

# Whitemoss Community Fund Newsletter 2018

## £80,000 Windfall Awarded to Local Community

2017 saw five highly deserving local groups scoop £80,000 from the Whitemoss Community Fund.

The successful groups fought off stiff competition from 10 other local projects, rising to the top for the level of community benefit they will each deliver.

The largest grant was awarded to **Westhead Village Hall** who were granted **£19,734** to improve the Hall to encourage community use of the building. The Hall was recently taken over by the local community when it faced closure in 2016.

Ian Davis, Treasurer and Trustee at the Hall said: “The Trustees of Westhead Village Hall are extremely grateful for the grant. This will enable renovation and improvement of the Hall which will increase the life and continue to provide excellent facilities for the residents of Westhead and surrounding areas for many years to come.”

The communities of Crawford Village and Burscough will both benefit from awards of around **£18,500**. The grant awarded to **Crawford Village and Pimbo Lane Playing Fields** was the final piece in the jigsaw to allow the £90,000 Play Park project to begin. **Burscough Cricket Club** will use their grant award to create a new picnic and play area adjacent to the Club which will be a welcome stopping point for people enjoying a walk on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal towpath which runs past the Club.

Gordon Anderson, Trustee at Burscough Cricket Club said: “Burscough Cricket Club are absolutely delighted to receive this award which enables us to continue working towards introducing more of the local residents, school children and visitors into what will become our new picnic and wildlife area. This will be accessible from the canal bank throughout the year and also links into the new pathway along the boundary of our ground to the Village, with the recently installed fencing also providing a safe route for walkers.”



Crawford Village and Pimbo Lane Playing Fields

**Quarry Bank Community Association** were excited to learn they had been awarded **£16,484** to install two shipping containers in the grounds at the rear of the community building and transform them into a fully accessible ‘Men’s Shed’ workshop. But ladies do not fear, the Shed will be available to all with activities such as woodworking, bike repairing, mechanics and furniture restoration on offer to everyone.

Last but by no means least, **Up Holland Parish Council** are set to receive **£6,060** to improve a stretch of footpath in the popular local woodland area of Dean Wood. The scheme will include drainage and footpath works to make access easier throughout the year and reduce access problems caused by flooding.

Councillor Barry Hale, Chairman of the Parish Council said: “Thanks to this grant there will be a further increase in the number of walkers visiting this historic woodland.”

This latest crop of successful schemes has taken the total awarded by the Whitemoss Community Fund to a massive **£415,000** which has been shared between 34 local projects.

Rob Routledge, Chair of the Whitemoss Community Fund Advisory Group said: “Whitemoss Landfill is committed to supporting our local community and to protecting the environment. We are pleased that by funding these valuable local projects the Community Fund has helped in the delivery of both these objectives by facilitating important improvements to community facilities and the local environment.”



Footpath needing repair in Dean Wood



# Don't miss out on grants for community and environmental projects

## Where does the money come from?

The money for the Fund is provided by Whitemoss Landfill Limited who operate the Whitemoss landfill site in Skelmersdale.

All waste that goes to landfill is subject to Landfill Tax. A percentage of this levy can be used to fund environmental and community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). The Whitemoss Community Fund was, therefore, established in 2010, enabling Whitemoss Landfill Limited to work in partnership with GrantScape who manage and administer the grant programme on their behalf.

## Who can apply for a grant?

To be eligible for a grant, you need to be a properly constituted not-for-profit, or non profit-distributing community / voluntary group or charity. This includes local authorities and town and parish councils.

Your project must be located within 5 miles of the Whitemoss landfill site in Skelmersdale (WN8 9TH) AND be located within the West Lancashire Borough Council area.

## What types of projects can the Fund support?

Grants are available for community and environmental projects delivering improvements to public amenities, including projects that support nature conservation objectives. Examples include village greens, public playgrounds, sports fields and facilities, nature reserves, community centres, cycle paths and country parks.

Full eligibility criteria are available on GrantScape's [www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/whitemoss-community-fund/](http://www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/whitemoss-community-fund/).

## How much can we apply for?

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available.

## How do we apply for a grant?

Applications should be made using GrantScape's online, paper-free application process. The process is simple to use and applicants are not required to provide any supplementary documents at the time of application.

## What is the deadline for applications?

There is a single funding round each year. The 2018 deadline is **Wednesday, 28th March 2018** and decisions will be made in **June 2018**.

## How will grant decisions be reached?

Priority will be given to those applications that demonstrate the greatest level of community support for and involvement in the projects, plus the local community benefit (social, economic and environmental) that will result from the projects. Other key criteria include the projects' value for money, legacy and sustainability.

## Who should I contact to find out more?

If you have a project that you would like to discuss, or need further information, please contact the GrantScape team:

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