

GRANT AID SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES 2016/17

APPENDIX 3: CASE STUDIES 2016

A Place to Call Our Own (£1,000)

Bassetlaw, Mansfield

Our 'Bushtucker Trial' sessions during the Summer Holidays were popular as these benefited all ages and all abilities. These sessions included sensory play, challenges and games all centred around 'learning through fun without the fear of failure. Children and young people also attended APTCOO's Garden Gang sessions, too. This encouraged them to take part in sowing, growing and harvesting whilst enjoying the local environment and also painting their own plant pots to take home.

Blue Skies Community Initiative (£960)

Bassetlaw

We expanded our Junior Volunteer Programme to take on two new junior volunteers who were very good. We also recruited two new adult volunteers. Many rural children were given new experiences and made new friends over the summer, they were with people of their own age and not isolated in a rural village. It was good for local communities to see their children taking part in science, engineering and the arts. Broadening horizons by taking rural children to the Harley Gallery and through learning new skills shows investment in rural families. Some of the sessions encouraged outside play, which helped children to engage with their natural environment. At the mini-beast day they built bug huts, handled giant African snails and made clay bugs to take home. Cooking in the outdoors for the pizza day gave children a chance to see a real pizza oven in action and eat the results. Children took away ideas to develop at home, for example at the Animation Day and their animated films can be seen on YouTube. We have been invited to apply for People's Projects funding by the Lottery on the back of our play scheme.

Bramcote Hills Community Association Playscheme (£530)

Broxtowe

We had good attendance....the children were busy, safe and happy, learning and achieving. Parents / carers were extremely grateful and eager to help. The activities and visitors are locally sourced, furthering community spirit...and the organised visitors were well worth it.

Clipstone Miners Welfare Community Trust (£800)

Newark and Sherwood

All summer play scheme days went as planned. The children enjoyed all the activities and due to the weather, the children were able to benefit from outdoor activities. As children were at the play scheme, families were able to go to work with the knowledge that their children were enjoying themselves and were safe and well looked after, not roaming the streets getting into trouble and annoying other members of the community.

Hetts Lane Holiday Club (£495)

Mansfield

The summer play scheme Provides a safe environment for parents / carers to work together with their children to craft and create with the activities provided and also to enjoy outdoor play with space to let off steam.

Huthwaite Community Action Group (£975)

Ashfield

The scheme went very well, we had a lot of positive feedback from the parents. We encouraged the children to work together, some doing team games and others learning to wait in line until it was their turn to take part in the activity. We had a nature ramble to allow the children to explore the wooded areas and identify leaves and insects.

Lighthouse Mansfield (£975)

Mansfield

This year's play scheme built on the success of our first event in 2015. We wanted to reach out further into the community and therefore it was decided to provide a 70-person marquee where free coffee and tea was offered, encouraging parents / guardians to socialise together as they either dropped off or waited to collect their child(ren) in the morning and afternoon. We also introduced a new mums and toddlers play area adjacent to this marquee, staffed by trained volunteers. Both these new ventures proved highly successful and to have fun through the varied activities was the main purpose of our play scheme.

Children also experienced craft that involved utilising recycled material (junk modelling), had an interactive sniffer dog display and a planetarium experience which explored our solar system. Exercise was encouraged through play with Laser Tag events, go carts and general field games such as hockey, football, rounders, basketball and a "Mini Lighthouse Olympics". Parents / guardians were invited to the final "All Together" session on the Friday afternoon, where some of the events and activities were showcased by their children in order for them to see what their children were exposed to during the week.

Newark and Sherwood Play Support Group (£1,000)

Newark and Sherwood

The Playschemes all went very well and were well attended...one family had paid for their two boys to attend a local privately run holiday play scheme which was costing £30 a day; neither of the boys enjoyed it and didn't want to go, then their mum heard from a friend about ours so she decided to try one day and they ended up staying the rest of the 2 weeks. Her boys loved the freedom and choice and that there were with a wide variety of other children of mixed ages and had lots to choose from and the staff had great ideas and were fun. Mum was glad they were happy and she could go to work happier and feeling less guilty, plus she saved money. We worked with a local inflatable supplier and local artists and used scrap materials as well as natural materials such as clay, leaves, sticks etc. Children were encouraged to help each other and pass on their skills and bring their own ideas in for crafts and games.

OASIS Community Church & Centre (Workshop) (£975)

Bassetlaw

Our Play scheme took place in 3 parts this year: Morning Sessions with 5-11s at OASIS Community Centre (Kilton, Worksop); 3 sessions with 11-16s at Oasis Community Centre (plus a bowling trip), and; 3 Afternoon sessions with 5-11s at Ordsall Westhill Community Centre (where we have a kids group meet weekly during term time).

The 5-11s theme was 'Finding the Story' (a play on 'Finding Dory', which was on at the cinema). We had an underwater theme with fish, dolphins, boats etc. There was a great mix of activities depending on the weather and number of children including crafts, games, quizzes, cooking / baking, songs, stories, drama, competitions etc. We also used the outside Oasis Gardens in outside play, nature work and gardening. One evening we had a 'Butterfly and Bug Ball' for families to spend time planting butterfly plants and creating butterfly art around the centre, which was part of the 'Greening Grey Britain' project.

