

ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

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Chairman's Report

Welcome to our 2019/20 annual report which showcases the great work that the Hamilton Davies Trust (HDT) has achieved throughout the year.

It is with a real sense of pride that I introduce this report as, more than ever before, we have seen some great partnership working across all sectors, enabling us to achieve even more for the community.

Our HDT team have pulled out all the stops to bring people together from the world of business, volunteering, public services, education and more. Along with more than £10m of investment, this has resulted in some great community projects and regeneration initiatives that have improved the area and enhanced the lives of so many people.



Local school children welcome HRH the Duke of Gloucester

One of our biggest projects this year was to further transform Irlam Station and Station Park to make it a destination like no other and to put Irlam firmly on the map. Our plans were given the royal seal of approval on 8th May 2019 when HRH the Duke of Gloucester visited the station.

Irlam Station has become a real community hub and is at the heart of the area and its rich history. This year we engaged the help of the Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST), Irlam and Cadishead History Society and several rail enthusiasts who were all keen to help us bring the district's heritage to life. Their generosity and warm response have been humbling.



Neil McArthur, HDT Chairman

Amongst the many heritage attractions now at the station, one stands out above the rest...an original 1884 signal box. This wonderful piece of railway history, from Keighley in Yorkshire, came to us thanks to our partners at Network Rail, Bradford City Council and the Railway Heritage Trust. It has undergone an extensive transformation.

The magnificent signal box, its working parts and a host of original train signals have been lovingly brought back to life. This could not have been done without the enthusiasm and skills of so many people who have given their time freely to support the project.



Signal Box and signals at Irlam Station

Also standing large and proud in Station Park is another reminder of Irlam and Cadishead's heritage, the 'Wheels of Local Industry' display. Featuring a Peckett loco and wagons, similar to those once used in the Steelworks and other local heavy industries, this striking display takes us back in time to the age of steam!

Steering the campaign to restore the Man on the Bench sculpture has been an ongoing focus for HDT throughout the year. Finally, in October 2019, after two years of campaigning, this much-loved project came to fruition, thanks mainly to the generosity of so many people. The story of his journey is covered in this report and is again a great example of what can be achieved when working together!

Our IC ART programme has produced even more unique urban artwork to brighten the area and showcase the district's heritage. This year we worked with several local schools to engage children's creative talents and ideas, whilst also bringing the past and present together through art.



As always, we cannot underestimate the value we place on local volunteers and how much more we can deliver with their help.

This year we expanded our volunteering opportunities, fostering support for the many heritage projects we have undertaken. Friends of Irlam Station in particular, have willingly and freely brought their time and energy to this, including their engineering skills and even former tour guide experience. I am personally grateful to each, and every one of them.



We have continued to deliver our popular iTea & Biscuits sessions to provide free digital learning support, embracing the help of businesses such as TalkTalk and Kingsland, as well as numerous community volunteers. By continuing to organise and support regular litter picks we have also helped others to keep the district's streets clean and tidy.

Brightening the area and lifting community spirit is important to us and the team take real pleasure in planning activities and events that bring good cheer and make people smile. Many people have been delighted to find and keep hidden artwork crafted by local people, as part of our Free Art Friday programme. Hosting our Volunteers Evening is always heart-warming, as we thank the many volunteers who support us.

As Christmas lights sparkled throughout the district, we hosted our annual Christmas Carol Concert and Coffee Morning. Both these lovely events spread great joy and goodwill, but the highlight of the year for me, without doubt, is the pleasure we see on so many faces as we tootle through the district dressed as Elves and being pulled by the steam engine 'Old Faithful'.



I am very proud of our small team at HDT and how we continue to evolve. In February 2020 we saw a change in management with Julie Thompson adding operational management to her ongoing regeneration support, and Mandy Coleman continuing to advise on finance and grant matters.

As we ended another successful year sadly the world was struck by what would become a tragic and devastating pandemic, and it was with a heavy heart that HDT had to close our office doors to the public. Our team remain steadfast however in our aim to improve the area for all to enjoy. I for one am very proud to live and work in such a wonderful community.


Neil McArthur

Facts & Figures



£10.4m

We have invested more than £10 million to support the district across our four areas of focus, covering Community, Education, Recreation and Regeneration



Over £1.3m worth of grants provided to community groups and projects



£570K

EDUCATION
GRANTS



Over £980K
to recreational groups



Supported regeneration projects
worth over £3.9m

A summary of our progress to date



Man on the Bench

We were thrilled by the overwhelming response from the local community to help us in our quest to restore a much-loved sculpture and place it back into the district where it belongs. A heart-warming success story that shows the power of working together!



