

Hamilton Davies Trust  
Annual Report 2016-17

*Helping shape the future of our area...*



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# Chairman's Report



It's with a strong sense of collective achievement that I introduce the 2016-17 annual report summarising what has been a very progressive year. We have invested more than £500,000 to support 58 projects and I can say with some assurance that this was money well spent.

One of the most exciting developments of the year was launching our proposal to bring Cadishead Viaduct back into use as a major community asset – potentially including a heritage railway. I was thrilled to welcome key stakeholders to a hugely productive meeting at Irlam Station that coincided with a celebration of the station house's second anniversary. Our guests included Michael Portillo, presenter of BBC TV's Great Railway Journeys series, who enthusiastically endorsed the viaduct project and attracted significant media coverage.

Michael wasn't the only celebrity to visit the station during the year. We were also joined by 'the people's tenor' Russell Watson, who was impressed with the positive changes that had been made in his home town.

I C Art continued to flourish, not only did it make its first TV appearance on BBC's North West Tonight programme, but it also delivered

Cheshire Lines large format artwork on Liverpool Road and introduced the worldwide Free Art Friday initiative to the area.

There was great news for Cadishead Rhinos Rugby League Club who secured £150,000 funding from Sport England to transform Cadishead Rec and we were more than happy to commit to providing the additional £250,000 required. The project will see the development of a new rugby league hub which we hope will become an asset to the area.

During the year, we have seen a strong blend of regeneration projects taking shape, including initial improvements to station park and the ongoing development of Irlam Linear Park, a green nature trail in the centre of town that is being discovered by more and more walkers and cyclists. In addition, we welcomed 13 pioneering cyclists who took part in a 13km 'test ride' across Chat Moss, while Irlam Station received its first brown road signs, and retailers on Liverpool Road benefited from free vintage shop signs as part of our scheme to make the main shopping area even more attractive.



Other regeneration projects such as Cadishead Village and Prince's Park, progressed slowly, but we are still positive about them coming into fruition in the future.

I was happy to see two of our community loans help local groups improve their facilities. Cadishead Band and Fairhills pre-school both celebrated the opening of their newly refurbished and fit-for-purpose homes and can now hopefully look forward to a bright future.



We continue to take an innovative approach to help our community and this year saw the opportunity to support talented singer-songwriter Jess Kemp, from Irlam. Jess successfully completed a tour of Amsterdam thanks to our backing, donned with HDT t-shirts, we hope she was successful in raising our profile as well as her own.

Partnerships continue to be the bedrock of all our activity and we were delighted to carry on working harmoniously with Manchester United Foundation, the Rotary Club of Irlam, Community Payback team, and Irlam and Cadishead Regeneration Group as well as other key stakeholders.

It is impossible to overstate the contribution of our volunteers to all our activities and I have been heartened to see the team continuing to grow, with an astonishing 865 hours completed

during the year. This, on top of the ongoing support for our iTea and Biscuits course from local companies, amounting to an impressive 2,072 hours.

The HDT team has grown substantially, with gifted artist Rachele Cleary joining our core team and the recruitment of Karla Threlfall as our social media apprentice. The team now has 10 members and I am hugely proud of them. Yet again their work and enthusiasm has been unstinting. I am astonished every year with how much we achieve with so few people.

And it's not just their output I applaud, but also their creativity to work with and support our local community. This year they pulled it out the bag with two great Christmas initiatives: the HDT Elves and the Community Christmas Service. Both of which proved to put smiles on people's faces and bring the community together.

Finally, I must thank everyone who has played a part in the success story that we continue to write for ourselves. Only by coming together as members of a diverse and dynamic community can we make Irlam and Cadishead an even more vibrant, engaged and inclusive location for all of us.



Neil McArthur

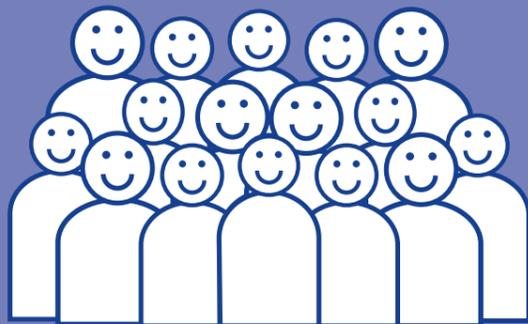
# Facts and Figures

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

## DAY AFTER DAY OF SUPPORT

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Day after day of support and advice to local groups!



Community support of more than £1m



We have spent over £2.3m improving local facilities including new build, redevelopment and enhanced equipment



Over £650,000 to recreational groups



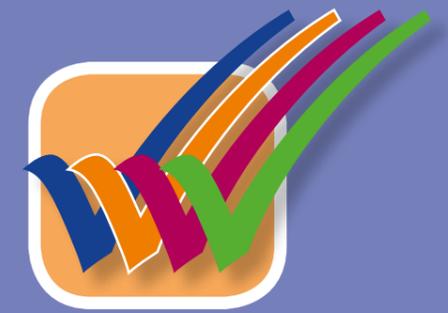
There have been almost 33,000 attendances at our free meeting rooms by a range of community groups and organisations



Over £7m worth of support provided



Provided over 557 grants to more than 165 different individuals, groups and organisations



Worked with 7 local companies to deliver Corporate Social Responsibility, with more than 2,072 volunteer hours



Hosted 14 iTea & Biscuits courses, with over 3,203 learner experiences



Supported regeneration projects worth over £2.3m



Completed many activities with the help of our wonderful volunteers who have completed 4,743 hours since we launched our programme in October 2015

# Community Awards

## Local stars received richly deserved Community Awards at our annual event on 15th June 2016.

More than 100 people came along to celebrate the outstanding work carried out across our area by grass roots grafters – and we surprised some of them with awards they were not expecting.

