

The Community Fund Review and Annual Report 2010

North West and North Midlands Region



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The Community Fund

The Co-operative members make a difference in millions of ways

The Community Fund is our small grant scheme that helps local communities throughout the UK.

Since we started the initiative in 1997, thousands of clubs, community groups and self-help organisations have benefited.

The way the scheme works is by committed members of The Co-operative Group who want to help improve the lives of others, donating part - or all - of their share of the profits. These members have already raised millions of pounds each year for all kinds of community projects, and in 2010 we have awarded £1.3 million in donations to community groups across the UK and Northern Ireland.

How to apply

If you would like to apply for community funding for your local group or organisation it has never been easier as the application form is now available on line at **www.co-operative.coop/communityfund**

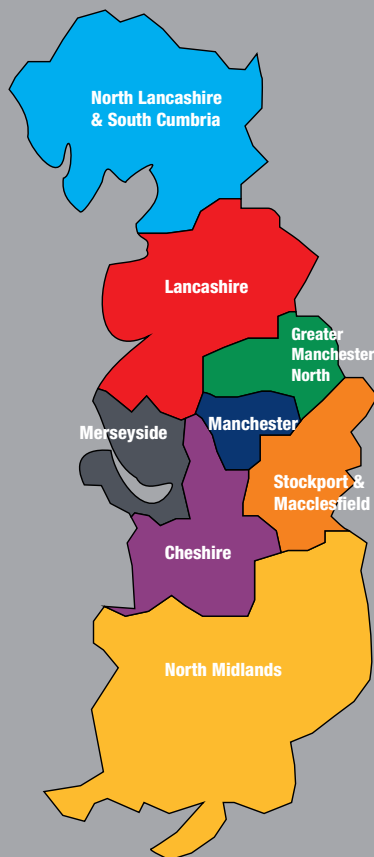
For any further questions regarding the scheme and the application form please contact our Community Fund Helpline on **0844 262 4001**

The Community Fund is only one way we support community groups. We also have a 'Request for Support' form and a Community Food Discount Card. For more information on these initiatives please email us at **membership.northwest@co-operative.coop**

North West & North Midlands Region

The Region consists of eight democratic areas with over 90 elected committee members representing the interests of local members on Area Committees.

The Area Committees are tasked with the allocation of the Community Fund grants in their area. In 2010 alone we received 493 applications in the North West & North Midlands Region of which 192 were awarded a total of £212,511.76. This equates to an average grant size of just over £1,100 and a success rate for applicants of nearly 40%.



8 democratic areas with
94 committee members

Committee	Total awarded in 2010	Total of applications received	No of successful applications 2010	Average Award
Cheshire	£25,270.75	55	28	£902.53
Greater Manchester North	£25,036.14	51	20	£1,251.81
Lancashire	£33,313.00	87	28	£1,189.75
Manchester	£23,598.94	82	18	£1,311.05
Merseyside	£21,955.05	58	22	£997.96
North Lancashire & South Cumbria	£16,502.00	33	16	£1,031.38
North Midlands	£41,469.98	78	37	£1,120.81
Stockport & Macclesfield	£23,725.90	49	22	£1,078.45



Cheshire

Peter Lockley (Cheshire Area Committee) experiences the roar of the Lions Youth Brass Band.

FEBRUARY**Warrington Youth Club****Awarded £900**

Towards the delivery of a health, fitness and wellbeing programme

Egerton PTA, Knutsford**Awarded £500**

For the installation of an outdoor notice board

APRIL**Crewe West Community Group****Awarded £2,000**

For day trips for local youths and the provision of appropriate care

Lions Youth Brass, Sandbach**Awarded £1,320**

For the provision of 1st aid training, shirts for the Youth Band and waistcoats for the Junior and Beginner Bands

