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**Cliviger Community Benefit  
Fund**

**Final Report 2020**

## Introduction

Cliviger Parish Council asked BPRCVS to administer the Cliviger Community Benefit Fund for a fourth year in 2020. The fund opened in March 2020 and closed in April 2021 – this report covers the same period. There were 7 applications in total with 4 being approved. The total amount approved was £28,310.29.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic some groups were unable to complete their projects within the original timeframe. BPRCVS asked permission from Scottish Power to slightly extend the deadline for this report to give groups more time to fulfil their conditions of funding and produce detailed reports on their spend.

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

## Spend

Funds received from SPR = £28,746.30

Carried forward from 2019 (underspend) = £12,673.50

Total to spend in 2020 = £41,419.80

Total spent in 2020 = £28,310.29 being 98.5% of received funds in 2020 and 68.4% of total available funds including the carried forward from 2019.

Fund administration costs = 10% of spend = £2831.03

## Summary of Project Reports

### St John the Divine Church

#### Replace Inner Doors with Oak Framed Glass Doors - £6814.80

The doors which have been replaced were very old and badly fitting. This caused draughts at the rear of the church thus members of the congregation sat at the back were cold and uncomfortable, and more heat was used to keep the building warm.

The old doors were solid wood, the replacements have been made as Oak framed toughened glass, thus allowing more light into the church



As the new doors are lockable, it is also making it possible to leave the outer doors unlocked during the day so that visitors can view the interior of our historic Grade II Listed building from inside the porch without someone having to be there to let them inside the church.

The doors being mostly glass make the opening appear much wider than the original doors did, thus giving a feeling of space and light.

The project has achieved the expected outcomes. People coming into the church are commenting how beautiful they are and what a change has been made to the Building.



The small underspend on the original project has been used to tidy up the paintwork around the doors.

We received some good advice from BPRCVS and help as the project took quite a lengthy time before work could commence as we had to go

through various bodies for permission to do this work in our Grade II Listed building. Covid-19 took its toll and we had a considerable delay before the work could commence due to the lack of availability of the specialist joiner.

**Burnley Bridalways Association**  
**Cliviger 8 Circuit - £7,500.00**

The project is based on formally agreeing the opening of two routes that cross and complement each other, Scholey Head Lane and the Wind Farm Service Road. It will establish the opening of this route as a multi-user circuit in the Parish of Cliviger and its confirmation as a Concessionary Right of Way for use by all non-motorised users for a period of 10 years, through joint working and secured agreement with the local landowner and tenants.

This project recognises the various needs of non-motorised users, especially those residing in and around the Parish but not restricted to them. It also recognises that more mixed recreation is needed to enable families to get out and about together.

The ground work includes drainage, cutting back and regrading to aid ease of access, and the rehangng of gates and creation of an independent access from the Long Causeway.

There are an estimated 150 horse riders in the Parishes of Cliviger and Worsthorne, and there are a growing number of cyclist groups and individuals on the Rights of Way network. During the pandemic there has been a surge in numbers of walkers. The suggested ground works will create a manageable local circular whatever the weather. Highly suitable for children learning to navigate through landscape whether on the lead rein, cycle or foot. I have had a constant stream of enquiries concerning when this project will be finished and much support.

The BBA have been able to secure the services of our chosen contractor, Terra Firma, and they will be on site week commencing Monday 23rd May. Ground works should be completed within the month. Due to complications in the steel market, the specially commissioned steel split gate necessary to allow ingress / egress from Long Causeway has yet to be confirmed. We have been advised there is a 2-3 month delay due to a shortage of steel. Whilst disappointing, we are pleased to be able to say that half the route will be open to all non-motorised

users by mid-June and the delay in fabrication of the final gate will give us time to assess any snags along the route and recall the contractor to rectify at the time of installing the gate.

This project was delayed due to an issue with the awarding process, with the funding only being awarded in February.

The project falls under the environmental, recreational, health and wellbeing agenda which is implicit in the aims of the Community Benefit Fund. It will create an all-year-round local circuit and encourage greater outdoor participation to exercise and experience health and wellbeing in the safety of the landscape and away from the road. The BBA very much looks forward to inviting our partners and funders to an event as soon as the final gate and signage is in situ.

### **Mount Zion Church Outdoor Protection - £6,034.00**

The building is used regularly by approximately 200 people per week, of all ages, mainly from the local community. The aim of the project was to provide protection for our users and address health and safety issues that have been raised.



The Project has:

- Installed two canopies covering three outside doors.
- Fitted clear toughened glass panels to three spaces in existing railings and extended the railing to prevent access to steep slope.
- Fitted a canopy banner in the play area to protect from sun.



