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Annual Report 2016

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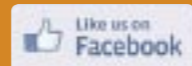
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Chairman's Report

Welcome to our 2015/16 annual report on what has been another eventful year. We have supported a total of 52 different projects – the equivalent of one every week – with grants worth £775,000.



One of the most notable achievements was finally getting I C Art off the ground and opening our art centre on Liverpool Road. We engaged local artist Rachelle Cleary who has created some wonderful artworks and, with the help of her team of volunteers, she has made an impressive difference to the area already. We feel very strongly about the impact art can have, not only on an area and the regeneration that happens within it, but also on members of the community who live there. Urban art can bring people together, drive the imagination and is also a great way of attracting visitors. This is just the start, though – look out for more this year.

Developing our volunteering team has been a massive plus, with over 100 people now on board who have participated in a wide range of projects. Among many other things, this has enabled us to initiate and manage regular litter picking events in key spaces across the area, attended by a range of local people including school children and football club members. With HDT having a small team of seven, we recognise that continuing to deliver at current levels can only be done with the support of volunteers and partner organisations.

We have continued to develop our successful partnerships with Salford City Council, Network Rail, Transport for Greater Manchester, NC Developments, Manchester United Foundation and the Rotary Club of Irlam to progress the delivery of a number of exciting programmes. Recently we teamed up with a new partner: Cheshire & Greater Manchester Community Rehabilitation Company who have provided over 1,104 community service hours and made a significant difference to Irlam Linear Park, which is a key location for the development of future cycle-ways.

Last year we reported on the relaunch of Irlam Station House. One year on, we are delighted with the response with over 100 motorists using the car park on a daily basis. The local history museum and cafe bistro are busy and becoming a place where local people like to meet up, as well as attracting visitors from far and wide. The Station House has also developed into a popular location for parties, gatherings and local events, including our very own history talks. Most importantly, as part of our regeneration initiative, the refurbished building has drastically changed perceptions of Irlam and Cadishead by showing station users and train passengers passing through what an attractive location the area really is.



The station made great strides with its TV debut on Granada Reports in August 2015, finally getting the exposure it deserved. Rail industry commentators regularly say that it is a fine example of what a station should be. To look after this wonderful new landmark, the Friends of Irlam Station Group (FIRST) has since been reformed and has around ten volunteers who are keen to maintain the grounds and promote the marvellous things on offer.

In the sporting arena, Irlam FC officially opened their new clubhouse and social area in July, which will become another important community facility. The club themselves are enjoying great success on the field and recently gained promotion to the premier division of their league, which is great news for the club and area as a whole.

With over 4,800 people using our facilities annually, we recognised that some of the rooms had started to look a little tired and dated. The outcome was a complete revamp of the public spaces in our section of Hamilton Davies House. This includes new carpets, a fresh lick of paint, interesting and more relevant information on the walls and, more importantly, an additional meeting space to respond to growing demand. We now look like a modern charity.



Working alongside Salford Friendly Anglers and the Environment Trust, we helped breathe new life into the Old River Irwell (at the bottom of Princes Park, Irlam) by replenishing fish stocks. This is just the start, with further work and additional stocks to be introduced, which will hopefully help to reignite fishing across the area.

Regeneration, one of our prime areas of focus, has seen encouraging progress with key projects crossing the starting line this year. We are only at the feasibility stage, but if proposals come to fruition, the area will see the re-creation of what was once the historical centre of Cadishead Village, the introduction of the Chat Moss Centre and improvements to the area around the station which will be called Embankment Park.

Meanwhile, regular programmes such as In Bloom, Christmas Lights and iTea and Biscuits have continued to go from strength to strength each year – and 2015/16 was no different.



I would like to close by thanking everyone who has helped to realise so many wonderful projects. A vote of special thanks is due to all the partners and volunteers who love the area and are committed to making it even better. Finally, I am really proud of the HDT team and the way they work with partners and volunteers. It continues to be my honour to be their chairman.

