

Whalley Range Community First Plan: March 2013



Whalley Range Community First Panel

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Whalley Range Ward Profile (2010 data):

www.manchester.gov.uk/download/.../a26ziv_whalley_range_2011



Community First summary

Community First is an £80m government-funded initiative that will run for four years, until March 2015. The programme will help communities come together to identify their strengths and local priorities in order to plan for their future and become more resilient. It will fund both new and existing community groups.

Via the Neighbourhood Matched Fund, £30million is now available to fund community projects in some of the most deprived areas of the country of which, Whalley Range is one. People will be encouraged to give time, expertise and resources towards the projects they identify in their areas. The government will match these pound for pound, helping to stimulate local action towards meeting community needs. The Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund is an initiative that provides local communities with the means to address their own priorities:

- Communities set up local panels in each eligible ward, and decide upon projects for funding in their area.
- It is a matched fund programme, which means that every £1 provided in funding must be matched by a similar amount of in-kind donations (this means donations of cash, services, free products or volunteer time).
- Funding has been allocated at ward level across every local authority in England. Eligible wards were selected on the basis of high levels of deprivation and significant increases in benefits claimants. The amount of funding for each area is based on the concentration of these characteristics within a ward.
- Because funding is targeted, only certain electoral wards are eligible in each Local Authority

Detailed information and further reading can be found at www.cdf.org.uk.

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Funding Available to Improve Conditions for Residents!
Whalley Range has received some Government money to invest in the area.
Do you need funding for your group?
You can apply to the new Whalley Range Community First Panel for a small grant to improve your neighbourhood.
New and existing community groups who live in Whalley Range can apply for funding over the next 4 years for projects that will benefit the area.
In line with the criteria set by the Community Development Foundation, the Panel used feedback from Residents to identify 5 priorities for Whalley Range as:

- Promoting Employability
- Health & Wellbeing
- Promoting Community Cohesion
- Capacity Building in 3rd Sector Organisations
- Promoting Community Involvement

If your group need funding and can address any of these priorities:
Visit the website @ www.wrcf.posterous.com for more information
Or write to us at JNR8, 82 Cromwell Avenue, M16 0BG
Email us @ whalleyrange.manchester@live.co.uk for more details

Don't Miss Out!




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Talk to Us and Your Community
We'd like to hear your ideas, thoughts about Whalley Range and anything you think needs to be done; feel free, don't hold back! Anyone can write a comment here and anyone can reply. All you need to do is leave a name and your comment. On the other hand, if you'd like... [read more](#) →

Why We're Here
The Whalley Range Community 1st Panel is here to help our community by channeling government funding where it's most needed and can make the biggest difference. The panel is made up of a wide cross section of local people who are here to help. To see who the panel... [read more](#) →

What You Need to Know
Successful Projects for 2013 are now listed under 'Projects'... Community 1st is relatively new to Whalley Range. It's government money and is aimed at solving problems listed in the Ward Profile but don't let that put you off. This isn't the only money available... [read more](#) →

