in mental health or can bring specialist skills our team don't have.
How has this benefitted the community?	Volunteers from the area have provided 37 hours of donated time and skills.

Outcome 5: Increased access into our clinical service such as coaching and counselling, providing more equity across our service area.	
What have you achieved during this period?	19 individuals were provided counselling from the Old Mining College over the period.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	Numbers have reduced and we have paused our Low Cost Counselling and Coaching programme for re-development from April 2026.
How has this benefitted the community?	It is projected that we can increase the number of associates on the programme, which in turn will allow for more referrals.

Outcome 6: Dialogue and involvement with private sector businesses around mental health, emotional wellbeing and staff welfare to secure sponsorship and fundraising to support and expand the above delivery.	
What have you achieved during this period?	No update for this period.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	We are currently holding a vacancy for Fundraising Support Coordinator post due to revision of charity strategy. This has impacted on the ability to extend

	our reach into private sector across the charity including Burntwood.
How has this benefitted the community?	

Outcome 7:

A three-year programme of work that ramps up self-funding and self-sustaining opportunity by the end of its life, giving more power to people with mental health problems to take ownership of the services they receive.

What have you achieved during this period?	Continued to review and be successful in grant applications. Work has commenced on two larger grant applications to sustain project work in Burntwood: • Young People's Mental Health – taking successful project design from Leeds Mind and Mind in Gwent. • Community Programme – sustaining the best of projects as a rolling programme of work. Applications to be made by end of April 2026 with delivery implementation to coincide with the end of the current grant with BTC.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	We recognise that the economy has not picked up as projected and that local authorities, NHS and other stakeholders are still under financial pressures. Therefore, a change of direction is paramount hence the review of our plan for this outcome.
How has this benefitted the community?	We have influenced the charity strategy for 2025-2028 with commitment for continued provision in Burntwood.

Please provide a short case study linking to one or more of the above outcomes that demonstrates the impact your project is having on the local community:

Mindful Martial Arts Participant in Burntwood Group 2025

"Taking part in the kickboxing and calisthenics course run by the mind charity has been one of the most positive experiences I've had in a long time. When I first joined, I wasn't completely sure what to expect, but the welcoming atmosphere and encouragement from the instructors quickly put me at ease.

The sessions were not only fun and energising, but they also helped me grow in ways I didn't anticipate. Week by week, I felt my confidence building—both in my physical abilities and in myself. The instructors played a huge part in that. Their support, patience, and genuine passion for helping others made every class something I genuinely looked forward to.

Thanks to this course, I feel stronger, more motivated, and far more self-assured. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity and for the people who made it such a meaningful experience. I truly hope the programme can run again in the future so that even more people can benefit from it just as much as I have. I'd personally like to thank you for organising it, and the sponsors for making this happen."

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"I think this group has been very good for our mental health as I really struggle with mine due to my son being neurodiverse and i have recently its got me down and I've struggled its a safe space to talk about issues and to of load onto the team. Its been very good to have it weekly as advice has been given and the exercise has been so good and makes you feel great after.

The classes are very good combined together. Really helps get out frustration and offload onto the bags. After class i feel like the days are more manageable after having a release. These sessions have given me time to myself and have given me a reason to come out. MMA has been a good way to release anger. I now use the techniques at home and teach them to my kids!"



Please provide a brief financial breakdown of how the grant has supported project costs:

Item: E.g. staffing costs, equipment, room hire	Cost:
Contribution to Project Support Coordinator Salary and oncosts	£5,000

Please complete and return this document by Monday 25th August to kat.horner@burntwood-ic.gov.uk.

Signature	
Date	13 February 2026

Commissioning Outcomes Feedback, August 2025 – February 2026

Organisation name	Burntwood Platinum ABC
Project name	Opening futures with consequential thinking
Name and position within the organisation	Steve Cadman
Contact details	
Start date of project and reporting period	01/04/2024, 18th August 2025 – 15th February 2026
Have there been any significant changes in your organisation since the grant was agreed?	none

For each of your project outcomes please, briefly, answer the following questions and where relevant please include figures. We understand that the project outcomes relate to the whole 3-year project, so if you expect this outcome to be delivered at a later stage, please note this in your response. Please limit each response to 50 words.