If it's possible, let's make 2016/17 even better.

Neil McArthur

Facts and Figures

Here is a summary of what has been achieved to date.



Countless hours of support and advice to local groups!

Our free facilities have been used by over 28,000 attendances



Over 100 volunteers now on board participating in different projects on the ground



Improved more than 55 local facilities, including new building, redevelopment and enhanced equipment



Over £6m worth of support



Worked with 6 local companies to deliver Corporate Social Responsibility, with more than 800 volunteer attendances



Over 80 community organisations supported

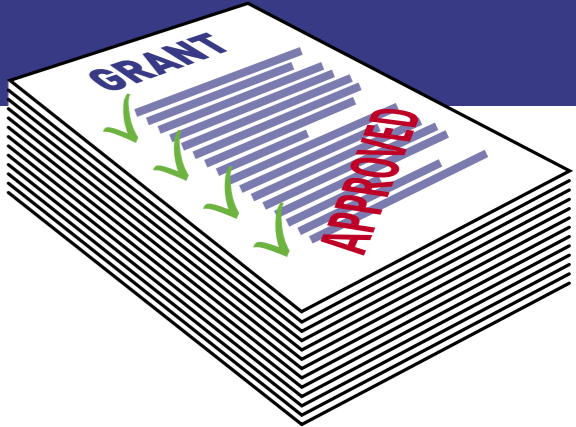


Hosted 11 iTea and Biscuits courses, with over 2,500 learner attendances

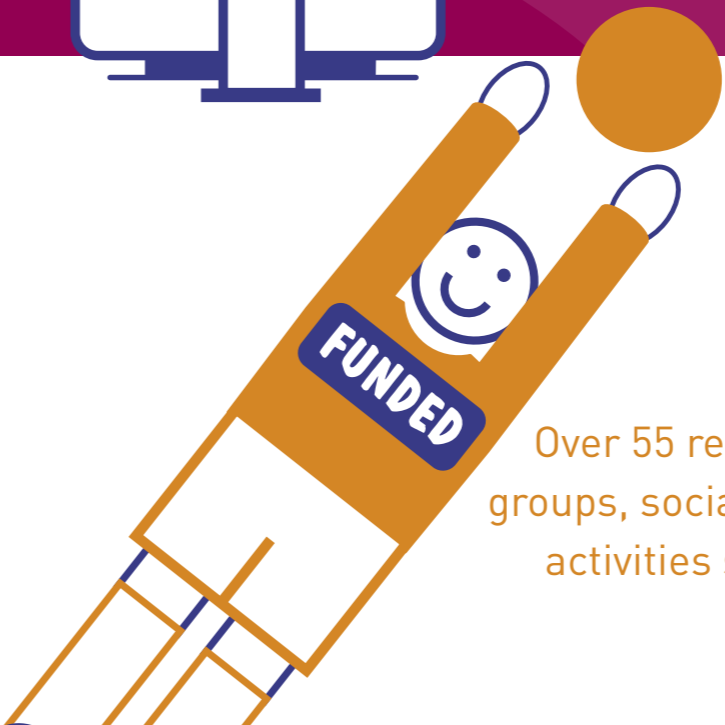


Supported 7 regeneration projects

Provided over 450 grants to more than 165 different individuals, groups and organisations.



Supported over 23 different schools and educational establishments



Over 55 recreational groups, social clubs or activities supported

The importance of the community in regeneration

The local people of Irlam and Cadishead continue to be front and centre of the area's community-led regeneration programme.



Improving the district's physical appearance and upgrading its resources mean members of our close-knit community can enjoy life more fully, and feel good about where they live.

Just as importantly, a better environment with diverse facilities will also attract people to live and do business here. Sustainable neighbourhoods are not just built around the current community, but also for the benefit of future residents and businesses.

