

GRANGE Neighbourhood Renewal Area

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About Neighbourhood Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were established to be representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.

About Grange Partnership

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Grange Partnership was set up in 2006 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan, this action plan was updated in March 2017. The Partnership currently comprises 26 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, churches and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bi-monthly basis and its administration services are provided through a development worker and administrator within Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

The Partnership has established 3 sub-groups:

Youth: to assist with the identification, development and, where appropriate, the delivery of projects which aim to address youth projects in the area.

Communication and Events: to provide direction and support for all NR events and activity and to communicate and promote these events and activity through the quarterly Newsletter and Website.

To actively recruit onto all of the programmes and to seek to improve community consultation and community engagement.

Economic and Employability: to develop a strategic approach for training and other support to promote and support employability training programmes to increase skills/employability within the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

It should be noted that Grange Partnership and Subgroup members have all signed up to, and abide by, the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

GRANGE Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 4 key projects in the GRANGE Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

Community Renewal

1. Grange Community Development Worker

The project aims to address the objectives identified in the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan 01 April 2015 to 31 March 2018 through the appointment of a full time Community Development Worker who will work with local residents, Grange Youth & Community Group, Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and other community and voluntary groups to build capacity, promote the development of community infrastructure and progress a range of Neighbourhood Renewal initiatives.

The Community Development Worker will assist the Grange residents to identify issues that affect their lives, set goals for improvement, and bring about positive change through active participation. With the input of local residents the Community Development Worker will organise a range of community based programmes, co-ordinating delivery, evaluating and monitoring progress.

The Worker supports Grange Youth & Community Group and statutory groups to identify funding for projects and assist them with developing a timetable of work and a fundraising strategy. The worker also acts as a link between residents of the Grange area, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Statutory Bodies and central government departments.

Projects currently being supported by the Community Development Worker include:

Grange Women's Group: Grange Women's Group avail of a full programme of activities, workshops and events throughout the year which are organised with the help of the Community Development Officer. Some events and activities are funded by successful funding bids completed with the help of the Grange Community Development Officer and others are funded by the women themselves. The 17/18 year has seen the group participate in a range of arts and craft themed workshops on Thursday afternoons in Grange Community House. They have participated in leisure courses in Creative Crafts such as origami, decoupage, quilting and glass painting and they have also completed sessions in flower arranging and music therapy. In December 2017 they hosted a winter well-being event to raise awareness around how to look after yourself during the winter months. They also completed 'Be Mindful' programme facilitated by The Sunshine Project and funded by South Antrim Community Network's Public Health Authority funded Mental & Emotional Well-Being & Suicide Prevention grants which covered the areas of relaxation, creativity, stress reduction, gratitude and even some laughter yoga sessions.



Grange Allotments: The allotment site is leased by Northern Ireland Housing Executive to Grange Youth and Community Group. The site currently provides 9 raised beds which in some cases have been subdivided into 3 more manageable plots to be used as growing space, a lockable shed,

for storage of tools etc., and a greenhouse. The Community Development Worker completed a successful funding bid to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's Outreach & Involvement Fund resulting in £500.00 being made available for the Eco Warriors group to make bird houses from recycled materials. Activity stalled during this year due to the proposed stock transfer of the area to Choice Housing. However residents voted against the transfer and the area has remained with NIHE. Plans are being progressed to transfer the management of the allotment site to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

Youth Group: Young people from the Neighbourhood Renewal Area have been engaged in a wide variety of programmes, projects and events. Programme costs were made available through the funding for the Community Development project in Grange which has supported weekly dance and swimming lessons for local young people.

A youth summer scheme runs each year over July and August and is coordinated by the Community Development Worker. Successful funding bids to the Education Authority and Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council allowed a variety of activities, trips and workshops to take place. The scheme was attended by 71 young people during summer 2017 and also provided leadership training for 4 junior leaders. Summer scheme activity included visits from Jude Clay, Rocket Making with Climb NI, multi sports sessions with Belfast Community Development & Sports Network, cookery and arts and crafts. Trips included visits to Streamvale Open Farm, Lagan Valley Leisureplex, Nerf Wars, Foot Golf, Sportsbowl and The Soccer Shed.