Local school children celebrate the return of the Man on the Bench to Irlam Station

The community's commitment to seeing the #SaveTheManOnTheBench project through was a tribute to everyone involved. Together we raised more than £14,000 to bronze cast this much treasured sculpture and get him back to Irlam Station where he belongs.

We have been absolutely amazed by the level of support we received from local Community Groups, Churches, Primary Schools, I&C Academy, Manchester United Foundation, and local businesses, as well as many individuals.



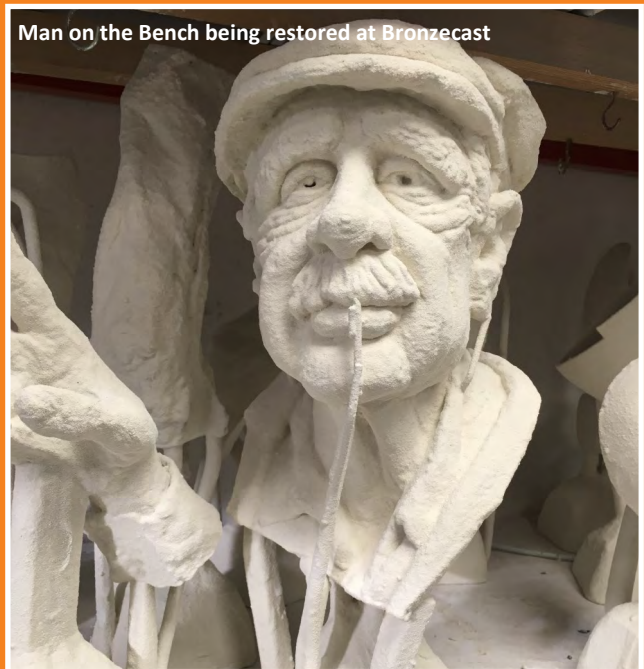
Original artist Simon Law signs the new sculpture

Mandy Coleman, Consultant General Manager for HDT, said: *"We want to say a special thank you to original artist Simon Law for allowing us to do this and for supporting the funding. We are delighted with the generosity that the community have shown in getting behind this wonderful fundraising campaign, we couldn't have done it without them."*

The original artist, gifted Irlam High schoolboy Simon Law, created the sculpture 41 years ago, aged 15 (then named 'At the End of the Day'). Simon unveiled the restored sculpture to the delight of a huge crowd of supporters. The Man looks like he has always been there and we have so many people to thank for this.

Simon said: *"I am astounded by the work Hamilton Davies Trust and the community have done to raise funds to cast him in bronze and I feel humbled. He looks perfect at the station and I was very proud to sign him."*

HDT wish to add a special thanks to Eric Lowndes for suggesting HDT crowd fund to bronze cast the Man and for supporting the funding process.



As well as the many generous donations, the fundraising inspired a wide variety of activities including auctions, raffles, sale of homemade calendars and cakes and much, much more. This tremendous show of generosity shows the immense sense of pride that local people take in their heritage and surroundings.

HDT followed the restoration every step of the way and were extremely impressed by the skill and professionalism of Bronzecast who went above and beyond in reproducing this wonderful replica of the original sculpture, using state of the art techniques.

The Man now sits strong and proud, quietly watching over the station. To capture his story in writing, we organised a poetry competition with the local schools, in partnership with the Manchester United Foundation. We were delighted with the many imaginative and moving poems we received, which portrayed his journey with youthful vision, beautifully expressing what he means to the community.

We are so proud of everyone involved in what was a challenging but exciting project, and hope the community will enjoy the Man on the Bench for a long, long time to come!