Although local people always welcome newcomers, Irlam and Cadishead is a somewhat isolated location, separated from the rest of Greater Manchester by miles of green belt and undeveloped canal side. These geographical factors have created a close community with a sharp sense of identity.

Even so, Irlam and Cadishead has suffered significantly from forty years of decline. From 1970 to 2009 a generation has missed out on major investment programmes. A big part of the reason is that the area has been somewhat run-down, but never deprived in the way other parts of Salford have. As a result, various publicly funded initiatives have been channelled into areas of greater need.

Power to the people

Despite the decades of decline, the community has stayed strong. Local people have maintained a resilient and enduring bond with where they live. In many cases residents have lived here their whole lives and want to stay in the place they regard as home – where they are comfortable and safe, and feel they belong.



Local pride may have been dented in the last 40 years but it was never destroyed and rejuvenating it for future generations is clearly in everyone's best interest.

Community involvement in the redevelopment of the area has been key to effective regeneration, providing residents and local organisations with funding to improve the facilities that really matter to them. Empowering residents to help shape the regeneration process means they can directly enhance the areas of life that affect them most. Ultimately this will create stronger, healthier neighbourhoods that will grow and prosper.

Redeveloping our area on the solid foundation of the community will make Irlam and Cadishead more attractive to new residents, increasing the population and ensuring sustainability, as well as promoting health and wellbeing, which are headline priorities of the regeneration programme.



Fertile soil for grassroots activity

Seven years ago HDT embarked on a wide-ranging community engagement project that involved working with local groups to build partnerships.

We helped to introduce the Regeneration Group of the Community Committee, which holds public meetings, while our grant funding drives soft and physical regeneration from the community up by supporting projects that are important to local people.

Regeneration started at grassroots level and community partners have delivered highly beneficial local projects. These cover a rich diversity of activity that helps to 'glue' the community together, from facility improvements and educational trips to providing equipment and kit for sporting and interest-based groups.

For example, we have supported an inaugural junior football tournament at Cadishead Sports JFC and the Incredible Edibles edible garden project at Astley Court in Irlam, along with the 'In-Bloom' public flower display and Christmas trees being put up across the area.



Building up a head of steam for the future

HDT has also acted as a catalyst for larger projects such as Irlam FC's new clubhouse and the IC Art urban artwork programme. These and many other large-scale projects illustrate the successes that can be achieved when local partners come together to pool resources.

Irlam Station is a great example of this. The scheme has raised local aspirations and gone some way to reinvigorating community pride by reinstating the station as the gateway to the rest of the world. In this capacity it has a positive effect on how people perceive the area when they pass through on the train. Irlam and Cadishead is no longer seen as a run-down location full of boarded-up shops and derelict buildings. It has become a fascinating place where train travellers may be tempted to stop off and look around.



At the root of these encouraging developments is the core belief that an area's character is heavily influenced by the communities that comprise it. Passion to take the district forward must always lie with the community. They are, and should be, the driving force.

Tangible changes are now being seen on the ground, providing hope, promoting local pride, and driving desire for an even cleaner, greener and safer environment – where people will choose to relocate to live or do business.



“The community is at the heart of what we do”



CASE STUDY

A lot of inspiring activity has taken place in our community during the year and we are delighted to have invested more than £74,000 across 24 different projects.



Since we opened our doors to the public in 2004 we have been very fortunate to benefit from a large amount of generous volunteer support, which has helped us to achieve more each year.



When Incredible Edibles (IES) approached us for a grant for their Astley Court project, we were more than happy to help out. Our contribution of £1,740 supported the creation of an edible garden with raised beds within the grounds of the accommodation complex. This provides the 56 residents, many of whom are disabled, with the ability to grow their own food and become more physically active in an outdoor setting.



We have also engaged with the local Community Rehabilitation Company and have been delighted with the large amount of hours they have contributed as part of the transformation of Linear Park, which is starting to look much more attractive already.

