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Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants

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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:

- Meet the Funder information and training events
- Health and Safety
- Fire Safety
- Food Hygiene
- First Aid
- Fire safety and awareness
- 1-2-1 Governance and Funding advice Sessions

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 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.

In February of this year we secured three years funding from the Big Lottery Fund to deliver a volunteer led support project for homeless people in Hull. Working with hostels and transitional housing providers aiming to provide a comprehensive needs assessment for clients leading to the development of a personal action plan of support



Known as the SWITCH Project (support with interventions to counter homelessness), we are currently recruiting a Project Leader and two Project Workers who will co-ordinate and mentor a group of volunteer support workers.

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.

3. Income and Expenditure

For Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants

Bransholme Trust

Income	
Balance B/F 1st April 2015	£3007.72
Sir James Reckitt Charity	£5500.00
Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust	£1500.00
Total Income	£10,007.72
Expenditure	
Grants Awarded	£5952.02
Returned / Unpaid Grants	0.00
Total Expenditure	£5952.02
Balance c/f 31 st March 2016	£4048.70

Starter Grants

Income	
Balance B/F 1st April 2015	£819.18
Sir James Reckitt Charity	£2500
Total Income	£3319.18
Expenditure	
Grants Awarded	£1848.40
Returned / Unpaid Grants	0.00
Total Expenditure	£1848.40
Balance c/f 31 st March 2016	£1470.78

4. Progress - Bransholme Trust

Overall the level of Bransholme Trust applications remains static

Bransholme Trust Applications	2015 - 2016	2014 - 2015	2013 - 2014	2012 - 2013
Received	16	16	14	17
Approved	13	15	13	15
Grants Awarded	£5959.02	£7035.00	£6157.30	£6610.00
Average Grant Value	£458.38	£469.00	£473.64	£440.66
Rejected	3	1	0	1
Not Claimed	0	0	1	1
Carried Over	1	0	0	2

Progress - Starter Grants

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

The marked decline in the number of applications received and awarded through Starter Grants is largely due to additional funding being made available through the Community First funding programme which funds both new and existing groups/projects.

Community First will cease in March 2015; it is envisaged that the number of applications to Starter Grants will increase during 2016.

Starter Grants Applications	2015 - 2016	2014 - 2015	2013 - 2014	2012 - 2013
Received	15	11	12	12
Approved	13	10	9	8
Grants Awarded	£1848.40	£1500.00	£1406.70	£1200.00
Average Grant Value	£152.95	£150.00	£156.30	£150.00
Rejected	2	0	1	4
Not Claimed	0	1	0	1
Carried Over	0	0	2	1

5. Grants Awarded 2015-16 - 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 Bransholme Residents, to their deliberations.

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.

Grants Awarded 2015-16 - Starter Grants

The panel continues to meet monthly depending on the level of applications received; the panel met five times between April 2015 and March 2016.

Group name	Grant Award	Purpose of Award
Community Creations	£148.40	To pay for start up costs to run craft activities to improve communication and memory skills with older people and children.
Hull Arabic Society	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to support Arabic families through learning, training and social activities.
Hull Oromo Community Group	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to run a range of social activities supporting Ethiopian Refugees in Hull.
Iranian Community of Hull	£200.00	To pay for start up costs of run social events & workshops to improve the lives of Iranian People living in Hull.
Kingswood Residents Association	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to enable residents to improve their neighbourhood and to connect them to local councillors and the police, enabling them to raise concerns and suggest improvements for the local community.
Lubilianji	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to support and promote health related activities of Congolese families living in Hull
Minority Voice	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to promote and advocate members of the Banyamulenge community in Hull and to encourage cultural exchange through a range of social and environmental activities.
Noddle Hill Nature Reserve Angling Club	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to promote the sport of angling with rod and line at all levels.
One Humber	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to advance and promote equality and diversity within the city of Hull.
Reforge Her	£140.00	To pay for start up costs to deliver a range of activities that support, empower and uplift survivors of abuse across Hull and E.R.
Sudanese Children Cultural Activity Group	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to enable children of Sudanese families to learn more about their origins and culture.
The Jama Group	£150.00	to pay for start up costs to support members of the Ghanaian community living in Hull and the E.R.
United Towing & Salvage Community Group	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to record and publicly share artefacts including photographs and personal accounts relating to Untied Towing and Salvage.

6. Bransholme Trust 2014 - 2015

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 2014-2015

Follow up Reports Returned

Group name	Grant Award	Purpose of Award
Bransholme Chair Exercise Group	£495.00	To take a group of local residents on a trip to Burnby Hall gardens to enhance the lives of local residents who take part in weekly gentle chair exercise classes.
Bransholme Methodist Parents & Toddlers	£500.00	To contribute towards transport costs for local families to enjoy a trip to Denholm Farm to enrich the lives of pre school children who meet together to play and learn within the confines of a parent and toddler group.
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	£480.00	To pay for Gymnastics coaching to enhance the lives and learning of local families through opportunities and events.
Friends of Tweendykes School	£500.00	To develop family learning activities including Christmas cake making and decorating.
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).
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
Urban	£500.00	To contribute towards general running costs of the building to enable local volunteers to provide a hub of support and advice to local residents.
Winifred Parents Group	£500.00	To run a Halloween family learning day in partnership with local primary schools.