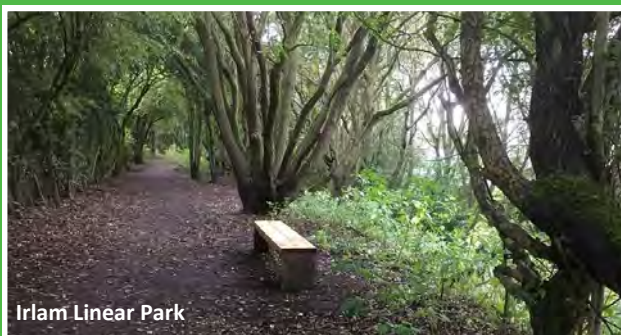
IC Academy students, headteacher and teacher celebrate the return of the Man on the Bench at the launch event held October 2019



Regeneration

Our commitment to drive prosperity and enhance the local area is driven by the regeneration projects undertaken in partnership with local organisations

Irlam Linear Park has been an ongoing project for HDT and we were delighted to support the Friends of Irlam Linear Park Group in working proactively to enhance the Park which runs from Preston Avenue to the Cadishead Bypass. Our contribution towards the improvement of pathways within the Park will make the route more accessible for all, including cyclists.



Further transformation of Irlam Station has continued this year in two main areas. The walkway between Station Park and the Station has been further enhanced with the addition of a 'Wheels of Local Industry' railway display, which takes visitors on a journey back through Irlam and Cadishead's industrial heritage. The introduction of new and unique works of art in the Park also adds to the experience.

Our regular ground maintenance schedule and the installation of CCTV ensures the Station's outdoor environment is safe and welcoming.



Looking to bring visitors from near and far to the station was our driver for the acquisition and transformation of a Type 2a Midland Signal Box, which dates back to 1884. This and the surrounding Signal Yard, truly makes Irlam Station a destination not to be missed! Whilst HDT has committed financially to this project, it could not have happened without the unstinting efforts of numerous volunteers, in particular the Friends of Irlam Station.



Following a community consultation in the Rixton-with-Glazebrook area, we partnered with the Community Hall Committee to enable initial plans to be drawn up for their project to improve hall facilities for all users, much needed after nearly fifty years of use!

We have continued to support some wider regeneration projects in Greater Manchester including: a rail display at the Lancashire Mining Museum in Astley; the Manchester Tech Trust, which drives to bring technological industry to our area; and the Biomedical Marker Unit at Manchester University.



Recreation

Our continued commitment to enhancing sporting and recreational activities across the district helps promote the positive aspects of keeping active

The Irlam & Cadishead Cycleway has helped to promote cycling around the district, so we were glad to be able to highlight further cycling routes by installing additional signage across Chat Moss, linking Irlam and Cadishead with the National Cycle Network. We continued to partner with Pedal Away, whose success in providing community bike rides led to more accomplished riders setting up their own group 'Station Wheelers'.



Station Wheelers ride from Irlam Station

For those who enjoy getting about on foot, we continue to fund the printing of free circular walks, of various lengths, entitled 'Footpaths Around Rixton'. These have proved popular with both individuals and walking groups.

Having accessed training courses we funded, seven junior members of Irlam Vale AFC will become qualified football referees, enabling them to give back to the sport they enjoy. The club are also increasing their number of qualified coaches, with particular emphasis on encouraging women and girls into organised football.

Irlam Royallettes have danced their way to another successful year, and HDT were delighted to support the group with accessories for their colourful uniforms.



Irlam Royallettes

Exercise is not just for the youth of our district, but also for those young at heart, so we jumped at the chance to fund I&C Agewell to enable them to perform at the Manchester & District Keep Fit Association AGM.

Majic Sport Football Club engage with so many young people from around the district, and we were proud to support the multi-sports event they offered to their members and those of the wider community.



Majic Sport Football Club

We were also happy to support Culcheth Village Choir with a choral event they held in Hollins Green, and Camsley Grange Riding School for the Disabled who, with a fantastic team of volunteers, provide horse and pony activities for children and adults with disabilities.

Community Stars Awards 2019



It is with great pride that each year we present our Community Awards to those very worthy individuals and groups who selflessly and tirelessly serve the community, and 2019 was no exception.

We were delighted to host our 5th awards ceremony at our annual event in June, where our stars were warmly applauded.

Maurice Cullen received an award because of his passion for the area, and his long-term commitment and contribution to sharing local news, community events and history on his Irlam & Cadishead 'Now & Then' Facebook page. Maurice has also complemented HDT's social media activity, in addition to volunteering at our iTea and Biscuits sessions and supporting the Irlam and Cadishead History Society.



Maurice Cullen

John Leather was a worthy recipient of an award which was given to recognise his commitment and time given to volunteering for the benefit of the district. John has been an active member of the Irlam and Cadishead Poppy Committee since it commenced in May 2016 and the practical help he gives to this so willingly is both admirable and invaluable. In addition, the volunteer time he has given to support our I C ART programme and artist Rachelle Cleary in particular, has also been most welcome and valued.