In recognition of the hard graft, enthusiasm and commitment all of our volunteers have put in so far, and to show our appreciation to them, we have held a number of thank you events. These have also been a great opportunity to get together and brainstorm ideas and generate further volunteer leads.

As an organisation, HDT believe volunteers are inspirational because a little work can make a massive difference to where you live.

Equally, giving back to the community can be rewarding and enjoyable as it brings together like-minded people to drive change, develop new skills and build friendships.

Passionate about providing even more support to the local community, we have been working hard over the past year in particular, to attract and engage many more volunteers and have managed to double our team during the period from 50 to over 100.

The support has come from individual residents of all ages who have helped across a diverse range of projects involving gardening, litter picking, producing artwork, administration, meeting and greeting our 4,800 plus visitors annually, and many other praiseworthy initiatives.

Lady James Hall has benefited from a grant of £6,000 towards an £11,000 scheme to repair the fabric and fittings after a structural survey of the building. The work involved installing loft insulation and floor coverings, plus refurbishing the toilets and kitchen, and fitting a new boiler and radiators. The improvements will hopefully increase footfall to the facility for the range of activities on offer including keep fit, arts and crafts, dancing and yoga.

We committed to continue our partnership with the Rotary Club of Irlam by signing a three year agreement to match-fund the club's own fundraising, which was £12,000 during the year.

And that's not all! Other projects have included supporting cyclical local events, improving community facilities and helping social clubs with inclusion by enabling affordability.

“I am really pleased with work Incredible Edibles and HDT have done with this project; it really has made a huge difference to the life some of the residents.”

Paula Morgan
Scheme Co-ordinator,
Astley Court



Our team building continues into next year and beyond, with the intention of creating an army of volunteers to work together to make Irlam and Cadishead an even better place to live, work and enjoy!



Education

“Supporting young people from pre-school through to university”

During the year we provided £45,000 worth of grants to support a diverse range of educational projects, from an outdoor play area and pre-exam event, to extra-curricular activities and other worthy initiatives.



We were pleased to help Cadishead Primary School get their library back, after being asked to contribute towards the funding of it. Expansion meant the school was forced to close its library and turn it into an additional classroom. However, the subsequent closure of the Children’s Centre created a larger space and led to the opportunity to re-introduce the school library. Our contribution of £6,000 helped to provide new books for the library, which will benefit all of the children at the school.



“We know children benefit from having easy access to a wide range of books and with the library being open at break times and after school, we hope many more children will get into the library habit.”

Neil Hargreaves
Head Teacher / Literacy
Co-Ordinator, Cadishead
Primary School



After hearing how effective and passionate Peter Dwan from ‘Mypinkbugatti’ was about trying to help children make the right choice about drugs, we were keen to share this experience with the district’s primary schools. Funding enabled the initiative to be delivered to over 450 nine-year-olds across the area and feedback was exceptionally strong.

For the sixth consecutive year we agreed to continue our partnership with the Manchester United Foundation (MUF) to provide a sport and personal development programme to all ten local schools. To date we have contributed £128,000 towards the programme, which has been successful not just in the provision of sport, but also in influencing attitudes, attendance and attainment. This is a major determinant in supporting the programme for so many years.



Recreation

“Supporting local people to bring their passions to life”

We are delighted to have helped a broad range of recreational activities flourish in the community during 2015/16. Helping people to do the things they love most.



One of our most rewarding projects involved replenishing fish stocks in the Old River Irwell (at the bottom of Princes Park, Irlam) after Salford Friendly Anglers approached us for a grant. Our initial contribution of £2,226 enabled the purchase of 300 tench as part of a partnership agreement with the Environment Agency, which has promised 1,000 carp free of charge.

“We have around 600 members in the Irlam and Cadishead area and are very keen for more people to get involved. Now that we have this support in place we will be able to welcome in a new beginning for fishing in the area.”

