



Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants

2018 – 2019

Report to the Trustees of
The Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust and
The Sir James Reckitt Charity

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1. Introduction

We are pleased to present this year's activity of the Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants to the local public; to members of Hull CVS and the wider voluntary and community sector in Hull; and to the Trustees of the Hull and East Riding Charitable Trust and the Sir James Reckitt Charity, who kindly make donations to enable the funding through these grants schemes.

With 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 delivering activity on Bransholme, as well as providing access to free and low cost training courses, as well as other vital support. Furthermore, thanks to further donations, Hull CVS distributes small grants of up to £200 to help very small groups operating across the entire city, which 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. Support to Applicants

In the course of administering the funds to eligible applicants, Hull CVS aims to take the opportunity to provide applicants with information and guidance to help them learn about further grant funding, and to encourage and enhance their compliance with the terms of their grants. To this end we remain 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.

In addition to this, we also utilise the opportunity to provide applicants with any other relevant support that ensures the optimum success and longevity of their group. This may include a 1:1 healthcheck with associated action plan to ensure they are compliant with all good practice and regulatory requirements; and facilitating access to the full range of Hull CVS services including the Volunteer Centre, funding and governance support, factsheets and templates, training, partnership formation, and information services.

This year has also seen Hull CVS expand its utilisation of Development Officers. Our Sector Development team now has a much greater presence in the community, providing local and voluntary organisations with more direct access to support and advice.

4. Training for Small Groups

We are committed to meeting the needs and requirements of the local voluntary and community sector in Hull. Led by our internal team along with working in partnership with other training providers, we have been able to provide access to a variety of free training courses which have included:

- Funding Advice Sessions
- Meet the Funder information and training events
- Applying to Awards for All
- Good Governance for Charity Trustees
- Introduction to Volunteering
- Finance for non-Finance managers
- Fire Safety, Risk Assessments & Health & Safety
- Volunteer Management Accreditation (Level 3)
- Safeguarding & Lone Working
- Chairing Meetings & Committee Skills
- Basic Human Resources Management
- GDPR, Record Keeping & Confidentiality
- Business Planning for VCS organisations
- Social Media & Marketing

Each of these course have been made available to applicants of the Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants.

We will also be running a varied range of training courses over the next six months, details of our range of courses for the year 2018/19 can be found on our website at:

<http://hullcvs.org.uk/professional-services/training/training-programme/>

4. Grants Promotion

The Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants are promoted via a range of mediums to capture a wide audience including individual voluntary and community sector organisations, as well as networks and partnerships who represent or support these local organisations.

We have continued to promote the grants programmes through the local press; via a range of partners, networks and venues; and also the Hull CVS website, social media and E-news. The Hull CVS E-news reaches over 800 subscribers and provides up to date funding information, governance, training and news of relevance and interest to community groups. We also distribute regular 'funding' themed e-flyers, which detail 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.

Finally, we also hold and attend events and workshops throughout the year to promote the availability of the Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants, and provide direct guidance on how to apply to the schemes.

5. Income & Expenditure

5a. Bransholme Trust

Income	
Balance brought forward 1st April 2018	£3,176.70
Sir James Reckitt Charity	£3,000.00
Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust	£3,000.00
Total Income	£9,176.70
Expenditure	
Grants Awarded	£5,000.00
Returned / Unpaid Grants	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£5,000.00
Balance to c/f 31st March 2019	£4,176.70

5b. Starter Grants

Income	
Balance B/F 1st April 2018	£1,719.18
Sir James Reckitt Charity	£3,000.00
Total Income	£4,719.18
Expenditure	
Grants Awarded	£3,600.00
Returned / Unpaid Grants	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£3,600.00
Balance to c/f 31st March 2019	£1,119.18

6. Summary of Applications

6a. Bransholme Trust

The level of Bransholme Trust applications received this year has remained largely static compared to the previous three years. The grants panel received 15 applications and awarded 10 applications. Five applications were not awarded by result of the groups not providing the necessary supporting documentation, despite support provided to them to do so.

Bransholme Trust Applications	2018 - 2019	2017 - 2018	2016 - 2017	2015 - 2016
Received	15	20	16	16
Approved	10	17	14	13
Grants Awarded	£5,000	£8,000	£6,872.00	£5,959.02
Rejected	0	2	2	3
Not Claimed/awarded	5	0	0	0
Carried Over	0	0	0	1

6b. Starter Grants

We have again had a marked increase in applications to the Starter Grants this year, following last year's increase. This has been helped by a renewed presence of Hull CVS Development Officers operating in the community. In total, the grants panel received 28 applications and awarded 19 applications. The 9 ineligible applications were due to the group's income being too high; or due to them already having received an award during the last 12 months. In the event that an application being ineligible, Hull CVS still works with the groups to source alternative sources of funding.

