



# Annual Report

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# Chairman's Report

Welcome to Hamilton Davies Trust's (HDT's) 2017/18 annual report for what has been a very exciting year! We have provided support of over £1.2m during the year, which in turn has also leveraged significant funding for the area from our partners and other third parties. The funding has supported a variety of projects that have either completed and launched or progressed well throughout the year.



One major win was the progress made in respect of the potential re-opening of Cadishead Viaduct. A stakeholder group was established and has met several times already. Discussions are ongoing and with all partners on board, and with a lot of enthusiastic support, we are incredibly hopeful that this exciting project could come to life – the art of the possible.

We were also delighted to launch the new Rugby League Hub at Cadishead Recreation Ground with key partners, including Cadishead Rhinos who now have a wonderful new home. The modern facility, opened by none other than Rugby League legend Paul Sculthorpe, now meets league standards and has female changing rooms for the first time, disabled facilities, a kitchen and a social area. This



project is a great example of partnership work and the rugby hub will be a great community asset for years to come, firmly putting rugby on the map in the area.

Andy Burnham - The Mayor of Greater Manchester helped us to launch Newton Boys and Girls Club (NB&GC) which benefited from an extensive refurbishment. Close to the heart of HDT Trustee Graham Chisnall who was a member in the 1960's, the club had been run into the ground and he wanted to help put it back on its feet. Now a state-of-the-art building, the club offers a much nicer environment and some fabulous new facilities to the children who go there each week.

One close to my heart was the Celebrity Express – Irlam, which launched as the newest piece from our I C Art programme. With this we wanted to pay homage to some of those individuals who over the years have put Irlam and Cadishead on the map or have shaped the area to be what it is today. It was great to meet some of the stars, and to receive their support at the launch event, including Russell Watson, Emma Lowndes, Cameron Brannigan, Bill Dulson and Ben Hopwood, to name but a few. You can pick up a leaflet or visit our website if you'd like to find out more about the colourful characters featured on the train.



I C Art continued to deliver its Free Art Friday initiative, working with some new artists who donate free art to bring smiles to local people

who find the art. We also hosted our first I C Art competition, which attracted numerous entrants of different ages, all providing some really creative entries – we were really impressed!



One of our areas of focus is working with partners to help add value to the existing education provision, helping young people across the area to have the best start they can in life. We were therefore happy to support a number of initiatives this year which included continuing to support the Manchester United Foundation education programme, which supports all 9 primary schools each week; funding for after school clubs as well as contributing to the development of outdoor play areas at 4 local primary schools.

A number of other projects have continued to progress during the year. Designs for Station Park started to take shape and I was really pleased with the lights, which were installed on the bridges across Liverpool Road. Cycling plans continued to progress, the ultimate aim being to introduce a network for the area which connects to the National Cycle Network. Feasibility work for Cadishead Village continued and we introduced YouTube to our marketing channels.

We completed the Hamilton Davies House revamp with our back room being painted in some really bright cheery colours. A special feature was created with the installation of the 'our story so far' wall which shows in images some of the many great projects we've delivered, together with so many fabulous people who have helped to complete them since we started in 2004.

Everything that we do at HDT is a team effort and the levels of success could not be achieved without

the great partnerships we have locally with the likes of the Rotary Club of Irlam, Manchester United Foundation, Salford City Council, the Regeneration Group and many others; including, of course the support of so many hardworking and inspirational volunteers who make things happen on the ground on a daily basis.

Last year I said the HDT team pulled it out of the bag with the Christmas activities including the Community Christmas Service and the elves, but this year was even better! Not only did both of those initiatives continue to put smiles on the faces of local people, but we built on this with the elf trailer. Painted in HDT colours, pulled by the Old Faithful steam engine and full of HDT elves – the trailer took a trip up and down Liverpool Road at a speed of 5mph to spread Christmas cheer. The turnout was amazing, with schools and lots of members of the local community coming out to say hello!



As always, I would like to show my appreciation for the creative and passionate team we have at HDT for all the hard work they have contributed again over the past year to making it another successful one.