Mike Duddy
Chairman,
Salford Friendly Anglers

A recreational highlight was an inaugural under 6 football tournament at Cadishead Sports JFC. The event introduced children to tournament football and our £480 sponsorship package meant every child who took part received a trophy.



Another major project was Irlam Football Club’s new £200,000 clubhouse, which opened in the summer of 2015 with an investment of more than £85,000 from HDT. The facility was completed with a resurfaced car park funded by Viridor and a further contribution of £5,119.90 from us. The first team from the club have since won promotion from their league and believe their ability to attract more and better players has been greatly influenced by their improved facilities.



FUNDED



“Working in partnership to create a great place to live, work and enjoy”



We are delighted to have been involved in a number of major developments during 2015/16 that will help to drive forward the regeneration of the area.

Irlam Station, already such a wonderful landmark within our community, has continued to develop. Further art has been installed within the Station House and improvements to the environment have introduced Platform 9¾ providing children and adults with an imaginary journey aboard James the Tank Engine. We are now extremely keen to improve the embankments near the station, to make these spaces much more attractive and usable. Through a grant of over £4,000 we funded a feasibility study, a topographical survey and some landscape sketches to identify how we might be able to deliver this for the community.

We would love to see the re-creation of what was once known as Cadishead Village and have spent over £30,000 on a study to determine its feasibility. We commenced talks with a number of partners including residential and commercial property business NC Developments whose support will be needed to bring the village square to fruition.



Another potential development that would create an ecological, business and community centre at Chat Moss took a step closer to becoming a reality following our investment of £10,000 on a feasibility study. Again, this project will involve partnership working and support with key stakeholders, including local residents and Salford City Council. Chat Moss covers 30 per cent of Salford (2,750 hectares) and the centre could be instrumental in the delivery of long term recreational, environmental, economic, and health benefits for the community.

One of our most significant contributions during the year was a grant of £250,000 to the Manchester Technology Trust (MTT), a charity that promotes the development of information technology and digital industries in Greater Manchester. MTT aims to foster a more open community that embraces businesses, local residents, and educational institutions, enabling all stakeholders to benefit from greater access to technology resources.



Community Payback

CASE STUDY

We were keen to support an exciting rehabilitation project that involved offenders helping to restore an overgrown park to its former glory.



The project was part of a broader scheme that ultimately aims to transform Irlam Linear Park's neglected pathway into an attractive green space for local people to enjoy. It also dovetails with our plan to re-establish cycle paths linking Irlam to South Manchester.

We got the wheels in motion by contacting Cheshire & Greater Manchester Community Rehabilitation Company to ask if offenders on the Community Payback programme could help our community.

Their response was really encouraging and very soon we saw teams of up to eight people – supervised by the Cheshire & Greater Manchester Community Rehabilitation Company – carrying out a range of tasks to improve areas of Linear Park.

Community Payback has already made a major contribution to upgrading local amenities with 1,140 hours completed to date. We hope that our ongoing partnership will help to restore and improve the whole park, which covers 10,000 square metres.

Linking up with probation sits well with HDT's ethos because initiatives such as Community Payback provide a route out of re-offending, which can only benefit our wider community.

Sean, one of the payback workers on the project, was on a 12-month suspended sentence order that involved completing 240 hours of unpaid work. He said: "I much prefer to be outside and doing physical work. It's good that people have popped out to thank us – that means we know the job we are doing means something to the community."

“It is right that we hold people to account for their actions, but also vitally important to help people learn skills and to support their rehabilitation. This is a really good project because offenders can see the difference they are making and being told this by the public makes all the difference.”



Dave Bowyer
Community Payback Officer,
Cheshire & Greater Manchester Community
Rehabilitation Company

Putting the community in the picture

Urban art is being brought to the community by I C Art, a creative programme developed and funded by HDT.



Bridging the Gap

The programme aims to create engaging artwork and sites of interest across Irlam and Cadishead, which can help connect the area's heritage and environment, celebrating the present and past, whilst simultaneously looking forward to the future.

