



South Tyneside Council

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West Shields, Cleadon Village and East Boldon Community Area Forum Funding Report

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Report to West Shields, Cleadon Village and East Boldon Community Area Forum

Cabinet Portfolio/Lead Member: Cllr Susan Sybenga

Report of Stuart Reid – Director of Business and Resource

Subject: 2026/2027 Community Area Forum Funding

Date: 16 July 2026

Wards affected: Biddick & All Saints, Cleadon Village & East Boldon, Whiteleas

Council ambitions: Community Area Forum funding supports all five council ambitions with particular focus on “part of stronger communities” and “targeting support to make things fairer”

Does the report and any appendices contain information which has been identified as confidential or exempt?

- No, this report does not contain information identified as confidential or exempt.

Purpose of Report

1.1 This report contains details of the funding approved by Cabinet on 19 March 2025, for the 2025/26 financial year for this CAF from three funding schemes:

- Housing Capital Scheme
- Environmental Capital Scheme
- Local Neighbourhoods Scheme

1.1.1 This report also contains details of the current funding position for each ward.

1.1.2 This report contains split options for the Housing Capital scheme (HCS)

1.1.3 This report contains details of applications to be considered

Background Information

2.1 The approved CAF budget for 26/27 is £1,050 M

2.2 Funding split for this CAF is shown below:

Funding Scheme	Allocation to CAF's (£)
Environmental Capital Funding	83,333
Housing Capital Funding	77,717
Local Neighbourhoods Scheme	25,000
Total CAF Allocation	186,050

2.3 In accordance with the Council constitution the Housing Capital Scheme must be used to support investment that benefits local authority dwellings. While £77,717 has been approved, members are asked to decide how this is split by number of Council houses or an equal split. Members voted split by Council house.

2.4 The Environmental Capital Scheme can be used for wider environmental improvements, such as verge hardening, highways resurfacing etc. **Each ward has been allocated £27,778**

2.5 The Local Neighbourhoods Scheme can be used for smaller environmental projects, which are not eligible for capital schemes. These projects are typically small-scale environmental improvements such as grass-cutting, weed treatment, managing shrubs, bulb-planting, or fence painting. This Scheme also has a provision for funding to eligible external organisations and community groups. **Each ward has been allocated £8,333**

2.6 The Leadership fund will continue to support small scale locally important projects which contribute to the Councils core ambitions, typically where the project supports residents across the whole borough. Where such a project is identified an appraisal will be made using the LNS operating procedure, with a recommendation to leadership by the Director of Business and Resources or the Director of Governance and Corporate Affairs. **The Leadership fund will be £5,000 the same as 2025/2026**

Current Funding Positions

3.1 The tables below show the current funding positions for each ward.

Biddick & All Saints	HCS (£)*	ECS (£)	LNS (£)
Allocation	43,062	27,778	8,333
Spent			
Balance			
Proposed Projects on report	43,062	12,353	1,000
Proposed Balance if all projects are approved as per the report	0	15,425	7,333

Cleadon & East Boldon	HCS (£)*	ECS (£)	LNS (£)
Allocation	985	27,778	8,333
Spent			
Balance			
Proposed Projects on report			2,000
Proposed Balance if all projects are approved as per the report			6,333

Whiteleas	HCS (£)*	ECS (£)	LNS (£)
Allocation	33,670	27,778	8,333
Spent			
Balance			
Proposed Projects on report			2,700
Proposed Balance if all projects are approved as per the report			5,633

Main issues and Options to be Considered

4.1 The report is for information, discussion, and decision by members of the Community Area Forum.

4.2 There are 7 projects to be considered, detailed below.

Ward, CAF and Proposing Elected Member	Biddick and All Saints West Shields & Cleadon and East Boldon Cllr Rachael Taylor		
Project – including address	Ruskin Crescent, South Shields – Access Crossings and Hardstands (1,3,4,5,6,7 (HS only),8,9,10,12,13,17 (HS only))		
Risk, mitigation & other relevant information	Material price increases No funding allocated for relocation of utilities Removal of natural drainage May lead to an increase in similar requests from neighbouring residents		
Benefit to the wider environment / community	I have had some serious concerns from many residents living on Ruskin Avenue about congestion, pavement parking and very poor visibility for children, less physically able and older residents. Installing driveways and dropped kerbs on council properties here would reduce the on-street parking, which would then reduce the road safety issues. This would enhance the access needed for emergency vehicles and reduce neighbour conflicts.		
Council Ambition	Stronger Communities		
			Y/N
Housing Capital Scheme	Eligible - £43,062		N
Environmental Capital Scheme	Eligible – 12,353		Y
Local Neighbourhoods Scheme			N
Total Cost from CAF funding (£)	55,415.00		Cost Valid July 2026
Other Contribution (£)	0		Provided JW



Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
All Saints Community Association				
Purchase of Bouncy Castle for Fun Days throughout Summer School Holidays	1,340.00	340.40	1,000.00	1,000.00
Council Ambition				
Part of strong communities.				
Targeting support to make things fairer.				
Breakdown of Cost				
			CAF	GROUP
Disco Bouncy Castle 15-foot x 11-foot x 9.5 foot high +Blower +delivery - Bouncy Castle Sales CO. Bouncy Castle £899.00 +VAT Blower £129.00 +VAT Delivery Cost £89.00 +VAT Total =£1,340			£1,000.00	£340.40
Type of Group:		Purpose		
Registered Charity		Our aim is to provide social, recreational and leisure activities for all age groups within the Biddick and All Saints Ward. To provide a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for all age groups and users of the centre. To provide diverse and appropriate activities that bring peers and community together to help combat social isolation, using social, recreational and leisure activities, as tools to encourage engagement with the community. To work in partnership with other organisations to help encourage interaction and help enhance the opportunities to local people and to enhance people's wellbeing, pride and voice in the community.		
Proposed Ward Contribution				
Biddick and All Saints = £1,000				

Background and Project Details

The equipment we need isn't available in South Tyneside.

We want to bring family's together by providing family fun days and this will start in school summer holidays 2026 but will be something we continue to offer throughout the year. The project through the purchase of the equipment will be used to encourage children and young people to engage in leisure and recreational activities and informal learning in a safe, friendly and warm environment, run by volunteers in the youth clubs.

The project is expected to include over 50+ children and young people, and it will also include parents and carers to engage in family fun days and looking at around 25/30 family's benefitting by the project.

We believe by having the equipment and project it will provide a safe and welcoming environment in a local facility. Helping to provide what local people have identified as needed for their children and young people, keeping them out of trouble, as they feel the children/young people have no structured intervention outside of school and no place to interact with their peers and adult peers like the volunteer youth workers who can be a positive role model. We believe it's also an opportunity to encourage and embrace local families being able to interact in activities together, in a local setting in the community and for families to come together and interact with each other.

The cost of the equipment is something we are hoping the CAF can cover in main £1,000, and we will pay extra of £340.40, and the centre/volunteers will provide their time to run the clubs and family fun days.

Conditions – Groups are required to:	Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council's funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events	x	√
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project	√	x
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500	√	x

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
Matt Allison 28 th South Shields 4 th East Boldon	£1,329.60	£329.60	£1000	£10000
Council Ambition				
Residents will have access to good quality jobs, skills and learning. Residents will enjoy good mental wellbeing and physical health throughout their lives. Part of strong communities				
Breakdown of Cost				
Vango Nova 300 3 Person tent (Go Outdoors) x 6			CAF £700	GROUP £140
Vango Nova 200 Backpacking tent (Go Outdoors) x 4			£300	£189.60
Type of Group:		Purpose		
Registered Charity		Our fundamental aim is to provide adventure and outdoor experiences for young people at affordable prices so that all families can take part regardless of financial circumstance. We focus on delivering weekly scouting activities, outdoor learning, and residential experiences that build confidence, resilience, teamwork, and independence. Alongside this, we also provide a vital community space used by a wide range of local groups and organisations. The Scout Hut is one of the last remaining community facilities in the area, and it plays an important role in supporting childcare, sports, community meetings, and local activities. Together, this ensures we support both young people’s development and the wider community by providing affordable opportunities, reducing isolation, and maintaining an accessible shared space for local use.		
Proposed Ward Contribution				
1 Ward = Cleadon and East Boldon				
Background and Project Details				

We are seeking funding to begin a phased replacement of our camping tents, many of which are over 12 years old and have been repeatedly repaired but are now reaching the end of their usable life. Reliable and safe tents are essential for delivering our outdoor programme, particularly as we run approximately 12 camps and residential experiences throughout 2026, many of which involve overnight camping.

This project will directly benefit over 100 young people in our scout group, along with our volunteer leadership team. It will also indirectly benefit families by ensuring that costs remain low and do not increase due to repeated equipment failure or emergency replacement purchases.

By replacing outdated tents with modern, durable equipment, we will improve safety, comfort, and reliability during camps. New tents will reduce the risk of weather damage, leaks, and equipment failure, helping ensure that all young people can fully participate in outdoor adventures regardless of weather conditions.

This phased replacement will also allow us to continue offering affordable residential experiences, as improved equipment reduces long-term repair and replacement costs. This supports our wider aim of keeping scouting accessible to all families while maintaining high-quality outdoor experiences that build confidence, resilience, and teamwork.