The event, now in its third year, was attended by civic leaders, partner organisations, and of course, members of the communities of Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook.

*“Our Community Awards are now an established and exciting part of HDT’s calendar and it’s very fulfilling to see people who do so much for so many receive the recognition they deserve. These are ordinary people who do extraordinary things to make our area a better place to live, work and enjoy. Not only do they make a real difference across the community, but they also inspire others to get involved.”* **Mandy Coleman, HDT Consultant General Manager**

### Here’s a little about our community stars of 2016:

**Cedric Atherton** received his award in recognition of his tireless work to help prepare the Community Shop for business. During the first 18 months of the shop’s existence Cedric performed a catalogue of tasks to help it operate smoothly, ranging from building shelving and insulating the container stores; laying paving; painting and maintenance inside and out; being on call every week to check in deliveries; auditing sales to help determine future ordering and undertaking ‘deep cleaning’ tasks to ensure compliance with Financial Services Authority (FSA) regulations. As well as all of this, Cedric has supported staff and volunteers in all the fundraising events and throughout a challenging period, has demonstrated amazing patience and good humour.



on to manage a very successful team from under 9s through to under 16s, which included football trips abroad garnering much silverware along the way. As if this wasn’t enough, Canis has also helped to bring girls on board and does everything he can for all the teams, committing time and passion every week.



**Billy McLaughlin and Geoff Blackburn** were recognised for their hard work and unstinting commitment to producing the Irlam and Cadishead Times, a super magazine that continues to improve. They work as a highly effective team, providing excellent coverage of events, initiatives and issues that affect our community. Billy has been absolutely everywhere gathering news, while Geoff has worked diligently behind the scenes, putting it all together and selling the advertising space. They have been incredibly generous with their time, not to mention their marvellous photographs, and are true supporters of our community.



The award for **Anthony ‘Canis’ Campbell** marked more than 15 years at Cadishead Sports JFC, 10 as a team manager before he became Chairman five years ago. After starting out managing an under 9s development team alongside Dave Wright, Canis went

**Mike Jenkins’** award was our way of thanking him for his contribution to the Irlam and Cadishead Royal British Legion, of which he has been co-ordinator for more than six years. Having taken the baton from his grandad, Mike has done a superb job, devoting countless hours of support and passion to the organisation. Under his stewardship, annual funds raised from £4,000 to a highly impressive £15,000. Mike also initiated the Lamppost Poppy project that saw 120 lampposts along Liverpool Road adorned with poppies last year. This project in Irlam and Cadishead was the most successful across the Royal British Legion.



Local builder **Mike Givens** was presented with his award for making his skills available to numerous community group projects that needed help to build or renovate premises. To date, HDT have constructed, refurbished or improved more than 55 buildings. We simply wouldn’t have been able to do this without Mike’s experience and expertise. He is a real friend to HDT and his award was the very least we could do to recognise his major contribution to our community projects.



**Warren Dodd**, club secretary at Irlam FC was presented with his award for his crucial role in delivering a smart new clubhouse and car park, as well as overseeing promotion to the NWCL Premier Division at the end of the 2015/16 season. Ably assisted by Ron Parker (Chairman) and John Maine (Team Manager), Warren displayed great tenacity, drive, and commitment to make the new facilities a reality. This often involved working weekdays and weekends, immense perseverance to get the funding in place, and an admirable ability to cope with many stressful situations. The end result - an absolute inspiration.

**Warren Dodd, Irlam FC Club Secretary said:**  
*“It was a very nice and totally unexpected moment when I received a Community Star Award from HDT at the annual get together. So many worthy people were gathered there*



*on the evening, and they are all worthy of such recognition through their hard work on behalf of our community. When I was named among the group of people HDT were recognising this year I was genuinely shocked, but certainly delighted. I would dedicate the award to all the people at Irlam FC who work together to make the club such a success.”*

The award for **Otto Malone** was to recognise the dedication and generosity of spirit he demonstrated since February 2014 when he became Manchester United Foundation (MUF) hub officer for Irlam and Cadishead. During this period Otto drove forward our jointly-funded partnership with MUF to promote sports development in the 10 schools across our area, as well as positively affecting achievement, attainment and attitude to studies. Otto is likeable and inspirational and feedback from all schools consistently references the high provision delivered and the respect felt by the children, who have become extremely fond of him and nicknamed him the ‘Pied Piper’.

**Ian and Lynn Taylor** received an award for re-establishing FIRST (Friends of IRLam Station) in May 2015. The couple played a pivotal role in reviving the group and were encouraged to take up the posts of Secretary and Chairman. In addition, they organised a Christmas market event as well as a summer event to celebrate the Queen’s birthday. Under their leadership the station grounds have been enhanced by the planting and maintaining of planters, along with acquiring more bins for the station. Ian and Lynn have also supported every HDT community litter pick, and Ian has used his handyman skills to complete many and various tasks.

*“I think the Community Star Awards are so beautifully presented and so many unsung heroes rewarded. I was particularly pleased that the amazing Billy McLaughlin was awarded a star as he provides some of the glue that keeps our community going – much like the late lamented Bob Boardman did in his own particularly quirky way.”* **Roger Lightup, Local Volunteer**





## Community

During the year we invested over £230,000 to help drive cultural and artistic ventures as well as promote initiatives to make our community safer and happier.

We were delighted to provide marketing support to singer-songwriter Jess Kemp to help raise our profile and in turn assist with her first European tour. After putting in a string of impressive performances in Amsterdam, Jess aged 21 was shortlisted for the Best of British Unsigned Awards and we hope this has helped to raise her profile and provide a platform for the success her music deserves.

