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**Cliviger
Community Benefit Fund
Final Report 2019**

Introduction

Cliviger Parish Council asked BPRCVS to administer the Cliviger Community Benefit Fund for a third year in 2019. The fund opened in March 2019 and closed in April 2019. There were 10 applications in total with 7 being approved. The total amount approved was £28,746.30.

BPRCVS asked all the groups to submit a final report along with receipts, invoices and photographs of their projects.

Summary of Project Reports

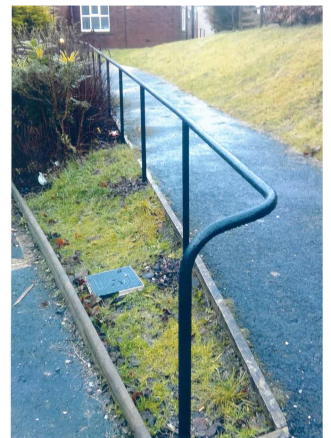
Cliviger Village Hall – Safe Outdoor Space – Phase Two - £6824.00



Concerns for health and safety in all three areas of the hall were raised and the funding helped to address and made the hall safer for all those using it.

All age groups and genders from mums and tots, after school club (5-11 years) Women groups - Mixed activities are supported by the Hall.

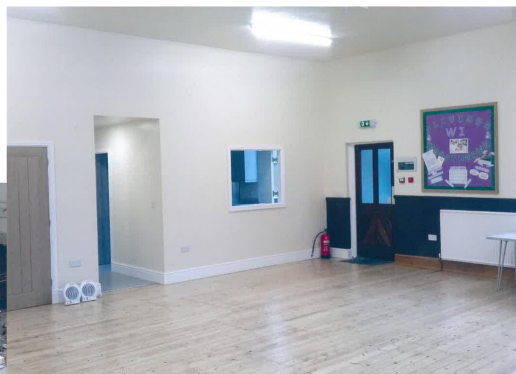
The safety measures have given local people the confidence to use the facilities. They have been part of a £60,000 refurbishment programme opened by Councillor Cosima Towneley and the Mayor on 22nd



November 2019. The improvements have made the facilities available and safe for local people.

Compliments by one off visitors are collected and the consensus of opinion is that the hall looks modern and is very useable.

More party bookings standards in the



have been received and food hygiene refurbished kitchen have meant the hall has more bookings in general. Adult learning classes are now possible.

The volunteers are very pleased with the outcome the three elements of the project compliment the other changes. Safe access to a secure roof and a smooth clean floor all mean we have a safe and attractive environment for volunteers and user groups.

Cliviger Toddlers – Cliviger Toddlers - £600.00

The funding provided a safe and enjoyable environment for parents and carers to spend time with children engaging in play, learning and socialising. The group offer support and friendship to families and their children.

Parents looking for childcare for when they may return to work have been able to attend the group and meet with a number of local childminders who use the sessions for children currently in their care.

The funding has enabled the group to purchase a range of new equipment which has developed the experience offered to the local community. The Village Hall has undergone extensive renovations over the summer period and this delayed the launch of the sessions until late in the school year. Numbers are now slowly improving, which the group hopes will continue in the future. To try and maximise numbers and after consultation with the community, the group changed the date of the launch of the sessions. This encouraged local parents to attend as well as being able to visit an established toddler group in a nearby village which clashed with the original opening day.



PCC St John the Divine Church – Scarlett’s Stride Walk (£2682.65) and Replacement Gates for Lych Gate at Church (£3949.65) - £6632.30

Lych Gate



The funding enabled the purchase of Oak and the manufacture of new gates. The new gates have enhanced the look of the church frontage which is admired by local residents and many visitors to the



church. A local bespoke joinery business will benefit from being involved in the project.

The church was able to replace rotted gates with bespoke manufactured oak gates made to the original design of the Lych Gate. This was something the Church would not have been able to fund out of its own accounts.



The gates have been made by a local businessman, who was born and grew up in the village. This project gave him the opportunity to use his skills and gain a sense of achievement and pride in the restoration of this ancient monument.

The appearance of the Lych Gate is much improved and more pleasant to see and has extended the life of the monument as a whole.

Scarlett’s Stride

The funding enabled the group to purchase walk badges, printed warning signs, 2 x pop up gazebo’s, and design of the website.

Local families with children and their four legged friends, groups of friends benefitted from the walk along with the village community as a whole.



It gave the opportunity for friends and families to get together and enjoy the local countryside, engaging in an activity which is beneficial to both health and mind.

The walk also provided a day away from social media and television, particularly for the younger generation, an occasion for meeting and catching up with old friends and making new ones.