JUNE**Chester Go-Ride Cycling Club,****Awarded £850**

To purchase weatherproof clothing for cycle training throughout the year

Beechmere Residents Group, Crewe**Awarded £500**

To organise outings and activities

FC Dragons, Crewe**Awarded £500**

For a new team kit and training equipment

Friends of Wallerscote, Weaverham**Awarded £250**

For the initial set-up of a Fairtrade Tuck shop

AUGUST**Crewe Flyers Swimming Club, Sandbach****Awarded £390**

To enable young club members to attend coaching courses

Holly Holy Day Society, Nantwich**Awarded £2000**

Towards the cost of the annual Holly Holy Day

37th Warrington Rainbows,**Awarded £300**

For craft materials

1st Winnington Guides,**Awarded £722**

For new gym mats and tables

Warrington Association for Special Children**Awarded £1,400**

To help with the venue hire and equipment for their play scheme

The WAG, Crewe**Awarded £1,100**

To set up communal bee hives and the provision of bee keeping equipment



The Madeley First Response Team proudly showcase their new equipment.

Golborne Cricket Club**Awarded £1,100**

For new coaching equipment, shirts and first aid kits

Madeley First Response Team**Awarded £1,830**

To purchase a new ECG Defibrillator

Middlewich Clean Team**Awarded £1,200**

To pay for the youth theatre experience

Ministry of Food, Northwich**Awarded £500**

To run cookery and healthy living classes

FC Duke, Crewe**Awarded £350**

To purchase new training equipment

Birchwood Youth Association, Warrington**Awarded £316.70**

To help with the cost of a two year phone and broadband connection

Warrington Glee Club**Awarded £400**

For a new piano for rehearsals and performances

Sandbach United Football Club**Awarded £874**

For training tops and waterproof jackets for use during the winter season

OCTOBER**Brainwave, Warrington****Awarded £560.95**

To enable session workshops for parents and carers with disabled children

Camsley Grange Riding for the Disabled Association Group, Warrington**Awarded £1,956**

To provide the upkeep for one horse for one year

Young Good Citizen, Crewe**Awarded £2,000**

Towards their prize fund

Elizabeth Mclean (Cheshire Area Committee) centre right, checking out the weather proof clothing with Chester Go-Ride Cycling Club.

DECEMBER**Knutsford Gymnastics****Awarded £451**

To purchase a trampette and an agility belt

Mad Cows, Crewe**Awarded £500**

To establish a small library of information literature and some practice baby-slings

Laburnia Morris Dancing Troupe, Golborne**Awarded £500**

For new dresses, transport and equipment



“The equipment we use is very expensive. This grant from The Co-operative has allowed us to buy a new automated external defibrillator that will be used on heart attack patients and others in cardiac arrest to re-establish an effective and regular heart beat.”

Louise Holland, Madeley First Response Team



David Appleton (left) and Kevin Bennett (middle) of the Cheshire Area Committee are boxing clever with the Warrington Youth Club.



Greater Manchester North

*Jim Sherrington (Greater Manchester North Area Committee)
left, meets the Good Companions Bolton.*

FEBRUARY

Harmony Youth Project, Bolton
Awarded £1,863

To help with the electricity costs of the centre and to purchase new equipment

Milnrow Cricket Club, Rochdale
Awarded £1,992

To improve and widen the junior cricket coaching programme

APRIL

Friends of Shamwari, Rochdale
Awarded £1,890

Towards food and arts material to provide a welcoming atmosphere to refugees and asylum seekers

JUNE

Valley Dynamos, Bacup
Awarded £480

For training equipment and new team kits

Red Lane United Reformed Church, Bolton
Awarded £1,000

To equip the community facilities with chairs and other furniture

Bolton Girls T.O.O.L.S.
Awarded £480

To provide support, advice and enhancement strategies for at risk young women

AUGUST

Bury Diabetic Support Group
Awarded £1,556

To roll out an awareness programme for hard to reach communities

R & F, Bacup
Awarded £386.87

To provide new and improved agility training equipment

Birtle & Rochdale Riding for Special Needs
Awarded £1,800

To improve the facilities to ensure a continued high quality service

“This programme is all about raising the self-esteem and confidence of our young women and it is fantastic that The Co-operative is supporting us. When the course is completed, the girls will be equipped to make choices that will have a positive affect on their future.”

Diane Shuttleworth, Bolton Girls T.O.O.L.S.

