

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Moorlands Partnership Board

18 July 2023

TITLE:	Summary of Projects
CONTACT OFFICER:	Joanne Brooks - Regeneration Officer
WARDS INVOLVED:	All

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. Expired Listed Building Consent has been resubmitted and approved.
- Gillow Heath Station – Platform edging works on site imminently.

2020/2021 OFFERS:

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

A contractor has now been appointed and awaiting start date.

2021/2022 OFFERS:

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

Works to reinstate the stone boundary wall are now on site.

St Giles Church, Cheadle - Funerary Monument repairs

The applicant – Cheadle Discovery Project will be progressing the project in partnership with the Parish Church, which should make getting permissions from the Diocese easier.

Guild Hall, Alton Castle – Roof repairs

Fund raising and grant awards have secured 100% of the funding required for the repair to the roof of the building. A contractor has been appointed to undertake the works after a tender process and works are due to commence week beginning 10th July. It is anticipated that the works will take between 8-10 weeks, with a target completion date of 29th September.

19 Hugo Street, Leek – Sash window reinstatement

All but one of the windows has been installed. The grant has been part paid. The remaining window wont be installed until internal decoration has been completed.

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 on the 4th August.

Christ Church, Biddulph Moor – Roof repairs

No update to report.

2 – 4 Tape Street

Window repairs and decoration complete but grant not paid as yet.

Upper Tean Heritage trail and map

Two lecterns displaying the heritage trail have been installed in two places in Jubilee Park. This map is also available through a QR code to download on mobile devices. Wall plaques identifying key sites and buildings have been designed and ownership approval has been secured. These will be fitted shortly.

71 Derby Street, Leek

Architect for the applicant has advised that the cost of new sash windows, even with the grant, is too expensive and the existing windows will be refurbished. Grant is withdrawn.

TE Hulme plaque Endon Bank

Plaque now erected and grant paid.

Endon Station platform repairs

An acceptable plan for the station repairs has been submitted. Written approval from Network Rail has been obtained. Works should commence shortly.

Bank House Leek window repairs

Officers have met with the Town Council and contractor to discuss sash window repairs. The Scaffolding is due to be erected by the beginning of July with works commencing in the second to third week in July.

35 St Edward's Street Leek reinstatement of original windows

Windows installed and grant to be paid.

Consall Station platform repairs

Surface materials approved and works started on repairs to the timber structure prior to installing the new platform surface.

Foxlowe Arts Centre

Applicant is currently applying for match funding before they can commit to a start date.

Brown Edge Road Playing Fields gate repairs

Second estimate now received to shot blast, prime and paint the gates. Gates will be removed to undertake the works. No start date as yet.

ANTICIPATED APPLICATIONS:

Former garage/barn – Ipstones

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 grant scheme. The projects outlined in this report have been met from approved budgets from previous years. The budget for this year 2023-2024 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.

Neil Rodgers - Executive Director (Place)

**Web Links and
Background Papers**

Location

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