



## ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

Moving in the right direction

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# Chairman's Report

I am delighted to introduce you to our 2018/19 annual report, for what has been a very exciting year.

We have invested a total of £9.2m to support a variety of community projects and regeneration initiatives, to help make the area an even better place to live, work and enjoy.

I would like to kick off with a project that is particularly close to my heart and something that we have been working on for a number of years. Station Park, the quirky new green space has breathed new life into a once overgrown and gloomy part of the district. It's been a complete team effort as well, with local volunteers and companies all going the extra mile, under the watchful eye of our fantastic artist Rachelle Cleary, with support from Mandy Eccles.



Station Park

Plans continued to develop the heritage element of the Irlam Station complex, to make it a destination rather than just a place to catch a train. A grade II listed signal box was acquired and will be the future home of FIRST (Friends of Irlam Station) who do an incredible job looking after the station environment and in hosting community events.

Great strides were made with cycling, initially with the launch of the Irlam and Cadishead Cycleway, which Olympic Gold Medalist Chris Boardman MBE very kindly opened. This was complemented by establishing a partnership with the community-based initiative Pedal Away, who are running local weekly bike rides, and the CHAINS (Change, Help and Advance in New Skills) workshop at HMP Risley, who have been donating refurbished bicycles for us to donate to people in need.



Cadishead Primary School  
enjoying story time at Station Park



Neil McArthur, HDT Chairman

Plans are progressing well with the Cadishead Viaduct project, which is now at the feasibility stage. We are hopeful this will come into fruition in a few years and will enhance our Cycleway, providing links to the National Cycle Network.

In 2018 the Man on the Bench sculpture celebrated his 40th birthday and to celebrate we started our fundraising project to get him permanently back into the community. It has been heart-warming to see the reaction across the area with a host of donations and events, such as non-uniform days, taking place to help raise funds.



Pedal Away cycling group

During the year, the fund helped another 14 youngsters take a step in the right direction and we know Chris would be delighted with this.

Our ongoing projects including: Free Art Friday, iTea and Biscuits, heritage boards, Christmas lights and much more have continued to support the community and hopefully brought enjoyment to local people.



HDT Volunteer Event

volunteer base who are instrumental in a lot of our projects. Thank you to the regulars who have been part of the team for such a long time, and continue to work hard and make a difference, and welcome to all the new faces who have joined the merry throng.



Free Art Friday finder

We hosted our first Christmas coffee morning which proved to be a huge success with over 70 people visiting our office within 2 hours. I'd like to say well done to the HDT team, who continue to astonish me with the things they achieve with such a small team, lots of delivering projects, engagement and creative ideas. Well done.

There is no doubt that we couldn't achieve what we do without the support and hard work of our

Lastly, I would also like to say a global thank you to everyone who has been involved in creating so many success stories at a grass roots level, supporting each other and making the area what it is today. This really is a wonderful community and I am proud to be part of it.

Neil McArthur

## Facts & Figures

Here's a summary of our progress to date.

**£9.2m**

We have invested more than £9.2 million to support the district across our 4 areas of focus covering:  
Community, Education, Recreation and Regeneration



HOUR  
on  
**HOUR**  
&  
**DAY**  
after  
**DAY**  
of  
**SUPPORT**



**£1.2m** worth of grants provided to community projects

  
**£530K**  
**EDUCATION**  
**GRANTS**



Hosted **20** iTea and Biscuit courses, with over **4,150** learner experiences



Received support of more than **10,554** hours from local volunteers, including Corporate Social Responsibility Programmes



Over **£970,000** to recreational groups



Supported regeneration projects worth over **£3.2m**



**38,500** attendances in our meeting spaces

Save the  
**Man on the Bench**  
Campaign



## #SaveTheManOnTheBench

This year we started our first ever fundraising campaign to save and cast in bronze the beautiful 'Man on the Bench' sculpture.

