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Central	Improving the Environment – Townsway Community Orchard	£500 (LCC)	£500 Core funds	Project lead - engaging partners, arranging planting & signage, organising launch event.	60 +	Very positive feedback from residents, uniformed groups & children	This project has seen a community orchard planted on SRBC land. A “friends of the orchard” group has been set up and they are busy planning working groups & events for 2015.
	Improving the Environment – Farington History Walk	£4000 (Farington Parish Council)	£1000 (SR partnership)	Help with funding, liaison with partners and publicity of launch event.	60+	Positive feedback from schools and residents	This project has developed a history walk around Farington with interpretation boards situated along the route depicting interesting historical facts.
	Improving the Environment – Church Road, Farington	£200	None	Help with liaison between partners.	50+	Positive feedback from residents	The corner has been planted and the bench reinstated & dedicated to all those from Farington who have fallen in times of conflict.
	Lostock Hall Carnival	£3984 (via carnival committee)	£400 Core funds	Support to committee; help to complete paper work and arrange road closure for procession.	@1000	Positive feedback from committee & visitors	The carnival is a key community event in Lostock Hall, but is suffering from a lack of volunteers on the committee. Support has been given through members and the local officer to bolster the committee and find new ways of promotion, such as social media and new advertisers.
	Successful sustainable transport bid. To install several cycle racks across Lostock Hall to encourage healthy lifestyle & use of local facilities	£5000 (LCC)	None	Funding bid written, sites located, installation to be managed.	Open space	Cycle racks have been installed and route cards for walking & cycling are being printed.	Businesses on board to promote cycling and walking into the village & improve local economy.
	Farington Fun Day	£850 (Farington Parish Council)	None	Project lead – working with the Parish Council and other partners to maximise this event	500 +	Excellent community day	Residents & partners were delighted with this event & sense of a community coming together. Plans are well underway for the 2015 event on 11 July, with an increased role for Farington Parish Councillors in order to make this event sustainable.
	Lostock Hall Market	£695 (income from stalls)	None	Stalls sought, bookings taken, promotion & advertising, management of market on day	500 +	Positive feedback from stalls & customers	Work continues to make Lostock Hall market self-sufficient and sustainable, supporting the local economy. The market is now confirmed as running every month in 2015.
	Community Noticeboards	None	£1500	Siting, ordering & installation	Open space	Raised awareness of events & community activities	Three new noticeboards have been installed on Browndge Road, Moss Lane and Watkin Lane.
	Tackling parking issues	None	£3500	Siting, ordering & installation	Open space	Reduced parking on Hope Terrace	A new planter is now in place between the bollards at the end of Hope Terrace – this has traditionally been a place where people have parked illegally. New railings for the edge of the pavement are on order.

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Eastern	Gregson Green Community Centre	@£75,000 levered in by the group.	£30,000 (S106) committed	Promotion of events, help and support with drawing up of constitution, printing & admin support	1000+	Positive feedback from committee & local people	The Gregson Green group continues to expand, and now forms an integral part of the local community. A wide range of successful events have been held throughout the year including a scarecrow competition, an annual fete & an open gardens day. These have been successful in terms of fundraising, community cohesion & promoting volunteering.
	Higher Walton regeneration: Planting of cast iron ladle Higher Walton Primary School art project	£4000 (Estimated value of ladle from Coupes Foundry)	£40,000 S106	Community Works led and designed this scheme, Cath Moran, a local artist has been engaged to carry out painting	Open space 100	The planting of the ladle & re-siting of benches took place during Spring/Summer 2014 School children involved and ownership of the site promoted during Spring 2014	This project supports the heritage of the village and has created a focal point and community space. Children at Higher Walton primary have worked with the mural artist to create bags (painting on cotton) which reflected their favourite aspects of the mural. The intention is to promote ownership of the site with young people to ensure they respect it as they grow up.
	Walton le Dale Community Centre	@£15,000 levered in by the group.	£17,500 S106	Promotion of events, help and printing, admin support through the planning process	@1000	Positive feedback from committee & local people	The centre is now open for business & has become a focal point in the community for events & gatherings. The WLDRS continue to form an integral part of the local community and ensure that village events are extremely well supported.
	Re-routing of path and associated works at Cockshott Wood.	None	£46,000 S106	The forum has facilitated liaison between residents & designers & contractors to ensure the scheme supported residents needs	@40	Positive feedback from walkers & neighbouring residents	Following a number of long standing issues relating to anti-social behaviour this project has regenerated an area to the extent that it is now widely used as a leisure amenity by walkers & dog walkers.