Outcome 1: To expand on the current numbers of active members.	
What have you achieved so far?	Participant numbers have been steady with the increased classes and boxers carded remains at a good level.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	We have this session had one coach leave the club due to personal issues and the amount of time being taken up. This has been countered with a new coach coming on board who is being mentored and will be sponsored to achieve coach certification. None of the classes have been effected.
How has this benefitted the community?	The club has benefited the community as it is still providing classes for people to train in a safe environment. Those individuals who have difficulty with payment are still actively engaged with the club and this is something that the club will be continuing with in the future. This enables the community to come together from various backgrounds.

Outcome 2:

Promote more actively with the education of dietary requirements and health and wellbeing to assist with mental health, and to guide and mentor individuals through a consequential thinking approach to coaching.

What have you achieved so far?	Following on from the previous feedback the club has seen an increase in youngsters changing dietary habits and adopting a healthier diet, this is evident in some of the feedback received when asking participants about their journey through Burntwood Platinum – see attached comments and views. The theme of consequential thinking has continued, and our coaching of participants is by not just instructing but helping them make decisions themselves. This aligns with decisions made and the consequence of one's own actions, this is also evident in the attached comments and views. We can see from the feedback that current and previous participants are making positive choices which they are seeing the rewards for in their personal life.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	Through engagement of some of the youth members the club has been able to now assist with GCSE sports with boxing being a chosen element. The individuals have had to video participation in key aspects of training such as physical exercise / pad work and instruction & sparring. This work is assisting them in their qualifications with schools. Alongside these friendships are being made with others of a similar age which is expanding away from the gym which is encouraging as we are reaching other groups who are becoming more interested in what the club can offer.
How has this benefitted the community?	As the above youths from different backgrounds and "groups" are now mixing together with a common theme they are also mixed between different schools and not isolated to one catchment area in Burntwood.

Outcome 3:

To see the uptake increase over the 12 months with a measurable program completion tracking in place.

What have you achieved so far?	The class numbers are remaining good across all age groups and the club is investigating some options to enhance holiday periods. The club is open through all academic holidays but normally sees a drop in school age groups attendance, this we are looking at to see if it is at all feasible to offer something more than just boxing and exercise during these periods.
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What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	The inclusion of a new Saturday morning class has seen good uptake – this is a mixed session of age groups and is based on a theme each week. The theme is advised during classes in the week and then participants attend at their leisure. This has seen good numbers attending and with an early 9:00 start gets youngsters engaged with the day and over the last few weeks we have seen different groups going for breakfast after training and discussing healthy options and places that others have been going to. This is encouraging as this was not driven by the club but on the request of members.
How has this benefitted the community?	It is encouraging that the Saturday mornings have been installed as it is a further factor on people making positive choices – seniors are reporting a more settled lifestyle as they are now scheduling other activities around training and if they are attending at 9:00 on Saturday mornings then they can't afford to be out late of an evening. This also applies to the junior members who arrange with friends other more social activities to revolve around their training times.

Outcome 4:

Following an increase in uptake the age groups will be split into specific age groups - minors/schools 10-13 years, juniors 14-15, youth 15-18 & Seniors 18+.

What have you achieved so far?	The classes are still in place and numbers are good – as stated previously we now offer a further Saturday morning session that is open to all abilities.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	The Saturday sessions are seeing increased participants, and this is growing as the weeks progress.
How has this benefitted the community?	Further enhances the inclusion in the community as the Saturday class is open to all abilities with the added option for those who just wish to train to their own plan.

Outcome 5:

An increase in coaches including junior coaches.

What have you achieved so far?	As stated previously we have had a coach leave but managed to bring a new coach on board who will be developed and sponsored to achieve coach qualifications.
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What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	No disruption to classes during this transition period.
How has this benefitted the community?	With the challenges we faced the community has not seen a decline in the classes whilst a new coach was brought on board – this is an area that we are continuing to promote.