Self Help for African Women Network (SAWN), Oldham/ Rochdale
Awarded £1,820

To support a workshop project that will bring together women from various backgrounds to promote cultural differences

North Manchester & Bury Myeloma Support Group, Bury
Awarded £1,100

To provide ongoing educational and emotional support

Good Companions Bolton Bolton
Awarded £2,000

For a disabled toilet at the centre

“This grant from The Co-operative means that all our members will now be able to benefit from the classes that are run at our meeting place. Until now, wheelchair users in particular have struggled to join in with outdoor activities, but that is no longer a problem.”

Peter McTaggart, Bolton Good Companions

**Roughtown Road Mums & Tots,
Mossley**

Awarded £370.27

For new books and toys

OCTOBER

Bolton Lads & Girls Club

Awarded £1,750

To help with a youth enterprise project

Unsworth Cricket Club

Awarded £2,000

For additional coaching courses and training equipment

Bolton Majorettes

Awarded £498

For new uniforms

New Springs Community

Project Group, Bury

Awarded £1,150

For the set-up of half-term activities and summer play schemes for local children

Allen Brett (Greater Manchester North Area Committee) whilst visiting the 2nd Rossendale Scout Group.

**2nd Rossendale Scout Group,
Bacup**

Awarded £2,000

To help with the floor renovation of the Scout HQ

DECEMBER

Loft 115 Youth Club, Oldham

Awarded £400

Towards two new television sets and the Public Liability Insurance

Stalybridge Street Pastors

Awarded £500

Towards the training of new volunteers



Ian Andrews (Greater Manchester North Area Committee) centre, visiting the dog training facilities at R&F.



The Bolton Girls T.O.O.L.S. are showing off their hairdressing skills to Joyce Kellett (Greater Manchester North Area Committee) third from left.



Lancashire

The Skem Men-Aces Football Club celebrate their grant with Nick Fletcher (Lancashire Area Committee) front left.

FEBRUARY

2nd Rishton Methodist Brownies

Awarded £936

For the accommodation of the brownies during a four day visit to London

Highfield Grange FC, Wigan

Awarded £1,460

To support the 'Festival of Friendship' youth football tournament

Preston Pride Basketball Club

Awarded £1,650

For the cost of coaching sessions to enhance the community outreach

Blackpool Carers Centre

Awarded £2,000

As support to develop a weekly youth club for young carers

Rossendale Valley JFC, Haslingden

Awarded £475

For office equipment and stationary to assist with administration

Incredible Edible Rossendale, Haslingden

Awarded £500

Towards land and resources for the initial set up of the group

APRIL

Colne & Nelson Rugby Union Football Club, Pendle

Awarded £1,500

To expand the outreach and provision of rugby coaching

Nacro - Burnley Youth Inclusion Programme

Awarded £2,000

For the cost of a supervised residential for at risk youths

Skelmersdale Horticultural Society

Awarded £981

For security equipment and solar panels

Club Active, Haslingden

Awarded £500

To help and encourage young people from diverse backgrounds to lead an active and healthy lifestyle

JUNE

St Andrews Preschool, Blackburn

Awarded £430

To purchase new play equipment

"Our club provides adults with learning disabilities the opportunity to spend time with people in similar situations, to get fit and have some fun. This grant has allowed us to hire a mini bus to take our players all over the North West, just as any other Sunday league club would do."

Carl Eaton, Skem Men-Aces Football Club

SEPTEMBER

Twinkle House, Skelmersdale

Awarded £2,000

To purchase a fibre optic carpet for the sensory studio

AFC Ingol, Preston

Awarded £450

To purchase a new set of kits for the junior section

Newrad Conservation & Wildlife, Blackburn

Awarded £918

For security and safety equipment

Burnley Youth Theatre

Awarded £1,800

To enable an exchange with a similar group in Derry

“Young people today live in a world of diversity and difference. Thanks to The Co-operative’s Community Fund, we can participate in a fantastic project that will not only provide young people with the skills to understand different cultures but will also encourage and support them to celebrate that difference.”

