

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Moorlands Partnership Board

21 November 2023

TITLE:	Summary of Projects
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Darren Price - Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning
CONTACT OFFICER:	Joanne Brooks - Regeneration Officer
WARDS INVOLVED:	

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:
- 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 Architect is discharging the listed building conditions relating to materials and the scheme will be complete by the end of the year.
- Gillow Heath Station – Complete and grant paid.

2020/2021 OFFERS:

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

Work commencing January 2024.

2021/2022 OFFERS:

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

The wall is complete but there is a 6- 8 week lead in time for the coping stones.

St Giles Church, Cheadle - Funerary Monument repairs

No further update.

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 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

Boundary post complete grant not claimed yet.

Christ Church, Biddulph Moor – Roof repairs

No update to report.

Upper Tean Heritage trail and map

Works complete but grant not paid as yet.

Endon Station platform repairs, new gate and sign board, reinstatement of windows and door.

Platform repairs complete and fence installed along with new gates.
Decoration to be undertaken imminently along with the new windows and door.

Bank House Leek window repairs

Works complete but grant not paid as yet.

Consall Station platform repairs

North section of the platform complete with works undertaken by volunteers.

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

Works to be undertaken shortly.

Cheddleton Station Signal Box relocation

Not started as yet due to funding issues.

ANTICIPATED APPLICATIONS:

Former garage/barn Ipstones – Heritage interpretation

St Leonards Church Ipstones - Wall painting restoration

Buttercross Cheddleton - Schedule Monument repairs

Endon Village Hall – Window repairs

33 Compton, Leek – Window reinstatement

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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