**Jess Kemp**, singer-songwriter

*"I can't begin to thank HDT enough for the sponsorship they have provided. Without that help, I wouldn't have been able to do the tour and engage with so many amazing people. I feel it's really pushed on my career and I am already thinking about what's next."*



But that's not all, we also launched 'Free Art Friday' (FAF) as part of our I C Art programme. FAF involves hiding a piece of art created and donated by local people in a public place and then giving out clues to its location on social media. The first person to find the artwork gets to keep it and all we ask in return is that the lucky individual takes a selfie and posts it on our Facebook or Twitter page.

We helped to make our community a safer place by becoming part of a local medical emergency response network, when we had a lifesaving defibrillator (defib) machine installed at our Liverpool Road headquarters. The machine is one of seven located in the Irlam and Cadishead area that could play a vital role in treating cardiac arrest victims.

Other highlights included hosting our inaugural Community Christmas Service at Irlam and Cadishead College, a very jolly occasion enjoyed by around 200 members of the community. Also, visits by our 'HDT elves' to local people and groups to provide acts of yuletide kindness, proved to be very popular.



## Education

Our commitment to helping to improve education across Irlam and Cadishead saw some 'gold star' achievements throughout the year.



We supported Fairhills pre-school community group with a £3,400 grant and £15,000 loan after learning that they faced possible closure. The group have been providing pre-school support for more than forty years but needed a new home due to their lease coming to an end. Salford City Council offered alternative accommodation but the building required major refurbishment work that the group could not afford. Working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Irlam, Salford City Council and Irlam and Cadishead Community Committee we delivered a solution that means Fairhills can now look forward to a bright future.

In another success story, Fiddlers Lane Primary School celebrated World Book Day with a visit from acclaimed children's author Dan Freedman, as part of our partnership with the Manchester United Foundation. Dan spoke to the pupils about the inspiration behind his 'Jamie Johnson' books and his stories on the England footballers during his time as a football journalist. The message he passed to the children being to follow their dreams and most importantly, to never give up. He also presented the school with a box of books donated by the Premier League – the first school in the country to receive this.

*"We are so happy to see the children settle in to our new home – a building which has been transformed in to something we had all dreamt of. And we could never have achieved any of this without the support of Hamilton Davies Trust, the Rotary and Salford's devolved budget."*

**Hayley O'Connor**  
Fairhills Pre-School Manager

Cadishead Primary School are 'on song' after we provided £3,000 towards the conversion of an outside building into a music room and it's gratifying to learn that the number of children taking part in regular music lessons has nearly doubled to 133 since the new facility was opened.

St Mary's Primary School benefited from a £3,000 contribution towards new playground equipment, including climbing frame, jungle den and play tower for their younger pupils.

We have also continued to support the Manchester United Foundation and the drugs awareness programmes in the primary schools across the area, as the feedback received for these initiatives just gets better and better.



# Helping local youngsters follow their career dreams

**The Chris Stocks Fund is providing key financial support to help young people from the community to realise their career ambitions and we are keen for more youngsters to apply.**



The fund was set up by former TalkTalk senior manager Chris Stocks and his wife Ruth in 2014, after Chris found out he had terminal bowel cancer.

Chris and Ruth wanted to create a scheme to enable local young people to pursue practical based careers through apprenticeships or perhaps by becoming self-employed.

Several young people with wide-ranging career aspirations have already benefited from generous grants and more than £3,100 has been given away so far. HDT manages the fund and would like to welcome more people, in need of a little financial support, to apply.

The Chris Stocks Fund offers financial support to young people aged between 16 and 25 years old living in Irlam and Cadishead, who are in traditional apprenticeships or vocational training, starting work or have a business idea. Grants are available for a broad range of work-related costs, including equipment, kit, clothing, travel and training.

Mandy Coleman, Consultant General Manager of HDT, said: "If you are a young person who needs the kind of help the fund offers, and if you have

*genuine ability, drive and enthusiasm and need a little financial help to start your career, we want to hear from you."*

*She added: "Many young people struggle with the transition from school to work because of lack of financial resources. This fund can make a real difference just when it matters most. Setting up this fund was a generous gesture by Chris. We want it to help as many local young people as possible."*

Chris was particularly keen to support local youngsters in vocational training because he left school to become an apprentice and worked in the Irlam area for more than 30 years. His first job was at Thurnall Engineering, before he moved to Opal Telecom and ultimately to TalkTalk, where he rose to become a strategic director. Sadly he passed away in March 2015, aged 53.

Among local youngsters to receive support from the fund is Irlam footballer Ellis Mitchell, who is well on his way to living the dream of playing football for a living. As well as playing for Irlam



FC and volunteering for Cadishead Sports JFC, Ellis secured an apprenticeship with Altrincham United.

However, he was only able to take up the wonderful opportunity with the help of a £1,000 grant from the Chris Stocks Fund, which helped pay for the equipment and kit needed for the course, along with travel costs.

Ellis, who went to school at St Teresa's and then St Patrick's, said: "I heard about the Chris Stocks Fund via HDT in my home town of Irlam. The fund was set up by Chris to help young people like me who are in need of a small amount of funding to help secure a job or an apprenticeship. I'm doing really well at Altrincham and the financial support from the Chris Stocks fund has helped me tremendously."

The fund also provided a grant of £1,000 to help Frank Cleary undertake an unpaid tattoo artist apprenticeship of up to two-years. The grant panel was impressed by Frank's determination to follow his career dreams as well as his willingness to put his artistic talents to good use as a volunteer on the I C Art programme, which is supported by HDT.