Nikki Mailer, Burnley Youth Theatre

Skem Men-aces Football Club, Skelmersdale

Awarded £1,930

To enable the club to participate in league football

Evelyn Baldwin Byron Road Youth Club, Colne

Awarded £474

To help equip the facilities at the club

Home Start Chorley & South Ribble

Awarded £500

Towards the set-up of a series of Christmas parties

The Hub Youth Group, Ormskirk

Awarded £500

For the provision of a breakfast club

OCTOBER

Bispham Junior Football Federation Under 12’s

Awarded £500

To purchase a set of football kits

Burnley Shopmobility

Awarded £1,799

To purchase a new mobility scooter

Fishwick Rangers Youth Development Scheme, Preston

Awarded £1,000

To help with the ongoing facilitation of workshops and training projects

Haslingden & District Football League

Awarded £1,980

To provide improved training and match facilities

DECEMBER

The Foxton Centre, Preston

Awarded £1,990

Towards the food costs of the community café

The Women’s Centre, Burnley

Awarded £2,000

Contribution towards the rent for the premises

Standish Lip Reading Society, Standish/Wigan

Awarded £1,440

For tuition and room hire

Chorley Wanderers

Awarded £600.00

For the provision of sport spectacles

Brunshaw Action Group, Burnley

Awarded £1,000

Contribution towards the running costs and office equipment



With the help of a Community Fund grant the drama continues at the Burnley Youth Theatre.



Tim Ormrod (Lancashire Area Committee) front right centre, is planting the seed with Incredible Edible Rossendale.

The boys from Atherton LR FC Under 9's were proud to be awarded a Community Fund award for inflatable goal posts.



Manchester



Rita Machin (Manchester Area Committee) centre, goes Strictly Wheelchair Dancing.

FEBRUARY

MaD Theatre Company, Manchester

Awarded £2,000

For the costumes of their latest production

APRIL

Atherton LR FC Under 9's

Awarded £360

To purchase a set of inflatable training goals

Gorton Visual Arts

Awarded £1,580

For the design and completion of a public mosaic

JUNE

Africa Community Organisation, Miles Platting **Awarded £500**

For football kits and training equipment

Failsworth Firebirds Netball Team

Awarded £241.59

For new training equipment

Manchester Refugee Support Network

Awarded £2,000

For new chairs and tables

Aim2train Football Coaching, Manchester

Awarded £500

For coaching equipment and training facilities

SEPTEMBER

Tyldesley Community Education Centre, Greater Manchester

Awarded £1,660

To enable the provision of Life Skills classes

Lets Get Cooking, Sale

Awarded £500

To enable cookery classes for students and their families

Saheli Ltd, Manchester

Awarded £1,850

To improve and extend the available services

Strictly Wheelchair Dancing, Wythenshawe

Awarded £500

To enable the group to attend UK Dance Sport Championships

Manchester Deaf Triangle Club

Awarded £1,997

For technical equipment to build and extend the website and make it service user friendly

Broadhurst School and Community Allotment, Moston

Awarded £2,000

To build some raised beds in the community allotments

OCTOBER

Manchester Sharks Water Polo Club

Awarded £1,996

To enable people from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community to take part in competitive sport at a high standard

Manchester City Galleries Trust

Awarded £1,500

To enable free student visits to the galleries

Irlam Rangers AFC

Awarded £500

Towards a new team kit

DECEMBER

Youth Start, Manchester

Awarded £1,930

Towards the costs of a three day outing for 125 children

Pedal MCR, Manchester

Awarded £1,984.35

For agency fees, training and wages



Merseyside

*Stick 'n' Step demonstrate their new equipment to Sheila Cooper
(Merseyside Area Committee) centre right.*

