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**Report to the Trustees of
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and
The Sir James Reckitt Charity**

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1. Introduction

As ever, we aim to take the opportunity with the Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants to provide information and guidance to local groups to help them learn about grant funding, and to encourage and enhance their compliance with the terms of their grants. To this end we have remained in regular contact with applicants advising them what to expect in terms of explaining the importance of returning all documentation as requested and offering help and support where needed. We have run a number of training courses for groups including:

- Funding Advice Sessions
- Meet the Funder information and training events
- 1-2-1 Governance support via Healthchecks
- Volunteer Management Training

Thanks to donations from the Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust and the Sir James Reckitt Charity, Hull CVS distributes small grants of up to £500 to support voluntary and community groups on Bransholme. In addition, thanks to further donations, Hull CVS distributes small grants of up to £200 to help very small groups that would not manage to access grants from any other sources.

Although the awards from the Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants are relatively small, the difference that they make is enormous to the lives of the people involved in the groups that receive funding, offering continuity to the groups that rely on grant funding.

2. Grants Promotion

The Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants has been promoted via a range of mediums to capture a wide audience including a number of voluntary and community sector organisations and existing networks including poster / flyer distribution and e-networks.

We have continued to promote grants programmes through the local media and also Hull CVS website and E-news; an electronic newsletter, providing over 800 subscribers with up to date funding information, governance, training and news of relevance and interest to community groups.

The Governance and Funding e-flyer highlights an organisations eligibility to apply to a number of grants schemes (including the Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants), how much groups are able to apply for, the types of projects/activities that might be eligible to receive a grant, how long groups have to spend a grant, where groups can go for support in completing an application form, and an electronic link to download the application pack and guidance notes.

All groups are encouraged to subscribe to the e-flyers to assist in their development and delivery of activities.

A funding drop-in session was held during the summer at St Johns Church which highlighted a number of off the radar groups and networks that have not previously accessed grant funding. Hull CVS was able to work with some of the groups to think about developing governance structures and appropriate policies and procedures to safeguard themselves and their beneficiaries. Whilst other groups were able to apply and be successful in securing grant funding.

3. Income and Expenditure – For Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants

Bransholme Trust

Income	
Balance B/F 1st April 2016	£4048.70
Sir James Reckitt Charity	£7000.00
Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust	£3000.00
Total Income	£14,048.70
Expenditure	
Grants Awarded	£6872.00
Returned / Unpaid Grants	0.00
Total Expenditure	£6872.00
Balance c/f 31st March 2017	£7176.70

Starter Grants

Income	
Balance B/F 1st April 2016	£1470.78
Sir James Reckitt Charity	£1000.00
Total Income	£2470.78
Expenditure	
Grants Awarded	£600.00
Returned / Unpaid Grants	£148.40
Total Expenditure	£451.60
Balance c/f 31st March 2017	£2019.18

4. Progress – Bransholme Trust

Overall the level of Bransholme Trust applications remains static compared to the previous three years.

On average the panel receive between 14 and 16 applications; and award between 13 and 15 applications.

Ineligible applications tend to be due to groups' beneficiaries not being Bransholme residents. In these cases Hull CVS works with groups to source alternative sources of funding which is often The Sir James Reckitt Charity and/or The Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust directly.

Bransholme Trust Applications	2016 - 17	2015 - 2016	2014 - 2015	2013 – 2014
Received	16	16	16	14
Approved	14	13	15	13
Grants Awarded	£6872.00	£5959.02	£7035.00	£6157.30
Average Grant Value	£490.86	£458.38	£469.00	£473.64
Rejected	2	3	1	0
Not Claimed	0	0	0	1
Carried Over	0	1	0	0

Progress – Starter Grants

The grants panel continues to meet regularly, dependent upon the level of applications received.

Following the trend of the previous year, we have once again experienced a marked decline in the level of applications received. To this end Hull CVS is reviewing Community Outreach across the city and envisages that the number of application to Starter Grants will increase during 2017.

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Starter Grants Applications	2016 - 17	2015 - 2016	2014 - 2015	2013 – 2014
Received	12	15	11	12
Approved	4	13	10	9
Grants Awarded	£600.00	£1848.40	£1500.00	£1406.70
Average Grant Value	£150.00	£142.18	£150.00	£156.30
Rejected	2	2	0	1
Not Claimed	0	0	1	0
Carried Over	6	0	0	2

Grants Awarded 2016-17 – Bransholme Trust

The panel continues to meet three times a year, and currently comprises five local residents who bring a wealth of local knowledge, as well as first-hand experience from their own involvement in community groups and as either a Bransholme Resident or as a person employed within the Bransholme boundary, to their deliberations.