Last, but not least, a massive thank you to all of the people who play a vital role in the achievements that are made year on year. With such a great team from different areas of the community and various organisations we continue to make Irlam and Cadishead an even better place to live, work and enjoy each year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neil McArthur".

Neil McArthur

## Facts & Figures





# Community Stars Awards 2017

**The tireless and selfless commitment of local stars was recognised by the presentation of our Community Awards at our annual event in 2017.**

Outstanding contributions to the community were applauded by more than 120 people who attended the celebration, with the community awards now in their fourth year. Recipients were pleasantly surprised with their awards as they were totally unexpected.

The event was attended by civic leaders, representatives of our partner organisations and members of the communities of Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook.

*"It's tremendously uplifting to see so many local people doing so much for others in a variety of different ways"* said **Dawn Kehoe**, Marketing Manager at HDT.

*"We believe this public-spirited generosity should be acknowledged and celebrated, which is why our annual awards have become such a key date in the community calendar of Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook. Just as crucially, by recognising this vital work, we hope to inspire other people to come forward and get involved"* added Dawn.

## Here's a brief summary of the 2017 awards:

**James Taylor** received an award for his invaluable IT and technical support. James is our go-to guy when we come up against technology-related issues we can't sort out ourselves. James has generously supported us since 2008, despite having a very busy job with a lot of responsibility, plus a wife and two children.



**Sue Lightup** was recognised for her passionate commitment and unstinting work as Chair of Governors at Irlam and Cadishead College. Sue has helped us with many of our community litter picks and wants to get even more involved with conservation – she is almost as busy now as she was before she retired!



We were delighted to see **Steve Harrison** pick up an award for his impressive dedication to voluntary work. Despite having to stop working due to health issues, Steve contacted us to ask how he could help the community. Since then he has clocked up more than 80 hours volunteering for many projects and initiatives, including: gardening, improving the HDT car park, and litter picking.



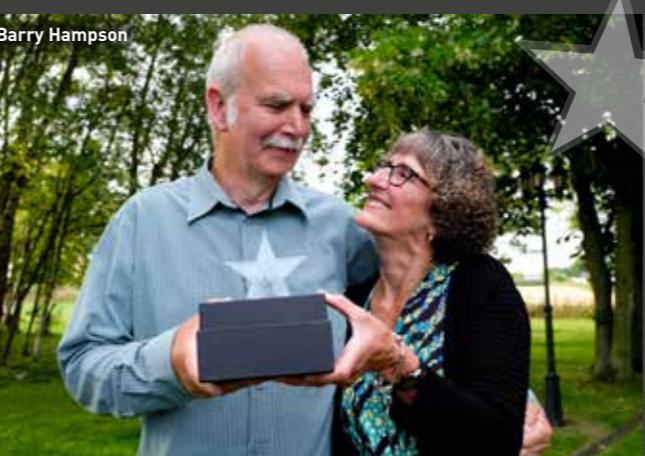
**Josh Blackwell** was recognised for his generous contribution of time and skills to a wide range of projects. Josh is a full-time student at Bangor University, yet he still found time to spend more than 80 hours working on activities such as creating a database to improve our reporting capabilities, providing support at iTea & Biscuits and assisting with our office revamp, as well as annual event set ups (including this years!). A young man of many talents, Josh has even acted as a model at a photo shoot for the launch of Irlam Station!.



**Frances Henry**'s award was presented to her to celebrate her tireless fundraising activities that have raised thousands of pounds through various funding streams, to keep Lady James Hall going. Recently, Frances devoted more than 150 hours to completing just one, of many application forms. She is committed and determined in her pursuit of funding for whatever cause she is fighting for, as well as being an active member of AAARD, a group passionate about preserving the local green belt.



The final award that went to the **Rotary Club In Bloom** Project acknowledges one of the most popular initiatives our area has had the pleasure of benefitting from. In 2012 Rotary Club members Peter Fillery and Alan Cavanagh came up with an idea to brighten up the district with flower filled hanging baskets and planters. We agreed to provide a grant to get this wonderful initiative off the ground. In the same year, sites were identified and agreed with businesses along Liverpool Road; brackets and watering systems were installed; and the first beautiful floral displays hit Irlam and Cadishead. The Rotary 'In Bloom' project has now been in operation for 5 years and every year gets bigger and better. This year's display includes an astonishing 130 hanging baskets, 118 lamp post baskets and 40 floral troughs.



