

Winton

SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER

Local Decisions, Local Results, Safer Stronger Communities Fund

Welcome to the Safer Stronger Communities Fund update, 2006/07.

This newsletter provides an update on some of the positive projects that the Safer Stronger Communities Fund has supported in the Little Hulton and Winton areas of Salford during 2006/07 and how you, as a local resident, can be involved in the future.

What is the Safer Stronger Communities Fund?

Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) is money from the Government to improve the quality of life for residents in parts of the Little Hulton and Winton areas.

SSCF was introduced by the Government in 2005 and in Salford from April 2006. It combines numerous Government grants aimed at:

- Reducing crime, fear of crime, and anti social behaviour;
- Empowering local people to take part in local decision-making and to be able to influence service delivery;
- Improving the cleanliness, safety and condition of streets and public spaces
- Improving the quality of life in neighbourhoods and ensuring that services respond better to neighbourhood needs.

How were the areas chosen?

The funding focuses upon designated areas within two neighbourhoods. These were Peel, Kenyon and Amblecote areas within Little Hulton and Westwood Park, Brookhouse and New Lane areas within Winton. These areas have been chosen by the Government based upon statistics linked to levels of deprivation.

How much funding has been available?

During 2006/07, Salford was allocated £1.4 million to support capital and revenue projects, this was equally split between the two neighbourhoods of Little Hulton and Winton on the basis that similar numbers of people live in each area.

For 2007/08, the funding has been £1.711 million.

In each neighbourhood, £565,000 capital funding and £290,500 revenue funding has been allocated.

Capital projects can include projects such as refurbishment works, development of new community facilities or purchasing resources for a specific project. Revenue funding can cover items such as project running costs, worker posts such as detached youth workers and rugby league development workers. Examples of projects that have been funded are included on page 3.



How have decisions been made about how funding has been spent?

The Winton and Little Hulton areas both have dedicated Neighbourhood Development Officers. The role of these Officers is to oversee the SSCF programme in each area and ensure that local residents have opportunities to influence how funding is spent locally.

All schemes were developed in consultation with local people through a locally held meeting known as a Reference Group – there is one for each area of Winton and Little Hulton. These meetings were organised to make sure residents and community groups had the opportunity to be involved from an early stage in deciding and developing ideas for projects, which would improve the quality of life of residents within the Little Hulton and Winton areas. The Neighbourhood Development Officers have a key role in encouraging local people to take an active part in the Reference Groups by offering ongoing support to residents to assist them to do so. Reference Groups take place on a quarterly basis and membership has increased in number and now includes individual residents, community groups, residents associations, schools, local Councillors, Churches, representatives of various agencies and Salford City Council.

Community involvement has been really important to the SSCF programme, as it has helped the council and its partners to understand the needs and wishes of local people.

In addition to Reference Groups, the Community Action Plans and Community Committees in both Little Hulton and Winton have assisted in identifying priorities for the area and helped to direct how the funding has been invested locally.

Community representatives have been involved in the allocation of funding through the SSCF Appraisal Panels. These panels were created to initially assess project proposals and provide recommendations to the SSCF Board using local knowledge to decide which schemes should go ahead. There are equal numbers of community representatives and local Councillors who are members of these Appraisal Panel, this ensures that any recommendations suggested are decided collectively.

Overseeing the overall allocation of funds is the SSCF Partnership Board. The SSCF Partnership Board was established in January 2006. This Board consists of local community representatives and local Councillors from both areas as well as members of the Neighbourhood Teams, the Community and Voluntary Sector and Partners in Salford Strategic Partnership.

What has Safer Stronger Communities Funding Achieved?

Here are some examples projects that have been funded through SSCF in the Winton area;



Designing out Crime

The designing out crime project has received SSCF support during 2006/07 and 2007/08. This project has been coordinated by the Burglary Reduction Team and aims to reduce crime and fear of crime by delivering a package of security measures such as improving street lighting, fitting extra locks/bolts to house door and window, fencing and alley gating. A local steering group has been established that includes membership of local residents and Councillors to assist and advise how this funding should be invested. Other agencies such as the Police, Housing and Environmental Services have helped to advise on which areas need improved security measures using crime statistics.

Additional funding was also made available for measures to reduce the number of incidents of off road biking, particularly within open spaces around the Brookhouse area.