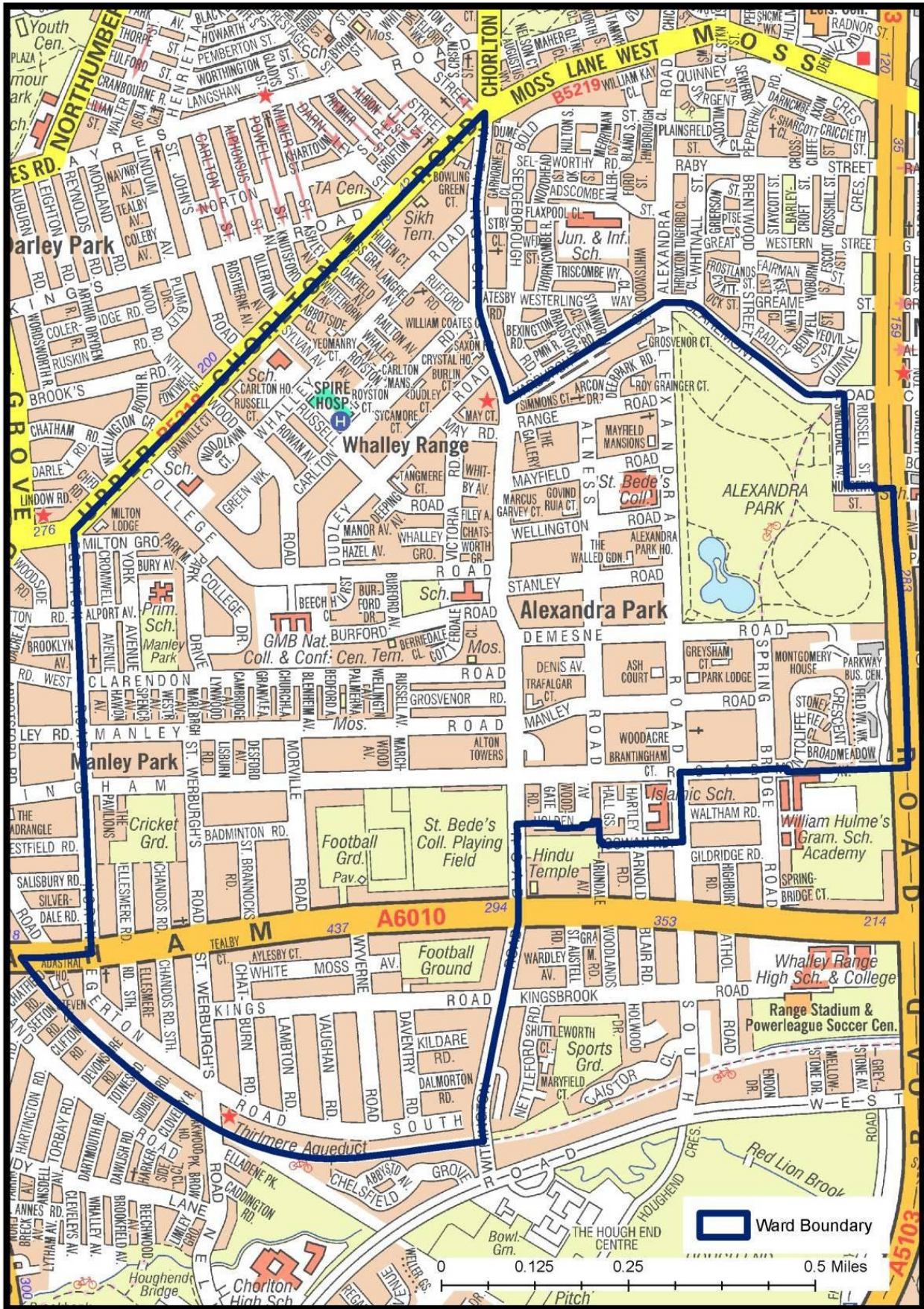
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The Whalley Range Community First Panel has funded many local projects to date; all of which were identified and delivered by local people, in our community.

Community consultation

- Initial Community First meeting: details of the Community First initiative sent out to Whalley Range Community Forum mailing list members to identify potential Panel volunteers.
- The Whalley Range Community First Panel consulted with members of the Whalley Range community to find out what was important to them and what the priorities were at several events including:
- U Decide participatory budgeting event, (Noticeboard with CF information leaflet handed out to individuals including Urdu translation during the initial stages of the project)
- Celebrate Community Festival: noticeboard, leaflets distributed
- Chorlton Library community event
- JNR8 Keep Fit Class, WRYOA Whiz Project young people and staff feedback received re local priorities
- Project also promoted with details of 'how to apply' with translated leaflet sent out to relevant groups and support to fill out application form
- Community First leaflet designed: local resident approached to translate leaflet to most used W/Range community language (Urdu) to ensure details of project reached non English speaking residents and to raise awareness of the project within so called 'hard to reach' residents and groups
- Funding round one advertised in bulletins and in News & Events newsletter and leaflet sent out to local groups i.e. school PTA groups, residents associations
- Deadline for round one re-circulated via bulletins/newsletter
- Round 2 advertised via above channels
- Visits to groups to promote project and assist with application forms

Residents attended events to discuss and complete the questionnaires and to formulate priorities.