Other grants include £50 to Chloe Baker and £85 to Regan Baxter Chapman who embarked on beauty courses at Irlam Community College; £250 to Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue to help build a climbing wall frame for training purposes; and £717 to Lydia McCool, to fund minibs driving tests to enable her to transport children to events in her role at the Wild Life Trust.

Ruth Stocks said: "Unfortunately, Chris's life was cut short by cancer before he had the chance to leave the kind of mark on the world that he would have wanted. He saw the fund as his legacy. Chris was passionate about helping young people. He felt a strong connection with the Irlam and Cadishead area and wanted to support the Hamilton Davies Trust."

Ruth added: "Chris wanted school leavers to know that you don't need an academic background to be successful. So we set up the trust to help those who wish to start their careers via an apprenticeship or in a self-employed capacity to get a foot on the career ladder. I really want the fund to work and to fulfil what we set out to achieve."





## Recreation

We have invested in a broad range of local recreational organisations over the year as part of our strategy to support sporting and cultural activities in the community.



We were delighted to agree funding of £250,000 to support a new purpose built clubhouse for Cadishead Rhinos Rugby League Club after they secured £150,000 from Sport England. The project, which will complete next year, will hopefully see the Rhinos charge forward with new modern facilities which will help to attract and retain players both male and female.

We also supported Cadishead Rhinos Netball team with a £1,200 grant to help develop an up and coming team, as well as providing £2,100 for morris dancing group - Irlam Royalettes to buy new uniforms.

Continuing the sporting theme, we granted Majic Sports – a new junior football club in Cadishead, with funding of £715 to enable their volunteer coaches to gain the qualifications and badges they need.

*"Thanks to the help and support of Hamilton Davies Trust we have achieved our objective in delivering a first class facility that can be used by the band and the community alike for many years to come."*

David Dee, Cadishead Public Band

In the musical arena, Cadishead Public Band hit a high note when it celebrated the opening of its newly refurbished home, a move made possible thanks to a £55,000 loan from us, as well as other funding support. Previously Irlam Community Centre, the building was transformed by a comprehensive refurbishment programme and as a result, the band believe they now have the best musical rehearsal facilities in the North West. These facilities are available to local organisations and community groups at reasonable rates designed to cover the running costs and have already proved a hit with the community.




## Regeneration

We have been heavily involved in a host of major regeneration projects during the year, which we hope will have a positive effect on the area.

Amongst the most exciting projects is the development of new cycle routes across the area, potentially linking Irlam and Cadishead to the National Cycle Network. The initial route was opened across Chat Moss and provided 13 riders with a fun 'test-ride' through pleasant countryside and was part of an event to launch a proposal to re-open Cadishead Viaduct. The scheme could see cyclists, walkers and heritage railway trains crossing the viaduct.

Mike Hack, volunteer cyclist

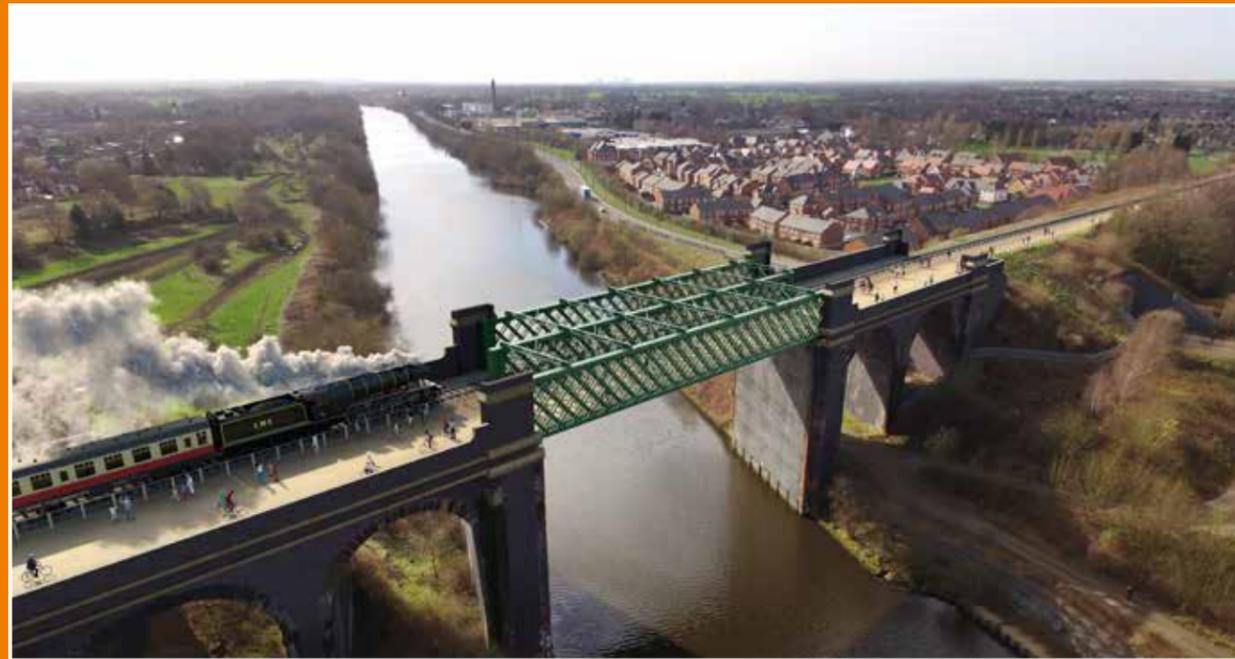
*"I thoroughly enjoyed the experience with a friendly bunch of riders, going at a steady pace through open countryside. The route is excellent and ideal for cycling. I especially enjoyed Chat Moss and the off-road and cycle lane sections."*



One of our programmes we think has had an instant impact on the area is 'vintage signs', which are available for shop owners to hang outside their premises along Liverpool Road. Managed and funded by us, the scheme aims to make Liverpool Road (the main thoroughfare through the area) an even better place to live, work and enjoy and is free to participants. At a cost of £4,865 we have installed 30 signs to date and believe that these have made a positive impact on the roads' aesthetics and hope this might encourage owners to further improve and maintain their shopfronts.