Reimaging: Summer 2017 also saw the official launch of the Youth Mural that was completed as part of the Re-imaging Programme with NIHE Cohesion Unit. This was celebrated with a slippery slide as well as barbeque and climbing wall funded by NIHE.

Photos from the official launch of the 'Youth Moving On' mural



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In addition a successful funding bid to South Antrim Community Network's PHA funded Mental & Emotional Well-Being & Suicide Prevention grants supported the delivery of a 'Be Your Selfie' programme for local teenage girls. This programme looked at areas such as self-esteem, coping with exam stress, coping mechanisms, confidence and overall mental and emotional well-being.

Grange Community Development Officer continued to support the Grange Go Swim programme which provides local children with the opportunity to participate in small group swimming lessons with a qualified instructor. It also helps them to work towards their ASA Swim awards. There were 26 young people registered during the year.

The Grange Eco Warriors project took part in a short programme which taught them how to make bird feeders from recyclable materials and also took part in session where they made mini gardens to take home.

Grange Dance Group continued to practice on a weekly basis throughout the year.

Parents: The Mums & Little Tots Programme funded by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council provided the opportunity for parents and small children to take part in sensory sessions with Mini Explorers and Sing, Shake & Smile which aims to develop the family bond through song, dance and play.

A total of 8 local mums completed an OCN Level 1 in Health Literacy which covered topics such as understanding medicine labels, food labels, recommended daily amounts and being able to communicate more effectively with health professionals.

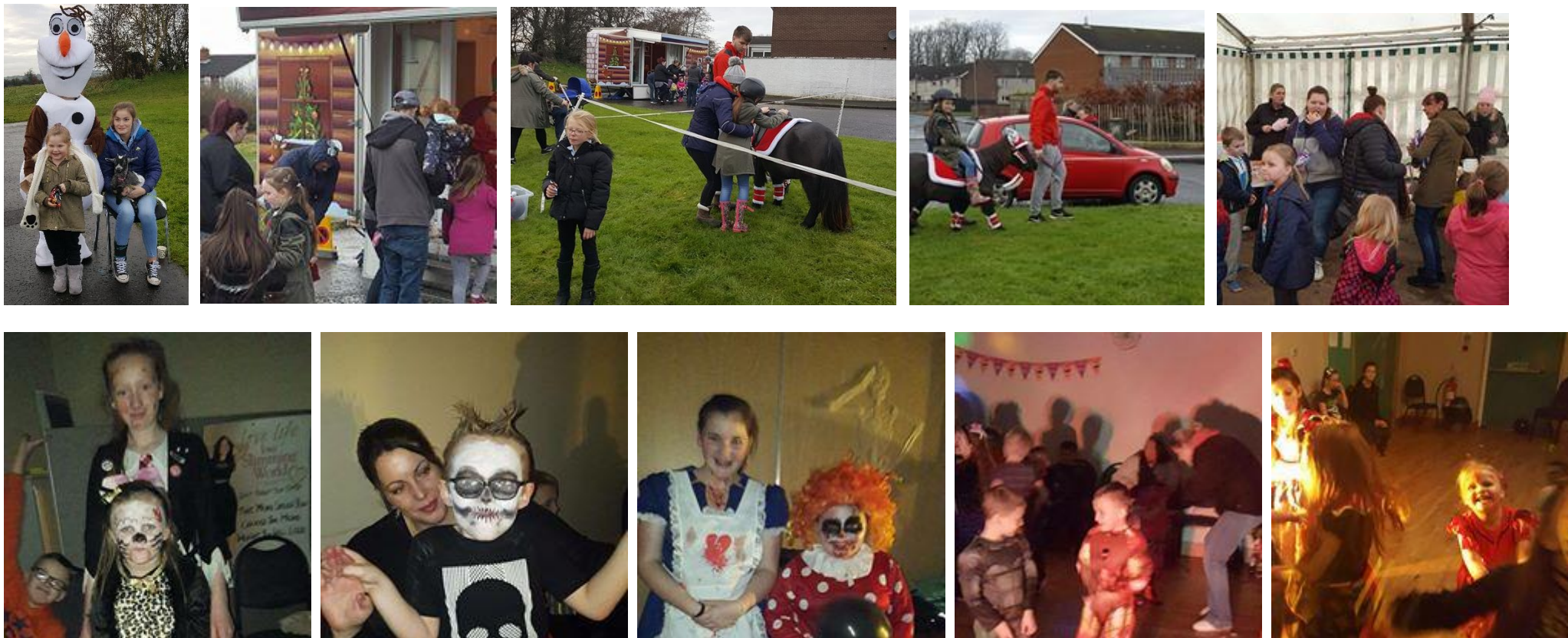
The number of parents becoming actively involved in various aspects of community development in the area is steadily increasing and they are also availing of capacity building training as part of their volunteer development. Parents have also become increasingly involved in workshops and programmes on offer as part of the Community Access to Lifelong Learning Project and have participated in classes such as Holiday Spanish, Sign Language and Counselling.