Mandy Coleman (HDT) and Alan Lane

Alan Lane was presented with an award to recognise the commitment and unstinting enthusiasm that both him and his team at **Lanes Landscapes** showed in helping to transform the embankment at Irlam Station into the wonderful landscape that is now Station Park. Alan and the lads went above and beyond, showing great passion for the project and adding their creative ideas. The finished project far exceeded our expectations and the love the district has for this new green space is true testament to all their hard work.



John Leather and Tony Prescott (HDT)



The award to **Irlam and Cadishead Academy** was our way of thanking the various departments throughout the school for the support they have shown to HDT and the community in the past twelve months. Their unstinting support for our 'Man on the Bench' fundraising appeal included: participating in the video; producing calendars and Valentines cards; running events; and selling raffle tickets, all of which were invaluable to the campaign. We were proud of students from the technical department who supported us in designing and producing a unique community trophy, for the worthy recipients of the Irlam & Cadishead Times Awards. In addition, the Academy's help and participation in our annual Community Christmas Concert has brought good cheer to the 250 guests in attendance each year, and is always a fabulous festive ending to the year.



Andy Brown, Vice Principal, I&C Academy

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."*



Pete Thomas and Neil Drum

Pete Thomas and Neil Drum were recognised for their endless commitment to researching, honouring and preserving the memory of the men from the local area who lost their lives serving their country in the First and Second World Wars. Pete and Neil, who co-wrote two wonderful war books, have also been involved in many related activities including: delivering local war displays and talks; supporting the Poppy Appeal; and adding their knowledge to the Shine the Light project to permanently light up the Hollins Green war memorial.

Pete Thomas said: *"It is so humbling to receive such a lovely award, it means a lot to us both."*



Frank Cleary, Ruth Stocks, Duncan Cathie, Bert Rickman

A special award was presented to Ruth Stocks on behalf of the **Chris Stocks Fund**, which was set up by her husband Chris before he passed away. The fund helps young people in Irlam and Cadishead progress in a hands-on trade and provides financial support towards an apprenticeship, a practical based course, and equipment needed for their chosen profession. To date 23 young people, plus 2 youth-based organisations, have benefited from the fund and are overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of Chris's gift and the help this brings.



Supporting the community is our central focus and we are proud to have contributed to a wide variety of projects that bring people together

The members of Cadishead Band are some of Irlam and Cadishead's greatest ambassadors and we were pleased to contribute towards their instrument replacement programme. In the first phase, the band are replacing some of their cornets and baritones. We look forward to being entertained by them in the future.



Our district is fortunate to host two summer community events, both of which are free to attend. The events are organised by committees of volunteers who give many hours to bring them to fruition, and we are pleased to contribute towards the costs of putting these events on. The I&C Festival continues to bring the community together in August, as it has for many years, and the Rixton-with-Glazebrook Carnival sees people of all ages flocking to the village in June.



Lady James Hall is one of the area's most used venues, and we were delighted to support their gardening group. By adding ramps and updating the pathway, along with raised beds, the gardens are now accessible to all.

We were particularly touched to be able to support the "My Conversation" project at Prince's Park Garden Centre. This integrated speech and language course, run by staff and volunteers, has greatly benefited their service users who have a range of learning difficulties. By improving communication skills, the members have also acquired new confidence in many aspects of their lives.



These grants represent a small proportion of the 26 grants we gave under our Community stream in the year. We love the community we work in and congratulate all the community groups and their many volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make things happen.

Community Partnership Working

Working with partners in our community enables us to deliver even more to Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook

We were delighted to continue our valued partnership with the Rotary Club of Irlam, by matching funds the group raised in the local community through various fund-raising efforts. Our long-standing relationship with the Rotary Club allows both organisations to focus on supporting our district in different ways. We are always impressed by the 'In-Bloom' program which continues to deliver colourful displays along the Liverpool Road corridor all year round.



The Irlam and Cadishead Poppy Appeal committee work on behalf of the Royal British Legion in memory of those who have fallen in battle. The committee volunteers are based at Hamilton Davies House, and along with members of our team, they continue to support the district through the lamp-post poppy appeal, sale of poppies and with organising the sale of wreaths for the annual Remembrance Day event.



The Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST) group are now well established and are playing a very active role in keeping Irlam Station, and now Station Park, in tip top condition. The group has an enthusiastic committee and their energy and willingness to try new and unusual ideas is an inspiration to us all. We were pleased to support their 'Our Station in the 40s' event, one of several taking place throughout the year.



NC Developments, a local development company, freely give their time to help us light up the district at Christmas. This is no minor feat, as the installation of lights and ongoing maintenance that is required is challenging as the trees continue to grow! The large tree at St John's Church in Irlam is a particular beacon in the district, when illuminated throughout the Festive Season.

We continue to work in partnership with many organisations to allow us to deliver even more to our district and we would like to thank every one of them.

HDT continues to support the educational establishments in our district through facilities development and sports provision

We were delighted to once again support Irlam Endowed Primary School with their after-school sports provision. Their PE Lead, Jude Scrutton, organises a variety of sporting activities, meaning there is something for everyone!



We were also thrilled to contribute to the installation of a new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) pitch at Irlam Endowed Primary. It is hoped the pitch will be used by the wider community, as well as school pupils from Irlam and Cadishead, in an effort to improve health and activity levels. Jude Scrutton said: *"This new 540m2 AstroTurf MUGA pitch will provide a first class all year-round space for children to receive outstanding PE lessons and school sports activities. It will also host inter-school competitions, supporting stronger links between schools and local community sports clubs, and provide lifelong opportunities for the children of Irlam and Cadishead."*

Rixton-with-Glazebrook Pre-school have relocated to Glazebrook Methodist Church and we were pleased to contribute towards the relocation costs and external improvements required. The move has been a great success and the facilities greatly improved for both children and staff.

St Mary's CE Primary School have resurfaced their Early Years playground, replacing the decking with a new soft-mulch surface, giving a safe area for their younger pupils to play.



We were pleased to contribute towards a new canopy outside the nursery area at Irlam Primary School. The canopy will provide much-needed shelter whilst bridging the transition between indoor and outdoor provision for their younger pupils.

We are proud to have continued our partnership with Manchester United Foundation (MUF) for the tenth year running, to support sports, health and well-being education for the Irlam and Cadishead primary schools throughout the district.



We were also especially pleased to provide a grant to Oakwood Academy, who specialise in education for young people with autism, towards external improvements at their Silver Street site.

Cycling

Keeping the wheels turning!



One of many cycle maps around the district

Following the introduction of the Irlam and Cadishead Cycleway in 2019, the uptake of cycling in the area has increased, with more individuals, families and cycling groups now exploring local off-road routes. The map and waymarks offer cyclists the flexibility to tailor routes to their own needs and timings.

Throughout the year our partnership with Salford City Council's community cycling initiative 'Pedal Away' continued to grow, with an increased number of people participating in regular rides, led for cyclists at beginner and intermediate levels.



'Station Wheelers' at Latchford locks Warrington



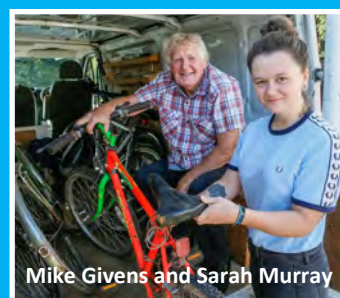
Following this success, HDT were keen to support the introduction of a new local cycling group, 'Station Wheelers'. The group offer more challenging rides both locally and further afield for the more experienced cyclists.

David Taylor, HDT employee and keen cyclist, who set up the group and led several rides said: *"It's great to see others, like myself, now enjoying the wider area by bike and using cycling as an alternative to driving."*

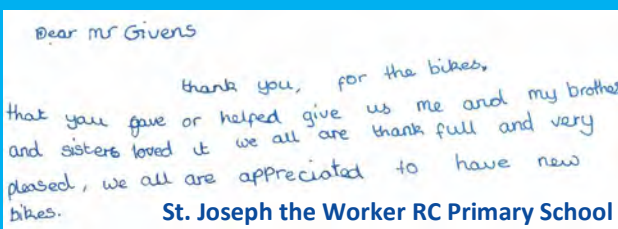
As well as promoting cycling in the area, HDT have also continued to support CHAINS (Change, Help and Advance in New Skills). This wonderful programme at HMP Risley refurbishes old bikes and then distributes them to local charities, such as HDT, who find a good home for them with individuals or families.

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of local support received when requesting old or unwanted bikes for the programme, in total receiving 86 donated bikes in the past year.