Outcome 6:

Further engagement with the local police and other agencies looking at supporting individuals who are at risk of or have been convicted of violence or antisocial behaviour.

What have you achieved so far?	Again, we engaged with local policing and had a visit of a liaison officer with a youngster who has repeatedly been supported by them. Since this meeting there has been no further contact which has been disappointing.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	Police contact still is not happening despite our continued efforts.
How has this benefitted the community?	

Please provide a short case study linking to one or more of the above outcomes that demonstrates the impact your project is having on the local community:

As the club has been through a lot of positive changes, we thought that it would be worth reaching out to club members to find out what their experiences have been. The following are comments and quotes from individuals who have submitted responses and are happy with us sharing - names have not been provided due to confidentiality but if further information is required it can be provided. The responses are pleasing for the club as it demonstrates the result of positive changes due to consequential thinking ie the choices that are made have a positive change to my daily life.

1. A boxer who joined after having spells of convictions found structure / discipline & focus through boxing and progressed through a kickboxing background and then becoming a professional boxer going on to win regional titles and competing for national titles. These experiences enabled travel abroad to many countries and the ambition to have long term stability. "Platinum gave me the grounding and direction to better myself not only just in sport but also with life decisions. I have had success in the sport but also have been able to outline and provide opportunities for myself by way of opening a restaurant abroad which will enable me to provide for myself once the boxing stops. Without the guidance Platinum has given me I truly don't believe I would be in my current position and would most probably have limited options".

2. A junior member joined some 18 months ago and was unfit / conscious of his size / quiet. Through attending regularly and training hard whilst developing not only new skills but also changing his lifestyle choices for himself has progressed to lose weight and become an extremely fit individual alongside becoming a confident and sociable individual. For the club seeing this transformation is as rewarding and if not more than producing one of its champion boxers. "when I came to Platinum I could not complete a class as it was too hard but with guidance and seeing what options there was for me I changed my focus and started to choose a better diet something that I had never really thought about. I now complete all sessions and have made lots of friends from the gym that I also see outside of the gym without platinum I don't think I would have had this".

3. A junior member joined after moving from area to area in supported accommodation but due to an interest in boxing remained in Burntwood, he spent a few years training and competing then disappeared for 12 months to then come back to the gym following spells of being "in trouble" today he is a regular in the gym having experienced the consequences of his choices and actions he now is a structured individual from positive choices and actions having recently passed his driving test and completing GCSE's at college as he missed out on some schooling. "Platinum gym has given me the focus and guidance to not only train but to make me think about my actions and choices to better myself, I am fit and healthy but also have a better life and not in trouble anymore – without the gym I think I would have ended up in more trouble".

Item: E.g. staffing costs, equipment, room hire	Cost:
Utilities (offset against free sessions for those unable to pay)	£2500
Replace equipment repairs to bags / gloves / skipping ropes / resistant bands	£1700
Healthy option food (fruits)	£480
Transport to other gyms - competitors	£320

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Signature	S.Cadman
Date	23.2.26

Commissioning Outcomes Feedback, August 2025 – February 2026

Organisation name	Burntwood Be A Friend and St Annes Church Chasetown
Project name	Wellbeing Works
Name and position within the organisation	Daniella Parker, Charity Manager
Contact details	
Start date of project and reporting period	01/10/2024 18th August 2025 – 15th February 2026
Have there been any significant changes in your organisation since the grant was agreed?	The Coalfields Regeneration Trust has been a valued supporter of both St Anne's and Burntwood Be A Friend for some time, with all three organisations working closely together on a range of projects. They expressed an interest in providing funding for the Welcome Space and community walks, and following discussions it was agreed that this would go ahead. BTC will contribute towards some of the counselling costs incurred by BBAF. Counselling provision plays a vital role in ensuring local people – including attendees of our groups and Welcome Spaces – can access support as quickly as possible. Without this service, local GP surgeries would face increased pressure, with more patients being added to already stretched counselling waiting lists.

For each of your project outcomes please, briefly, answer the following questions and where relevant please include figures. We understand that the project outcomes relate to the whole 3-year project, so if you expect this outcome to be delivered at a later stage, please note this in your response. Please limit each response to 50 words.