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 enjoy a trip to Burnby Hall and Gardens as an extra activity to our weekly exercise sessions”.

“We were able to take parents and children from the local area on a day trip to Honeysuckle Farm. We were also able to purchase some much needed toys”.

“We were able to take a group of residents on three separate day trips”.

“We were able to continue to run a gymnastics club out of school hours for children from years 1 and 2”.

“We were able to engage and meet parents from both Tweendykes and Winifred Holtby schools. The grant enabled us to purchase ingredients to for parents and pupils to make their own Christmas cakes”.

“We were able to continue running our club and to hold regular weekly meetings. We were also able to purchase tombola prizes – which was very much appreciated by our members”.

“We had a lovely day out at Brigg Garden Centre, on October 7th. We enjoyed the Christmas spectacular. Our members bought their own lunches. We were also able to purchase new games and had some great quizzes. We also had a 25th Anniversary Party in the club room”.

“We were able to keep our group venue open for a year and offer residents advice, support and help”.

“We were able to hold a Halloween family learning day in partnership with families from Tweendykes and local feeder primary schools”.

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

"The grant enabled our group members (some of whom are reliant on public transport and assistance from someone else/carer) to get out for the day. Some group members are in receipt of means tested benefits and do not have a holiday. Everyone enjoyed the trip".

"The grant enabled young families to experience something different, to enjoy the fresh air and interact with the animals. This is an activity that is regularly asked for by our members".

"The anticipation of the days out and the enjoyment of the company of friends had a BIG positive impact on the lives of people who live alone. The grant has enabled our group to go on trips further afield which is something we couldn't have done without the grant".

"The grant gave young people the chance to learn a new skill, to improve their self-esteem and gave them access to an activity providing exercise and improved their health and fitness".

"The grant made a big difference to our members; a lot of the parents who took part in this activity were new to the school. The activity helped them meet other parents as well as the community support staff. The grant enabled them to socialise in an environment in which they felt comfortable".

"The grant enabled us to continue to meet weekly and has made a huge difference to our members, our group gives them something to look forward to and enables them to get out. The tombola was well received by the group at Easter."

"We are a pensioners club; all our members are aged over 70 years, with one member aged 92 years, 6 members are aged over 80 years. Everyone enjoys coming to the club as some of our members don't get out very often. The grant has enabled local elderly people to come together to socialise and to take part in gentle games and activities. Our club activities give our members something to look forward to each week, everyone has a happy time together".

"The grant enabled local residents to seek advice and support, to use the computers for job applications etc, the grant meant a lot to us as without it would not have been able to survive".

"The grant gave us the opportunity to develop links with some of the local feeder primary schools. Families were able to attend a fund morning making sugar crafts, pumpkin carvings and sports activities. Parents and children were able to work together on fun activities".

Starter Grants Awarded 2014-2015

Follow up Reports Returned

Group name	Grant Award	Purpose of Award
Lithuanian Community in Hull	£150.00	To contribute towards the start up costs of a Lithuanian language school for children plus English classes for adults and basket ball play sessions.
Romanian Community in Hull	£150.00	To contribute towards the start up costs and to develop a range of activities and courses for Romanian people living in Hull.
Torang Association	£150.00	To contribute towards the start up costs for activities that improve the lives of Iranian speaking people in the local area by offering information and advice.
Amicale Internationale	£150.00	To contribute towards the start up costs and to develop a range of social activities, supporting families of Congolese origins living in Hull.
Community Link	£150.00	To pay for start up costs to support socially isolated people living in Hull and East Riding via housing, clothing, nutrition and healthcare needs.

The groups made the following comments about their grant:

What were you able to do because of your Starter Grant ?

“we were able to pay for room hire and hold regular meetings to plan activities and performances”.

“we were able to organise our start-up meetings, recruit volunteers and plan our initial activities”.

“we were able to hold meetings and produce leaflets and flyers and build up our networking activities”.

“we were able to establish our group and purchase traditional products for exhibition and demonstration”.

“we were able to promote our group within the community explaining the purpose of the group, highlighting the help we are able to provide”.

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

“people have become more informed and social, many of them struggle with English language, they now have more opportunities”.

“the whole of our community has benefited. The grant has had a very positive benefit upon the lives of our members. As a result of the grant we were able to bring together members of our community and offer advice and support this has enabled them to remain social and has a positive impact upon their physical and mental wellbeing. I would like to thank you on behalf of our community for your generosity”.

“the grant acted as a stepping stone, and has enabled us to run community based events and attract further funding and take part in networking opportunities”.

“we have been able to come together and support families”

“because of the grant we have been able to tell more people about the group and we have grown in number to 112 beneficiaries. It would not have been possible to do this without the support of the grant”.

7. Numbers of Beneficiaries in 2014-15

A total of 1060 people benefited from grants awarded; the minimum number of beneficiaries was 13; the maximum was 258 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.

