

Appendix 2 – Summary of activities and impact of grantees

1. Call Connect

In 2023-2024, we core-funded the Call Connect Service £30,000. Call Connect provides an additional bus service for Gainsborough and surrounding villages. This serves approximately 9000 passenger journeys per month.

2. Citizen's Advice

In 2023-2024, we core-funded Citizen's Advice £60,200. Citizen's Advice provide advice and information to West Lindsey residents particularly in relation to financial issues. 1,455 clients were supported with as many as 6,523 issues across the district. The main issues dealt with were tax credits and universal credit (39%) and debt and financial services/capability (31%). 56% of clients were female and 44% were male. 59% had a disability or long-term health condition.

3. Gainsborough Adventure Playground Association (GAPA)

In 2023-2024, we core-funded Gainsborough Adventure Playground Association £15,000. GAPA provides play provision and a community space in the Park Springs area of Gainsborough. GAPA run daily after-school and holiday sessions for children and young people. These include Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) sessions which are funded for those that qualify. They run a nursery and also hire out the space to community groups for activities. GAPA has 127 new child registrations in 2023-2024. GAPA has gone through a period of transition due to financial challenges. GAPA is sited in one of the most deprived areas of Gainsborough.

4. Lincoln Area Dial-a-Ride

In 2023-2024, we core-funded Lincoln Dial-a-Ride £13,000. Lincoln Dial-a-Ride provides community transport and mobility services to the people within 10 miles of Lincoln. In 2023-2024, membership numbers in West Lindsey are 26 for the Shopmobility Scheme, 71 for the dial-a-ride scheme, 3 for the Voluntary Car Scheme and 24 for group transport. (most dial-a-ride scheme are also registered for the voluntary car scheme). Passenger trips average 103 per month.

5. Live and Local

Live and Local utilised £3,500 of WLDC funding from underspend over COVID years. Live & Local work with voluntary and community groups in West Lindsey to enable arts and culture events. In 2023-2024, they supported 4 voluntary organisations to choose and promote 16 arts and culture events across 4 locations (Glentworth, Market Rasen, Nettleham, Tealby) in West Lindsey. This enabled the groups to develop their skills and volunteer base, creating 71 volunteering instances and entertained 664 people in their own community. Live and Local attracted inward investment of £9,380 from Arts Council England and raised £7,409 in earned income.

6. The Conservation Volunteers

In 2023-2024, we provided core funding to the Conservation Volunteers of £30,000. The Conservation Volunteers build and support volunteer groups who maintain green spaces in West Lindsey, including West Lindsey District Council owned green spaces. In 2023-2024, in

West Lindsey, the Conservation Volunteers undertook 122 project days in West Lindsey. This resulted in 628 total volunteer days by 20 registered volunteers.

7. Voluntary Centre Services

In 2023-2024, we core-funded VCS £15,000. In 2023-2024, in West Lindsey, VCS supported 313 people to volunteers, supported 90 host volunteer organisations and trained 41 volunteers. 21 community and voluntary groups accessed online training and 10 volunteer management workshops were delivered. 4 voluntary sector forums were hosted with 72 attendees in total. 93 groups were supported with capacity building such as governance, funding or safeguarding. In addition, VCS host various other activities which are enabled by our core support even though we do not fund directly. These include social prescribing and place-based social action projects such as the Together Initiative.

8. West Lindsey Churches Festival

In 2023-2024, WLDC core-funded West Lindsey Churches Festival £8000. In 2024, West Lindsey District Churches Festival saw 7553 visitors attend. 87 churches participate and 664 volunteers over the two weekends. The Festival raised over £27,500 for local churches. The income raised by churches ranged from £0 to £3590.

While the majority of visitors are reported from local (LN, DN or PE) postcodes, visitors were reported from further afield including from Derbyshire, Yorkshire, France, Australia, USA and Turkey.