Irlam Linear Park is another initiative we have been supporting this year. In partnership with the Cheshire & Greater Manchester Community Rehabilitation Company we have commissioned 1,381 hours of hard graft from service users to improve the one kilometre long neglected woodland trail into an attractive green space for local people to enjoy. This initiative dovetails our plans to re-establish cycle paths linking Irlam to other areas of Manchester.

# Cadishead Viaduct Proposal



**We celebrated the second anniversary of the stunning renovation of Irlam Station House on 28th March 2017 by launching another exciting railway-related project that could see the re-opening of Cadishead Viaduct.**



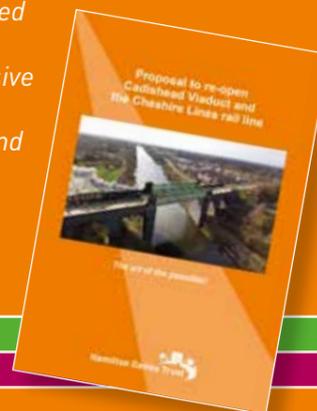
The initiative has the potential to transform the derelict bridge into a major community asset in much the same way as Irlam Station was regenerated.

The viaduct, built in 1893 across the Manchester Ship Canal, could become a 21st Century multi-modal transport route, massively improving connectivity between communities in our area and boosting prosperity.

The proposals were launched by our Chairman and local philanthropist Neil McArthur, with the backing of Michael Portillo, BBC TV's 'Great Railway Journeys' series presenter and 'This Week' panelist.

*Neil said: "We'd like to build on the success of what we've achieved at Irlam Station, which enjoyed a 17% rise in passenger figures in 2015, one of the highest in Greater Manchester."*

Neil added: *"Cadishead Viaduct was once a bustling rail line across the Manchester Ship Canal but over the years it has turned in to an eyesore. It would be great to re-open this impressive structure to connect the communities of Carrington and Partington on one side and Irlam and Cadishead on the other."*



## Key stakeholders discuss viaduct re-opening

Proposals for re-opening the rail line across the viaduct, together with a cycle and pedestrian route, were discussed at a workshop involving key stakeholders at the Station House, which was restored in 2015 and is now home to a thriving local café bar, heritage centre and community hub.

We have been heavily and passionately involved in the regeneration of Irlam and Cadishead since 2008, working with local, regional and national partners to make the area an even better place to live, work and enjoy.

In our regeneration role, we have been concerned for some time about the poor condition and appearance of the viaduct. Two years ago we started an investigation into the possibility of improving its appearance and putting the bridge back into use.

Our proposal document, which sets out compelling reasons to re-open the viaduct, was warmly received by partner organisations attending the workshop. We have now formally adopted the project and are championing the re-opening of the viaduct for multi-modal use including a new section of the National Cycle Network, footpath and heritage railway.

Neil said: *"We are passionate about regenerating Irlam and Cadishead and bringing the viaduct back into use would be a big win. It would be great to incorporate cycling and a heritage railway into the plans as the economic and environmental benefits would be huge. The East Lancs heritage railway shows the demand with 200,000 passengers a year, so it's a great example to learn from."*

CASE STUDY

## Cadishead Viaduct Proposal

### Railway buff Michael Portillo gives our plan his stamp of approval

Keen railway enthusiast Michael Portillo discussed the plans with Neil before making a speech in support of the heritage railway initiative to councillors and stakeholders attending the event.

Michael then engaged and chatted with attendees as well as taking part in a press conference and numerous interviews with regional media. The press coverage was multi-channel including BBC's North West Tonight programme, the Manchester Evening News, ITV online and the Daily Mirror, amongst others.

Michael Portillo said: *"I'm impressed by the zeal shown by the Hamilton Davies Trust. If something as impressive as Irlam Station House has been done by Neil and his team, then nothing is impossible for the future."*

*"Heritage lines run all over Britain thanks to that kind of enthusiasm, and they bring pleasure to many thousands, and greatly boost the economic health of the neighbouring communities."*

*"Irlam and Cadishead is an area of extraordinary industrial and railway heritage and there are compelling reasons to re-open Cadishead Viaduct. I hope to one day return to the area and walk, cycle or travel across the bridge in the cabin of a steam train."*

The day ended with a good old party, celebrating the success of the day and our lovely station's 2nd birthday!

Neil McArthur said: *"The day was a great success, with a workshop in the morning to discuss the multi-modal options for the viaduct, followed by an event with Michael Portillo to promote our proposal and of course rounded off by a party!"*



# Thank Goodness it's Free Art Friday!

**HDT brought the worldwide art initiative 'Free Art Friday' to Irlam and Cadishead during 2016 and local people have been delighted to take home stunning pieces of free art since then!**

The movement is based around the concept of hiding a piece of art in a public place and giving out clues of its location on social media.

The first person to work out the clues and find the art gets to keep it. The only thing we need in return is for the finder to take a selfie and post it on our Facebook or Twitter page, so the artist can see their appreciation. If the finder doesn't have social media, we just ask that they call us or pop in for a chat.

Free Art Friday is being delivered in Irlam and Cadishead by I C Art, a programme we created and fund to bring urban art to the area.

Rachelle Cleary, Artist - I C Art commented: "Free Art Friday is a concept that's been around



for a few years now, where artists across the world have been making art and leaving it in public places for others to enjoy."