The organisers feel that it is always encouraging and sometimes unexpected watching the teamwork of the volunteers during what is a busy and long day.

Everyone comes together ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the walkers and making sure they are well fed after their day striding out.

The outcome of the walk, as in previous years was a positive one, many of the participants said they were looking forward to next year's walk. The money raised will again help in the running of St John's Church and costs for next year's walk.



Cliviger Monday Club – Cliviger Monday Club - £240.00



The funding was designed to help the group to expand and paid for rental of Cliviger Village Hall

Since the relaunch of the Cliviger Monday Club, membership has significantly increased having the additional funding from the Cliviger Community Benefit Fund has enabled the annual membership fee to be kept at the low level of £15 p.a., making membership affordable for all. The members comprise mostly of senior members of the community, many of them widows and they have enjoyed various activities and outings that the group provides.

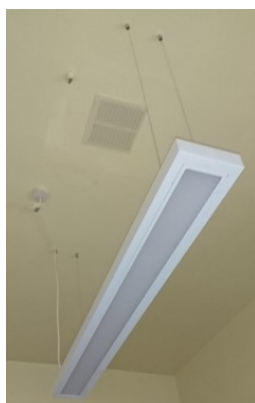
Many friendships have been formed through local people getting together at the meetings. Many of the ladies have told the committee members how much they enjoy the social get together and look forward to going along. Also, they comment on what interesting speakers there are and what a success the committee is making of running the club, which is lovely for them to hear.

The relaunch of the Monday club has been very successful and the additional funding has made it possible to use membership fees to book good, interesting speakers. An entertainer was booked for the Christmas Party and it was lovely to see many of the more elderly members singing along and some even up and dancing! One of the most senior ladies commented that it had been 'wonderful evening' and 'just like old times'.



The increasing membership of the club shows the need for local social clubs like the Monday club, which caters for the more senior members of the community. Cliviger Monday Club is going from strength to strength thanks to this funding and will become more sustainable because of that.

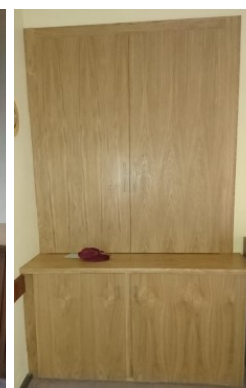
Mount Zion Church – Internal Refurbishment - £6800.00



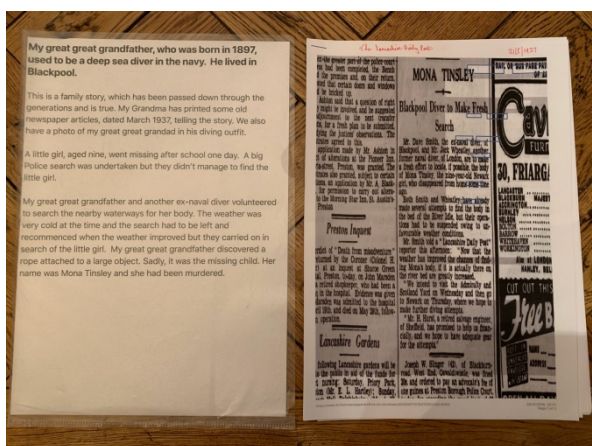
The funding enabled us to replace the fixed cupboard and doors and fit new lighting

A much more user-friendly meeting room space for everyone and better lit rooms.

Room is used for a new group regularly on a Thursday afternoon now and more groups are using this smaller meeting room which best suits their needs, moving from the larger room.



Burnley Youth Theatre – ‘Writes of Passage - £6,000.00



The pupils of St Johns Primary Cliviger all benefitted from the eclectic range of artistic workshops delivered. Through their engagement with film making, creative / poetry writing and using drama as an art form to create stories. Alongside the pupils, the class teachers have also been exposed to new ways of teaching their subjects by working alongside the drama facilitator, film maker and poet. We have worked together to give a rich experience to all of St John’s Cliviger. This project has also enabled a celebration event to take place in March, to commemorate World Book Day. Meaning that at least 100 community members/residents of Cliviger, have engaged in community stories (many stories that will have been inspired

by them) at the story telling event.

