

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Moorlands Partnership Board

28th November 2024

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

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is 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:
- 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. Implications

6.1 Community Safety

No implications at this stage.

6.2 Workforce

The Moorlands Partnership Scheme is administered by an officer within the Regeneration Team with assistance when required from the Council's Conservation Officer.

6.3 Equality and Diversity / Equality Impact Assessment

No implications at this stage.

6.4 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 2024-2025 is £60,000.

6.5 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.

6.6 Climate Change

No Implications at this stage.

6.7 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

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7. Project Updates and Progress

2016/17 OFFERS:

Biddulph Town Council Projects

The Trough – The new stone pieces have been completed. The County Council have confirmed that the town council can have temporary traffic signals on Thursday 7th November. Work should be completed by the date of the meeting.

2020/2021 OFFERS:

St Edwards Summerhouse – Repair of Grade II listed summer house within site

All the joinery work to the summer house has now been completed including the roof structure and new timber soffits all around the building. Large areas of timber panelling have been reinstated inside on a like for like basis. Just waiting for the zinc roof to be reinstated.

2021/2022 OFFERS:

Christ Church, Biddulph Moor – Roof repairs

Applicant has made contact with Officers. They have had to divert funds towards the repair of the Church Hall roof as more critical.

2022/2023 OFFERS:

Foxlowe Arts Centre – Conservatory Repairs

The contractor will be on site imminently.

2023/2024 OFFERS:

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

New gate and signboard installed and repaired and decorated. Works to reinstate windows and doors delayed.

Cheddleton Station Signal Box relocation

Signal box relocated and grant paid.

St James Court Clock tower redecoration

Due to coming winter months works will now start next spring.

8 King Street Sash Window reinstatement

Windows manufactured and waiting to be installed. Delays due to specialist glass supply.

6 Leonard St Ghost Sign

Applicant has liaised with the Development Control team and advertisement consent is required prior to the reinstatement of the sign. This is proving problematical as costs for consent are excessive against the overall cost of the

works. As a result, the grant may be declined. Regeneration Officers are liaising with the Development Control Team to see if there is a suitable resolution.

Biddulph Town Council Miners lamps refurbishment

Lamps installed and grant paid.

Endon Village Hall Refurbishment

Works currently on site.

2024/2025 OFFERS:

St Marks Church Foxt – Pointing

Works complete and grant paid.

The Plough Endon – Mural restoration

A new grant application has been submitted by the brewery rather than the Parish Council, as such a formal grant offer has now been made subject to a number of conditions. The brewery has confirmed that the LBC application for the mural will be submitted 15 – 22 November. Subject to the Brewery Board approval a full refurbishment will also be undertaken including toilets, all trading areas, kitchen and external decorations. The proposed programme is to start on site on 19 May 2025 with completion on 23 June 2025 subject to Planning Approvals.

St Giles RC Church Cheadle – Bell protection

The applicant has made an agreement with their contractor that work will not start before February 1st. This will give the applicant further time to fund raise but also coincide with school holidays so that the school playground would be available as a car park for the contractors.

ANTICIPATED APPLICATIONS:

Buttercross Cheddleton - Schedule Monument repairs

The Parish Council has been awarded £10,000 from Historic England for the restoration of the cross but it will be next year now before specialist conservator can do the works. Looking to complete by April 2025. As a result, there will not be an application for funds from the MPB.

Den Engel Leek - Courtyard resurfacing and refurbishment of outbuildings

Application will be made next year.

White Bridge Endon – Bridge repairs after vandalism

Cheddleton Station – Crossing gates reinstatement

Application to be made in March. There are difficulties in obtaining estimates.