"The piece of art can be anything creative, ranging from a painting to a sculpture or even a knitted object, but must be made by the donator. Items up for grabs are donated by local people who might want to get their work noticed or simply make someone smile."

The first piece of art hidden and found was entitled 'The Robin', a painting donated by local artist Jane Edwards who was inspired by a robin that followed her around the garden.

Jane is an accomplished artist who has had pieces accepted by the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition and Manchester Fine Art Gallery. She was also a regular finalist in BBC North West's art competition and contributed to the Olympic Big Art Exhibition at the Castlefield Gallery in Manchester, amongst other achievements.



'The Robin' was left casually hanging on a fence near Cadishead Youth Club on 14th October and was claimed after around an hour by local resident Sue Hammond and her son Jacob Lee aged 3 1/2. Sue took a picture of her son and shared it on HDT's Facebook page.

Sue said: "Jacob and I were out for a walk and one minute were watching a robin and the next were the owners of this fab robin artwork. He is one very happy little boy and this will sit with pride in a frame on his bedroom wall. Thanks so much to HDT and Jane Edwards, this made our day and is such a wonderful idea. We are certainly telling everyone!"

The initiative has returned every month since Jacob found 'The Robin', with a wide range of interesting pieces of art by different local donators, details below.

	Item	Artist
Nov	<b>The Pug</b> small framed illustration of a pug	<b>Frank Cleary</b>
Dec	<b>The Birds</b> stained glass hanging birds	<b>Carolyn Page</b>
Dec	<b>The Hooks</b> crochet hooks	<b>Claire Walsh</b>
Jan	<b>Princess Cat</b> knitted cat wearing a crown and a dress	<b>Lillian Laird</b>
Feb	<b>Humphrey</b> canvas painting of Humphrey Bogart	<b>David Barnes</b>
Apr	<b>The Sheep</b> stones featuring sketches of sheep	<b>Carolyn Page</b>
Apr	<b>The Hole</b> a person stuck in a hole painted on a rock	<b>Margaret Valentine</b>
May	<b>Manchester Bees</b> Bee's to commemorate the 22 victims of 22/05/17	<b>Rachelle's Art Class</b>

Unfortunately, not all 'finders' have come forward yet, but we still very much hope they will contact us so we can pass on their appreciation to the artists.

Dawn Kehoe, HDT Marketing Manager said: "We are thrilled that Sue Hammond got in touch about finding our first piece of art and even better -



such a lovely story surrounding it. That's the idea behind it all - the artwork brightens someone's day and makes them smile! And the artist feels appreciated knowing that their creation is being enjoyed!"

Frank Cleary, creator of 'The Pug' said: "I love drawing and I like pugs. I knew this little fella would make someone smile that's why I drew him and popped it in a little frame for Free Art Friday."

Kimberly Horn, the lucky finder of the Pug and the Birds said: "I am really happy with the art I found and so are my daughters Bethany and Maisie-Jae. Thanks so much to the artists Frank Cleary and Carolyn Page who definitely put a big smile on all of our faces."

If you have any items for the #freeartfriday initiative or would like to create and donate a 2D or 3D piece - then we would love to hear from you! Please contact Karla on 0161 222 4003 or [karla@hamiltondavies.org.uk](mailto:karla@hamiltondavies.org.uk)



# Sharing a Joint-Goal to Help Youngsters Succeed

Our five-year partnership with the Manchester United Foundation (MUF) has been so successful that we recently agreed to sign up to a further three years.



Mandy Coleman, HDT Consultant General Manager said: *"The partnership we hold with MUF is highly valued by us and the results delivered by this partnership are a great example of why HDT invests in projects that benefit local people. We have contributed £150,000 towards the programme to date and feel that the benefits delivered have far exceeded this cost as it has played a hugely positive role in influencing attitudes, attendance and attainment for children, as well as hours of sports provision every week for each of the nine primary schools."*

## United stars score educational goal at local schools

Co-funded with the Premier League Charitable Fund, the programme provides a full-time locally based hub officer building lasting relationships with youngsters in the community, plus many extra benefits.

The hub officer delivers football coaching, skills training, personal development and life changing experiences, giving young people opportunities to change their lives for the better.

The programme kicks in early, engaging children in our nine primary schools who receive sports coaching and lifestyle sessions, encouraging them to eat a balanced diet and to be healthy and active.

Older students can volunteer for afterschool coaching sessions and are encouraged to take extra-curricular qualifications in sports coaching and enterprise to improve their skills and employability.

An additional sweetener to the programme are opportunities that relate to Manchester United Football Club which range from match tickets, player visits, ball assistant roles and competitions, amongst others.

In February 2017 pupils at St Joseph's the Worker and Moorfield Primary schools were delighted when first team players Chris Smalling, Luke Shaw and Matteo Darmian popped in to see them.

The players posed for photos as well as chatting with the children about their experiences playing for Manchester United and joined in some fun games.

Jon Shiels, CEO of MUF, said: *"Without HDT's support we couldn't do the work we do in Irlam and Cadishead. For a lot of kids the visit will be real memory tin stuff, the day Manchester United players came to their school! Real magic dust!"*

Mason, aged 7, said: *"I was shocked to meet the actual players. We had lots of fun doing the activities – the players were fun and friendly. My favourite part was when I interviewed Matteo Darmian and then he interviewed me!"*

Pupils at Fiddlers Lane Primary were also delighted with a visit from top children's author and previous England football team journalist, Dan Freedman as part of World Book Day.



## Ball Assistant Opportunities

Meanwhile, a student from Irlam and Cadishead College (ICC) successfully competed in a ball assistant recruitment programme. Jordan Holdsworth was offered the role at Old Trafford after taking part in a rigorous selection process.