Art can complement regeneration and be a showcase for local skills, brightening up some unloved or run down spaces and enhancing pride through volunteer participation in the programme. It is also a great way of raising aspirations and fuelling imagination.



Urban art is something we feel very passionate about and believe that it can provide pleasure to local people, further enhance the appearance of the local environment and attract visitors to the area.

With the majority of projects planned as outdoor attractions, the artworks are visible, accessible and free for everyone to enjoy and get involved in.

To ensure high quality artwork we appointed local artist Rachelle Cleary, who we believe is Irlam and Cadishead's answer to Banksy. During her time with I C Art, Rachelle has successfully brought on board a team of volunteers who are very excited and keen to be involved.



At the End of the Day



Below is a summary of our completed projects to date.



Bob the Butcher

Bridging the Gap

The first major piece of artwork for the programme was a visual timeline showing the development of the area based on the people who lived and worked locally and how there is a common link throughout the ages.

From the ancient robe with hood worn by the monks, to the kids wearing hoodies in the park enjoying the open spaces which were developed and provided by the people who came many years before.

Displayed on the corner of Dudley Road and Liverpool Road, the artwork aims to commemorate the areas industrial heritage 'Bridging the Gap' from the past to the present and depicting how it became the area it is today.

The Bridging the Gap artwork is also featured on the Liverpool platform at Irlam Station, providing an extra creative dimension and more pleasant view from the window of the Station House.

First class ticket to ride at Irlam Station House

Irlam Station, which has been comprehensively renovated, is home to a number of I C Art pieces including historical images of local industry on the main wall in the Coal Yard, a painting of the Ticket Master on the Queens Road, as well as other artwork based on the railways and waterways. Out on the platform is 'At the End of the Day' - a life-size sculpture of a man on a bench, a railway traveler from the past, who visitors can sit next to and get a selfie.



Introducing the Cadwallas

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Featured on a previously boarded up building on Liverpool Road, this artwork features the Cadwalla family who lived in Irlam and Cadishead their whole lives. The images illustrate the family's life, from the Second World War through the great social changes witnessed in the later decades of the 20th Century.

Bob the Butcher

The story of Bob Boardman, an inspiring local butcher, is told through urban artwork that pays homage to a shopkeeper who knew each of his customers by name - and counted most as his friend. The piece can be seen on the corner of Liverpool Road and Fir Street in Cadishead, near the shop Bob once ran.

Looking ahead with a positive frame of mind

We are delighted with the success of I C Art so far and are committed to continue creating exciting urban art across Irlam and Cadishead. Watch this space...

Community Awards

We held our second Community Awards at our annual event on 3rd June 2015, with over 130 people mainly from the local communities of Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook in attendance.

We wanted to recognise and say a massive thank you to some of the stars amongst our local communities and surprised them with an award in recognition of all their hard work.

Here's a snapshot of the awards presented:

The Irlam and Cadishead History Society's award was in recognition of their passion for the area through the preservation of local industry artefacts and pictures and for the many hours of research culminating in the production of local history books, articles and walks. Thanks to the work of Irlam and Cadishead's Local History Society and Don Palmer's kind donations of personal railway memorabilia, HDT has been able to proudly showcase local history at Irlam Station.



Don Palmer

Neil Fairfax's award was for making a difference through his commitment to bringing a Village Carnival back to the parish of Rixton-with-Glazebrook after more than 30 years. For taking on the role of Chair of the Carnival committee and actively steering members and volunteers through the detailed planning and preparation process required to deliver a large scale fun-filled community event. Due to its huge success, the Carnival has now become an annual event.

Roger Lightup was recognised for his contribution to Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook through many hours of volunteering work. Since retiring as a local councillor and Mayor, Roger has continued to actively engage in improving the area and supporting local residents and facilities, through being a member of the Irlam and Cadishead Regeneration Group, a driver for the Volunteer Driver Scheme and shop assistant at Hollins Green Community Shop.