Outcome 1: Recruit and employ Wellbeing Facilitators for two wellbeing walks, and for the Welcome Space on Mondays and Thursdays.	
What have you achieved within this reporting period?	The two facilitated wellbeing walks are running consistently, creating safe opportunities for improved physical activity, social connection, and reduced isolation. The Welcome Space is operating twice weekly with dedicated facilitators, providing a

	welcoming, supportive environment where individuals can access informal emotional support, peer connection, and appropriate signposting.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	Some participants required more one-to-one support than forecast, placing additional demand on facilitator time. Weather and seasonal factors occasionally affected attendance at the wellbeing walks.
How has this benefitted the community?	This has benefitted the community by reducing social isolation, improving mental wellbeing, encouraging physical activity, providing early intervention & signposting and increasing accessibility to support.

Outcome 2:

Set up a new Monday 'Welcome Space' to follow on from the Monday Wellbeing Walk.

What have you achieved within this reporting period?	The men's welcome space has been attended by a constant 12 walkers with additional coming on an ad-hoc basis (weather/appointments). We also have a couple of men who are unable to complete the walk, attend the welcome space for social purposes, who then receive the same opportunity to access services as everyone else.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	We have had a couple of the gents use the group as a "first step" to build their social confidence and have now gone on to volunteering for us and taking part in other groups that we run.
How has this benefitted the community?	We have been able to use the new welcome space as a "triage" for the men walkers, with several being referred on to other support services such as counselling. These men would have otherwise been to their doctors and referred onto other NHS services, but instead have been supported faster and more efficiently by us and other connecting organisations.

Outcome 3:

Record and monitor participant numbers and diversity.

What have you achieved within this reporting period?	We have a steady 12 walkers for the men's walk and an average of 15 ladies walkers per week. The new Monday welcome space is attended by the 12 men's walkers plus the mums and toddlers from the Strollers walk. The Thursday welcome space is attended by all of our ladies walker plus approximately 15-20 others
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	and can be a hive of activity. The age range of all attendees ranges from 18- 91 years old.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	St Anne's through the winter has been extremely cold and difficult to heat which does put off some of our attendees. However, we have still had great attendance and our referral process has been put to good use. 7 attendees from the walks and 4 attendees from the welcome spaces have been forwarded on to other services in the last 6 months.
How has this benefitted the community?	The regular walks and welcome spaces provide structure and routine, particularly for those who may otherwise feel isolated during the colder winter months. The strong attendance, despite challenges with heating at St Anne's, demonstrates the value these sessions bring to attendees' wellbeing. The referral process has also had a positive impact, with 11 individuals being successfully signposted to additional support services over the past six months, ensuring that those with wider needs are able to access appropriate help. The project is strengthening community connections, improving mental and physical wellbeing, and acting as a trusted gateway to further support where needed.

Outcome 4: (New outcome as agreed)

Increase access to free counselling for underserved individuals resulting in earlier intervention, therefore reducing the need for crisis or acute services.

What have you achieved within this reporting period?	We have 4 counselling slots per week, and these slots have been consistently full and attended. There is no restriction on how many weeks the participant can have. Recent participants have had between 3 weeks of counselling and 16 weeks of counselling. Every participant is monitored regularly and judged on a case by case basis.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	Over the Christmas period, we opened another counselling slot specifically for any acute situations that might arise. This was filled almost instantly. The need for counselling in the Burntwood area is immense and extra funding will have to be sought in order to carry out more sessions.
How has this benefitted the community?	There has been strong need for this service by attendees of the walks and welcome spaces. The referral process for BBAF & St Annes staff member is simple and easy to follow, with shorter waiting lists than the NHS.

Outcome 5:

Feasibility study completed to see whether the model of the Wellbeing Works Project can be helpfully replicated elsewhere in Burntwood.