There has been a significant increase in community activity across the age spectrum with there being a marked increase in programme uptake year on year. All programmes, workshops and activities address the actions on the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan, promote Neighbourhood Renewal and increase social capital. All of the work we do is linked to the provision of a family-wide initiative to increase community development activity in the area. All of the current and ongoing projects and programmes effectively complement each other and demonstrate a joined up approach which helps to address the key priorities identified in the current Action Plan for the area.



Grow with Grange Community Engagement Day: A Neighbourhood Renewal community engagement day was held in the area on Saturday 5th August 2017. A variety of activities were on offer including petting farm, pony rides, face painting, temporary tattoos, inflatables, barbeque and health marquee. The event was extremely well attended, was successful in raising local awareness of Neighbourhood Renewal and providing signposting for local residents. It also provided the opportunity to recruit more volunteers and to advertise upcoming activity in the local area.

Seasonal Activities: Grange Community Development Worker supported the delivery of seasonal activities in the local area during the period 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018. These events included a series of events for Halloween which included arts & crafts such as lantern making and a Halloween disco with party food and games; a series of Christmas events including Christmas movie night, arts and crafts and cookery which culminated in a Santa visit to the Grange Winter Wonderland event on 16th December 2017.



Grange Fishing Club: Grange Fishing Club was established in the summer of 2016 with the help of volunteers from First Cast NI who secured funding to run a Get Into programme for young people age 7+ to try fishing for the first time. During these events a core group were identified who were keen to continue fishing in some form. The Grange Community Development Worker worked alongside Grange Youth & Community Group to establish the club and identify further opportunities to expand the experience of the group. During this time complimentary game rod licences were secured thanks to contacts in the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

2. Grange Community House Running Costs 2017-2018

Funding was secured in 2017-2018 for the running costs associated with the Grange Community House including costs for cleaning equipment and gas. The aim of the project was to:

- Enable the community group to open the Community House 5 days and 5 evenings per week – achieved within this reporting period.
- To provide opportunities for all sections of the community to become involved in the Community House– achieved within this reporting period.
- To deliver a series of activities to engage local people including workshops, classes, festivals, recreational activities and coffee mornings– achieved within this reporting period.
- To enhance relationships with statutory bodies by inviting them to deliver workshops, classes and activities in the Grange Community House– achieved within this reporting period.
- To offer accredited training to enhance the skills of the residents within the Grange/Thornhill and Ollardale estates– achieved within this reporting period; and
- To continue to work towards addressing the renewal themes contained within the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.

In addition Grange Community House has provided a venue from which to run a number of programmes made available as part of the Community Access to Lifelong Learning (CALL) Project. These programmes have included Quilting, Needle Felting, Embroidery, Nail Art, Flower Arranging, Computer and Literacy/Numeracy classes.