Starter Grants Applications	2018 - 19	2017 - 18	2016 - 2017	2015 - 2016
Received	28	20	12	15
Approved	19	15	4	13
Grants Awarded	£3600.00	£2450.00	£600.00	£1848.40
Rejected	9	5	2	2
Not Claimed/awarded	0	0	0	0
Carried Over	0	0	6	0

7. Grants Awarded During 2018/19

7a. Bransholme Trust

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

Group name	Grant Award	Purpose of Award
AFC North Football Club	£500.00	To support a youth football club with pitch hire, entry to the county league & training equipment.
Bransholme Urban Ramblers	£500.00	To support a local walking group of over 60s to attend an annual social outing.
Get Together Club	£500.00	To enable a local stroke survivors group to attend a local outing.
Hull Red Stars	£500.00	To support a local youth football club to renovate changing room facilities, which would also benefit wider groups.
Noddlehill Allotment Association	£500.00	To provide an allotments group of over 100 plots and 50 residents with items to help maintain the plots.
North Carr Carers	£500.00	To enable a befriending service to take socially isolated elderly people on a social outing.
Northcarr Gardening & Social Club	£500.00	To support an annual outing for a local gardening group.
Not Pants CIC	£500.00	To enable local young people to develop an art based project that raises awareness of the problem of discarded chewing gum.
The Hull (North Bransholme) Phoenix Project	£500.00	To provide improvements to the local playground area.
United Residents Bransholme Area North (URBAN)	£500.00	To deliver Christmas hampers and a Christmas trip for vulnerable, elderly members of the community.

7b. Starter Grants

The panel continues to meet at periodic intervals depending on the level of applications received. Between April 2018 and March 2019 the panel met 4 times. The awards made during this year are as follows:

Group name	Grant Award	Purpose of Award
Amazing Grace Chapel Soup Kitchen	£150.00	To support provision of cooking ingredients, printing and stationery.
Bayswater Tenants & Residents Association	£200.00	To support a tenants association of 90 addresses to renovate a shared garden.
Berkeley Street Neighbourhood Watch Group	£150.00	To support with postage, printing, stationery and office equipment.
Borashabaa	£150.00	To provide meeting room facilities and materials for a support group aimed at integrating minority communities.
Boulevard Neighbourhood Watch	£200.00	To support a new neighborhood watch group with meeting room hire to help recruit more members.
Community Links Hull	£200.00	To support with room hire and resources to help individuals experiencing social exclusion.
Fertility Group Hull & East Riding	£200.00	To provide members with information booklets.
Garden Village Neighbourhood Watch	£200.00	To enable production of a first newsletter and support a launch night.
Harrison Park Residents Association	£200.00	To support the first outing of the resident association.
Hull Community Diggers	£200.00	To provide this green community group aimed at supporting mental wellbeing, with seeds and other garden materials.
Humberside Afghan Community Group	£150.00	To support with venue costs to launch a Saturday school for Afghan children to learn language skills.
Hungarian Community Group	£200.00	To support with an initial children's gathering.
Lithuanian Community Club (Linās)	£200.00	To provide meeting opportunities to help members of the Lithuanian community integrate in to the local community.
Positive Hull CIC	£200.00	To provide marketing materials for a group aimed at combatting social isolation of individuals experiencing mental health difficulties.
Red Clover Women's Support Group	£200.00	To support with initial meeting room hire to support women of ethnic minorities to come together for support on issues affecting them.
Romanians in Hull & Humberside	£200.00	To support with initial room hire and publicity for a local group aimed at supporting members of the Romanian community with their daily lives.
The Garden of Hope	£200.00	To hold an awards ceremony for children of recently bereaved lone parents.
The Jama Group H&ER Ghanaian Association	£200.00	To provide meeting facilities for the group.

8. Impact of Previous Year's Grants

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 Grants programmes 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 Grant 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, 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.

Any groups who do not respond by the deadline are sent a reminder, and are provided with the offer of help to area they might struggle to report on as part of their grant.

The following tables show the grant recipients from the 2017/18 period who have so far completed their end of grant reports, along with their comments.