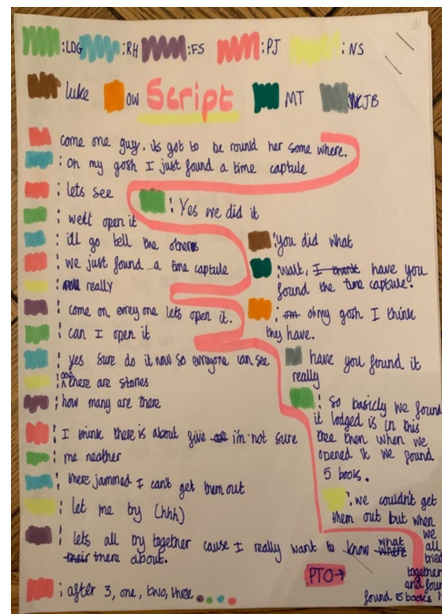
In year 5 and 5 filming project “Story Collectors”, I believe we were able to allow communities to feel like they could share their stories and felt a part of the project outside of the school. Grandparents of the children were able to sit down with their grandchildren and share stories they were proud of telling, stories about their lives and other real-life heroes of Cliviger and Burnley. This really made the children aware of what heritage means to them, that heritage can be something they can be proud of, starting with their family tree. It also, brought the children together, they realised that they all had a tale to tell and became fascinated by each other’s stories from home. Continuing with the filming project, the children of St John’s Primary took part in script work and created story boards before the making of the film. This enabled them to learn how to put narrative together, compiling all the stories and tales they had been given from their community. During the filming process, everyone had their part to play. We had a ‘Filming Crew’ who helped the film maker with his equipment and helped to direct scenes behind the camera. We had the ‘actors’ in the film who performed and spoke about our stories and learned what it is really like to be in front of the camera, they really showed true professionalism during filming and took the project on as their own. In the “Story Tellers” spoken word project with year 3 and 4, the children have been able to express themselves through the written word (and learn how it can be really fun). The children have given it a new spin! They worked with a poet who taught the children innovative ways to write poetry. Through the use of the senses and painting the children of St Johns and the teachers in their classroom have been exposed to creative ways of writing, that I am sure will be used in lessons to come.

Drama Project, “Story Makers”, with reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The younger children have worked on a traditional tale and have learned how to adapt stories that already exist and making it into their own wonderful version. By taking a traditional tale and putting their own twist onto it, the children now understand the history

behind how stories evolve over time. They have learned new drama techniques such as freeze frames, soundscape and creating character. Their teachers have been getting involved in the process and hopefully will now feel that they can approach their subject of 'traditional tales' in class room in a different way.

During the World Book Day event, when the community came to watch all the children's work, I believe parents, grandparents and the wider community rediscovered a story they may have perhaps forgotten. As well as seeing their story that they have kept with them, come to life in a new generation's eyes. It was a true celebration that will bring together the community and the young people - united by their stories.

The community where so happy to share their stories, we were inundated with local stories that took place in Cliviger, showcasing how the young children began to realise how much heritage they already hold in their community. Stories such as:



"Valarie set up the Cliviger Brownie Pack, it was such a success that in the year 1978 the official St John's Cliviger Guide Company was formed. Then in 1985 the pack decided to plant a 'Brownie Tree' in the local churchyard. Cliviger brownies are still thriving today (Aston's Grandma Year 5)

"Jerry lived in Cliviger all his life and died in August 1970 ages 82, a true Cliviger legend. He was always known as Cliviger's local sporting hero" (a story from Luke's Grandma and Grandad Year 6)

I didn't quite expect how excited the children would be by engaging with stories from an older generation that has been passed down, they really understood the value of keeping local stories alive. They enjoyed using their imaginations to bring their communities stories to life in a fun and creative way.

"People should carry on reading because you could think of your own story to pass down in your family" (Bella Year 5)

"It helps you get a bigger imagination" (Miles Year 6)

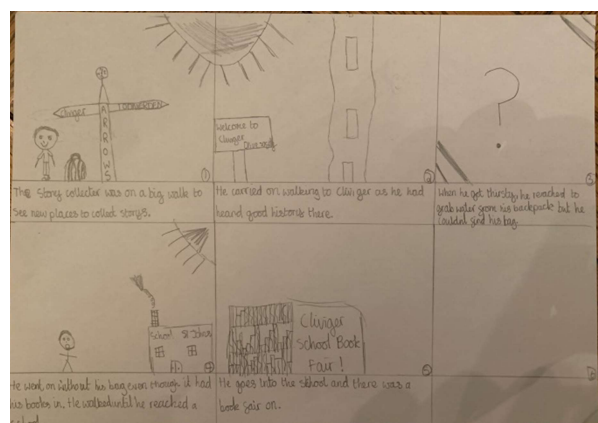
"It's good to read because in your lifetime you only get one chance at reading books and you should read as many books as you can, it will help you in the future" (Poppy Year 6)

Another unexpected outcome would be how the children could write poetry using multisensory techniques. A unique and interesting way for the children to see how their stories can come to life on the page.