Pleasley Playscheme (£345)

Mansfield

Pleasley Playscheme provided a safe, structured and fun environment for a range of children for one week (10am-1pm) during the summer holidays. The programme was varied, with drama, storytelling, craft, discussion, games and songs – there was something to suit all interests and opportunities for children to try new activities and learn new skills. Active games were prominently featured but there was also much time for group discussion, which built the children's confidence. Children were divided into two age groups to ensure more age-appropriate activities. Numbers were low on the first day but on subsequent days numbers rose quickly, as children told friends about what was happening. There was a 'team' element to the week, where two teams competed against each other in games, which taught the skills of communication and encouragement in a fun way. For the first time ever, Playscheme provided a free two-course lunch for the children and adults each day. These were healthy and balanced. The children enjoyed the hospitality and their parents appreciated the generosity. The children also enjoyed eating together around the table with the leaders, which further strengthened new friendships. The Playscheme was held in a church which has a historical place in the community of Pleasley. Whilst encouraged to respect the history of the building and the grounds, they were also encouraged to feel at home there and have fun, recognising

that they have a place within the ongoing story of that building and the local environment around it.

Radcliffe Family Playdays (£390)

Rushcliffe

An excellent core of volunteers who have experience of delivering the playscheme. The organisation, logistics and delivery were efficient and problem-free. A good venue and atmosphere during the sessions provides a friendly, welcoming, safe environment. The scheme provides a place for parents and children to meet during the holidays. The activities are stimulating, often educational and challenging. We promote healthy eating - fruit is served for free, there is no chocolate / sweet option. Many of the resources are recycled materials, we encourage the children to tidy up after themselves and respect the venue.

Rainworth and Blidworth Detached Youth Project (£890)

Newark and Sherwood

We had good numbers attend the whole of the summer play scheme with lots of new young people, who saw our advertisements on social media and within the local villages. We went on four trips during the play scheme. We went to a local farm park, laser tag, a local lake and a local park for a Teddy Bears Picnic. We had great feedback from all the parents and children about the trips. This is the most amount of trips we have offered during a play scheme and they worked well, were affordable to parents and the children gained knowledge of the local area and had lots of fun.

Making the play scheme affordable to parents so the children can attend for the whole summer is a major thing for us. The majority of the parents use DYP for childcare during the summer, so being low cost is great for them. During the trips we went to local places, supporting other local businesses. The farm park was also charity run, so giving support to the other local charities. We went to a local lake and taught the children about wildlife and protecting the areas whilst having a scavenger hunt and a Teddy Bears Picnic. The young people really enjoyed the trips within the local village and although most of them live in the village some hadn't actually been to these areas. The end of summer play scheme party was such a success we had a disco and karaoke, face painting, nail art, party games and party food which all the parents donated, as well as baking items for the buffet table. The children had such a fun session, it was a positive energetic environment and we could all celebrate what a great summer we'd had. We gave out goody bags and awards to the young people.

Young Person (aged 7): We had a young boy attend the play scheme for the very first time over the summer, he was in foster care and his carer was very nervous about leaving him as he suffers with low self-esteem and lack of confidence and doesn't like being left alone. We matched him with a suitable youth worker who mentored him and gave him lots of one-to-one time, helping him choose what he wanted to take part in and empowering him. He slowly built his confidence and came to every session and the trips during the summer. He gained new friendships and confidence and isn't as scared by attending new groups.

Selston Parish Council (£550)

Ashfield

Children had the opportunity to try out new experiences, with each week having a different theme ('Lets grow it', 'Make a pot', 'Dinosaur day' and 'Ready steady cook'). The board games table and Brio train set were very popular and encouraged children to interact with each other. The play dough table was also very popular. Activities provided used recycled materials and children were encouraged to plant seeds that are to be transferred to the community garden.

Staceys Youth Club (£1,000)

Newark and Sherwood

The play scheme ran for 9 days instead of the 12 originally planned for due to the coordinator being admitted to hospital. However the play scheme was great fun and a big success, with a great choice of activities including sand art, badge making, hama beads, wind chime making and a lot more. The play scheme had great reviews from both parents and children.

Sutton Bonington Playscheme (£650)

Rushcliffe

The high attendances this year confirm that our play scheme delivers a satisfying variety of activities for the age groups targeted. This year we celebrated 50 years of Playscheme in Sutton Bonington, which drew in many adults from the local community who over the years have been involved and was a very enjoyable event for everyone concerned.

The Centre for Sport and Learning CIC (£660)

Bassetlaw

We had an 11 year old girl who attended most of the sessions during the summer, who is new to the area and is with a foster couple who are both in their 60's. They told us that the Summer Playscheme has been invaluable to them and the child as she has had the chance to meet local children and make friends in a safe, welcoming environment whilst allowing them some respite time.

Going Bananas (£470)

Gedling

At least 50 children and some families have joined activities such as Lighthouse Youth Club, Girls' / Boys' Brigade, playgroup, mental health group.