Running costs have also now been secured for the 2018/2019 financial year and Grange Community House is now widely used for a variety of activities for all ages.



3. Ballyclare Men's Shed Project

Ballyclare Men's Shed project developed as an initiative by Grange Men's Group who, after best practice visits and subsequent consultations, identified the need for this type of facility to be made available in the local area as a long term programme for men which had not been available previously.

The Grange Community Development Worker assisted with the consultation process, completion of funding bids and the identification of premises as well as the generation of all necessary policies and procedures. The purchase of equipment was made possible by a successful application for capital funding from the Department for Communities with funding of £9,523.89 being secured. The Shed launched on Thursday 15th December 2016 and included taster sessions in wood turning, music therapy and making planters. This was combined with the Winter Well-Being event and the Cancer Focus Man Van was on hand to carry out health checks for those who came along to the event.

Since its establishment, members of Ballyclare Men's Shed has been able to avail of horticultural sessions, basic wood working sessions, making a traditional 3 legged stool, health & safety training, First Aid training and physical fitness sessions. They have also completed sessions around positive mental & emotional well-being, prescription medication and pain management with the help of a successful funding bid to the Building the Community Pharmacy Project.

During this year Ballyclare Men's Shed has rolled out the 'Laugh Project' (Look After U Get Healthy) and the project included sessions at Grange Allotments site, Reminiscence, Boccia, New Age Curling, Music for Well-Being and Dander Football. This project was funded by the South Antrim Community Network's "Networks Involving Communities in Health Improvement (NICHI)" funding aimed at improving health & well-being through the Communities Improving Health Model and was supported by Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council's Sports Development Programme.

In addition Ballyclare Men's Shed also hosted a Have-A-Go workshop on 25th May 2017 during the Ballyclare May Fair where local people were able to come in and try turning a pen on the lathe. They also hosted another Winter Well-Being event In December 2017 with sessions such as Music for Well-Being, health checks, advice on keeping warm in winter.



Economic Renewal

4. Community Access to Lifelong Learning (CALL)

CALL - The Community Access to Lifelong Learning programme secured funding from DfC to offer residents from Grange NR area training opportunities through Northern Regional College. There is a full programme of training available to any Neighbourhood Renewal Area resident and a tutor may be found to support training that is not currently offered through NRC's Community Education Department. A CALL steering group is in place and the Grange Community Development Worker is a member.

There has been extensive use of the CALL Project over the last year and funding has been secured for 2018/2019.

The courses ran as part of the CALL Project during the 17/18 financial have included:

- Creative Crafts (Decoupage)
- Basic IT
- British Sign Language Level 1
- Creative Crafts (Origami)
- Flower Arranging
- CPCAB Level 2 in Counselling Skills
- Holiday Spanish

Local residents were able to avail of these courses free and this project has been key in advancing skills, capacity and employability in the area.

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	17/18 Spend (as at 31/03/18)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
Community Development Worker	01 April 2017 – 31 Mar 2018	£44,461.68	£33,769.03
Grange Community House Running Costs	01 April 2017 – 31 Mar 2018	£5192.06	£3,179.92
Ballyclare Men's Shed Project	01 April 2017 – 31 Mar 2018	£9523.89	£2,034.09
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£54,497.63	£38,983.04
ECONOMIC			
NRC CALL (Community Access to Life-Long Learning)	01 April 2017 – 31 Mar 2018	£13,859.60	£10,955.07
Total Economic Expenditure		£13,859.60	£10,955.07
TOTALS		£68,357.23	£49,938.11

GRANGE Partnership Conclusion

In the 2017/2018 financial year, GRANGE NR Partnership's total overall spend was **£49,938.11**

This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

Community Renewal **£38,983.04**

Social Renewal **£**

Economic Renewal **£10,955.07**

Physical Renewal **£**

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL
FUNDING IN 2017/2018 YEAR**