All year 9 pupils at the college were invited to apply and candidates had to submit a one-page statement setting out why they thought they would be successful as ball assistants at 'The Theatre of Dreams'. The foundation is also committed to promoting football among girls and 6 of the 16 ball assistants are female.



Jennifer Mildenhall, MUF Assistant Hub Development Manager, said: *"We hope this experience will raise the young people's self-esteem, confidence, team work and communication skills. The programme is also designed to help them to cope under pressure, as well as establishing them as role models in their school and setting standards of attitude and behaviour for others to follow."*



## Rewarding Hard Work

An ongoing commitment from MUF is the provision of match tickets, which we have the pleasure of gifting to our wonderful volunteers.



## Spirit of 1966 World Cup Glory rekindled in Irlam

In another joint venture, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of England's 1966 World Cup victory at Irlam and Cadishead College, which hosted a 'walking football' tournament between children aged 10 and 11 and people who were a similar age 50 years ago. Older pupils were also involved in setting up and running the tournament, including refereeing.

Irlam Primary, the tournament winners were presented with a HDT-branded trophy by our Chairman Neil McArthur. But no-one left empty-handed, with special certificates presented to all participants, as well as tickets to the next home game at Old Trafford.

The tournament was organised to create awareness across the community of England's epoch-defining 4-2 win over West Germany in which iconic United stars Sir Bobby Charlton and Nobby Stiles played key roles.

Gary Bloor, one of the grandads taking part in the event said: *"It's a long time since I've played football but I really enjoyed it – particularly playing with my grandson Joel. It was great to take part in such a worthwhile event and see a number of schools come together, as the children may not come into contact otherwise. It was quite competitive but in the end, all the kids were smiling!"*

# Grants Awarded 2016/17



£179,000	Manchester Tech Trust <i>Bringing technology and enterprise to GM</i>	HDT Managed Projects <i>Christmas lights throughout the district</i>	£4,039
£167,000	HDT Managed Projects <i>Donation to Biomedical Marker Centre</i>	SCC <i>Cadishead Youth Club</i>	£3,800
£22,000	Manchester United Foundation <i>Partnership funding</i>	Newton Boys and Girls Club <i>WA12 Radio - Equipment</i>	£3,758
£16,814	Newton Boys and Girls Club <i>Premises renovation project</i>	Fairhills Pre-School <i>New premises renovations</i>	£3,400
£14,201	Rotary Club of Irlam <i>Partnership project year 2 of 3</i>	HDT Managed Projects <i>Volunteer support</i>	£3,137
£10,925	HDT Managed Projects <i>Irlam Station Embankment Park</i>	Irlam Primary School <i>Library Books</i>	£3,000
£6,000	Irlam FC <i>Ground keeping equipment</i>	Irlam Endowed Primary School <i>Sports provision</i>	£3,000
£5,863	HDT Managed Projects <i>Irlam Linear Park improvements</i>	St Mary's CE Primary School <i>School playground equipment</i>	£3,000
£5,850	HDT Managed Projects <i>Prince's Park Masterplan document</i>	Cadishead Primary School <i>Music room improvements</i>	£3,000
£5,632	HDT Managed Projects <i>Liverpool Road shop signs</i>	HDT Managed Projects - Irlam and Cadishead <i>community landscaping</i>	£2,940
£5,176	HDT Managed Projects <i>Chat Moss/Rixton Corn Mill</i>	HDT Managed Projects - Cadishead <i>Rhinos clubhouse redevelopment</i>	£2,396
£5,000	Irlam and Cadishead Community Festival Committee - 2016 Festival	HDT Managed Projects <i>Pavement improvements</i>	£2,226
£5,000	Irlam and Cadishead College <i>Library Books</i>	Irlam Royalettes <i>Uniforms</i>	£2,100
£4,800	HDT Managed Projects <i>Cadishead Viaduct proposal</i>	Lucy Winskill Sheltered Housing Social Group - Group activities and events	£1,500
£4,275	Prince's Park Garden Centre <i>Prince's Park improvements</i>	Rixton-with-Glazebrook Carnival <i>2017 community carnival</i>	£1,296

£1,200	Cadishead Rhinos Netball Team <i>Team Support</i>	Irlam and Cadishead Times - Printing the magazine for Rixton-with-Glazebrook	£420
£1,200	St John's Bowling Club <i>Bowling shelter and chairs</i>	Irlam and Cadishead Agewell over 50's Keep Fit - Group summer outing	£375
£1,000	Hope House <i>Donation</i>	Cadishead TARA <i>Inclusion</i>	£300
£1,000	HDT Managed Projects <i>Hollins Green pensioners Xmas party</i>	Fridays Group <i>Community group outing</i>	£300
£800	Moorfield Primary School <i>Outing</i>	HDT Managed Projects <i>Irlam Station maintenance</i>	£300
£800	HDT Managed Projects - Drugs awareness talks at primary schools	Rixton-with-Glazebrook Parish Plan <i>Production of Parish Plan</i>	£264
£740	Rotary Club of Irlam <i>Irlam and Cadishead In Bloom project</i>	Irlam Male Voice Choir <i>Concert costs</i>	£250
£715	Majic Sports <i>Qualifications</i>	Friends of Hollinfare Cemetery <i>Cemetery heritage board</i>	£250
£697	HDT Managed Projects <i>Trees along Liverpool Road</i>	Irlam and Cadishead Junior PCSO Scheme - Police cadets ceremonial flag	£245
£670	HDT Managed Projects <i>Supply and fit defib box to HDT</i>	St Clements Court <i>Community group Christmas event</i>	£200
£513	HDT Managed Projects <i>Planter for Liverpool platform at station</i>	Irlam Veterans Bowling Club <i>Group outing</i>	£200
£500	Irlam Women's Institute <i>Group Activities</i>	St Paul's Methodist Church <i>Shawl Ministry Group equipment</i>	£150
£500	Food 4 Thought <i>Group running costs</i>	Friends of the De Trafford <i>Group insurance costs</i>	£140
£450	Irlam Vale AFC/JFC <i>Portable goalposts</i>	British Legion <i>Lamppost poppies and wreath</i>	£130