FEBRUARY

Stick 'n' Step, Wallasey

Awarded £743

To equip a new parents room with comfortable furniture

P.M.T. (People Making Theatre), Halton

Awarded £1,044

Towards the rent of the rehearsal venue for the latest production

Victim Support, Wirral

Awarded £1,493.17

For the provision of free security equipment

Lister Drive Allotments Society, Liverpool

Awarded £1,500

To pay for the pre-installation costs of a new wind turbine

Catholic Blind Institute, Liverpool

Awarded £385

To purchase a Braille translator

APRIL

Ashurst Tenants & Residents Association, St Helens

Awarded £430

For the children's entertainment at a family fun day

Hoylake Holy Trinity Pre-School

Awarded £350

To purchase an Alphabet Snake

Kidz Club, Liverpool

Awarded £430

To purchase a mobile PA and amplifier

Parkdale/Sidac JFC, St Helens

Awarded £400

For a full girl's team kit

SEPTEMBER

Pinehurst Limited, Liverpool

Awarded £500

Towards volunteer development to provide a better service

“Over the years, the club has gained a reputation for producing great players and giving boys the chance to participate in this fantastic sport, regardless of their ability. The grant from The Co-operative has helped us to now roll out this opportunity to girls living in the local area and we are all looking forward to a great season.”

Chris White, Parkdale Sidac JFC

Parkdale Sidac JFC show their new kit to Paul Winstanley (Merseyside Area Committee).



ChAPS, Frodsham

Awarded £1,300

For the set-up and continuous running of a website

Dingle Community Theatre, Liverpool

Awarded £540

To help with the funding of the new production

Liverpool Liverbirds Morris Dancers

Awarded £490

For new dance costumes

Venus, Bootle

Awarded £1,893.88

For the provision of counselling and training

Creative Space Team, Liverpool

Awarded £1,868

For new instruments to provide free music tuition

Caterpillar Club, St Helens

Awarded £943

To enable the group to gather new experiences

“Having fun is the key to effective learning and our new alphabet snake has been a huge hit with the children. It provides them with a novel, fresh approach to learning and has worked especially well for those children who struggle to concentrate in the classroom environment.”

Cheryl Gallagher, Hoylake Holy Trinity Pre-School

OCTOBER

Compass, Merseyside

Awarded £2,000

For the provision of counselling services

Activate Arts, Birkenhead

Awarded £1,175

Towards the production of a music video

DECEMBER

Grange Drop in Centre, Birkenhead

Awarded £500

For food and drinks at the drop in centre

Sefton Opera, Bootle

Awarded £1,740

For volunteers equipment to deliver the services to a high standard

Youth Federation, Ellesmere Port

Awarded £1,730

To support the training of 20 new volunteers

Prescot Cables U11 Football Team, Huyton

Awarded £500

To purchase new track suits for the under 11's team



Peter Wilson (Merseyside Area Committee) centre left, whilst meeting up with Compass.



Sheila Cooper (Merseyside Area Committee) meets the children and their new alphabet snake at the Holy Trinity Pre School.

The Community Fund award definitely hit the sweet spot for the Westgate Cricket Club, Lancaster.



North Lancashire & South Cumbria



Alan Sandham (far left) and Richard McConnachie (far right) of the North Lancashire & South Cumbria Area Committee meeting up with Grange Pre School.

FEBRUARY

The Storth Village Hall, Storth

Awarded £2,000

Towards the renovation of the village hall

**Bay Search & Rescue,
Flookburgh**

Awarded £1,200

To purchase a set of new dry suits

Millom Recreation Centre Ltd

Awarded £1,000

Towards new play equipment

APRIL

**Lonsdale District Carers,
Morecambe**

Awarded £830

For materials to run an arts workshop for public art

**Westgate Cricket Club,
Lancaster**

Awarded £570

For indoor training equipment

JUNE

**Federation of Cumbrian
Amenity Societies, Kendal**

Awarded £500

Towards the production of a county directory

**CEEP/Stanley's Youth and
Community Centre, Morecambe**

Awarded £949

For a new computer to provide IT training and internet access

**Grange Pre School, Grange
over Sands**

Awarded £484

For moveable room dividers and storage boxes

**South Cumbria Rape & Abuse
Service**

Awarded £500

To equip a new counselling room and purchase new toys and art material

SEPTEMBER

**The Olive Branch (Faith in
Action) Lancaster**

Awarded £200

To purchase basic food items for families in need

Moore Arts: Millom

Awarded £2,000

To help with provision of services in the Arts Centre

**Cheeky Monkeys Childcare,
Barrow-in-Furness**

Awarded £330

To purchase new suitable chairs for the group

DECEMBER

**Killington and District
Sustainable Energy Trust,
Sedburgh**

Awarded £1,000

To help with the costs of a feasibility study for a community energy project

Lanternhouse, Ulverston

Awarded £1,350

For the set-up, planning and running of a gardening outreach programme for adults with learning difficulties

Dalton Community Association

Awarded £2,000

To help with the costs for the repairs of the front elevation of the community hall

**Happenstance Arts Collective,
Morecambe**

Awarded £1,589

For equipment to roll out 'The Entertainers' programme



North Midlands

The Weston Coyney Warriors are in good spirits after finding out about their new training equipment.

