

Blackheath Local Assembly

Proposed Local Assembly Fund Projects

2014/2015

How we got to this point

‘What did Blackheath Say’

We spoke to people at assembly meetings and also to the wider community, asking them what we should spend money on and work to improve. Please see consultation document ‘What did Blackheath Say’

October 8 2014 Meeting

At the October 8 2014 assembly, people ranked their top 10 project ideas from the consultation results, please see these listed on the next page.

Co-ordinating Group

The co-ordinating group has looked at the results and agreed on projects to present to the assembly, there is 1 project for each of the assembly priorities.

(Apart from ‘Parking, Street and Waste’ and ‘Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour’, as workshops on knife crime and gun crime to be included in 2013/14 Wash House Youth club project)

Projects that the coordinating group are proposing (Details overleaf)

1. Environment Benches for Blackheath	£3,500
2. Community Blackheath Village Day	£2,300
3. Provision for older people Age Exchange - Outreach	£2,980
4. Provision for Young People Conservatoire - The Creative Community Project	£3,720
Total	£12,500

£2,500 of Councillor discretionary funding will also be spent in the ward. It is being discussed that this funding may support older peoples projects and computer training. There is a separate funding pot for the heath from the donation from OnBlackheath and the assembly will pass our other Environment projects over to be considered for this pot.

Results from October 8 2014 meeting

**People were asked to rank their top 10 projects in the list from the consultation 'What did Blackheath Say'
Top scores received 10 points**

Environment	Relevant (✓)
Benches for older people along main routes/pedestrian paths across the heath	17
More meadow planting required on bunds on the heath (Goffers Road)	16
Wild flowers greening the area	15
Flower Baskets in Blackheath Village	11
Repair benches and install new ones near Holly Hedge House	11
Community Gardens	6
Information boards on the ecology of Eliot Pits.	5
More planting on the Whitfields Mount	3
More Environmental Awareness interpretation boards like Brookmill Park	0
Community	
A Blackheath Village Day	18
Update Blackheath Christmas Lights	17
Training for local people in computer skills	17
Adult exercise outdoor around the heath	6
Newsletter with more on it about what is going on rather than just an advert for the meetings	5
Affordable exercise/Zumba or dance classes at Heathside and Lethbridge social club	5
More community fetes	3
Provision for Older People	
Free or reduced cost for keep fit classes for older people – they cost £5 which is £20 a month which is too much if you are retired (Cancer Research classes in Kingswood Halls)	11
Social trips for older people – joint trip with older people's clubs from the whole of the Ward	10
Christmas dinner and party for older people in Blackheath	6
Young People and Children	
Youth Activities/Training - Some kind of subsidised youth activity with learning opportunity for young people i.e. CV workshops, Educational Trips, Arts and craft classes, make a film of their area	19
Crime and Anti-social Behaviour	
Workshops on knife crime and gun crime / not getting involved in drug dealing	17

Blackheath Assembly Priorities

1. Environment and Community
2. Provision for Older People, Young People & Children
3. Parking, streets and waste
4. Crime and Anti-social behaviour

Priority 1. Environment and Community

Project 1. Environment

Benches for Blackheath



£3,500

It was brought up in the consultation that there were not enough stopping points for people that want to walk across the heath, Especially for older people or those with mobility difficulties. In the October meeting this was voted to be the most popular Environment project/action.

This money will pay for 4 new benches at £874.95 per bench to be installed on the heath.

Please place your sticker where you would like a bench to be sited. On the map an X marks where a current bench is and a O marks a current bin. Please place your sticker over another sticker if you would like the same location.

Priority 1. Environment and Community

Project 2. Community Blackheath Village Day - December 2015

The Blackheath Village Day 2014 was a community-wide event, attracting over 2,000 people. There was an array of special events in and around the village which culminated in a children's lantern parade and the switch-on of new festive lighting.

The success of 2014 is hoping to be built on and for a bigger and better Village Day to be presented for 2015. It is planned this will include the King's Troop, entertainment, special events and live music and a large exhibition and craft fair in Blackheath Hall's Great Hall.

The aim is to celebrate Blackheath Village at Christmas with all that that entails. Father Christmas would be at his grotto at Age Exchange, his reindeer would enjoy the café and snow at the Conservatoire's Winter Wonderland and the village children will be able to make lanterns. There will be live music in the pubs and restaurants and several other events on the day.