**Barry Hampson**'s award recognised his sterling work as our very own 'Lone Litter Picker'. Working on his own initiative, Barry can often be seen clearing up litter at the Cadishead end of the bypass. He embarked on his one-man-mission after recovering from a long illness. Sometimes it's Barry who wonders if it makes a difference, but we have certainly noticed his efforts and wanted to say a big thank you.

*"We are delighted to get recognised for In Bloom as a lot of people think it's the council who deliver the project. There are tonnes of hours that go on behind the scenes to prepare and maintain the flowers, including around 5 hours each Sunday watering the growing number of baskets and troughs. We are over the moon with the award and hope the initiative continues to grow."* **David Taylor**, Vice President – Rotary Club of Irlam

**If you interested in volunteering, then why not get in touch?**



## Community

**During the year we supported a number of cultural and artistic ventures, as well as initiatives to promote a sense of pride, purpose and identity in our community**

We were happy to fund a number of local festivals, which we think not only play a key role in encouraging community spirit but also help to raise the profile of the area.

Among these was Boatfest, a two-day music festival in Irlam, run by local people to raise funds for primary schools and youth groups across the area. Our grant of £5,400 helped to pay for a new inflatable and storage container.

Irlam Live celebrated its second year with world class acts such as The Wailers, Jason Donovan, Alexander O'Neil, and Dodgy performing in Prince's Park. The festival was a huge success and it was immensely rewarding contributing towards such a great event, helping to put Irlam and Cadishead on the map.

Another major date in the local calendar was the Irlam and Cadishead Festival, which attracted more than 4,000 people and we were pleased to support this for the thirteenth year. Meanwhile, more than 1,000 people attended the Rixton-with-Glazebrook Carnival at Hollins Green, to which we contributed £1,296.

Equally vital to the wellbeing and vibrancy of the area is our programme to help refurbish essential community facilities. This year included a £3,000 donation to help refurbish Preston Hall, home of Irlam and Cadishead Disabled Persons Group, and an £8,000 contribution to the improvement works on Lady James' Hall in Prince's Park, which hosts many community groups and activities.

We also funded £3,500 to enable the 2nd Irlam



Leon Nichols - I/C Art competition winner

Scout Group to carry out internal improvements to their premises, and £3,750 to St Paul's Church to repair dry rot.

Our I C Art programme introduced the Celebrity Express artwork to Irlam Station. The installation celebrates past and present pioneers, industrialists, artists and entertainers who have shaped Irlam and Cadishead over the years. The programme also held its first community art competition, which inspired some great entries. Local people demonstrated their creativity by portraying a day in the life of Irlam Station, giving the judges a very tough job indeed.

HDT joined in the community spirit, which was showcased by over 400 giant lamppost poppies that sprung up on Liverpool Road as part of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, which is a great testament to the people of the area.



Poppy committee members



## Education

**Improving education and facilities for local children is one of our areas of focus and this year saw us chalking up top marks for a number of important projects**

We were amazed at the results of the new playground at St Joseph's Primary School. The outdoor space is providing children with places to play, read and let their creativity shine. It was a privilege to contribute £9,000 to this project and to see contributions being made by other partners that have provided something wonderful for the children to enjoy for many years to come.



St Joseph's Primary School new playground

We also had the pleasure of supporting pupils at St Teresa's RC Primary School who have benefited from an enhanced multi-use outdoor learning space, including a cycle track, following a grant of £7,769 towards their Field to Forest project. This £30,000 project has enabled the school to create areas of interest outdoors to enthuse curiosity and a sense of awe and wonder in their children.

At St Helen's Primary School, our donation of £6,248 helped fund improvements to the outdoor early years area, including canopies and extra

external equipment, enabling the children to enjoy their outdoor space, whatever the weather.

At the younger end of the age spectrum, children at Rixton Tots will be dishing up a treat with their new outdoor play kitchen, following one of our smaller grants of £65.

