

WILLIAM MORRIS BIG LOCAL



NEWSLETTER

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FUNDS ALLOCATED
FROM FEBRUARY 2016
to AUGUST 2017

Infrastructure £45,000

Communications £10,000

Community spaces £17,000

Intergenerational working £50,000

Green Spaces £12,000

Local economy £5,000

Partnership Elections

Interested in being involved? At our April Forum we will be recruiting new members

THE WILLIAM
MORRIS BIG LOCAL
IS YOUR COMMUNITY
BASED PROJECT

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Run by Local Residents for the Residents of William Morris Ward
WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN £1,000,000, BY THE NATIONAL LOTTERY TO
SPEND OVER 10 YEARS FROM 2014.

William Morris Ward was chosen by Big Local (Part of National Lottery) to receive £1 million in 2013.

After many consultations, local residents came up with a plan with 5 priority areas that needed improving within the ward.

Improving community spaces To work with local Community Centres – William Morris and Priory Court, to increase usage levels of the centres by providing more activities/projects for all local residents. There is also a Community Chest fund for local residents to apply for small grants to improve their surrounding areas.

Improving inter-generational working To increase activities and resources within the ward that can benefit and engage every member of the community from 0 to 100+. To be achieved by Festivals, one off and long term projects held throughout the ward all through the year.

Improving the environment and green spaces Working with residents to improve green spaces within the ward from local streets to communal areas. To encourage and grow the community's sense of pride and achievement in where they live and to encourage gardening and cultivating food.

The Local Economy To work with local businesses as well as residents to develop skills, experience as well as employability. This priority is a work in progress and would really benefit from more input and ideas from residents on actual projects and activities that can be undertaken.

Communications To ensure residents have access to information about services and opportunities in the ward from Big Local to other local community groups, through newsletters, posters, website and word of mouth.

To help achieve these goals, quarterly Forums are held and are open to all residents of William Morris Ward.

From the Forum in April, local residents are elected to participate in the Big Local Partnership, which acts as a steering committee and are responsible for ensuring that the aims and objectives of the William Morris Big Local plan are upheld.

FORTHCOMING FORUM MEETINGS

Day: Tuesday

Date: 9th Feb 2016

Time: 7 to 8:30pm

Venue: Priory Court

Day: Tuesday (AGM)

Date: 26th April 2016

Time: 7 to 9:00pm

Venue: Priory Court

Day: Tuesday

Date: 26th July 2016

Time: 7 to 8.30pm

Venue: WMCC

William Morris Big Local Development worker

Interested in working with your local community?

Want to get involved?

William Morris Big Local are looking for a Development Worker to work alongside the partnership.

This is an exciting time for William Morris Big Local. We have submitted our new financial plan and looking to invest in projects and activities throughout the ward.

The work includes community engagement and networking to ensure involvement of as many William Morris Ward residents as possible.

The right candidate will help promote the Big Local and encourage community and voluntary groups in successfully running projects/activities.

The role is for 21 hours per week flexible working with some evenings/weekends.

If you are interested in the role, please visit the website for a full description of the role and Job Description:

www.wmbiglocal.org

Deadline for submission of CVs is 5pm Fri 12th February.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

Worth Unlimited

Working with Worth Unlimited to deliver a weekly Youth Club and monthly Mobile Youth Bus for the next 12 months. Starting in February 2016 with the Youth Club being held at Priory Court Community Centre and the Mobile Bus at William Morris Close.

Somalian Women's Group

Will be running a Women's Empowerment group for all women in William Morris Ward. The group is being set up to work with women who find it difficult to access mainstream services due to lack of language skills.

Asian Elders 50+ Project

Will be running Health and Fitness activities for people over 50 at William Morris Community Centre.

There will be many activities from gentle yoga to dancing to Keep Fit classes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking to volunteer? Have an hour or so to spare? We are looking for Volunteers to help with Social Media, organising and setting up at events.

We are also looking for residents who can commit to being on the Partnership for the next year. This will involve attending meetings every 6 weeks to help make decisions on how to use the money to improve the ward.

COME AND FIND OUT MORE AT THE FORUM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WILLIAM MORRIS BIG LOCAL WEBSITE

www.wmbiglocal.org