The project will benefit all visitors to the church for services and community projects, especially the elderly and young children, and those needing to wait for lift access to the building in bad weather.



The project has provided winter shelter which will be especially good in snowy weather, and shade in the summer months for the play group. The work on the railings has improved safety on the steep hill for everyone.

Evaluation is difficult this year because the building has been closed due to the pandemic. Based on regular previous attendance, over 100 people will benefit, especially the mums and babies, disabled and elderly, and all who attend the church.



People using the building are very satisfied with the safety improvements. Community Feedback includes:

- "It will make a big difference for me to have canopies over the doors especially in the winter months when attending the Monday at One Friendship Group." *Olive, 94 years young.*

- “I can manage to attend the Ukelele Group independently using the lift and my wheelchair. This can be a slow process and a canopy over the lift door would be a great bonus on a rainy day.” *Harold.*
- “The canopy, safety panels and the shade sail will be of great benefit to young mums with prams waiting to get into the building for Messy Church or Little Start Play Group. Outside play will be much safer for children to enjoy the shade areas. It will help us tick more boxes on our Health and Safety Risk Assessment Form.” *David & Janet, Activity volunteers.*

BPRCVS provided support through the application process and advice when required. Staff are always very helpful.

### **Cliviger Village Hall Sound System, Projector & Loop. Light Bollards - £7,961.49**

As part of Phase 3 of our hall refurbishments, this funding was spent on the sound system, projector and loop system, and also the light bollards for the external approach pathway to the hall.

Because of the lockdown restrictions, we are currently unable to use the hall. We will only open the hall when the Government deems it safe to do so, and care will be taken to ensure Guidelines are followed properly.

The groups who use the hall will certainly find the sound system useful for speakers etc.. We are looking forward to organising activities in the future.

**Installation of PA system including:** Two wall mounted speakers, linked to audio cabinet, which would house audio mixer including Bluetooth, amplifier, wireless radio microphones plus a link to run laptop through PA system. Complete with projector and pull-down screen. The Loop system is wired to work alongside PA system. This will be useful for the hard of hearing, and the pull-down screen and projector will make it easier to see any demonstration that speakers perform.

People who are hard of hearing will be able to participate more fully in the regular activities including: quizzes, beetle drives, tribute bands, and education sessions from Lancashire Adult Education. We also hope to plan film shows and a Murder Mystery night.

The system will also benefit other groups using the hall: music for the Toddler group and the After School Club; the WI and Monday Club have speakers who would find this system useful.





**Installation of three light bollards:** Light bollards have been installed alongside the external approach pathway. This will improve safety, especially of our older clientele, and particularly on dark winter nights.

The regular activities and groups are well supported, and in excess of 150 people will benefit.

Following the refurbishments, there is a renewed interest in the hall, and we have worked hard to provide a much-improved facility for all residents of Cliviger and surrounding area, regardless of ages, gender, ethnicity and ability/disability.

The improved facilities will attract more usage of the Hall to enable it to become sustainable for our community into the future.

We work hard to ensure that the whole of the community is involved in planning, organising and delivering activities in the Hall. Community feedback includes:

- "Toddler group would really benefit from the ability to have music at our sessions"
- "Our village hall is an extremely well used and important facility - it serves parents whose children require wrap around support, adds invariably to the quality of life of those at risk of loneliness and isolation and opens up a space that enriches our shared local life. The addition of an audio/sound system and loop hearing support would be hugely helpful for the people with impaired hearing and sight. This is a really meaningful way of supporting our community."
- "Absolutely agree that this will benefit the community. Would be a welcomed addition to the hall for all ages. Especially our elderly and hard of hearing residents whom I'm sure be grateful for the loop system."
- "Would benefit and unite the whole village community as we rebuild our lives and reassess our priorities for the future in the aftermath of this pandemic"
- "On behalf of Cliviger and Worsthorne WI we fully endorse the proposed application for the sound system, which will be of huge benefit to us and all groups using the hall."

BPRCVS have supported us with the application process, publicity and marketing, and with how to monitor and evaluate a funded project. It was very welcome help.

### **More information**

The full reports for the projects are available from BPRCVS, contact Tracey Noon on [tracey.noon@bprcvs.co.uk](mailto:tracey.noon@bprcvs.co.uk) or Heather Starkie on [heather.starkie@bprcvs.co.uk](mailto:heather.starkie@bprcvs.co.uk) or Julie Overson on [Julie.overson@bprcvs.co.uk](mailto:Julie.overson@bprcvs.co.uk) for an email or hard copy of any or all of the project reports.