- 1st round 400 residents informed through bulletins
- News & events circulated ward wide
- U Decide - Residents handed out flyers at U Decide
- Celebrate festival
- Whalley Range Methodist Church neighbours event
- Reminders through bulletins
- 2nd round: 400 through bulletins
- News & Events article circulated ward wide and community events and Twitter



The Whalley Range Community First Panel met on 21st March 2013 to agree the final plan and which has been agreed as a living document.

Resident's aspirations:

- Community resources matched to needs and aspirations
- A thriving, safe and sustainable community
- Enhanced health and wellbeing for all residents
- A green environment for current and future residents, including visitors
- Intergenerational support and training targeted at education, employment and volunteering opportunities
- A dedicated community centre/hub
- Greater community leisure and sporting opportunities

Resident's priorities

- Dedicated community centre/hub
- Learning, skills and training for employability including ICT
- Increased SEN support
- Increased provision of diversionary activities to reduce the risk of anti-social behaviour and offending/reoffending
- Increased community safety initiatives, reduced anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder
- Intergenerational activities
- Increased physical/sporting activities, events and equipment
- Workshops/classes for:
 - self esteem
 - confidence building
 - careers advice and guidance
 - ESOL/English
 - parenting
 - broad health awareness
 - healthy living and eating
 - environmental awareness

Whalley Range Community First Plan Priorities

Priorities have been established under the overarching themes of social justice, inclusion and cohesion.

- **Promote local and green employability:** Align with all stakeholders (including existing groups) to promote and deliver education and employment opportunities, supporting residents to achieve their aspirations and full potential.

Indicative activities:

Establish increased access and a learning hub to increase the number of residents taking up education, employment and volunteering.

Align with Youth Fund projects to ensure best outcomes for vulnerable young people.

- **Promote local health & wellbeing:**

Work with all stakeholders to promote broad health and wellbeing.

Indicative activities:

Assist in the provision of a Sports Alliance for the locality

Support domestic abuse, forced marriage and hate crime initiatives and campaigns

Support initiatives to improve road safety on residential streets

Support crime reduction initiatives

- **Champion local community cohesion & involvement:**

Support intergenerational groups and events to promote community inclusion and cohesion across our diverse local community.

Indicative activities:

Support community events and festivals

Support Valuing Older People and partner organisations to facilitate improved provision for older residents

Support and promote 'Meet the Neighbours' events

- **Champion local environmental awareness and community engagement:** Support local initiatives to improve and continuously develop local environmental performance, whilst promoting green events and activities.

Indicative activities:

Support the restoration of Parks in the area

Support environmental improvements ward wide, targeting hot spots

Increase recycling levels

Support green initiatives in any new developments

- **Promote local capacity building in the community sector:**

Promote and uphold partnerships and stakeholders to work together whilst exploring new opportunities for sustainable funding, development and regeneration.

Indicative activities:

Assist in the restoration of Community Centres
Assist with the future sustainability of the Community Groups, Clubs and facilities
Assist in the development of a vibrant Community hub
Assist in the provision of intergenerational community spaces and facilities

Local volunteers audit

The volunteer Whalley Range Panel members have offered their services in the promotion, support and delivery of the Community First programme and compilation of the initial Community First Plan.

In addition, local volunteers have been directly involved in all of the successfully recommended - and subsequently funded - CF projects to date and as a direct result of the emergence of these newly formed groups the new projects have extended their own volunteer networks.