Group name	Grant Award	Purpose of Award
Friends of Tweendykes	£500.00	To enable pupils to experience a school prom.
United Residents of Bransholme Area North - URBAN	£500.00	To contribute towards the running costs of the centre enabling a range of community activities.
Winifred Parents Group	£500.00	To run a Halloween family learning activity during October half term.
AFC Kinloss Under 15s	£500.00	To support Under 15s and Under 16s football teams by providing a portable bench and shelter for the subs on match and tournament days and also to contribute towards 3G pitches at Kingswood Academy.
Not Pants Ltd	£500.00	To develop a cross generational partnership between local residents and young people from BCAE to develop a chewing-gum recycling pilot.
Cumbrian Tigers	£500.00	To support Under 10s and 11s football teams enabling them to train indoors during the cold winter months at Ashwell Academy
British Assn of German Shepherd Dogs - Hull	£500.00	To provide basic and advanced training skills to families of german shepherd dogs at St Johns Church.
Achieve Potentials	£500.00	To create a range of diversionary activities for young people based at Kingswood Academy.
Kinloss Bombers AFC	£500.00	To provide training equipment and footballs, bibs and agility kit and coaching training for the Under 12s and Under 13s football teams.
Bransholme Urban Ramblers	£479.50	To run two summer outings to enable people between the ages of 50 and 89 years to enjoy health walks and socialise and reduce isolation.

St Mary Queen of Martyrs Over 65s Club	£500.00	To provide activities which enable pensioners to come together for social afternoons.
Goodhart Beats	£500.00	To contribute towards rent and instructor fees to enable local people to meet up and take part in fit and healthy lifestyles.
Bridges Hull	£500.00	To contribute towards the costs of putting together drama / dance performance at Rock Challenge youth division during 2017.
Bransholme Chair Exercise	£392.50	To enable the group to run weekly chair exercise sessions for people aged between 50 and 80 years of age and to contribute towards the costs of a summer outing.

Grants Awarded 2016-17 – Starter Grants

The panel continues to meet monthly depending on the level of applications received; the panel met twice between April 2016 and March 2017.

Group name	Grant Award	Purpose of Award
The Hull North Bransholme Phoenix Project	£150.00	To establish a community hub and to bring together the communities on North Bransholme for social and recreational activities.
Hull & East Riding Norvisi Haborbor	£150.00	To establish a support group to share cultural traditions through dance, exhibitions & cooking.
Somali Community Association	£150.00	To establish a support group to share Somali traditions and cultures.
Park Street Performing Arts Centre	£150.00	To provide opportunities for people of Hull to become involved in performing arts

6. Bransholme Trust 2015 - 2016

Groups are required to complete a two page follow up report one year after receiving their grant, which asks them how they spent their grant and about the difference the grant has made.

We do place a good deal of importance on the follow up report. Our aim is that the Bransholme Trust provides a first step for many smaller groups. These grants give them an opportunity not only to acquire a small sum of money but also the opportunity to begin to learn how grant funding works, and what to expect from other larger funders.

Complying with the terms of Bransholme Trust enables groups to demonstrate that they can manage a grant and comply with its terms, all of which will help them if and when they go on to apply for funding from other grant giving organisations.

Upon an award being made, groups are required to sign a basic agreement with CVS setting out what the grant may be used for; explaining that they must inform us of any changes, (such as changes to the contact person responsible for the grant), and that they will be required to report on the grant after a year. Before any grant payment is made we also verify the identity of the key committee members (usually the Chair, Secretary and/or Treasurer). At the time the grant is awarded we also offer assistance with anything that the group might struggle with as the group develops.

A year after the grant is made, we send each group a very basic two page form, asking them to provide information as to how they have used the grant and the difference receiving has made to the group; we also invite them to supply any other evidence they might have including photos, or letters or reports to show what they have achieved. We stress that this is not only a requirement showing that the group is able to comply with the terms of a grant, but an opportunity for the group to showcase their achievements.

All the groups who had not responded by the deadline were sent a reminder, and the offer of help to any that might struggle to report on their grant.