Elsewhere, we provided support of £2,800 to St Mary's Primary School to purchase a container, which enables Majic Sports junior football team to store their equipment.

Our longstanding partnership with Manchester United Foundation, now in its eighth year, continued to educate children in the primary schools across the district, as a result of our 50% contribution of £25,000.

We were also pleased to once again support the very successful drugs awareness programme, delivered by Pete Dwan, to a number of schools in the district, and Irlam Endowed Primary School with their after-school sports provision.



Pete Dwan and Mandy Coleman

# Rugby legend launches new clubhouse!

Rugby League legend Paul Sculthorpe MBE kicked off a brand new era for rugby in the area when he opened the brand new home of Cadishead Rhinos at Cadishead Recreation Ground.



Around £580,000 has been invested via several partners into completely redeveloping the site with a fantastic clubhouse facility with secure parking, promising to bring huge benefits to both the club members as well as the local community.



The Rhino's old Lord Street HQ was in poor condition, not matching up to the club's success and development or the league requirements.

The modern building constructed by Schofield & Sons now meets the league standards and includes flexible changing rooms, with the introduction of female changing rooms for the first time. With disabled facilities, a kitchen and a social area, the facility now provides a much better environment for the 12,000 people that visit the club each year. The Rhinos have links to local Super League Club Salford Red Devils, and this, as well as their existing training and coaching sessions, are expected to encourage more participants and visitors, especially among young people.



The project was made possible thanks to funding of £300,000 from HDT, with the remainder coming from the other project partners; Salford City Council, Salford Community Leisure and Cadishead Rhinos who contributed £15,000 from their own fundraising efforts.

**Paul Sculthorpe** said: "The new Cadishead Rhinos clubhouse is fantastic and I'm sure the players, fans and the whole local community will benefit from it. Top-class facilities like these are great for the sport and will help the club to continue to grow and develop by attracting more and more local people to the game."



*Rhinos receive keys from Schofield & Sons*

The council secured £100,000 towards the upgrade from Section 106 contributions. This money is paid by local developers to reduce the impact of their works on local people. We now look forward to seeing the club thrive for future generations."

**Graham Chisnall**, HDT Trustee, commented: "I'm thrilled that the Cadishead Rhinos have a fantastic new club fit for a team which is going places."

*This modern, new facility will also bring huge benefits to the local community, with many more individuals, schools and community groups able to get involved in the future.*

*We and our partners have all worked hard to make this ambitious and exciting project happen and we are all delighted to see it come to fruition."*

Salford City Mayor **Paul Dennett** said: "The opening of this brand new clubhouse is fantastic news for Cadishead Rhinos and the local community and we're proud to have played a part to make it happen."





## Recreation

**Our commitment to enhancing sporting and recreational opportunities across the area resulted in the successful development of several key initiatives**

Rugby League legend Paul Sculthorpe MBE kicked off a brand new era for rugby in the area when he opened the new home of Cadishead Rhinos. The state-of-the-art building on Cadishead Recreation Ground was made possible by a funding pot of around £580,000 from a number of partners. We were excited to see our £300,000 contribution help redevelop the space into a clubhouse that will hopefully bring huge benefits to both the club and community as a whole.

We continued to progress plans to develop cycle routes across the area, as well as working with partners including TfGM, Cycling UK, the Doctor Bike Surgery, the Carbon Landscape Trust and Manchester Bike Hire to promote cycling as a whole in Irlam and Cadishead.

Elsewhere, Irlam Junior Football Club scored a major success when they took delivery of new goal posts, thanks to our £500 contribution.

We were equally happy to 'pool' our resources with the City of Salford Synchro Swimming Club (COSSSC) by making a £1,178 contribution towards



Cycle Led Ride



Paul Sculthorpe launches Rugby League Hub

their new underwater music system. The sound system has enhanced the training experience for all their members. Their competition teams made a big splash when they went on to win the inaugural Swim England Combo Cup and to also win an impressive 17 medals in the North-West Championships.

The members of Hollins Green bowling club were bowled over with their new indoor mats, thanks to a grant of £911. Based at the Community Hall in the village for over 40 years, the clubs 30-year old mats were desperately in need of replacing.