## What the people say

**Richard Gale**, Irlam Male Voice Choir & Volunteer

*"I would like to say a big thank you to the HDT team for arranging a really enjoyable Community Christmas Concert last night. Everybody I spoke to thoroughly enjoyed it, and Jess and the youngsters were brilliant. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all"*

*"Moving back to Irlam last year, I was inspired by the work HDT has done transforming the area - I even wrote my masters dissertation on the role of heritage within the regeneration projects. Having delved into the dynamics of the community and gained an understanding the work and effort put in by HDT, I had to get involved. Volunteering has given me the opportunity to meet people who are passionate about making a difference and it has encouraged me to continue getting involved."*

**Rachael Gilbert**,  
HDT Volunteer

**Jane McNulty**,  
Irlam and Cadishead resident

*"I would like to express our sincere thanks to all at the Hamilton Davies Trust for the new sign now proudly hanging above our practice on Liverpool Road. It enhances the appearance of the premises and I've seen the whole district has been given a lift. Very best wishes."*

**Alan Miller**, Opticians – Liverpool Road

*"I'm impressed by the zeal shown by the Hamilton Davies Trust. If something as impressive as Irlam Station House has been done by Neil and his team, then nothing is impossible for the future."*

**Otto Malone**, previous MUF Hub Officer

*I want to say a huge thank you to all at HDT, its because of you I have been able to to delivery the the young people of Irlam and Cadishead. It has been a truly amazing time and experience. Thanks for all your support.*

*"It was wonderful to see the spring flowers coming into bloom after HDT volunteers planted bulbs along Liverpool Road. At the top of The Vista, the display of white daffodils was particularly beautiful, offset by the delicate pink/white blossom of the young crab-apple trees. The almost black tulips were spectacular."*

*"Thank you to Hamilton Davies Trust for organising the fantastic drug awareness talk for years 5 and 6. The children really enjoyed the session and developed a great awareness of the effects of drugs and alcohol."*

**Moorfield Primary School**,  
(Facebook post)

**Michael Portillo**, Presenter of BBC TV's  
'Great Railway Journeys' series

*"I admire what you all do for our community so much! It's amazing and the streets of Irlam and Cadishead would be looking a lot differently if it wasn't for all the hard work what you have all put in. Thank you for all your help and support with all the different projects as it makes a massive difference to the local residents! Hamilton Davies Trust are legends in our area!"*

**Marilyn Roberts and Claudette Lovell**,  
Eccles and Astley residents

*The Rixton Walks leaflets caught our eye, so we picked a few up. We have found them very easy to follow, with lovely illustrations and a bit of history about the local area. They also contain guidance on the length of the walks and level of difficulty, which is really helpful to enable people to assess their ability to complete each of them.*

*"I really enjoy volunteering at iTea and Biscuits and get a lot out of it. It's great to see the older generation interested and willing to learn how to use IT and keep up with the younger generation. I would definitely recommend it as you learn as much as the people who benefit from our supposed experience. Plus they have some great stories to tell!"*

**Becky Prescott**, Irlam and Cadishead resident  
(Facebook Comment)

**Amy Wells**, TalkTalk Volunteer



# Looking Ahead

**Following on from the many successes and achievements mentioned throughout this report, we confidently expect even more inspiring developments as we continue to attract people and the media to our area – putting Irlam and Cadishead on the map as a truly wonderful place to be.**

Partnership is always pivotal to all the work we do, with people in the community as well as key stakeholders. This collaborative approach will become more and more important as larger regeneration projects take shape. Equally important is our quest to identify and build solid relationships with new partners.

The ideas continue to flow and there are lots of new and existing projects we are excited to be involved in over the next 12 months:

Work will continue at **Station Park** with the introduction of lighting and art on the bridges, including some exciting surprises.

**Irlam Linear Park** will continue to evolve and we are hoping to help set up a 'Friends of Irlam Linear Park' group to assist with its development and encourage more people to visit this fantastic green space.

**Cycling** across the area is a priority for us next year and we will carry on working with other stakeholders to develop the Chat Moss route and the associated signage, as well as look at other routes to encourage more cycling and the health benefits that go with it.

Driving forward the **Cadishead Viaduct proposal** is something we are really passionate about and we will continue to collaborate with other stakeholders to progress our vision of developing better connectivity between Irlam and Cadishead and Carrington and Partington.

The **Cadishead Rec** redevelopment project should commence with demolition of the current buildings and the creation of a new rugby league hub.

We will continue to assess the feasibility of other regeneration schemes such as **Cadishead Village** and **Prince's Park** with the hope of moving them forward.

Tackling the issue of TalkTalk moving to MediaCityUK and the potential gap this will leave in our volunteer programme for projects such as **iTea and Biscuits** is also a priority.

Developing our **volunteer base** is one of our key strategies to enable us to deliver more and we are continually astonished by the volume of work done by so few people, but we always need more and aim to add to our dedicated and hardworking team.

Introducing further **channels of communication** and community engagement will also be a priority, including newsletters, online and social media platforms such as Google+, YouTube and Instagram.

Finally, we are determined to complement our **office revamp** by updating the back room that has been untouched for some years, including the introduction of our very own story wall.



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