The tables that follow show the grants recipients who have completed their end of grant reports, followed by their comments:

Bransholme Trust Grants Awarded 2015-2016

Follow up Reports Returned

Group name	Grant Award	Purpose of Award
AFC North	£500.00	To support an adult male football club to continue to play football at the Lemon Tree and Bude Park pitches. The grant will be used to purchase training equipment and pitch hire.
Bransholme Chair Exercise Group	£440.00	To take a group of local residents on a trip to Lotherton Hall to enhance the lives of local residents who take part in weekly gentle chair exercise classes.
Bransholme Methodist Church Dine and View	£469.02	To purchase a fridge, coat rail and leaflet stand primarily for the use of Dine and View participants but also for the wider use of local residents accessing building for community events.
Bransholme Urban Ramblers	£500.00	To pay for transport and admission costs of a walking group which is mostly made up of senior citizens.
Dorchester Parents Group	£280.00	To enhance the lives and learning opportunities of local families by encourage them to take part in the Festival of Light 2015.
Friends of Tweendykes School	£500.00	To purchase resources including specialist sports instructors, craft materials and hire soft play equipment and bouncy castle to develop family learning activities.
Get Together Club	£500.00	To pay for rental and transport costs and an Easter raffle to support local residents who are living with the effects of being affected by stroke (and their carers).
Goodhart Beats	£500.00	To pay for equipment including dumb bells, stretch bands and t-shirts to encourage local residents to keep fit and socialise.
Kinloss Park AFC	£500.00	To purchase training equipment and sports resources and first aid equipment to encourage young people under the age of 9 years to play football.
Kingston Harriers AFC	£500.00	To pay for pitch hire at Dorchester Primary School for up to 70 young people playing in four teams – Under 11s, under 13s, under 14s and under 15s.

Northcarr Gardening Club	£270.00	To purchase leaflets and flyers to encourage new members, to pay for guest speakers and to pay for entrance fees to garden visits.
St Mary Queen of Martyrs Over 55s Club	£500.00	To pay for rental and transport costs for local over 55s who meet together for activities, a chat, friendship and refreshments
Winifred Parents Group	£500.00	To pay for resources to run a Christmas Cake family learning project with local families.

The groups made the following comments about their grant:

What were you able to do because of your Bransholme Trust Grant?

“We were able to form a reserve football team which enabled 15 young people to be active and to have social benefit”.

“We were able to hold a summer outing”.

“We were able to provide a wider range and option of foods at our functions”.

“We were able to organise a day trip to Harewood House for our members and a separate trip to Hornsea Museum”.

“We were able to run two lantern making workshops and take part in the Festival of Light”.

“We were able to hold three family learning days – our activities included sugar craft, arts and crafts, bouncy castle / soft play, and sports”.

“We were able to hold regular weekly meetings which everyone enjoyed”.

As a result of the grant we were able to carry on training during the winter months (indoor 3G pitches). We were also able to purchase extra training equipment”.

“We were able to provide our youngsters with indoor sports facilities during the hard winter months”.

“We were able to make spring hanging baskets and containers which we distributed to pensioners in the local area”.

“As a result of the grant we had two lovely days out visiting the Brigg Garden Centre and the Christmas Spectacular”. The grant also contributed towards our rental costs to enable us to meet together weekly”.

“We were able to bring parents groups from two local schools together, and some elderly members of the local community to make Christmas cakes.

“We were able to purchase much needed equipment and club T-Shirts”.

What difference has your Bransholme Trust Grant made to the people of Bransholme?

“The grant enabled us to engage with young lads from local street corners and give them something purposeful to get involved in. Initially some were a bit shy but over a few weeks they soon came out of their shell and became good footballers. In the football competitions we won Division 3 – our club was strengthened by having a reserve team”.

“The grant gave is an opportunity to enjoy a day trip out together. For some members who rarely leave Bransholme it was especially enjoyable to be able to enjoy the countryside. Thank you for continuing to support our group and the trip”.

“The grant meant that we have been able to offer a wider range of foods and snacks to everyone who accesses our facilities”.

“The grant gave our members something to look forward to, and provided a good topic of conversation among friends and relatives both in the run up to the excursion and afterwards”.

“The grant brought together children and their wider families who took part in the workshops and also the Festival of Light. Everyone that took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves”.

“The grant enabled a number of family learning days which included babies up to grandmas and grandads. The school holidays can be long and isolating especially for children with learning difficulties. Our activities were free to take part which meant that everyone could join in and no one was left out. Our activities gave families the opportunity to meet new people, socialise and watch their children enjoy themselves. Our learning days not only bring the community together but also enable Tweendykes School and Winifred Academy to work together”.

“The grant enabled us to continue to keep our group running and provided space for our members to socialise in a nice atmosphere. We were also able to use part of the grant to pay for transport costs and raffle prizes”.

“The grant enabled our team to carry on during the wet winter months; without the grant we would have had to cancel some of our training sessions and this could have led to some players becoming disinterested in the club”.

“The grant has enabled our club to purchase new equipment which will keep us going for quite a while. Having new equipment means that all our members can learn new skills and techniques to help them develop in the sport”.

“The grant enabled our members to get involved in new activities; something that they wouldn’t have done (or afforded) on their own”.