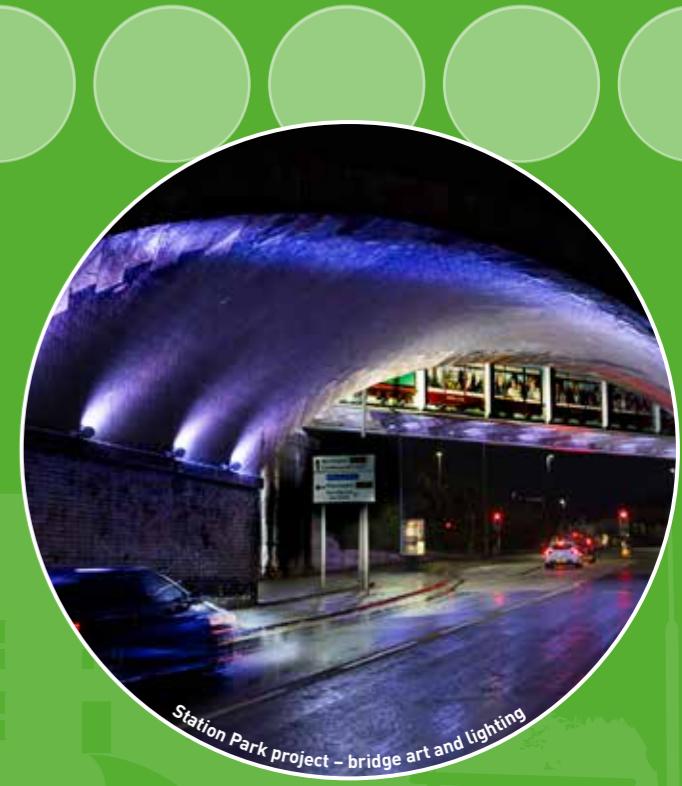
## Regeneration

**A key driver for HDT is regeneration and we are committed to delivering a range of initiatives that will further strengthen our community, drive prosperity and enhance the area**

One of the most ambitious is the Cadishead Viaduct proposal, which aims to re-open the historic bridge for multi-modal use, connecting Irlam and Cadishead with the communities of Carrington and Partington. This proposal has generated great enthusiasm since its launch last year and a stakeholder group has been established and met several times to drive the project forward.



Music room at NB&GC



Station Park project – bridge art and lighting

aim being to improve the aesthetics and create an area of interest at the end of Station Road.

Irlam Linear Park – 10,000 square metres of natural beauty in the heart of the district – is one of our key community assets and we are continuing to invest in improving this area. Throughout the year we have introduced information signs and fence improvements, as well as working with volunteers on park-specific litter picks.

On Liverpool Road, we have embarked on planning the second phase of our vintage shop sign scheme providing free, high quality signage to qualifying retailers, with the aim of improving the attractiveness of the thoroughfare through Irlam and Cadishead.



Linear Park information signs

Another exciting project was the transformation of Newton-le-Willows Boys' and Girls' Club (NB&GC) from a run-down building into a first-class youth amenity. The ambitious project which provides facilities such as a cinema room, recording studio and radio station was made possible thanks to £270,000 funding from HDT. Officially opened by Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham, the project was inspired by Graham Chisnall, HDT Trustee, who had fond memories of the club when he was a member in the 1960's.

The Station Park project is also making impressive headway, with the installation of the Celebrity Express artwork on the bridge, along with a new lighting system that illuminates a once dismal section of road - making it a brighter, safer and more pleasant area. There has also been progress with the plans for the embankment area, with the

And that's not all! We have also continued to assess the feasibility of a number of other regeneration projects potentially in the pipeline, including working with the Hollins Green Community Hall committee on their redevelopment plans.

## Youth Club matures!

HDT Trustee and donor Graham Chisnall, returned to the boys' club he left 50 years ago – to see Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham open its newly revamped premises.



Before



After



Andy officially re-opened Newton-le-Willows Boys' and Girls' Club (NB&GC), which has been transformed from a run-down building into a first-class youth facility.

The extensive refurbishment was largely thanks to Graham, a NB&GC member in the 1960s, who is now a retired executive of telecoms giant TalkTalk.