What have you achieved within this reporting period?	We have found that there are 1 or 2 other places in Burntwood where this could be replicated quite easily. However, looking at some of the issues that we have come across recently, they would need to be overseen by a paid member of staff that is First Aid and Safeguarding trained, as these are both put into use on a regular basis.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	Similar groups are being ran elsewhere, but when serious problems arise there, that attendee is then reported/signposted to us. We are always happy to help where-ever and whenever we can. Extra funding may have to be sought to be able to provide a service that covers a much larger area and participant group.
How has this benefitted the community?	Ultimately, extra spaces would strengthen the potential for reduced isolation, improved mental and physical wellbeing, and earlier intervention support for more people within the community. However, we provide the support within the locations that we can and assist as many people as we can.

Outcome 6:

Develop partnership with other Wellbeing Agencies and explore the broadening of the Wellbeing Works Project to incorporate other Wellbeing activities which can be made available to local people at zero or low cost.

What have you achieved within this reporting period?	We have made considerable connections with 2 or 3 wellbeing services in the area that will come to us and carry out classes/sessions completely free of charge.
What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?	We would have to be looking at Spring/Summer to carry out these sessions as our locations will be much warmer, more comfortable and much more inviting.
How has this benefitted the community?	By providing these sessions free of charge, we may be able to encourage more people to socialise when normally they wouldn't. Hopefully, by introducing and encouraging friendship groups, these people may then decide to regularly attend our weekly groups and sessions.

Outcome 7:

Obtain funding for beyond year 3 of the Wellbeing Works Project so that it is not dependent upon BTC funding, putting the project onto a more stable and sustainable footing and embedding it into the work of Burntwood Be A Friend and St Anne's Church.

What have you achieved within this reporting period?

We are actively expanding our Wellbeing arm of the organisation and have been able to partner on new projects with some potential funders. The connections we now have with other organisations seems to be stronger than ever, which puts us in a very strong position for additional funding.

What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?

Burntwood Be A Friend and St Anne's have been able to have a much wider reach with St Annes even being nominated for the Beacon Awards for Community Impact. We intend on building on this even further in the future.

How will this benefit the community?

Securing funding beyond Year 3 of the Wellbeing Works Project has benefitted the community by providing long-term stability and reassurance that the support they rely on will continue. Reducing dependence on BTC funding strengthens the project's resilience and allows for better forward planning, continuity of activities and sustained partnership working. Embedding the project within Burntwood Be A Friend and St Anne's Church ensures it becomes an integral part of local provision rather than a short-term initiative. This stability builds trust among attendees, encourages ongoing engagement, and ensures that vital wellbeing support remains accessible to residents for the long term.

Outcome 8:

Publicise the project using information leaflets delivered to community locations around Burntwood and utilise social media posts advertising the project on a regular basis.

What have you achieved within this reporting period?

Our leaflets are now on bulletin boards across Burntwood. We will be on Lichfield radio soon to help promote the wellbeing works. Word of mouth, Social Prescribers and local schools/churches actively promote us and our services. We are also arranging "Community Days" at our Community Garden to get word out about everything that we do and take part in.

What has been successful and what hasn't gone as planned?

In an ideal world, we would be able to fund a position where we have someone on the team for a couple of hours a week to be able to head up promotions and social media work. At this point in time, we do find it

	difficult to fit this into the working week, but it is something we need to work on in the future.
How has this benefitted the community?	Many more people are hearing about the charity and what it is we do. We are having people referred into our wellbeing sector from so many other organisations and we have developed connections and services to then be able to help those people further. Community members are finding it easier to access services the so desperately need without being turned away.

Please provide a short case study linking to one or more of the above outcomes that demonstrates the impact your project is having on the local community:

Gentleman in his late 30's - unnamed.

He first began attending one of our groups by chance, as he happened to be in the building for another purpose. Through initial conversations, he quickly formed connections and began building relationships with other attendees. At the time, he was unemployed and facing extremely challenging circumstances, including being rehoused. He described the group as a place of sanctuary during this difficult period.

He later joined the men's walk, which offered a very different atmosphere, yet he settled in well and came to realise that many others were also managing their own challenges. This shared understanding helped him feel less alone. Soon after, he became involved in another of our groups, alongside some of the same men, further strengthening his sense of belonging.