The full-scale replica of the man in a flat cap relaxing on a bench was designed and produced in 1978 by Simon Law, a talented local school boy studying O'Level Art at Irlam High School, where it remained on proud display.

In 2016 we were lucky enough to become guardians of the statue and took him under our wing as part of the I C Art programme.

With help from volunteers and over 140 hours of research and artistic input, the man was restored and took pride of place on the platform at the front of Irlam Station House, where he gained a new audience of commuters and visitors.

The man, with no name, who has been part of our community for over 40 years was only made of paper mache and was never made to last. He was also, unfortunately damaged by vandals and sustained injuries including a broken leg and a heavy heart and has been in hiding ever since.



After a couple of failed Arts Council applications, we set about trying a variety of ideas to promote the campaign and encourage donations. This started with a superb video, which featured so many different groups and organisations from the local community who came together to support the campaign.



To date we have raised a whopping £10,001, with donations from our local partners, businesses and other community members being received directly and via our Go Fund Me page, plus other fundraising activities including school non-uniform days, and lots of other events.

We really appreciate all of the donations made and the support we have received so far, including the great prizes that have been provided for our raffle activities.



There is £3,749 left to raise to reach our £13,750 target, and we will continue to work hard to achieve this.

The plan is to place him back in the community where he belongs; keeping commuters company whilst waiting for their train at Irlam Station, and enjoying being a #selfie hit too.

Mandy Coleman, Consultant General Manager of HDT, said: "*The Man on the Bench is an incredible piece of art. It looks like it was created by a well-known professional artist, rather than a talented schoolboy.*"



Mandy continued: "*Generations of local people have loved him and then he gained a whole new fan club from his days at Irlam Station House. It has become a kind of symbol of both Irlam's past and how the area is being regenerated and we want to cast him in bronze so he will survive for years to come.*

Simon, now a senior design manager for John Sisk and Son, said: "*I was very pleased with the way the original sculpture came out, but I never expected him to be around for another 40 years. He looked perfect at the station, like he was waiting for the next train. I was devastated when I heard what the vandals had done to him. If we can bronze-cast him, so he is more robust, that would be astounding.*"



## Regeneration

**Regeneration is one of our priorities as we look to transform the landscape of the area, making it an even better place to live, work and enjoy.**

Our biggest spend of the year, Station Park, was a project to revitalise an embankment area located on Liverpool Road, the main gateway through the district. The embankment had become overgrown and a bit of an eyesore, creating an oppressive and unpleasant feel for passers-by. Overgrown vegetation was cleared and a safe off-road pathway introduced to provide access to the seating area for pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchair users and pushchairs. Not only has this project aesthetically improved the site, it has also created a fun and quirky destination for people to visit and enjoy, with landscaping, seating and 3D art.



Station Park plateau and seating area

At the start of the year Olympic cyclist, Chris Boardman MBE helped us to launch the Irlam and Cadishead Cycleway. Based on the Dutch cycling model and working in partnership with Salford City Council, we were able to map out the new cycle network, installing waypoints and directional signage. We hope the launch will kick start our ambitious plans to expand the network to around 50km of cycleways across the area, including the expanse of Chat Moss and hopefully improve connectivity to other areas via the National Cycle Network routes 55 and 62.

We also continued to support our vintage shop signs project during the year, as well as the development of Irlam Linear Park.



Hollins Green War Memorial

The Cadishead Viaduct project has continued to steam ahead with a lot of interest and enthusiasm for the project, which has now progressed to the feasibility study stage.



Olympic Gold Medalist Chris Boardman MBE with Neil McArthur

## Recreation

**Recreation is an area where we can support local people to bring their passions to life and help promote the positive health and wellbeing aspects of keeping active.**

We were delighted to team up with Pedal Away, a community cycling initiative delivered by 'Cycling Projects' in partnership with Transport for Greater Manchester, Salford City Council, Salford CVS, NHS Salford and now HDT. Pedal Away meet twice a week, providing community bike rides for both beginners and intermediaries, with bikes and helmets available. It's great to finally see a regular cycling group in operation as it is a fun way to get out and about, an active way of socialising and an alternative to driving.