	Activities for Children & Young People – Support of 'Circus Starr' group visiting the Coppice School	None	£250 Core funds	Worked directly with 'Circus Starr', a touring circus featuring acrobats, dancers & entertainers to support disabled, underprivileged & vulnerable children	@150	Positive feedback received from schools who took part	This sponsorship package provided accessibility to an interactive live performance to a group of children & young People who are frequently excluded from arts & cultural opportunities.
	Activities for Children & Young People – Support of St Aidan's Brownies & Guides activities package at Winter Camp	None	£381 Core funds	Liaised with the Leaders to facilitate the funding of this project	@80	Positive feedback received from Leaders, guides & brownies who took part	This contribution matched @£5000 raised by the guides to fund the cost of food, transport & accommodation for the camp. Many of the girls come from low income families with more than one child attending Brownies / Guides so the financial burden on some parents is quite high. Sponsorship enabled activities including zip wire, archery & low ropes. These activities challenged the girls involved as individuals & also helped to improve & develop their team working skills.

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Leyland	Leyland Festival 2014	Sponsorship & significant in kind support from Waitrose, BT, Leyland Trucks & Rotary	None	Support given to the organising committee (with a forum member on the organising committee)	@15000	From visitors, committee members, participants' (stall holders, businesses)	This is the largest event run in South Ribble. Contribution made to local community groups and charities of £9,833 plus donation to the vehicle museum. Businesses, community groups & volunteers widely involved.
	Leyland Railway Station (Council & Cabinet priority)	£3.5million funding under the Government's Access For All scheme	None	This project is featured in the Leyland Neighbourhood Plan in order to support the Council's lobbying position.	Station users	Positive feedback from users, visitors and local residents	The first part of the improvements has now been completed with the next stage now underway. A new ticket office is now complete, new shelters & a CCTV system. Funding has now been allocated to install a new footbridge & three lifts, improving the appearance of the station & enabling disabled access.
	Moss Side Playing Fields	£46,000 from Sport England (via Leyland Warriors) £15,500 in external funding towards Bridleway improvements (via Ulnes Walton Bridleway Association)	Core Funding £250 – Fun Day S106 £12,800 – Extension to multi-use track	Support given to Leyland Warriors as leaseholders, lead role in co-ordinating site users, partner organisations & relevant SRBC departments	500+	From all stakeholders / sports clubs	Lease drawn up & signed for Leyland Warriors on Moss Side playing fields. Work ongoing with angling club, footballers, rugby players & bridleway association to improve the site. Planning application for a car park extension granted in November working with HCA for land transfer so that works can be completed together. Successful Easter Event in April & Fun Day in July on site in 2014.
	Worden Park Improvements-courtyards	Funded from SRBC capital programme	None	Yes – SRBC facilitating	Open Space	From local residents, visitors and local businesses	Re-surfacing work has been completed in both cobbled courtyards. As a result of the improvements more activities/events can take place on the park & more visitors can access and enjoy the space.
	The Big Lunch	In kind support from businesses & partners	£260 Core funds	Project lead and supporting all parties involved	1000+	Positive feedback from attendees, partners & local press	This was a very well attended event, with a strong sense of community cohesion; people from a range of areas and backgrounds joined together. In order to make this event sustainable, more volunteering will be encouraged in 2015
	Older People's Christmas Party / Children's Party	In kind support from businesses, churches, performers & volunteers	Core Funding up to £2,000	Yes – leading and supporting all involved	250 +	Positive feedback from attendees & coverage in Lancashire Evening Post	Both events were held in a community venue & well attended. Volunteers supported members to deliver the events, with sponsorship and staff support from Asda.
	Christmas in Leyland (CIL)	In kind support from partners, performers & volunteers	£500 – Santa Grotto Lights – £3000	Yes – leading and supporting all involved	500+	Positive feedback from attendees, partners & local press	Leyland Christmas Festival was bigger than ever in 2014; hundreds of people joined in. The variety & hard work of groups & businesses involved made this event a success.

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Penwortham	Penwortham Open Gardens – June 2014	Sponsorship from local businesses. £4600 raised on the day.	£500 Core funds	Yes – support to organising committee	@ 700	Positive feedback from visitors & committee members	More than 700 people visited gardens around Penwortham. Businesses & volunteers involved, positive publicity in the press & local radio.
	Penwortham Live! music and arts festival– March 2014	In kind support with artwork & loan of equipment	£4000 Core funds	Whole event organised & delivered with Creatives Network	@3000	Positive feedback from visitors , venues & performers	Penwortham Live 2014 was expanded from the previous year, with venues in lower Penwortham included & more community groups involved. Via Facebook & LEP coverage, it attracted people from across Lancashire & beyond. Smooth FM reported on the success of the event.
