

Grace Mary to Lion Farm (GM2LF) Big Local Plan 2014 - 2016 Summary



Our Shared Vision
 Our formula for change is local people working together for a better life - sustaining a community that is resilient, confident and enjoyable.

We have spoken to over 4000 local residents, volunteers and organisations and held a variety of events, workshops and events to develop our Big Local Plan.

Residents highlighted many positive aspects of living in this community. Rather than looking at the negative aspects of our area as a starting point, we have concentrated on the positive points of Grace Mary to Lion Farm, from here we can focus on how we can use the £1m Big Local investment and our local assets to make our area an even better place to live and make a lasting difference.

From our consultation and research **five key themes** with priorities for the area emerged. Our themes will focus on positive outcomes for people of all ages. We will seek to support and develop activities for each theme, with a focus on family interest throughout. From 2014 to 2016 our plan includes:

Community

- Clubs to get people together
- Community forums to discuss local issues
- Community gatherings and events
- Develop GM2LF Big Local's communications
- Develop churches as community hubs
- Promote and support activity already happening
- People from different neighbourhoods know each other better
- There is clear communication policy and practice
- People in the Big Local area have more confidence to voice concerns and know how to take action
- People of different ages know each other better

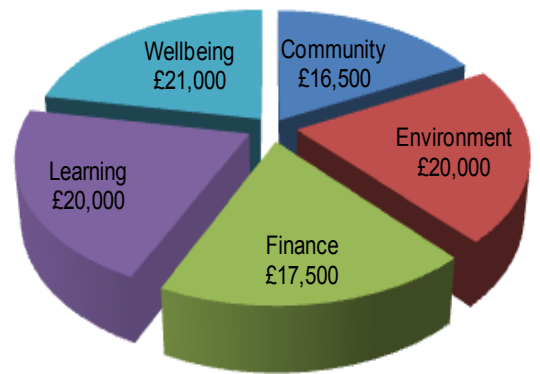
Environment

- Community clean up days
- Develop a plan for the whole area
- Develop signage to raise pride in the area
- Map services for all ages across the area
- Plant more flowers in the area
- Smart water marking on equipment and properties
- Develop a garden competition (Big Local Bloom)
- People are taking more pride in the area
- There are more safe spaces (park, play, allotments, etc)
- There is less litter and dog fouling and more flowers
- There are more wildlife and sensory areas with easy access



Local Trust | Big Local
 Over the next 10 years £1m has been allocated to residents living in the area of Grace Mary and Lion Farm (GM2LF). The lottery money is being given out by Local Trust, a charity which delivers Big Local.
 Big Local is about bringing together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.
 There is more information at www.localtrust.org.uk/big-local

Our Big Local budget for themes (project activities - not a grants pot) for 2014 – 2016



Finance

- Debt and Benefits advice surgeries
- Develop local enterprises
- Help people open bank accounts
- Money management programmes
- UnLtd Star People award development

- There are affordable alternatives to doorstep and pay day lenders
- There is a greater understanding of money management
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Learning

- Computer classes
- Develop the chance for people to volunteer
- Music tuition
- Run Job Fairs
- Breakfast Clubs for young people en route to school

- There is increased access to learning for all
- There is more one-to-one support for children and young people
- There is an increase in 'informal' learning that supports literacy and numeracy

Wellbeing

- Develop the chance to dance
- Drug awareness for parents
- Health advice for all ages
- Health walks and keep fit classes
- Healthy breakfast clubs for school children
- Run classes to help people eat well, but cheaply

- All ages are eating more healthily
- All ages are smoking less
- All ages are taking more exercise

In order to help achieve the priorities and outcomes for each theme, residents agreed that the £1m be split into three main areas:

Programme Support

This is about making sure we do things properly, ensure maximum benefit is being achieved and support local residents in their continued engagement. This covers capacity development, partnership costs and communications.

Project Spending

Supporting and developing activities which will make the area better and people happier.

Social Investment

This is a mechanism through which we can both achieve the social impact we desire, but also have a financial return on our funding. It will support in tackling personal debt amongst our residents, and also be a means of sustaining our programme.



Our Partnership

The GM2LF Partnership is responsible for driving Big Local forward, making sure it remains resident led and enables local people to improve the area and achieve the long term vision.

Partnership members are local residents, and people who work or volunteer in the area. Representatives from key organisations in the area include Lion Farm Action Centre, St James Church, Holy Cross Church and Oakham Church.

To see the full plan please visit www.biglocalmillionshare.org alternatively to receive a copy by email please contact Kate Cross, Lion farm Action Centre at lionfarmactioncentre@yahoo.co.uk

Our Big Local budget 2014 - 2016