"The Community Awards are a welcome addition to our annual events as there are so many passionate people doing great things at a grass roots level, making a real difference to Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook. Some of the awardees were completely shocked and that is humbling in itself. These people are not only having a real impact on the ground, but are inspiring others to get involved too!"



Dawn Kehoe
Marketing Manager, HDT



Neil Fairfax

Janet Morgan's award was in recognition of bringing together a very kind group of people who pick litter in Irlam and Cadishead in their free time because they are passionate about keeping the district looking its best. Started by Janet and John Morgan the group has now grown into a team of like-minded residents who are making a huge difference by collecting countless bags of litter on a regular basis.



Janet Morgan

Phil Atkinson was awarded for his commitment in driving forward the opening of Hollins Green Community Shop. For taking on the role as co-ordinator for the Shopping Action Group and steering the project through the different stages of progress including: producing a business plan, researching community led shops and supporting committee members, staff and volunteers in fitting out the premises and running the shop.



Ange Rittaler

Cadishead Band were recognised for the fabulous atmosphere and memorable experience they create wherever they go. Providing entertainment around the district and further afield for many years, the band members, both adult and junior, have given endless hours freely and cheerfully in support of community group fundraising events. Their dedication and professionalism is commendable and much appreciated by many.



James Cooper

Cadishead Band

James Cooper's award was to recognise the excellent way in which he managed the restoration of Irlam Station House on behalf of NC Developments. For the dedication and patience shown under challenging circumstances and creating a masterpiece. One of HDT's proudest projects to date, this exceptionally beautiful building will provide a wonderful venue for local people and visitors to enjoy for many years to come. Thank you and well done!

Ange Rittaler's award was for making a difference through her support to HDT in delivering iTea and Biscuits courses to the local community enabling people to enjoy the benefits of being online. For providing a welcome smile and friendly assistance to countless learners and co-ordinating many TalkTalk volunteers. iTea and Biscuits relies on the support provided by local businesses and the courses have proved very popular and benefitted hundreds of people over the years. Our HDT champion!

Ange Rittaler

"Thank you so much for my award. I was truly honoured to receive it, you guys do the most amazing things in our area and we really appreciate all your help and support."

Looking Ahead

2015 / 16 was another progressive year with strides made in a number of directions - ensuring we have an exciting year ahead.

The cuts continue at local government level so partnership working will become increasingly important as will identifying potential funding streams that we can access.

The improvements and delivery we have seen over the past few years has been magnificent and this provides everyone with the determination to do more. We want to build on this moving forward and continue to work with our local partners and team of volunteers to deliver projects that develop the district as a place where people want to live, work and enjoy.

There are lots of new projects on the horizon including both soft and physical regeneration. Here's a snapshot of what's to come in 2016/17:

- I C Art will continue to brighten up the area with new projects and ideas popping up all the time.
- Our drive to build an army of volunteers will carry on and we want to engage as many new faces as possible.
- We will embrace the challenge of recruiting more CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) volunteers for our iTea and Biscuit courses and assess the impact that TalkTalk leaving the area will have on our ability to deliver to the same level.

- Irlam Station House will have its first brown road signs installed - showing the building and local history museum as an attraction of interest.
- Station Park will start to evolve with the introduction of lighting and art on the bridges and improvements to the embankments.
- We hope to progress with the Cadishead Village and Chat Moss projects following the outcome of the current feasibility studies.
- Irlam Linear Park will open up for cycling and walking, which will connect Liverpool Road and Irlam Station to Cadishead Bypass.
- A feasibility study will commence for cycle-ways across the area - working in partnership with Urban Vision, the Carbon Landscape Trust, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Salford City Council, Salford Leisure and local volunteers. This will include potential for cycle-ways across the district as well as signposting.