Many new and regular Volunteers have been involved in the Community First initiative including:

From the first round of CF funding 5 projects were recommended resulting in a wide range of volunteering opportunities including the engagement of new volunteers:

Wonderment community event + 44

Thai Boxing + 6

Mentoring + 4

Positivity/Training + 4

New projects:

Seated Zumba + 2

Basic Computing for over 50's + 6

Community Newsletter + 4

ESOL + 4

Keep Fit + 4

Work Club + 6

Community Sport + 2

Celebrate Festival: we have over 50 volunteers who help organise this annual community event. A stall will be dedicated to promoting the CF funding and volunteers will distribute feedback to residents who attend the festival: all feedback will be fed back into the Community Plan.

In-kind resources

Volunteers offered the following skills:

- Promoting Community First
- Leaflet Translation
- Minute Taking
- Chairing Meetings
- Designing Leaflets
- Leaflet Delivery
- Consulting with neighbours
- Website design/admin

The following items have been offered for use for community projects, either free or discounted:-

- Meeting space
- 5 trestle tables (for use at events)
- Use of classroom and facilities
- Use of hall for exercise classes
- Community centre kitchen

Local funding opportunities

- Community First
- MCC Cash Grants
- MCC U Decide
- Neighbours Day
- Mosscafe Community Fund
- Adactus Neighbourhood Fund
- Big Lottery Fund
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Community Services Feasibility Fund
- MCC Youth Fund
- MCC Play Fund

Current and planned local projects

Inspiring Change, Community on Solid Ground: Majid Dar, Project Manager, 0161 862 0955

One Day Wonder(ment), Alexandra Arts: Lotte Karlsen, Founder, 07816 683171

Thai Boxing at Whiz, Whalley Range Youth Opportunities Association:
Alison Chisholm, Project Manager, 0161 881 3744

Positivity@JNR8, Wellbeing@JNR8:

Chris Ricard, Development Worker/Facilitator, 0161 881 3744

Whalley Range ABC @ Tangmere: Access to Basic Computing for older residents at Tangmere Court: Maureen Jarvis on: 0161 881 7377, e-mail: maureen.jarvis@jjhousing.co.uk

Seated Zumba classes for residents with reduced mobility at Trafalgar Court:
Freddie Greenmantle, e-mail: freddigreenmantle@btinternet.co.uk

ESOL classes for Women at the JNR8 Youth & Community Centre:

Contact Chris Ricard on: 0161 881 3744, e-mail: info@whalleyrange.org

Whalley Range Health & Multi Sports Programme: Contact Majid Dar on: 0161 862 0955,
e-mail: majid@yosg.org.uk

Movers & Shakers Women's Keep Fit at the JNR8 Youth & Community Centre:

Contact Chris Ricard on: 0161 881 3744, e-mail: info@whalleyrange.org

Spread the News: One-off Door-to-door delivery of Whalley Range News & Events:

Contact Chris Ricard on: 0161 881 3744, e-mail: info@whalleyrange.org

Whalley Range Work Club: Contact Alison Chisholm, e-mail: alisonchisholm@mac.com

Generating Opportunities: Training/employment support
Contact Chris Ricard on: 0161 881 3744, e-mail: info@whalleyrange.org

Community Powers

Neighbourhood Planning & Neighbourhood Development Orders

Localism Act & Community Rights

LA General Power of Competence

The Whalley Range Community First Plan is a work in progress - and we will continue to encourage residents from the Whalley Range community to get involved and to help to identify priorities, to contribute to the plan and to ensure seldom heard residents have a voice.

The website will be regularly updated and CF and other relevant funding opportunities will be promoted at all our community events and across our networks.

We will work together to identify gaps in services enabling residents of all ages and from all of the groups that represent the diversity of Whalley Range, to access information, volunteering and training opportunities, to share resources and to get involved.