Targetted Policing Project

The Targetted Policing project delivers a range of policing initiatives at key times and in key areas to address burglary and anti social behaviour such as juvenile nuisance, enforcement of off road biking, criminal damage and nuisance fires. Funding has supported additional, high visibility Police patrols across the SSCF area.



Small Project Support Fund

In addition to the larger projects, some funding has been allocated to a 'Small Project Support Fund' to enable smaller community groups to secure funding for local activities. This fund has supported a number of smaller projects such as

- The planting of trees at sites along the main routes through Winton – put forward by Winton Festival Committee.
- Environmental improvements to Brookhouse Community Centre – put forward by the Resident Association.
- Improved security measures to an after school club in Westwood Park area – put forward by Friends of Westwood Park.
- ICT classes for the community at Salford City Academy – put forward by the ICT Manager.

This fund is available during 2007/08, therefore please contact the Neighbourhood Development Officer for Winton to find out about the process for applying for Small Project Support Funding.

Rugby League Community Development Worker

The introduction of a new Rugby League Community Development worker has created a local link to Salford Reds Rugby Club within Little Hulton. The Development worker is employed by Salford City Reds and aims to offer additional opportunities for young people to access rugby league coaching activities at community venues within Little Hulton. The project also helps to increase healthy lifestyles through sport.

Youth Activities

A series of positive activities for young people have been supported by the SSCF programme. They have included outreach work by youth workers to involve and gain interest from young people to become involved in activities such as drama, fishing, alcohol awareness and various activities to assist them to complete Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The Sports Development Team have carried out sport, and dance activities and along with the Health Improvement Team have even provided much needed healthy refreshments afterwards of fruit and water, which have proved to be very popular with younger residents.



Improving the quality of open spaces and facilities

A number of improvements to open spaces have been carried out to improve the quality of the environment and increase usage of these spaces, such as;

- Improvements to the entrance and the creation of a community garden at Winton Park.
- Improvements to the access road to Brookhouse Community Centre.
- Environmental improvements to various sites on Westwood Park and the Brookhouse area.
- Provision of perimeter fencing and gates to the low rise blocks in the New Lane area.



Improved Community Facilities

A newly refurbished base located at Brookhouse Ave (formerly the Wardens Office) has been supported through SSCF. This facility will offer a variety of agencies a base from which to offer services locally. Agencies/representatives already signed up to using the base include; the Resident Association, Youth Services, members of the Neighbourhood Policing team, Homestart, Welfare Rights, Housing providers and local councillors. However the most important use of the building will come for the community itself making use of the services on offer.

If you would like any further information relating to the Safer Stronger Communities Programme, please contact:

Andrea Parker - Neighbourhood Development Officer (Winton)
Eccles Neighbourhood Management Team,
Old Town Hall, Church St.
Eccles M30 0LH

Tel: 0161 603 4293

Email: Andrea.parker@salford.gov.uk

This document can be provided in large print, audio, electronic and Braille formats. Please contact The Equalities Team at Salford City Council, telephone number 0161 793 3536.

إذا احتجت للمساعدة في فهم هذه النشرة، برجاء الاتصال بفريق المساواة في مجلس سالفورد، هاتف رقم 0161 793 3536

এই পুস্তিকাটি বোঝার জন্য যদি আপনার সাহায্যের প্রয়োজন হয় তাহলে সেলফোর্টে কাউন্সিলের ইকুয়ালিটি টিমের সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করুন টেলিফোন নম্বর 0161 793 3536

如果您有關於本宣傳頁的任何問題，請聯繫 Salford 理事會的 Equalities 團隊，電話號碼為 0161 793 3536

જો આ લીફલેટ સમજવા મોટ તમને મદદની જરૂરત હોય, કૃપા કરી ઇકવાલિટીજ ટીમ સલ્ફોર્ડ ડાઉનિલિન્ગ ટેલિફોન નમ્બર 0161 793 3536 પર સંપર્ક કરો.

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਲੀਫਲੈਟ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਣ ਵਿਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਲਫੋਰਡ ਕੌਂਸਲ (Salford council) ਵਿਚ ਇਕੁਅਲਿਟੀ ਟੀਮ (Equalities Team) ਨਾਲ ਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ 0161 793 3536 'ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

اگر آپ کو اس ایف لیٹ کے سمجھنے میں مدد کی ضرورت ہو تو براہ کرم اکیویٹیز ٹیم کو مسالورڈ کونسل سے اس ٹیلی فون نمبر 0161 793 3536 پر رابطہ قائم کر سکتے ہیں۔