The centre is now a state-of-the art facility with amenities such as a cinema room, recording studio and radio station, thanks to £270,000 funding from HDT.



Inspired by fond memories of the club, Graham persuaded colleagues at HDT to back the centre. He then project-managed the scheme and became a Trustee of the club.



Graham worked closely with club manager Victoria Musk, our staff at HDT and volunteers to make the project happen.

NB&GC is a registered charity offering sports, music, culture and diverse activities, which is open to young people between the ages of 8 and 18.

There has been no significant investment in the club since 1962, when it was opened by singer and showbiz personality Frankie Vaughan.

The club is mainly run by volunteers and relies on donations and fundraising activities to keep going. Before now, there was never enough money to modernise the structure.

Young people helped design the refurbished NB&GC, which has top quality facilities including:

- A cinema room with a 65" HDTV smart screen for film nights, presentations and awareness projects
- A fully equipped kitchen, where young people will be trained in cookery skills
- A recording studio with modern recording, composing and mixing facilities, mics, stands, speakers, guitars, drum kit and keyboard
- A gaming room with the latest games consoles and HD TV screens featuring surround sound
- A sports hall for a wide range of games and sports

The club was very different when Graham first attended back in 1964. He remained an active member for five years and says a reference from the then club leader helped him get his first job.

**Graham**, aged 62, said: “I had very happy times at NB&GC. It was a big support to me in my youth and helped me develop the confidence to succeed in my later life.”

“When I walked in again for the first time in years, it was a little down-at-heel, being run by a team of excellent volunteers with little financial backing. I decided I had to put it back on its feet.

I wanted the younger generation to have the support I had and enjoy first-class facilities.”



Graham added: “I feel privileged and very happy to have been able to help the club that once helped me. It's a great feeling.”

**Andy Burnham**, who was educated at St Aelred's Roman Catholic High School in Newton-le-Willows said: “Thank you to Graham, Victoria and all the volunteers for giving the youth club a well needed refurbishment. The wide range of activities now available is fantastic and I hope the young people who come here enjoy them for years to come!”



# All aboard the Celebrity Express!

World-famous tenor Russell Watson launched our eye-catching artwork at Irlam Station, which celebrates some past and present famous pioneers, industrialists, artists and entertainers who have shaped Irlam and Cadishead over the years.

Russell, along with professional footballer Cameron Brannagan and actresses Michelle Keegan, Emma Lowndes and Lesley Nicol are among the 29 notable individuals pictured in the artwork, which has been named The Celebrity Express – Irlam.

The celebrities, who have been connected with the Irlam and Cadishead area over the past four centuries, are portrayed as passengers on one of the trains that travelled on the Manchester to Liverpool line through Irlam Station in the first half of the 20th Century.

The original artwork is mounted on the wall on the station's Liverpool platform. It was the brainchild of HDT Chairman Neil McArthur, and was painted by our inhouse artist Rachelle Cleary, with help from local volunteers.

Both Neil and Rachelle are also pictured in The Celebrity Express – Irlam. Neil didn't know beforehand that Rachelle was going to include him.

**Mandy Coleman**, HDT Consultant General Manager said: "As part of our programme of urban art, HDT has commissioned a number of beautiful artworks around the local area, and this, *The Celebrity Express – Irlam* is the latest example.

"It aims to celebrate some of the economic, industrial and cultural history of Irlam and Cadishead over the last four centuries and also to recognise the talents of some of the many people who have helped our community become what it is today."

"We spent a lot of time researching this piece, so we



*hope this is both informative and a historical piece as well being a great-looking mural for commuters and local people to enjoy."*

Celebrities pictured in the mural, along with their families and relatives of those who are now deceased, were invited to the opening event at Irlam Station on 7 November 2017.