8a. Bransholme Trust - Grants Awarded during 2017 – 2018

Follow up reports returned to date:

Group name	Grant Award	Use of Award
Achieve Potentials	£500.00	Provided youth outreach sessions and diversionary activities across Bransholme.
AFC North	£500.00	Purchased equipment and resources to contribute towards the health and wellbeing of local people and enable them to participate in sports activities.
Bransholme Chair Exercise	£330.00	Enhanced the scope of group activities.
Bransholme Urban Ramblers	£500.00	Provided social outdoor activities.
Cumbrian Tigers	£500.00	Provided under 11's football team with winter training facilities.
Friends of Furness Close	£500.00	Supported a range of social activities for young people including trips, sports activities and growing-your-own.
Gatwick House Tenants and Residents Association	£250.00	Enabled local people to come together to improve the local neighbourhood and to engage in gardening activities including developing communal allotments to enable people to support each other, to grow their own produce, and to create hanging baskets.
Friends of Roar Dance Academy	£500.00	Enabled young people to partake in Street Dance Championships in Manchester.
Friends of Tweendykes	£500.00	Supported young people to achieve Duke of Edinburgh bronze award.
Get Together Club	£500.00	Enabled people living with the effects of a stroke and their family members to come together, to share experiences and to take part in social activities.

The groups made the following comments about their grant:

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

"We enjoyed 3 days out with our Bransholme Trust grant, the main being a day out at Scampston Hall and Gardens. The owner of Scampston Hall actually took the trouble to meet the group and welcome us to a talk before we had a guided tour of the Hall."

"The grant has enabled us to hold a regular weekly after school club along with other centre events."

"We did two Christmas trips taking 34 elderly people who would not have been able to get out over Christmas."

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

“The people who benefitted had something to look forward to – they got out their four walls, had people to talk to and new experiences to create memories and keep.”

“The young people from Bransholme were given an activity over the Summer Holidays which engaged them in learning about Hull’s architectural landscape and maritime history. Our project incorporated fun and creativity to help highlight the need to preserve local landmarks of creative history in our home city.”

“This grant has enabled us to re-establish this community centre and make it a part of the community once again, as it had been closed for several years.”

“The grant helped pensioners to do something that they otherwise wouldn’t have been able to.”

8b. Starter Grants - Grants Awarded during 2017 – 2018

Follow up reports returned to date:

Group name	Grant Award	Use of Award
Fertility Group Hull & East Riding	£150	Supported with website domain registration room hire and printing costs.
Community Links Hull	£200	Supported with room hire, printing & publicity.
Amazing Grace Chapel	£150	Supported with cooking ingredients and publicity.
Berkeley Street Neighbourhood Watch	£150	Supported with print costs for meeting minutes and a newsletter to all households.
Hull Minority Community Sewing Group	£150	Supported with room hire, printing & publicity.

The groups made the following comments about their grant:

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

“This grant allowed us to hold monthly meetings and promote the meetings using leaflets.”

“We were able to provide for the homeless and those who are socially excluded.”

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

“Prior to the creation of this group, there was no emotional support or source of impartial information for people in the local area who are experiencing fertility issues. Now we have an online group and the monthly meetings are increasingly popular. Feedback from the groups reflects great gratitude that there is a resource there for them.”

“It was a huge relief that client confidentiality and privacy was preserved as a result of getting our own room to hire.”

9. Numbers of Beneficiaries in 2017-18

Although there are some end of grant reports outstanding, we anticipate that in excess of 3000 people benefited from grants awarded.

We know from the groups that have completed end of grant reports, over 260 people benefited from a grant from the Bransholme Trust; the minimum number of beneficiaries was 11; the maximum was 100 per organisation.

With regards to the predicted number of beneficiaries from the Starter Grants, this is anticipated to be in excess of 2800.

10. General Points

Within the Sector Development Team at Hull CVS, we offer groups much more than administration of their grant application. Often issues that arise from the groups' applications can be addressed by providing support and assistance from our team, 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.

As a result of the successful City of Culture year and their ongoing utilisation of upwards of 3000 local volunteers, a number of local groups have reported to us that they have experienced a decrease in individuals volunteering directly within their groups and communities. As a result, our team have been working closely with City of Culture to enable us to showcase the range of community opportunities to the City of Culture volunteer base, and have partnered these volunteers with local groups.

Furthermore with regards to volunteering, this year has seen us develop a Volunteer Coordinators Network. This has been hugely popular with over 40 organisations and groups regularly attending, and provides a forum for groups to discuss key issues relating to volunteering, along with ideas and good practice.

Through the groups that we have supported this last year, we have witnessed a much greater need for more intensive support with evidencing the necessity for and impact of the group. As there is an underspend carrying forward in to 2019/20, the Hull CVS Trustees at their next meeting will consider opportunities to create and provide tailored training and resources to support groups in producing this evidence. This will not only help them with future applications to the Bransholme Trust and Starter Grants, but will also be vital to support their applications to any other funders also.



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