Double World Champion Paralympian cyclist Jon Gildea

To promote cycling as an alternative to driving, we organised a ride from Media City to Irlam Station, which was supported by British Cycling and Double World Champion Paralympian cyclist, Jon Gildea, who took part, along with 17 other cyclists.

Local Morris dancing group, Irlam Royalettes, have a spring in their step and are looking fabulous thanks to our contribution towards new outfits for the team and a new music system.



Irlam FC Ground and Floodlights

Irlam FC continue to shine bright with their new floodlight winch. Operating as a sporting hub in the area, with more people joining each year, it is important for Irlam FC to maintain their facilities to enable continued growth. We were happy to support the project to provide a winch, which can lift and lower the floodlights, ensuring that all essential maintenance and repairs can be made easily.



Irlam Gems

A further contribution was provided to Irlam Gems for new dresses and shakers, helping them to look the part and feel a million dollars when they perform at dance championships and events.



## Community



**Community is at the heart of what we do, and we are proud to have contributed to a number of projects this year that bring people together.**

We were particularly touched to be able to contribute to a project to support local people going through bereavement. Led by volunteers and facilitated by professional counsellors, the group focusses on peer support and sharing experiences, one to one counselling and group therapy, as well as holistic therapies that can help people who are going through a really hard time. With cuts to the public purse and waiting lists increasing, we believe groups like this are vital to support people with their mental health.



A grant was provided to the Positive Moves project, which also helps vulnerable sections of society. Focussing on local people over the age of 65, the project helps people with a variety of activities and promotes social inclusion. In some circumstances the initiative can prove to be a lifeline, reducing loneliness and its impact on health and wellbeing.

FIRST (Friends of Irlam Station) continue to do a fantastic job supporting one of our community's greatest assets and have since begun helping at Station Park. We were delighted to support their attendance at the ACORP awards, where they received a well-deserved gold award. We also contributed to some high-visibility jackets to help the community recognise who is doing the good work.



Friends of Irlam Station

To look after Irlam's hidden gem, we established a Friends of Irlam Linear Park group, which is supported by a number of local businesses including: Kingsland Drinks, Benchmark, Nicholas Fabrications Ltd and Titan Security. The group have created an online presence, completed a number of litter picks as well as planting bluebells with children from St Teresa's Primary school and Springwood nursery, with help from Friends of Chat Moss.

Elsewhere we have continued to support other community groups such as Irlam and Cadishead Community Festival, Rixton-with-Glazebrook Parish Carnival, Community Payback and I C Art, which completed the final two pieces of the Cheshire Lines artwork.

## The CHAINS Workshop

**An exciting new partnership was born this year when we linked up with CHAINS (Change, Help and Advance in New Skills) a programme at HMP Risley, which refurbishes old bicycles and then gives them to deserving causes.**



Irlam Primary School recipients

The project relies heavily on the donation of bicycles which are no longer in use or are in a bad condition, that are then cleaned, repaired and made to look 'like new'.

In-mates at HMP Risley are given the opportunity to work in the CHAINS workshop, encouraging them to give something back to society and to develop a positive work ethic and useful skills which can help them become better prepared for employment after their release.

On completion, the refurbished bikes are given to local charities such as HDT to find them a good home with local families or groups in need.



Donation to Cadishead Primary School

We are really happy to support this great initiative and to date have provided a number of bikes for refurbishment and re-housed 18 bikes to well-deserved local people.

This initiative is supported by the Margaret Carey Foundation, which delivers community and prison-based projects that help offenders pay back to society as they serve their sentence.

Nicki Smith, Governor at HMP Risley said: "Andy who runs the CHAINS workshop, is absolutely committed to his role and has raised the self-esteem of so many prisoners, many of whom want to give something back to those in our local communities."