Community renewal Output Measures to be used for 17/18 Annual Report

PROJECT	CR1 - Number of people participating in community relations	CR2 – Number of people participating in community bonding	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community	CR4 - Number of people engaged/involved in unpaid voluntary work	CR5 – Number of people receiving training in community development	CR6 - Number of people using new or improved community facilities	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported	CR8 - Number of community relations	CR9 - Number of people involved in projects that promote shared space	CR10 - Number of people using existing community facilities	CR11 - Percentage of residents who say they are aware of community facilities/services in their area
Community Development Worker			25			433	7				
Community House Running Costs			25				7			433	
NRC – CALL (Community Access to Life-Long Learning)											

Economic Output Measures to be used for 17/18 Annual Report

PROJECT	ER1 - Number of FTE permanent jobs maintained	ER2 – Number of residents going into employment	ER3 – Number of people accessing careers advice	ER4- Number of people receiving job specific training	ER5 – Number of weeks (per participant) of job specific training provided	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid	ER7- Number of weeks (per participant) of non-job specific training provided	ER8- Number of new business start ups	ER9 - Number of new/existing businesses requiring/receiving advice/support	ER10 - Number of people becoming self-employed	ER11 - Number of Social economy enterprises created/supported	ER12 - Number of new business start-up surviving 52 weeks	ER13 - Number of new/existing childcare places supported to facilitate training and or employment	ER14 - Number of people attaining a formal qualification from participation in Adult education	ER15 - Number of FTE jobs safeguarded
Community Development Worker															
Community House Running Costs															
NRC – CALL (Community Access to Life-Long Learning)			26			71									

Social Renewal Education Output Measures to be used for 17/18 Annual Report

PROJECT																									
	SR(Ed) 1 - Number of childcare/nursery school places crated/safeguarded	SR(Ed)2 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 3 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 4 - Number of pupils whose behaviour is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 5 - Number of people engaged in parenting skills development programmes	SR(Ed) 6 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed) 7 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 8 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from project	SR(Ed) 9 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in STEM subjects)	SR(Ed) 10 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from the project	SR(Ed) 11 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position to ensure pupils reach full potential	SR(Ed) 12 - Number of pupils whose attendance is measurably enhanced/improved	SR(Ed) 13 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position	SR(Ed) 14 - Number of young people directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 15 - Number of young people experiencing improvements against baseline position of assessed needs	SR(Ed) 16 - Number of young people having access to specialist support to address assessed needs	SR(Ed) 17 - Type and number of accredited qualifications completed	SR(Ed) 18 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from /being supported by the project	SR(Ed) 19 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved against baseline position	SR(Ed) 20 - Number of children and young people having access to specialist support to enhance their physical and emotional well-being	SR(Ed) 21 - Impact on enhanced learning environment	SR(Ed) 22 - Increased number of young people and adults taking part on regular physical activity	SR(Ed)23 - Number of pupils whose attainment is measurably enhanced/improved (in ICT related subject)	SR(Ed)24 - Number of residents in an area who obtain a (ICT-related) qualification on completion of formal training	SR(Ed)25 - Number of pupils directly benefitting from project
Community Development Worker																									
Community House Running Costs																									
NRC – CALL Community Access to Life-Long Learning														8			11								

Social Renewal - Health Output Measures to be used for 17/18 Annual Report

PROJECT	SR(H)1 - Number of people benefiting from Healthy Lifestyle Projects	SR(H)2 - Number of people attending Health Education/Awareness initiatives	SR(H)3 - Number of people accessing intervention/treatment services	SR(H)4 - Number of health education awareness initiatives provided/delivered	SR(H)5 - Number of people benefiting from new or improved health facilities	SR(H)6 - Number of people participating in suicide prevention projects	SR(H)7 - Number of new/improved sports facilities provided	SR(H)8 - Number of people using new sports facilities	SR(H)9 - Increase (n%) in the number of people using improved sports facilities
Community Development Worker									
Community House Running Costs									
NRC – CALL Community Access to Life-Long Learning									