Over time, his confidence grew significantly. He progressed from participant to a fully committed volunteer, taking on regular responsibilities within the project. Alongside this personal growth, his employment situation also improved — his workplace increased his shifts from one day per week, to two, and now to three. He now volunteers with us three days a week in addition to his paid work, demonstrating a remarkable turnaround in confidence, stability and purpose.

This case demonstrates how BBAF + St Anne's and its services can play an integral role in supporting individuals through difficult times and promoting long-term stability. By providing welcoming, consistent spaces for connection, the project allowed him to build relationships, share experiences, and find a sense of belonging during a period of unemployment and personal upheaval. The structured activities, such as the men's walk and other group sessions, offered opportunities for routine, social interaction, and peer support, which helped him develop confidence and resilience.

Through continued engagement, he was able to transition from participant to volunteer, increasing his sense of purpose and responsibility. The support and stability gained through the project also complemented improvements in his employment, with his work shifts steadily increasing alongside his voluntary role. This example highlights how Burntwood Be A Friend/St Anne's not only provides immediate emotional and social support, but also fosters personal development, confidence, and practical stability, embedding wellbeing into the everyday lives of local people.

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Signature	D.Parker
Date	23/02/2026

Community and Partnerships Committee

Monday 9th March 2026

Burntwood Lions White Goods Scheme annual update

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the White Goods Scheme administered by the Burntwood Lions on behalf of Burntwood Town Council, and that funding is agreed for April 2026 – March 2027.

2. Background

Burntwood Town Council (BTC) began operating a White Goods Scheme which is administered by the Burntwood Lions in 2019 to assist vulnerable residents who are in urgent need of essential household equipment such as cookers, refrigerators, washing machines, beds, mattresses, and carpets. The Burntwood Lions receive an annual payment from Burntwood Town Council to purchase goods.

The Burntwood Lions annual payment of £4,120 to cover the period April 2025 – March 2026 was received in April 2025 and they have submitted quarterly reports which have been reviewed by this committee throughout the financial year.

The latest quarterly report (Enclosure A) details that the Burntwood Lions have provided goods for 5 families from October – December 2025 at a cost of £1,345, leaving £323 of funding from Burntwood Town Council remaining for this financial year.

The Burntwood Lions have received additional funding during this financial year from another provider to enable them to support more families.

The Lions continue to see an increase in the demand for the service, and with costs also increasing to purchase goods the funding received from BTC was almost entirely spent by the end of quarter three.

3. Conclusion

The Burntwood Lions have provided goods for 14 families between April 2025 – December 2025 using Burntwood Town Council's funding, and an additional 10 families using their own funding or funding donated from other sources.

To reach more families and continue to provide the scheme throughout the year, the Burntwood Lions continue to seek additional funding as well as funds received from Burntwood Town Council.

While there is another quarterly report due to cover the period January – March 2026, the remaining balance may not be sufficient to support another family in full, so undertaking the annual review now will enable Members to discuss payment without a delay for the coming financial year.

4. Recommendation

That Members agree payment of £4,326 in April 2026 for the White Goods Scheme. The increase in payment falls in line with BTC's precept as previously agreed.

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Burntwood Town Council

White Goods Scheme

Administered by the Burntwood Lions

The Burntwood Lions received £4,120 in April 2025 from Burntwood Town Council and received additional funding from another provider to deliver the White Goods Scheme for this financial year. This report provides feedback relating only to funds provided by Burntwood Town Council.

Quarterly Report: October – December 2025

Date	Client No.	Postcode	Referral Source	Item	Cost
21.10.25	405	WS7	BROMFORD	COOKER	299.00
21.10.25	409	WS7	BROMORD	COOKER	179.00
12.11.25	412	WS7	BROMFORD	COOKER	269.00
28.11.25	414	WS7	BROMFORD	COOKER	299.00
5.12.25	417	WS7	BROMFORD	COOKER	299.00
Quarterly total:					£1345.00
Annual total (from April '25):					£3797.00
Funding remaining:					£323.00

Case study (October):

Case study (November):

Case study (December):