Thanks to our regular volunteer, Mike Givens, supported by HDT employee Sarah Murray, donated bikes were taken to HMP Risley where they were repaired by prison in-mates to make them as good as new. Several of the refurbished bikes were then distributed back into the community, much to the appreciation of local children and adults in need.



Mike Givens and Sarah Murray



Dear Mr Givens

thank you, for the bikes that you gave or helped give us me and my brother and sisters loved it we all are thank full and very pleased, we all are appreciated to have new bikes.

St. Joseph the Worker RC Primary School



Grateful bike recipients

Station Park

Transformed off-road green space
breathes life and history into a once
overgrown railway embankment!



Station Park Hobbit style house and seating area

Since opening in March 2019, Station Park has become a popular go-to location for locals and visitors to the district.

Walking through the wonderfully peaceful green landscape, visitors can take a step back in time and freely enjoy the various pieces of art in the Park that reflect the railways and the former heavy local industries that were once the beating heart of the district.

Irlam Station and it's Park have become known as a unique destination, with visitors travelling from far and wide. We were particularly proud to welcome a special royal visitor, HRH the Duke of Gloucester, in May 2019.



HDT Chairman Neil McArthur said: “We were delighted that HRH the Duke of Gloucester could pay a visit to Irlam Station and our new quirky Park, which brings something very different to the area and brightens up a once overgrown embankment on Liverpool Road, the main gateway through the district.”



The 'Wheels of Local Industry' heritage display at Irlam Station Park

Unique pieces of art include: a Hobbit style workers cottage; various large steel sculptures representing the hard labour undertaken by thousands of workers from the Steelworks and the Manchester Ship Canal construction; a heritage railway display entitled 'The Wheels of Local Industry' and much, much more.

Through our IC ART programme, and with our talented artist Rachelle Cleary, HDT have had the opportunity and pleasure of working with local schools to create art pieces for the Park.



Springwood School children enjoying creating artwork for Station Park



I&C Academy students are briefed by artist Rachelle Cleary



I&C Academy student's art creations for Station Park

Working in partnership with teachers via the school's art and design departments, we have been able to actively engage pupil's creative skills whilst at the same time bring aspects of the area's history to life through their unique and wonderful artwork.



Springwood School pupils artwork at Station Park

In creating artwork for the Park, we have also engaged with several local volunteers and businesses, who have kindly supported us by donating time and materials. We wish to thank Steve Watson, Mike Givens, Steve Harrison, Marcus Graham, Frank Cleary, Benchmark, Barry Nelson Construction, Crest Scaffolding and North Cheshire Developments.

This year we have also added more heritage boards throughout the Park to share Irlam and Cadishead's history and to take visitors on an enlightening journey through a bygone age.



'Wheels of Local Industry' heritage board Station Park

Matt Lawrenson, Deputy Head Teacher, Springwood Primary School said: *"Thank you so much for involving us in the arts project. The children and staff all had lots of fun."*

We are very proud of Station Park's success and how the district has embraced this new green space and become actively involved. Watch this space for even more interesting developments!

Grants & Projects

£49

C&I Community Investment Group
Sunflowers in Salford

£5,000

Cadishead Band
Instrument replacement programme

£200

Cadishead Play Scheme
Summer play scheme at Cadishead Park

£2,000

Camsley Grange Riding for Disabled
Increasing participation project

£2,968

Christmas Lights
Brightening up the district for the festive season

£10,302

Community Landscaping
Landscaping and grounds maintenance throughout I&C

£50

Culcheth Village Choir
Choral workshop in Hollins Green

£1,652

Cycle Routes
Enhanced cycling signage throughout the district

£915

Friends of Irlam Linear Park
New benches along Linear Park pathway

£500

Friends of Irlam Linear Park
Pathway improvements for inclusive access

£400

Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST)
Irlam Station in the 40s event

£300

Healthy Hearts Group
Structured exercise classes

£413

Heritage Boards
New and replacement heritage boards throughout the district

£1,620

Hollins Green Black Swan
Hollins Green pensioners Christmas lunch

£306

Hulmes Ferry
Signage for community ferry

£24,853

I C Art Programme
Delivery of urban art projects

£250

I&C Agewell
Keep fit event outing

£5,000

I&C Community Festival
2019 Festival event

£600

I&C Disabled Persons Group
Roof repairs to Preston Hall

£200

I&C Over 50s Art Club
Group outing to Patchings Art Festival

£2,000

Irlam Endowed Primary School
After school sports clubs

£2,000

Irlam Endowed Primary School
Installation of Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