Social Renewal - Crime Output Measures to be used for 17/18 Annual Report

PROJECT	SR(C)1 - Number of people receiving advice on crime prevention	SR(C)2 - Number of community safety initiatives implemented	SR(C)3 - Number of people participating/attending community safety initiatives	SR(C)4 - Number of crime prevention initiatives implemented	SR(C)5 - Number of people participating/attending crime prevention initiatives	SR(C)6 - Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	SR(C)7 - Number of victims of crime supported	SR(C)8 - Number of homes with increased security	SR(C)9 - Number of Neighbourhood Wardens supported	SR(C)10 - Number of people involved in dealing with the impact of Interface issues
Community Development Worker										
Community House Running Costs										
NRC – CALL Community Access to Life-Long Learning										

Physical Renewal Output Measures to be used for 17/18 Annual Report

PROJECT	PR1 - Area of land improved for open space	PR2 - Area of land reclaimed for open space	PR3 - Area of land improved and made ready for development	PR4 - Area of land improved and made ready for shared space	PR5 - Number of community facilities improved	PR6 – Number of traffic calming schemes	PR7 – Number of trees planted	PR8 – Number of projects improving community facilities	PR9 - Area of land improved and made ready for development	PR10 - Area of land improved and made ready for shared space	PR11 - Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects
Community Development Worker											
Community House Running Costs											
NRC – CALL Community Access to Life-Long Learning											

External funding secured from 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Festivals	£4,196.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Summer Scheme	£1,320.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Outreach & Involvement (Allotments & Recycling)	£1,760.00
Education Authority	Cluster Football Project	£11,928.54
South Antrim Community Network	Grow with Grange	£1,000.00
Education Authority	Autism Support/Education Support	£11,625.92
Education Authority	Intervention - young women's project	£2,698.94
Education Authority	Summer Scheme	£1,477.04
NICHI Project	Communities Improving Health	£2,300.00
Living Life to the full	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention	£1,000.00
Northern Partnership for Physical Activity	swimming, dance etc.	£1,750.00
Grow Wild NI	Hands on Nature	£2,300.00
Limavady Community Development Initiative	Volunteer support grant	£1,200.00
ASDA Foundation	Community House refurb.	£720.00
Beating the Baby Blues	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention	£1,000.00
Lifestyle & Well-being	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention	£1,000.00
Cluster Football Project	EA Intervention	£6,000.00
Live Here, Love Here	Live Here, Love Here	£500.00
CYPSP	Autism Support	£2,000.00

Total £55,776.44

External funding secured from 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Festivals	£4,975.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Queen's Birthday	£1,000.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Outreach - Allotments	£2,000.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Summer Scheme	£1,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Running Costs	£3,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Outreach	£2,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	Mums & Tots	£1,000.00
Awards for All	Mental Health & Emotional Well-being programme	£9,695.00
Building the Community Pharmacy Project	Men's Shed	£2,000.00
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	Bric2 OCN Level 1&2 in Diversity \& Community Relations	£3,250.00
South Antrim Community Network	Networks Involving Communities in Health Improvement	£996.00
Department for Communities LCDI Ltd)	Men's Shed Project	£9,523.89
	Small grants for volunteering	£1,000.80
Community Foundation NI (Comic Relief)	Grange Get Fit	£5,000.00
PHA - Physical Activity	Parents and Men's Shed	£1,430.00
Total		£48,870.69

External funding secured from 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Grange Festivals	£5,000.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Grange Outreach & Involvement (Allotments & Recycling)	£500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Grange Summer Scheme	£1,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Running Costs	£4,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Outreach & Involvement	£2,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention - Youth - Be Your Selfie	£1,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention - Women's Group - Mindfulness	£1,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention - Men's Shed - Keep Calm Feel Reel	£1,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	NICHI Model - Men's Shed LAUGH Project	£2,500.00
Education Authority	Grange Summer Scheme	£3,000.00
Asda Foundation	Grange Christmas event	£500.00
		£22,500.00

Total for period 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2018

£127,147.13



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