**Russell Watson**, who is originally from Irlam and lived there until his mid-20s, said: "*I am truly honoured to launch this brilliant piece of art – and to be featured in it.*

*"It is fascinating to see so many famous and historical figures have been connected with Irlam and Cadishead over the years.*

*"This piece of art really brings the history of the area home to you. It's a real asset to the station, which is already such a lovely place to visit."*



**Michael Keegan**, father of Michelle said: "*I feel privileged and proud that the local community have honoured Michelle and given her a seat on the Celebrity Express – Irlam. The artwork is remarkable. Great work by Rachelle and her team.*

The importance of the railway and canal to Irlam and Cadishead is reflected by the presence of

As well as Russell Watson, Michelle Keegan, and Cameron Brannagan the 'passengers' include:

- Sir Edward Leader Williams
- Sir Edward Baines Junior
- George Thomas
- Robert Stannard Senior
- William Roscoe
- Emma Lowndes
- Peter Whitfield
- Lesley Nichol
- Georges Stephenson
- Ray Lowry
- Cliff Twemlow
- Max Shacklady
- Bill Dulson
- Ben Hopwood
- Scott Andrew Hogan
- Frank Hulme MBE
- Sir Edward Watkin
- James Brindley
- Josiah (Joe) Lane
- Thomas Knowles
- Rachelle Cleary and Jess

many of the pioneers involved in their creation, such as George Stephenson and Sir Edward Leader Williams.



The Cheshire Lines Committee railway opened in 1873 and was a catalyst for the rapid industrialisation of Irlam and Cadishead, along with the Manchester Ship Canal, which opened in 1894. Both were equally important in transforming the district from two small villages into what it is today.

The locomotive and carriages are typical of the passenger trains that serviced the Liverpool to Manchester line through Irlam.

A replica of the artwork is also featured on a disused rail bridge spanning Liverpool Road, near M44 5AD and is accompanied by some wonderful lighting that brightens up a previously dark area of road.

A leaflet containing descriptions of all of the important passengers on Celebrity Express – Irlam is available on [www.hamiltondavies.org.uk](http://www.hamiltondavies.org.uk).

# Grants & Projects 2017/18

Total £925,281

£3,500	<b>2nd Irlam Scout Group</b> Scout Hut refurbishment	£1,884	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Christmas lights throughout Irlam & Cadishead
£990	<b>Addison Road Allotment Group</b> Improving access for all	£19,900	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Cidishead Village public realm feasibility study
£5,400	<b>Boatfest</b> Support to enable Boatfest to become sustainable	£5,749	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Chat Moss regeneration feasibility study
£130	<b>British Legion Remembrance Day &amp; Poppy Appeal</b> Annual poppy appeal	£479	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Replacement defibrillator box at Irlam Station
£200,000	<b>Cadishead Rhinos ARLFC</b> Re-development of Cadishead Rec premises for Cadishead Rhinos	£5,010	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Irlam Linear Park community information boards
£1,178	<b>COS Synchronized Swim Club</b> Under and outer-water music system	£84,249	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Irlam Station Park
£504	<b>Dementia Friends at De Traffords</b> Group outings for dementia sufferers and carers	£50	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Improvements to fencing at Irlam Linear Park
£150	<b>Friends of Cadishead and Little Woolden Moss</b> Plug plants for volunteers to plant on the Moss	£28,931	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> IC Art
£635	<b>Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST)</b> Group support for events at Irlam Station	£483	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Volunteer support
£930	<b>Fun Friday Group</b> Active play sessions for parents and toddlers	£2,724	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Landscaping and grounds maintenance in I&C
£300	<b>Glazebrook WI</b> Group outing to the National Arboretum	£866	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Heritage Boards across I&C
£800	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Liverpool Road shop signs	£955	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Production of Irlam Station heritage signs
£1,008	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Improving the pavements in I&C	£1,000	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> Drugs awareness talks to I&C schools