FEBRUARY

Rising Stars, Bentilee

Awarded £1,900

To purchase musical instruments

Savana, Stoke-on-Trent

Awarded £2,000

To help with ongoing public access to the services

Stoke North Live at Home Scheme

Awarded £1,000

To ensure the continued service to a high standard

APRIL

Home-Start Stoke-on-Trent

Awarded £1,000

For a new computer to provide IT training

Butt Lane Baptist Church

Awarded £470

For new toys for the parent and toddler group

The Lakelands Parent Teachers Association, Ellesmere

Awarded £1,650

To deliver an adventure holiday programme

Queens Park Partnership, Stoke-on-Trent

Awarded £1,700

To set up a fitness day and a Fairtrade event

Squeezing Shropshire, Wem

Awarded £200

To pay for a melodeon teacher

JUNE

Edna Thornton Preschool, Tean

Awarded £500

For garden tools and musical equipment

The Saints, Stafford

Awarded £2,000

For new furniture and kitchen equipment

SCALE, Stafford

Awarded £489

To purchase a new sound module for the music workshops

The Uttoxeter Gateway Club

Awarded £2,000

To ensure future activities of the club

Meole Brace Primary School Gardening Club, Shrewsbury

Awarded £250

For garden tools and storage

AUGUST

Penkridge & District Community First Responders

Awarded £500

To help with the vehicle maintenance

Leek Town Dragons

Awarded £317.33

For new balls and thermals

Mbollou Music, Alsager

Awarded £1,900

For the provision of percussion workshops

2nd Wellington Scout Group

Awarded £960

For craft resources and activity equipment

Newcastle-under-Lyme Fair Trade Group

Awarded £260

For new promotional banners

South Staffordshire First Responders

Awarded £1,594

For new much needed first aid equipment

**Weston Coyney Warriors,
Stoke-on-Trent**

Awarded £500

For training equipment and coaching courses

**North Staffordshire Prostate
Cancer Support Group,
Stoke-on-Trent**

Awarded £300

For the production of flyers to raise awareness of the issue

**Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge
Community Association, Telford**

Awarded £1,986

For new chairs, tables and crockery

OCTOBER

The Foundation , Stoke-on-Trent

Awarded £500

To purchase new ICT equipment

**Multiple Sclerosis Society
(Telford & District Branch)**

Awarded £300

As support for the room hire for a tea party

**Milford Athletic Football Club,
Stafford**

Awarded £500

Towards new team kits

**Blurton Project (Satellite Unit
of Newstead Day Service)**

Awarded £328.65

To help with the repair of the existing garden facilities

**Gayton Village Hall
Management Committee**

Awarded £1,964

For a new lawn mower, a secure shed and concrete foundation

**The Grocott Centre,
Stoke-on-Trent**

Awarded £2,000

To purchase new catering equipment

**Moorlands Home Link, Cheadle
(Staffs)**

Awarded £1,000

To re-upholster the chairs in the day centre

**Arch North Staffs,
Stoke-on-Trent**

Awarded £2,000

To help with the dissemination of training

Telford West Indian Association

Awarded £592

To help with the travel expenses of the volunteers

**North Salop Wheelers
Community Bus Project, Whixall**

Awarded £1,950

To help with the up-keep of the services

HOPE Project, Cannock

Awarded £500

To purchase some garden maintenance equipment

DECEMBER

**Endon Cricket Club,
Stoke-on-Trent**

Awarded £2,000

Towards the cost of new practice nets

**Staffordshire Knights Drums and
Bugle Corps, Leek**

Awarded £1,859

to purchase a new baritone for the brass section

**Mary Webb Gymnastics Club,
Telford**

Awarded £500

Towards the costs of a set of continental asymmetric bars

**Disability Arts in Shropshire
(DASH), Shrewsbury**

Awarded £2,000

To help with the set up of a visual arts workshop in Shrewsbury



Gwen Hassall (far left) Jean McMinn (centre) David Beardmore and Sharon Beardmore of the North Midlands Area Committee are welcomed by the Queens Park Partnership.