At the end of the day, people will gather together in the heart of the village to sing some carols and turn on the Christmas lights. The Mayor has already been booked and people will be able to hear him speak because a proper PA and engineer will be hired in.

£2,300

Expenditure	
Hire of PA and engineer	400
Publicity, website design & admin support	400
Admin support (accounts)	200
Hospitality for volunteers (inc. entertainers) on the day	200
Printing costs (posters + A5 flyers/postcards)	400
Hire of hall	Tbc
Policing	Tbc
Contingency (for above two items)	700
Total Project Expenditure	£2,300

Priority 3. Provision for Older People, Young People & Children

Project 3. Provision for Older People

Age Exchange - Outreach

This is a six-week reminiscence outreach programme for older people targeting the sheltered housing scheme in Hurren Close 'Village Court' and Heathside and Lethbridge/Parkside Estates lunch club.



Two experienced reminiscence practitioners would run five reminiscence sessions at each scheme, each session could take up to 25 people. The sixth and final session would bring the two groups together in The Bakehouse Theatre at Age Exchange. This final session would be an afternoon social event such as a reminiscence quiz or a tea dance and include a short talk on volunteering and centre activities. The aim with the final session is to give participants the knowledge and confidence to come to the centre once the programme is over or to take up volunteering.

We will continue to engage with those who took part by providing a monthly mailing for six months advertising centre events and volunteering opportunities as a way of encouraging them to become active in the community.

Our experience in working with older people has shown us that it is very difficult for people to take the first steps to come to a new place, so running activities on their home ground in the first instance is a positive way of establishing contact and introducing them to their local community hub.

The aims of the project are to enable participants to;

- Meet other people who live in the same scheme and to learn more about their neighbours through sessions run by experienced reminiscence arts practitioners
- Build their confidence to come to our community centre and on an ad hoc basis to provide them with company, activities and a place to meet new people
- Introduce them to volunteering opportunities
- Enhance their well-being
- Reduce feelings of loneliness
- Keep fit, active and independent for longer and have fun

£2,980

Expenditure	
Project artist 2 per session for 2 hours for 12 session	£2,160
Project artists travel	£55
Materials (£10 per session)	£110
Session planning and outreach time	£270
Supervision, management and co-ordination	£85
Postage for follow up over six months (based on 30 people attending)	£90
Catering for Village Court residents (based on 15 people at £2 a head)	£150
Catering for final session at £2 a head for 30 people	£60
Total Project Expenditure	£2,980

Priority 2. Provision for Older People, Young People & Children

Project 4. Provision for Young People and Children Conservatoire - The Creative Community Project

The Creative Community Project aims use arts and music to promote community cohesion as well as to provide creative and personal growth opportunities for young people from low income families.



The project is comprised of two strands:

1. The Conservatoire will present two free family concerts (including a post-show workshop) of Tchaikovsky's Peter and the Wolf for up to 240 people from diverse backgrounds across the community, and
2. 40 children from Blackheath ward from low income families will receive full bursaries to attend one of The Conservatoire's six-week-long children's art workshops in a range of disciplines including drawing, painting, printmaking, decorative arts and comic book illustration, which will include an end-of-project art exhibition. By the end of the project, children of exceptional talent will be identified to receive year-long bursaries.

In total, the project would reach up to 280 people and provide 840 contact hours of arts or music experience. The project coordinator will work with local schools, housing estate support and welfare staff as well as community networks within the estates to help identify and recruit potential children and families that would like to be a part of the project.

£3,720

**Plus £1,200
from
Conservatoire
donors**

Expenditure			
Fee for musicians/workshop artists for two two-hour Peter and the Wolf Concerts and Workshops			£2,000
Project Coordinator time to work with intermediaries to identify and recruit hard-to-reach families and children as well as to monitor and evaluate project and create report – 4 days@£130/day			£520
Full Bursaries for six week art course (1.5 hrs/session) for 40 children @ £60 per course			£2,400
Total Project Expenditure			£4,920
Income			
Assembly Fund requirement			£3,720
Other funding (please specify)	Applied for	Confirmed	
from Conservatoire Donors		£1,200	
Total Project Income			£4,920