"Writing stories with Mr Winston is awesome, super and sparkling" (Rosie Year 3)

"Our classroom is full of joy and a really interesting place with Mr Winston" (Oliver And Reuben Year 4)

I realised that the younger children in KS1 loved the physicality of books and understood the value of the stories within them.



"I like to read because I like to turn the pages and see the words and the pictures" (Flo Year 1)

Within the filming project, our aims were more than met and we achieved more than we thought possible. We managed to include all 60 children across years 5 and 6 within the filming process; everyone had a role to play. From collecting stories, to script writing to helping with the film equipment.

We were inundated with local stories from the community, parents, grandparents and friends of Cliviger were all more than happy to share real life stories. From the hilarious, to the

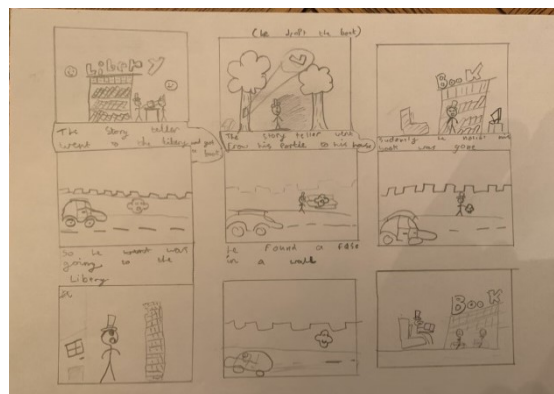
thoughtful, all enriched with true history and heritage. The children came together and used their imagination to bring to life the stories of Cliviger. I started to notice a sense of community within the two classes, how they would talk about the project outside of their session hours and would think of interesting and magical ideas for us to bring the real-life stories alive.

On reflection of the project, one child from Year 6, Lois, took the time to reflect on her journey in celebrating stories and the importance of reading. This is what Lois said:

“People should carry on reading because you can learn and create an amazing story yourself from reading other peoples. Story collectors pass down stories because they want people to enjoy reading their story and have fun whilst reading it” (Lois Year 6)

Lois seemed to grow imaginatively throughout the process, I noticed that maybe Lois was a character that liked to work more independently. However, as the project grew, Lois was writing scripts with others and performing with others to in the film itself. This was the same for a lot of the young people, it was humbling to see.

I noticed the teachers also were pleased with the professionalism of the filming process and hopefully, will be proud of the film students have created when it comes to the fantastic world book day where it will be premiered for the first time for the wider community to see. I’m sure they will have all learnt a great deal from the mulit-art forms we have brought to the school. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate the magic of storytelling!



Cliviger Parish Council – Reap as you sow - £1,500.00



The funding enabled us to buy assorted bulbs, fruit trees and associated tree planting stakes & bands, outdoor lights and battery boxes.

The population of the parish is approximately 4,000. The bulbs were planted at bus stops, parish boundary markers and in significant verges and to begin community orchards on a small scale.

The bulbs planted were specifically chosen for their hardy and perennial nature and for a propensity to spread and add colour to our monotone verges. Having been planted at the back end of 2019 we will not be able to assess the project in its entirety until next Autumn but to date we have seen positive signs that our late/Winter Spring Snowdrops and Crocus planting are heading for success. Originally we intended to plant less bulbs and more trees. However, on sourcing the bulbs it was clear that little could be visibly achieved without changing the emphasis around.

15 fruit trees have been sourced locally – they were more expensive than originally priced as it was as it was deemed better to buy more established i.e. 10 yr old trees rather than 3-5 year old plants as the ground conditions are not the best. There are two apple varieties and Victoria Plums.

During the project we were able to link up with the gardening group at the local primary school and together we replanted the memorial garden opposite St. John the Divine, Cliviger. This partnership is leading to greater collaboration between the school and parish council.

Real evidence will only be available at the end of the year and would mean successful growth of the verge plantings and the blossoming and fruiting of the apple and plum trees in the first establishment orchard areas.



Signs that our spring bulb plantings are successful have only recently emerged and we wait to see the different colours and continual sprouting of the rest.

The fruit trees are due to be planted throughout February.

The Christmas lights were not an overall success and we will be thinking of other easier to install and more imaginatively effective ways to use the lights next year. However, now that we have them we have that option.

More information

The full reports for the projects are available from BPRCVS, contact Tracey Noon on tracey.noon@bprcvs.co.uk or Julie Overson on Julie.overson@bprcvs.co.uk for an email or hard copy of any or all of the project reports.