Ben Jason (North Midlands Area Committee) gets a quick health check from the South Staffordshire First Responders.



Stockport & Macclesfield

Home Start High Peak involve Ian Mason (Stockport & Macclesfield Area Committee) in one of their play sessions.

FEBRUARY

Tintwistle Athletic FC

Awarded £1,360

For the facilitation of a summer football school

APRIL

Cherry Tree Partners, Stockport

Awarded £1,995

For the set-up of a server and computer network for the provision of IT training and internet access

Time Out Group, Alderley Edge

Awarded £1,000

Towards coaching and court hire

Glossop Cricket Group

Awarded £1,400

For coaching and playing equipment and appropriate storage facilities

JUNE

Village Exchange, Broadbottom

Awarded £470

For the provision of a music workshop

Friends of Chapel Lane Park, Hadfield

Awarded £500

To provide children's entertainment at a family sports day

Hadfield St Andrews Cricket Club

Awarded £500

For new training tops

Tame Valley Basketball Club, Reddish

Awarded £491

For team kits and coaching courses

Gamesley Community Café

Awarded £2,000

To help with the running costs of the café

AUGUST

New Mills & District First Aid Unit

Awarded £500

Towards a new, purpose built first aid unit

Young at Heart Edgeley, Stockport

Awarded £1,702.90

For new indoor bowls equipment and a home cinema

Home-Start High Peak, Glossop

Awarded £1,820

For refreshments, volunteer expenses and resources

"The group runs a number of drop-in sessions where mums and dads can get together in a relaxed and friendly environment to share their experiences of parenting. This generous grant from The Co-operative will enable these sessions to continue throughout the year."

Joanne Neill, Home Start High Peak



Lynne Cardwell (Stockport & Macclesfield Area Committee) right, cooks up a treat at the Gamesley Community Café.

“All the money we earn from selling food and drinks goes towards keeping the café open for the local community to use. However, every year there is a shortfall. Without donations like this one from The Co-operative we simply wouldn’t be able to keep the café going and local residents would lose a valuable service and meeting point.”

Nick Rogers, Gamesley Community Café



Martin Flanagan (Stockport & Macclesfield Area Committee) centre right, visits the Glossop Cricket Club.

Whaley Bridge Christmas Grotto Group, High Peak

Awarded £250

Towards toys and decoration

Heaton Mersey Village Conservation Group, Stockport

Awarded £400

For a mobile climbing wall

Green Lane Allotment Society, Stockport

Awarded £2,000

Towards the construction costs of a new building

OCTOBER

Churches Together in Whaley Bridge Luncheon Club

Awarded £1,563

To purchase a new industrial dishwasher

Samaritans of Buxton and High Peak

Awarded £975

To re-equip the training facilities

Marple Bridge and Mellor University of the Third Age

Awarded £474

To purchase a projector and electric screen

Poynton Parish Plan Monitoring Group

Awarded £2,000

To enable four operatic performances involving the schools in the village

Glossop Seniors Club

Awarded £500

To help with a trip to Chatsworth House

Glossopdale Fairtrade Steering Group, Glossop

Awarded £325

For window stickers and leaflets

DECEMBER

The St James the Less Preservation Trust, New Mills

Awarded £1,500

For the purchase of technical equipment for the users of the centre

“This generous grant from The Co-operative has allowed us to buy a fantastic new strip. All our players are now raring to go when they step out on the court.”

Marie Thornton, Tame Valley Basketball Club



Suzanne Tideswell (Stockport & Macclesfield Area Committee) back left, meets the kids from the Tame Valley Basketball Club.

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