	Ribble Gateway – improvements to landing platform by Priory Park	£10,000 from United Utilities	£10,000 S106	Yes – working with Groundwork & United Utilities	Open space	Positive feedback received from residents, Church & schools	Landing platform works completed with drop bollards installed. Wooden sculptures and information boards installed in April, with a launch event including local schools in April 2014.
	Historical sites - Greenbank Road	In kind support from Electricity North West	£18,000 S106	Project lead	Open space	Positive feedback received from residents	The improvement scheme at Greenbank Road conservation area is nearing completion. To date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity substation re-furbished • Stone gateposts steam cleaned • Street name plates replaced • Heritage lighting installed • Car park deep cleaned & re-lined
	Pride in Penwortham	None	£1490 Core funds	Project lead	Open space	Positive feedback received from residents	Improvements in 2014 include: orchard planted in Greencroft Valley Park, planting by Marshway Pond, wildflower meadows in & around Penwortham. In addition, disused tree pits on Hawkesbury Drive have been removed & re-surfaced.
	Penwortham Autumn Show	Sponsorship received from Booths & other local businesses	£500 Core funds	Support to organising committee & lead role in event management	@700	Feedback survey carried out – 100% satisfaction, e.g. “I haven’t been to Penwortham before – what a lovely village with friendly people!”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrating creativity • Showcasing local talent • Strong community cohesion – all ages involved • Good media coverage – LEP & BBC Radio Lancs • Well supported by churches, scouts & volunteers • Helping to raise Penwortham’s profile
	Hurst Grange Park	On-going fundraising for the Coach House restoration appeal	£340 Core funds £4700 S106 £1180 SR Partnership	Yes – support with promoting events and maximising potential	@500	Positive feedback from Friends of Hurst Grange Park and park users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group swing installed in summer 2014 • The Friends group was supported to take part in Penwortham Live 2014. Over £750 was raised. • Disabled toilet installed in the Coach House, making the building more accessible & increasing eligibility for external funding. • Bannerstands purchased for the Friends group to promote their work & events. • Coach House Restoration Appeal was nominated as a recipient charity for Penwortham Open Gardens 2014 & received £1180.

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Western Parishes	Longton Live	In kind support with artwork & loan of equipment	£1000 Core funds £2000 SR Partnership	Yes – SRBC co-ordinating with Creatives Network	3000 + (performers, volunteers, businesses, audience)	From businesses, volunteers, VCFS	Anecdotal accounts of people reporting that they felt part of the community, felt safe out at night, businesses supporting one another, and general community cohesion
	Contribution of benches to St Andrew's Church garden, Longton	£20,000 raised by church to build the garden area	£900 S106	Financial support provided – all design and installation work was led by the Church	Open space	Residents, church members, businesses	The garden areas in the churchyard provide the only green open space within Longton centre. It complements the recent improvement works undertaken by SRBC by providing a facility that was identified as a priority by local people.
	Longton Market	Income from stalls contributed to overall running costs	£60 per market, but this is recouped from stall fees	Yes – Stalls sought, bookings taken, promotion & advertising, management of market on day	500+	From traders and customers	Generating a feeling of community in village; other businesses are engaged and supportive. Now moved from a pilot to a secured arrangement on the first Friday of every month. New traders secured for 2015 to increase variety of produce available
	Longton Improvements	£2500 from Booths In-kind support from Booths and Longton Parish Council	@£128,000 Capital funds	SRBC led capital project	All businesses, residents, visitors	Businesses, public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an improved, more attractive village centre, with seating & pedestrian friendly surfaces • Increased parking capacity (on Booths car park) • New planting and live Christmas tree • Cycle racks installed at key points • Businesses engaged in the design & layout • Longton Parish Council providing maintenance • Encouraged businesses to carry out their own improvements
	Christmas in Western Parishes 2014	In-kind support from churches	£1000 Core funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of a Christmas events guide • Supply of tree lights • Promotion & support with switch- ons 	500+	From parish councils, businesses, partners	Very positive feedback received from residents, churches and community groups. Local schools, churches, village groups and businesses this year took the lead in organising events in each village
	Newsletter	None	£469 Core funds	Publication of a forum newsletter, updating residents on local projects	6100 copies distributed	From parish councils, businesses, partners & residents	Positive feedback received; increased interest in projects from individual residents. Raised profile of the forum, projects and members.
	Hutton bus shelter	£500 (Hutton Parish Council)	£500 Core funds	Support to Parish Council	Bus users	Thanks from Parish Council	Hutton's bus shelter had previously seen the village marked down in the 'best kept village' competition. Funding was provided to refurbish a bus shelter on a one-off basis, as part of efforts to improve the appearance of the village