£3,498	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> <i>Production and delivery of In The Know to RwG</i>	£270,130	<b>Newton Boys and Girls Club</b> <i>Newton B&amp;G Club redevelopment</i>
£1,500	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> <i>Hollins Green pensioners Christmas lunch</i>	£65	<b>Rixton Tots</b> <i>Outdoor play kitchen</i>
£1,058	<b>HDT Managed Projects</b> <i>Delivery of cycling events across I&amp;C</i>	£911	<b>Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall</b> <i>Bowling mats for RwG Bowling Club</i>
£2,000	<b>Holly Court Tenants Association</b> <i>Installation of awning to garden area</i>	£5,280	<b>Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall</b> <i>Community Hall redevelopment plans</i>
£200	<b>I and C Agewell over 50's Keep Fit</b> <i>Annual keep-fit event outing</i>	£120	<b>Rixton-with-Glazebrook Parish Plan</b> <i>Support for Parish Plan group</i>
£5,000	<b>Irlam and Cadishead Community Festival Committee</b> <i>I&amp;C Festival 2017</i>	£15,615	<b>Rotary Club of Irlam</b> <i>Partnership support to increase delivery in I&amp;C</i>
£3,000	<b>Irlam and Cadishead Disabled Persons Group</b> <i>Preston Hall refurbishment</i>	£130	<b>Rotary Club of Irlam</b> <i>Hanging baskets to improve the look of Irlam Station</i>
£3,000	<b>Irlam Endowed Primary School</b> <i>School sports club provision</i>	£6,248	<b>St Helen's CofE Primary School</b> <i>Improvements to outdoor area for use by RwG pre-school</i>
£500	<b>Irlam JFC</b> <i>Junior portable goalposts</i>	£500	<b>St Joseph The Worker RC Primary School</b> <i>Refugee outreach event</i>
£200	<b>Irlam Veterans Bowling Club</b> <i>Group outing for bowling competition</i>	£9,000	<b>St Joseph The Worker RC Primary School</b> <i>Playground improvements</i>
£8,000	<b>Lady James Hall</b> <i>Hall refurbishments</i>	£ 2,800	<b>St Mary's CE Primary School</b> <i>Installation of storage container for use by Majic Sports</i>
£180,000	<b>Manchester Tech Trust</b> <i>Bringing technology to GM</i>	£3,750	<b>St Paul's Methodist Church</b> <i>Improvements to facilities caused by dry rot</i>
£25,000	<b>Manchester United Foundation</b> <i>Partnership program for 2017/18</i>	£7,769	<b>St Teresa's RC Primary School</b> <i>Field to Forest outdoor improvement project</i>
£1,500	<b>Meadows Social Club</b> <i>Group events, activities and outings</i>	£700	<b>The Monday Club</b> <i>Equipment for dementia sufferers support group</i>

## Looking Ahead

This report has showcased the varied achievements that have been made during the year, underpinning what will hopefully be another progressive year in 2018/19

The year ahead will however have its challenges, with partnership working and access to additional funding streams being of paramount importance.

Here's a glimpse at the projects we will be working on over the next 12 months:

- We will be launching the initial parts of our ambitious Irlam and Cadishead Cycle Network, not only providing cycle routes for locals to enjoy a leisurely ride through the lovely countryside, but also to look ahead to linking with the National Cycle Network to improve connectivity with other areas and enable people to commute by cycle. We will endeavour to try to attract some of the £10m cycling funding which was recently announced
- Continue to develop proposals for the re-opening of Cadishead Viaduct with the stakeholder group, trying to make the project a reality

- Station Park plans will continue to progress and we will hopefully see the first phases of change on the embankment, complementing the bridge lighting and art adjacent to the site

- I C Art will continue to install creative pieces across the district with the completion of the Cheshire Lines artwork, the start of another large mural and hopefully engage the community in a crowd funding project to enable us to bring the Man on the Bench out of hiding and put him back into the community where he belongs

- Enhancing and promoting the heritage hub at Irlam Station will be one of our aims next year, which may include developing the external space with the possible introduction of a historic signal box. We will also continue to support FIRST (Friends of Irlam Station) who have been instrumental in driving visitors to this informative community venue

- We will continue to consider new communication methods and channels to connect and engage with our partners and the community

- Developing our volunteering base is always a key driver to our activity and we want to continue doing this next year. We aim to better understand what the community, as well as HDT, need volunteers to help with

- Researching, identifying and applying to different funding bodies will be a new initiative to help us deliver even more to the community

We want to continue working with the wonderful communities of Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook plus our partners and volunteers to continue to drive forward initiatives that help to make the area an even better place to live, work and enjoy. Additional funding and collaboration will become an increasingly important part of this.



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