

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Moorlands Partnership Board

21 March 2023

TITLE:	Summary of Projects
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Flunder - Portfolio Holder for Tourism
CONTACT OFFICER:	Joanne Brooks - Regeneration Officer
WARDS INVOLVED:	(All Wards);

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 To update and review progress on the grants already approved (in previous years) under the Moorlands Partnership Board.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the update report is noted.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 This report deals with progress to date on those projects, awaiting commencement, on site or, completed since the last meeting of the Moorlands Partnership Board.

- 3.2 This report is for information only but does offer Members an opportunity to comment on progress. The report will be presented with an accompanying power point presentation which displays images of each project.

4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 This report concerns publicly funding the restoration and repair of historic properties or places that are either listed or an identified heritage asset. This, in turn, is related to the Council's corporate aim 3:
- To help create a strong economy by supporting further regeneration of towns and villages.

5. Alternative Options

- 5.1 There are no alternative options as this an update report on progress only.

6. Project updates and progress

2016/17 OFFERS:

Biddulph Town Council Projects

- The Trough – The protective bollards are now in place and a stone sample has been approved for the restoration of the trough.
- Halls Road Community Notice Board – Grant paid and noticeboard in place.
- Gillow Heath Station – Platform edging works commencing 3 April and will be completed the same week.

The above grant offers have been live for some significant time and it was agreed at the last meeting that the projects should be complete and paid within this financial year. Halls Road community board has now been paid. There has now been some progress made on the Trough repairs and Gillow Heath Station. As such, the Board may wish to consider giving the Council a further 3 months to complete the repair of the Trough and Gillow Heath Station.

2019/2020 OFFERS:

42 Compton, Leek – sash window reinstatement

Members agreed at the last meeting to extend the grant offer until 31 March 23. This has been relayed to the applicant and despite a desire to complete the works they have not completed the works or indeed applied for planning permission for replacement windows. As such, the grant will be withdrawn.

2020/2021 OFFERS:

St Edwards Summerhouses – Repair of 5 grade II listed summer houses within site

The managing agents are now involved with this project and want to ensure confirmation from the local Building Control/Conservation Officer that the updated repair specification provided by Lyell Partners is satisfactory. This confirmation has now been obtained. A second estimate for the work is due to be submitted with work starting as soon as a contractor is appointed.

2021/2022 OFFERS:

Heaton House, Rushton Spencer – Reinstatement of stone boundary wall to match original

Planning Permission for the wall was approved in August and the stone sample and pointing mix has also been approved. There has been a delay to the start of works due to an ongoing insurance claim against a delivery vehicle being reversed into one of the new gate posts.

St Giles Church, Cheadle - Funerary Monument repairs

Diocese permissions being sought prior to commencement of works but progress is slow.

Guild Hall, Alton Castle – Roof repairs

Fund raising and grant awards have secured 90% of the funding required for the repair to the roof of the building. There has been a slight delay to starting the works as a Bat survey is required which can only be carried out between May – August. This will be completed in May with a view to starting the works in June and completing by the end of July.

19 Hugo Street, Leek – Sash window reinstatement

All but one of the windows has been installed. The grant has been part paid.

Ipstones Boundary Post – New boundary post carved and erected

The new boundary post has been cut to size and is ready for carving and should be installed spring/early summer.

Den Engel, Leek – Roof repairs

Works were completed in February and waiting for invoice to be submitted.

Christ Church, Biddulph Moor – Roof repairs

No update to report.

2 – 4 Tape Street

Window repairs complete awaiting better weather prior to external decoration.

Upper Tean Heritage trail and map

A draft heritage trail map has been prepared with the final maps agreed by the end of March. These will then be erected on panels within 2 places within the village. The heritage trail and additional historical information will also be available through a QR code. Wall plaques identifying key sites and buildings will be erected. Ownership approval is currently being obtained by the Parish Council.

71 Derby Street, Leek

Planning permission is due to be submitted soon with a view to windows being inserted within 6 months.

TE Hulme plaque Endon Bank

Plaque will be erected within 5 weeks.

Endon Station platform repairs

An acceptable plan for the station repairs has been submitted. Written approval from Network Rail is being obtained to comply with grant conditions and prior to starting works.

ANTICIPATED APPLICATIONS:

Former garage/barn – Ipstones

Endon Station – Sash window and door reinstatement

Cheddleton Station Signal Box relocation

St Leonards Church Ipstones wall painting restoration

Buttercross Cheddleton Schedule Monument repairs

7. Implications

- 7.1 Community Safety – No implications at this stage.
- 7.2 Workforce – The Moorlands Partnership Scheme is administered by an officer within the Regeneration Team with assistance when required from the council's Conservation Officer.
- 7.3 Equality and Diversity/ Equality Impact Assessment - No implications at this stage.
- 7.4 Financial considerations - There are allocations within the capital programme for the Moorlands Partnership funding scheme. The projects outlined in this report have been met from approved budgets from previous years. The budget for this year 2022-2023 is £60,000.
- 7.5 Legal - Local authorities are empowered to give grants towards improvements in conservation areas under Section 57 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
- 7.6 Climate Change – No Implications at this stage.
- 7.7 Consultation – Grant offers are made in consultation with and approved by the Moorlands Partnership Board. Where required, projects that require planning permission and listed building consent are subject to the normally statutory consultations.

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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

Location

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