Tony Prescott, HDT Operations Manager said: "This is a great project that helps a number of different areas of society, it's such a wonderful idea and we are delighted to be involved".



# Community Stars

Awards 2018

**Each year it is our pleasure to recognise and applaud some of the people and groups who make a real difference across the community in which we work.**

We have celebrated a total of 43 community stars to date, who are doing just that, working hard to make the area an even better place to live, work and enjoy.

Mandy Coleman, HDT Consultant General Manager, said: "Recognising and saying thank you to these special people, who give back and make such a difference to their community, is a privilege and it is one of the most favourite parts of my job."

Around 130 people were present at the 2018 awards ceremony where the following stars were appreciated:



**Alan Boyce** was recognised for his amazing effort as a Salford City Council employee working hard to keep the streets of Irlam and Cadishead free from litter. He supports and engages effectively with the regular volunteer litter pickers, which creates invaluable team working to improve the look of the district. Alan constantly goes above and beyond in striving to improve the look of our district.

**The Evergreens Ladies Choir** award was in recognition of the endless hours of entertainment and enjoyment that they have given to the community through their performances over the past 21 years! It is also admirable that whilst

performing, they have also helped to raise funds for so many local groups and national charities.

**Fred Humphries** received an award for the remarkable number of hours he gives freely as a volunteer for the Friends of Hollinfare Cemetery. His regular grass cutting since the group was formed in 2010 has had a huge impact on the look and feel of the cemetery.



Fred Humphries

**The Irlam and Cadishead Community Committee** were recognised for the sterling voluntary work the members carry out. Working in partnership with Salford City Council, Councillors and the Police in helping to support the community, their commitment to addressing and influencing a diverse range of local issues and the support given to worthy projects is most admirable.

**The Irlam Male Voice Choir** are another local choir also recognised for the entertainment that their members have given over the years! Their performances not only entertain many but again also help to raise funds for local groups and national charities.



The Irlam Male Voice Choir

**Stacey Antcliff** was recognised for leading the fundraising to ensure the much-needed refurbishment of the George Thomas Playground came to fruition. Regeneration projects like this don't happen unless someone commits their time and efforts to drive them on, work closely with partners and see things through to the end. Her unstinting efforts and the volunteer time she gives for the benefit of local children and their families is much appreciated by HDT and the district.



Jess Fletcher



Stacey Antcliff

**Jess Fletcher** received an award in recognition of her work training the highly successful Salford Synchronised Swimming team based at Irlam Leisure Centre. Her dedication and commitment, above and beyond her role as a Salford City Leisure employee especially around competition time, has not gone unnoticed and shows in the team's amazing achievements.



Group photo of all Community Star award winners

**James Parker's** award was our special way of recognising the wonderful work he has done and the funds he has helped to raise over the years as a Rotary member and Poppy Appeal Organiser. He has been instrumental in and involved in so many local, national and international projects and initiatives that it is hard to mention them all.



The Evergreens Ladies Choir



## Education

We enjoy supporting projects that can complement the existing educational provision and develop school facilities, for children and young people across the area.



Moorfield Primary School Peace Garden

It was a pleasure to support Moorfield Primary School who benefited from a new 'peace garden' filled with nature, wonder and curiosity to enthuse the children's minds. Aimed primarily at the Early Years Foundation Stage (3 to 5 year olds) the garden includes an allotment space to grow healthy food, a bug hotel for science investigations, a wildflower section, seating area for story times, plus hedging and pathways for access and safety.

We were really enthusiastic to support a new initiative across 5 local primary schools to build positive relationships, which are essential as a foundation for tackling prejudice and creating an environment of acceptance for people regardless of culture, race, faith, gender, age or disability. Aimed at children between 9-12 years old and entitled 'Heartstone', the project encouraged open discussions and a creative exhibition to develop



greater understanding of diversity and provide a safe environment for children to express their thoughts and feelings.