£3,000

Irlam Primary School
Outdoor canopy for early years pupils

£500

Irlam Royalettes
Dance uniform accessories

£168,937

Irlam Station Signal Box
To relocate, refurbish and install an historic signal box at Irlam Station

£700

Irlam Vale AFC
Coaching and refereeing courses for club members



£1,000

Lady James Hall
Outdoor enhancements for gardening group

£156

Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Plan Group
Footpaths around Rixton walks

£10,000

Lancashire Mining Museum
Rail display project

£2,000

Rixton-with-Glazebrook Pre-school
Relocation costs

£11,020

Lancashire Mining Museum
Steam Crane for heritage display

£14,351

Rotary Club of Irlam
Partnership project to enhance delivery in I&C

£150

Maciej Sports
International Summer Sports Day

£130

Royal British Legion
Irlam & Cadishead Poppy appeal

£13,948

Man on the Bench
Bronzing of sculpture funded through community donations

£500

St. Joseph's and St. Teresa's Primary Schools
Refugee Support day

£150,000

Manchester Tech Trust
Bringing technology to Greater Manchester

£5,000

St. Mary's Primary School
Early Years playground works

£25,000

Manchester United Foundation
Partnership project year 3 of 3

£190,109

Station Park
Station Park and Wheels of Local Industry heritage display

£167,000

Manchester University
Cancer Biomedical Marker Unit

£750

The Meadows
Group events, activities and outings

£2,000

Oakwood Academy
Outdoor playground improvements

£500

Together at M44
Holiday club for families with disabled children

£1,000

Pedal Away
Cycling officer for Irlam and Cadishead

£424

Volunteering Programme
Volunteer support

£3,000

Prince's Park Garden Centre
My conversation project

£1,395

Rixton-with-Glazebrook Carnival
2019 Carnival

£8,220

Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall
Plans for hall redevelopment

TOTAL £842,369



LOOKING AHEAD

This past year has shown us just how much more can be achieved with great collaboration amongst partners, across all sectors.

We feel confident that in the year ahead we can build on this joint working approach to enable us and others to deliver even more to the community we all love.

Our partnerships and close working with others have highlighted the strong will and energy that the community has for continuing to improve the area. Moving forward, we are excited to be involved in several projects that support the community, whilst at the same time highlight what the district and its surrounding area has to offer.

Facilitating and enabling **Volunteering** remains high on our list and we will be actively encouraging schools, community groups, local businesses and services to participate in these projects and more in the future. Whether it's donating time, skills or materials, litter picking or planting, all contributions are valued. Our team are all volunteers in their spare time and so know first-hand the difference this makes to a community, as well as the opportunities that volunteering brings for individuals taking part.

Cycling is a passion of ours and we will continue to promote routes that support eco-friendly travel and recreational activity.



Heritage development is key to ensuring the district's vibrant past is brought to life and not forgotten. We look forward to celebrating the official opening of the Signal Box in 2021 and alongside the Friends of Irlam Station will be working up exciting guided tours to bring more visitors to the area, which in turn will support the local economy. To support step-free access to Irlam Station we will continue to engage with Transport for Greater Manchester about the installation of two lift shafts to the platforms. We will further our partnership with organisations and venues surrounding Chat Moss that connect us to an ambitious project that will bring tourism and leisure to the broader area and put the district firmly on the map. With volunteer help we also aim to digitise the district's many historical books and produce further heritage boards.

As the **Cadishead Village** development progresses we will work with the Regeneration Group to effect and enhance the public realm space that this project brings.

Rixton-with-Glazebrook **Community Hall** has served the local area for nearly fifty years. We will be supporting the hall committee with its plans to refurbish and revitalise this valuable local facility for all to enjoy.

Funding is of course necessary to ensure projects become a reality and our team aim to build on their experience of applying for grants or match funding to enable HDT and other groups to deliver more to the community.

As Coronavirus sadly struck the world, the district and its inhabitants isolated to protect themselves and others. Like a lot of people, our HDT team continued their work from home and embraced new ways of working, learning new skills along the way.

We will continue to pull together with others in the year ahead, using our experience and new knowledge, to enable the community to thrive once again to provide a place in which to live, work and enjoy.



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