“Receiving the grant made a huge difference to our members who all enjoy the company and interaction. Everyone who comes mixes well and joins in the activities; we all have a good laugh.

“the grant allowed us to open up our sessions to the wider community. The cake making sessions broke down barriers and since attending the cake making session new people have attended our Christmas Lunch and Christmas Concert”.

Starter Grants Awarded 2015-16
Follow up Reports Returned

Group name	Grant Award	Purpose of Award
Hull Arabic Society	£150.00	To pay for start up costs and to enable the Committee to pay for meeting rooms, leaflets and flyers
Hull Oromo Community Group	£150.00	To pay for advertising materials and refreshments
Iranian Community of Hull	£150.00	To pay start up costs including travel expenses, venue hire, stationery and telephone costs.
Kingswood Residents Association	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to develop a local neighbourhood network on Kingswood.
Noddle Hill Nature Reserve and Angling Club	£150.00	To pay for start up costs including room hire, printing, publicity and stationery costs.
United Towing and Salvage Society (Friends of)	£150.00	To pay for start up costs including stationery, newsletters printing and ID badges.
Simba Community Group	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to establish a football team.
Ethnic Minority and Humber Alive	£150.00	To pay for start up costs including room hire, stationery and publicity.

The groups made the following comments about their grant:

What were you able to do because of your Starter Grant

“We were able to purchase equipment, books and arts and crafts materials and pay for refreshments to help develop our group and support local children”.

“We were able to develop our 'lounge' event which was held at Spring Bank Community Centre on 29th October 2016”.

“We were able to prepare minutes and agendas for meeting and also advertise and promote a community clean up day among local residents”.

“We were able to hire a venue for our activities on a regular basis. It helped us to be able to get together as a group and discuss issues affecting our community and society at large”.

“We were able to source group insurance and bring together local people and help them to affiliate to the Angling Trust”.

“We were able to increase our membership and raise the profile of our group across the city through local media interest. We are now in a position where we are attracting generous sponsorship which has placed our group on a stable financial footing in the medium term”.

“We were able to purchase games equipment and pay for refreshments for our training sessions”.

“We were able to run keep fit activities and pay for room hire during the winter months”.

“We were able to pay for the connection fees for a telephone line to be installed at the community centre”.

What difference has your Starter Grant made to the people your group helps?

"The grant was so helpful and beneficial as we were able to continue to support the children that needed help. The grant meant that we could keep running; but we still need more support with our activities".

"The grant which we organised helped to showcase our culture to others who were not familiar with our culture, it also helped with integration and community cohesion".

"The grant enabled us to work with more asylum seekers who were faced with many social problems. Through our helpdesk we have been able to provide support to people in need of basic resources".

"The grant has enabled us to make people more aware of our group and the types of services and events which we are involved in. Now that we have more of a structure new people are coming on board and have attended our meetings".

"The grant has enable our group the pay for essential insurance and affiliation cover. As a club we have also been able to fish in other ponds and compete against other clubs".

"The grant has enabled our small group to meet together within an appropriate space where we could interact and where children could also come together".

"The grant enabled us to produce newsletters and promote our group via Facebook which brought members together share photographs, artefacts and personal accounts. Our group activities increased social interaction between like minded people who have been able to share experiences and develop new / old friendships".

"The grant enabled us to purchase games equipment for our group and pay for refreshments during training sessions".

"The grant increased the confidence of our members and helped them to train together and exercise".

"The grant supported the re-opening of the community centre".

7. Numbers of Beneficiaries in 2015-16

A total of 1591 people benefited from grants awarded; the minimum number of beneficiaries was 16; the maximum was 500 per organisation.

8. General Points

Within the Services Team we are able to offer much more than a grant. Often issues that arise from the groups' applications can be addressed by offering support and assistance from CVS Staff, including funding assistance and advice, and a range of guidance and support including organisational health checks, developmental support, signposting, training and governance support. These are often the first steps in the further development of some very small groups.

At the panel meeting in June 2016 the panel reviewed the Bransholme Trust funding criteria and to made recommendations for consideration by Hull CVS Trustees and The Sir James Reckitt Charity and The Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust.

A number of options were considered including making small changes to the funding guidance and eligibility and holding additional funding guidance sessions for local (off the radar) groups. And agreed to review the implications of the changes at the end of the financial year.

As a result of the changes, there has been a slight increase in the level of grants awarded but there still remains a sizable underspend which Hull CVS Trustees will consider at their next meeting.

The Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants have been promoted via a range of mediums to capture a wide audience including a number of voluntary and community sector organisations and existing networks including poster / flyer distribution and e-networks.