At Springwood Primary School our donation helped to install a 4D immersive space sensory learning environment, to support provision for children aged 2 to 5 years old with learning difficulties. From a calm and relaxing scene, to stimulating and interactive scenarios, the space provides a range of environments, facilitating a flexible and experiential approach to education.

*"Thank you to HDT for their generous contribution. I am sure the 4D Immersive Space will bring the children of our school an abundance of learning experiences, simulation and enjoyment for years to come." Matt Lawrenson, Deputy Headteacher*



Springwood Primary School  
4D immersive learning environment

In other areas we have continued our long-standing partnership with the Manchester United Foundation and in the younger age group, have supported parent and baby stay and play sessions at Tiddlywinks.

## Irlam & Cadishead CYCLEWAY

### Setting the wheels in motion!



During the year we launched a new cycle network for the district, with help from Olympic Gold Medalist, Chris Boardman MBE.

Based on the Dutch cycling model, the Irlam and Cadishead Cycleway provides a route system, which offers a flexible network where riders can tailor each route based on their needs.

Directional signage helps to point riders in the right direction, whilst Waypoints feature a map and information about the various points of interest to enable cyclists to plan their journey.



The network is already helping to make cycling around the area more accessible and provide riders with the opportunity to explore the districts fine blend of urban and rural environment, with the likes of Chat Moss and Irlam Linear park on the doorstep.

HDT are passionate about cycling because it's fun and, well of course, it is great for health and wellbeing.

The big aspiration however, is to expand the Cycleway over time, linking to the National Cycle Network, improving connectivity with other areas and encouraging bicycle commuting.



Margaret, a local resident and HDT volunteer said: *"We had a great time trying out the cycle routes, re-discovering the joys of cycling, having lots of fun careering all over the moss, through the Linear Park and along the bypass. Big thanks to all involved in the cycleways initiative."*

Olympic Gold Medalist, Chris Boardman MBE, said: *"I am really impressed by the commitment HDT is making to encouraging people to get out on their bikes across Irlam and Cadishead. Initiatives like this are key to helping to inspire new people to travel without a reliance on cars and I look forward to seeing how further plans develop to open up more cycling routes locally."*

# Station Park



The Workers Cottage

## An enchanting transformation!

Once an overgrown embankment, which had been in a poor state of repair since the mid-1960s, Station Park is now a quirky new green space helping to transform the Irlam and Cadishead landscape.

We were excited to finally open the park on 21st March with the help of the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Chairman of Hamilton Davies Trust (HDT), Neil McArthur and around 150 guests.

Combining landscaping and 3D artwork, Station Park features a mid-level tranquil seating area where people can relax and watch the world go by with a unique view of the district. The creative artwork pays homage to the areas' rich heritage and includes the following as well as many other enjoyable surprises.

The Workers Cottage is a key feature; the shape and feel of this imaginative and magical piece of art was inspired by the well-known Hobbit House, and the cottage's design elements embrace a train theme that connects it with the station.



Ribbon cutting: Neil McArthur, HDT, The Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett

Another sculpture A Blast from the Past reflects the view that local residents would once have had from Irlam Station in the 1900s: huge buildings and towering chimneys of the Steelworks and Soap Works filling the skyline with smoke and steam.

All in a Day's Work is a collection of steel cut outs depicting the hard labour that thousands of workers endured during the construction of the railways and the Manchester Ship Canal.



'Blast from the Past' feature

HDT Chairman, Neil McArthur said: "*We were determined to brighten up this area with something different and Station Park is definitely that.*"



'Buckley' – one of 3 quirky art pieces created from scrap metal by John Lennie (featured)

Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester said: "*I was excited to see what this park would bring, and I am very impressed with what I have seen. The project has created an attractive and fun public space that local people can enjoy!*"

The park has a safe off-road pathway leading up to the seating area, making it accessible to pedestrians, wheelchair users, pushchairs and cyclists.