- An announcement is expected following the Salford City Council bid to Sport England for funding for the Cadishead Rec project. This would see the whole building redeveloped into a clubhouse featuring a community café and flexible changing rooms to cater for females and males of all ages. We have committed to provide match funding for this project should the bid succeed.
- Partnership working will start, aiming to establish a comprehensive development plan for Princes Park incorporating leisure, youth and improved access to green space and other community facilities.
- The street-scene on Liverpool Road will continue to be improved.
- Cadishead Band will officially open their new premises.



What the Community Say

"Special thanks to HDT for the donation of £480 to support our inaugural Under 6's 'Festival of Football' event, which was a great success. We were over the moon with the multi-generational turn out on the day; kids supported by brothers, sisters, parents uncles and aunties and not to mention Grandparents.."

Anthony Campbell
Chairman,
Cadishead Sports.
JFC

"We are very grateful to HDT for not only the £8,500 funding, but also for the support they have provided overseeing the refurbishment project of St Helen's Church House, which has enabled us to decorate the main meeting room, kitchen, toilet and also put a new roof membrane over the vestry. People have worshiped in this church for over 500 years and the building, now at a ripe old age had developed structural problems. With the improvements, the church can now continue to be a community asset for generations to come."

Alan Domville
Church Warden,
St Helens Church

"The Incredible Edibles project encourages residents to get out of the building and makes them feel useful. They love that they can plant seeds and watch them grow into something they can then eat – it's a real treat."

Paula Morgan
Scheme Co-ordinator,
Astley Court

Karen Knott
Cadishead Primary School

"The Drugs Awareness Programme was really down to earth, informative and entertaining. The children were really engaged. Brilliant!"

"Wow! The kids loved the Drug Awareness Programme and remained engaged for the whole session. The talk was lively and linked to 'real life', not just 'don't do this' which enabled them to remember facts and key vocabulary."

Marie Dodd
Irlam Primary School

"After retiring in 2015, we were looking for something to fill our days. We are keen gardeners and have a love for trains, so when we saw the request for volunteers by Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST), we knew we were on the right track. We really enjoy volunteering and are particularly proud to look after such a lovely feature in our community. We have completed many hours volunteering both on and around the gardens and planters at the station and have featured in many litter picks."

Lynne and Ian Taylor
Volunteers, HDT and FIRST

"Thanks to a grant from HDT our new insulation has made a massive improvement to the heat retention enabling substantial fuel savings and a much more comfortable environment for our users"

Frances Henry
Chairperson,
Lady James Hall
Committee

"Funding has enabled us to continue putting on activities at Dale House and has significantly contributed to the cost of coach trips, which are very expensive these days. Without the support of HDT the number of trips would have been cut dramatically, which would have meant a lot of the residents who look forward to getting out would have had to stay in."

Peter Johnson
Chairman,
Meadows Social Club

"We were delighted to find out that HDT were funding the Manchester United Foundation Programme for Schools for another year. It's such a benefit to the children"

Christine Smith
Headteacher,
St Helens CE Primary School

**Cameron, Daniel,
Henry and Lewis**
Year 6 Pupils,
St Helens CE
Primary School

Jude Scrutton
PE Co-ordinator
(IEPS), Irlam Endowed
Primary School

"The grant from HDT provides us with the majority of coaching for afterschool clubs and has helped us to raise the profile of PE and sports activity in the school. We have won a number of awards on the back of this and we are so grateful as without the money this would not be possible."

"The sessions by Manchester United Foundation are creative and fun. We learn lots of different skills. Otto listens to us and helps us and we are sad to see him go. We are looking forward to working with Jess."

"We are so happy with the grant from HDT which has transformed our playground. The artificial grass has made a huge difference to our outdoor space, which previously became muddy and slippery when it rained. The children love the fact that the bark has gone and they can play 'on the grass' most of the time. We couldn't have achieved this without your help"

Lee Ashton
Headteacher,
St Marys CE
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