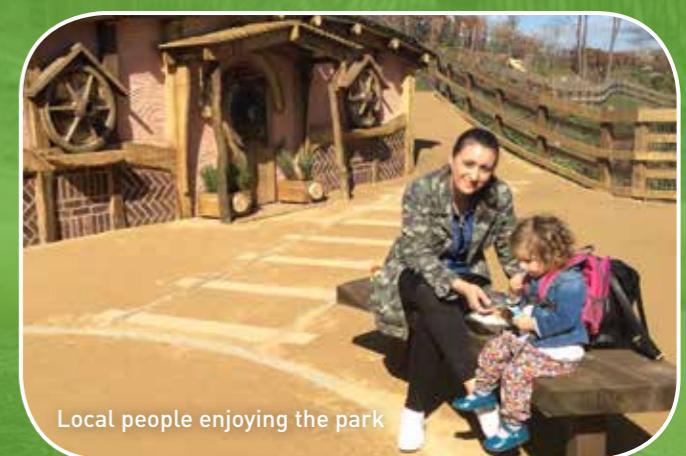
Another one of HDT's imaginative visions, Station Park builds on the foundations of previous projects such as Irlam Station House and I C Art and helps to make the area an even better place to live, work and enjoy.



Steps that lead to the plateau

Working alongside a team of local organisations including: Lanes Landscapes, North Cheshire Developments, Pioneer Paving, Benchmark, A&C Sheet Metal Ltd, Rachelle Cleary from our I C Art programme and volunteers including FIRST (Friends of Irlam Station) and others, we believe we have created something quite magical.

We hope the transformation will improve the image of the area and not only provide an accessible and attractive green space that the local community will enjoy, but a destination that visitors may want to come and see.



Local people enjoying the park

Salford City Mayor, Paul Dennett said: "*It is absolutely fantastic that this has been made possible and a public congratulations goes out to all those who made it happen.*"

And that's not all. Station Park will continue to evolve over the next few years, with new and interesting art features popping up.

# Grants & Projects



Community



Education



Recreation



Regeneration

£460	<b>2nd Irlam Rainbows, Brownies and Guides</b> <i>Guiding badge program books</i>	£3,204	<b>Community Landscaping</b> <i>Maintaining Irlam Station environment and Cadishead embankment</i>
£130	<b>British Legion Remembrance Day &amp; Poppy Appeal</b> <i>Lamppost poppies and wreath</i>	£773	<b>Digital Information Board</b> <i>Planning permission and land registry</i>
£100	<b>Chapel Crafts</b> <i>Dye cutting craft machine</i>	£22,409	<b>I C Art Programme</b> <i>Delivery of urban art projects to Irlam and Cadishead</i>
£200	<b>City West</b> <i>Play Streets scheme in Cadishead</i>	£491	<b>Volunteering Programme</b> <i>Supporting volunteer activities</i>
£150	<b>Friends of Chat Moss</b> <i>Plants for volunteer event</i>	£2,556	<b>Heritage Boards</b> <i>Continuing to share the area's history</i>
£393	<b>Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST)</b> <i>ACORPS awards event</i>	£4,318	<b>Christmas Lights</b> <i>Brightening up the district for the festive season</i>
£155	<b>Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST)</b> <i>Hi-viz jackets</i>	£4,200	<b>Heartstone Initiative</b> <i>Project delivered to primary schools to raise awareness of diversity</i>
£1,292	<b>Publication of In the Know</b> <i>Community newsletter</i>	£1,560	<b>Hollins Green Black Swan</b> <i>Hollins Green Pensioners Xmas Lunch</i>
£1,732	<b>Shop Signs</b> <i>Helping to improve the image of Liverpool Road</i>	£210	<b>Irlam and Cadishead Agewell</b> <i>Group outing to Manchester Keep Fit Association AGM</i>
£7,896	<b>Cycling Initiatives</b> <i>Helping local people to get active</i>	£3,000	<b>ICY - Positive Moves</b> <i>Older people support group</i>
£10,000	<b>Cadishead Viaduct</b> <i>Feasibility Study</i>	£750	<b>Incredible Edibles Salford</b> <i>Incredible Edibles at Astley Court</i>

£5,000	<b>Irlam and Cadishead Community Festival Committee</b> <i>2018 Festival costs</i>	£32	<b>Rixton-with-Glazebrook Parish Plan</b> <i>Rixton Walks leaflets</i>
£700	<b>Irlam and Cadishead Healthy Heart Club</b> <i>Exercise Classes</i>	£14,845	<b>Rotary Club of Irlam</b> <i>Partnership Project for Irlam and Cadishead</i>
£2,500	<b>Irlam FC</b> <i>Floodlight jack</i>	£180	<b>Rotary Club of Irlam</b> <i>Hanging baskets for Irlam Station</i>
£3,000	<b>Irlam Gems</b> <i>Troupe dresses and shakers</i>	£600	<b>Salford Heart Care</b> <i>Bereavement support group</i>
£1,000	<b>Irlam Royalettes</b> <i>Music System</i>	£1,500	<b>SCC Community Payback</b> <i>Supporting community projects across the district</i>
£200	<b>Irlam Veterans Bowling Club</b> <i>Bowling Club outing</i>	£2,000	<b>Shine The Light</b> <i>Community project to uplight the Hollins Green War Memorial</i>
£130,350	<b>Manchester Tech Trust</b> <i>Bringing technology and enterprise to GM</i>	£3,000	<b>Springwood Primary School</b> <i>4D Sensory learning environment</i>
£25,000	<b>Manchester United Foundation</b> <i>Partnership Programme 2018/19</i>	£500	<b>St Joseph The Worker RC Primary School</b> <i>Refugee community day</i>
£9,000	<b>Moorfield Primary School</b> <i>Outdoor improvements</i>	£146,322	<b>Station Park</b> <i>Transforming an overgrown embankment into a quirky community green space</i>
£1,302	<b>Rixton-with-Glazebrook Carnival</b> <i>2018 RwG Carnival</i>	£500	<b>Tiddlywinks</b> <i>Play equipment</i>
£2,376	<b>Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall</b> <i>Community Hall redevelopment</i>	<b>TOTAL £415,889</b>	

## LOOKING AHEAD



Computer generated image of how Cadishead Viaduct could look

**The year ahead will be one of idea generation, project development and delivery. We will be looking for even more opportunities to collaborate with organisations, groups and individuals to optimise the funding and resources available in order to deliver as much as possible to the community.**

- Station Park will progress to phase 2, with further fun and quirky items being added for people to enjoy. This phase will also include the provision of CCTV, to try to prevent any further vandalism from occurring
- Additional signage will be introduced on the Irlam and Cadishead Cycleway and partnerships with CHAINS and Pedal Away will continue to develop
- We will see the completion of the Cadishead Viaduct feasibility study, which we hope will drive forward for this ground-breaking project
- Hopefully the fundraising campaign for the Man on the Bench will achieve its target of £13,750, enabling us to bronze-cast the sculpture and place him back out into the community

- Ideas and plans will continue to evolve for Irlam Station's heritage hub and the grade II listed signal box will be refurbished and installed for FIRST to use
- Our heritage boards scheme will progress, with plans to introduce further boards at key locations
- We are delighted to be included on the royal roster, with HRH the Duke of Gloucester due to visit Irlam Station in May
- Ideas will continue to be developed to introduce a new form of communication at the heart of the district, in the form of a digital information board. The board could be used as a great vehicle to publicise events and community messages keeping local people informed and engaged.
- As always, continuing to recruit and develop our volunteer base will be a key aim, to help and support some of our projects and other local initiatives
- We will continue to apply for grants and to look to source additional funding to help deliver even more to the community
- FIRST (Friends of Irlam Station) and the newly formed Friends of Irlam Linear Park group, will continue to be supported in their quest to make further improvements

Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook are great places to live, work and enjoy and we are committed to driving forward initiatives to support the community and put the area firmly on the map.



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