Conditions – Groups are required to:	Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council's funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events	x	
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project	x	
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500	x	

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
Harton & Westoe Wolves Junior Football Team Funding for new Home and Away Kits	945.75	45.75	900.00	1000.00
Council Ambition				
Residents will enjoy good mental wellbeing and physical health throughout their lives. Part of strong communities.				
Breakdown of Cost				
Away kit (14 outfield tops, shorts, socks, 1 Goalkeeper top, shorts & socks) – Grass Roots, South Shields - £499.50 14 training jackets - Total Grass Roots, South Shields - £357.00 7 training tops – Grass Roots, South Shields - £89.25			CAF £900.00	GROUP £45.75
Type of Group:	Purpose			

Sports Club	Aim 1 - Provide high-quality, inclusive grassroots football for local children Harton & Westoe Wolves aim to give every child - regardless of background, ability, or family circumstances - access to safe, structured football sessions that build confidence, physical fitness, teamwork, and resilience. The club creates a positive environment where children feel valued, supported, and part of a community. Aim 2 – Strengthen community connections and family engagement The team brings together families from across South Shields, encouraging volunteering, shared experiences, and community pride. Parents and carers are actively involved in training, matchdays, and events, helping to build stronger, more connected neighbourhoods. Aim 3 – Support children’s long-term wellbeing and personal development Through regular training, match participation, and positive role modelling, the club helps young people develop discipline, communication skills, emotional resilience, and healthy habits that support good mental and physical wellbeing throughout their lives. <u>Objectives of the Group</u> • Promote youth development — Deliver weekly structured coaching sessions that help children improve technical skills, confidence, teamwork, and decision-making in a supportive environment. • Increase participation in sport — Ensure football remains accessible and affordable for all families, removing financial barriers so every child can take part fully in training, matches, and club activities. • Build stronger communities — Use football as a tool to bring families together, encourage volunteering, and create a sense of belonging and pride within the local area. • Support health and wellbeing — Provide regular physical activity that improves fitness, reduces social isolation, and supports children’s mental wellbeing through positive friendships and routine.
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Proposed Ward Contribution		
1 Ward = Whiteleas		
Background and Project Details		
Harton & Westoe Wolves Under-12s are seeking funding to provide new home and away kits, training tops, and warm Matchday jackets for the 2026/27 season. This project will directly benefit 18 young players, with a wider positive impact on over 40 parents, carers, and siblings who support the team each week. The new kits will ensure that every child can represent their community with pride, equality, and confidence. Many families in our area face financial pressures, and the cost of full football kit can be a barrier to participation. By providing these essential items, the project ensures that all children- regardless of background - have the same opportunities, removing stigma and promoting fairness across the team. The Matchday jackets are particularly important for the wellbeing of the players. Our team trains and plays throughout the winter months, often in cold, wet, and windy conditions. Warm, weather-appropriate jackets will help keep the children safe, healthy, and comfortable, reducing the risk of illness and allowing them to stay active all year round. This supports the Council's ambition for residents to enjoy good physical and mental health throughout their lives. The project also strengthens community identity. Wearing matching kits and jackets helps the children feel part of something bigger, building confidence, teamwork, and a sense of belonging. It also enhances the club's visibility at local events, tournaments, and league fixtures, promoting pride in the Harton & Westoe area. Overall, this project will provide long-term benefit by ensuring that every child can participate fully, safely, and confidently in grassroots football, while supporting inclusion, wellbeing, and community spirit. The multiple funding schemes applied with no success. Parents, guardians, grandparents have contacted local companies or workplaces with no success either.		
Conditions – Groups are required to:	Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council's funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events	√	x
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project	X	X
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500	√	x

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
David Ray SMC Football Coaching	£1877	£877	£1000	£1000
Council Ambition				
Residents will have access to good quality jobs, skills and learning. Residents will be financially secure. Residents will enjoy good mental wellbeing and physical health through their lives. Targeting support to make things fairer. Part of strong communities.				
Breakdown of Cost				
3v3 Area (Inflatable 3v3 football pitch) (Net World Sports)			CAF £1000	GROUP £877
Type of Group:		Purpose		
Sports Club		S Mc Football coaching is brand new and founded in South Tyneside, our aim is to provide women and girls in our community with football coaching at the highest possible standard across all ages. We support the community by providing different formats of the game such as the newly implemented FA rule which states U7 – U8 football must be played on a 3v3 format and wherever possible we find sponsorship to enable us to buy the equipment we need, to provide opportunities for young girls, we do this through the generous support of people in the community and local businesses. Our team/project gives residents the opportunity to undertake paid roles, and offers support to access free training through the Football Association and Local Government, local plyers from the community are actively coaching with us. As a by-product of undertaking physical activity residents will enjoy good mental wellbeing and physical health, the football club has a strong sense of community and this is reflected in the much needed support we receive socially and financially.		
Proposed Ward Contribution				
1 Ward = Whiteleas				
Background and Project Details				

No date for the event, this is to purchase equipment.

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Seek funding through the Council's funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events	x	
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project	x	
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500	x	

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
Whitburn Panthers Football Club Cleadon and east Boldon	2,300	1,300	1,000	1,000
Council Ambition				
Stronger Communities				
Breakdown of Cost				
		CAF	GROUP	
inflatable package – Good time inflatables £1,200		X	X	
Magician /DJ – Steve Keys £450		X		
Coaching for football events £550			X	
Band – C Collective £100		X		
Type of Group:	Purpose			
Sports Club	- We are a progressive, volunteer led youth football club for children ages 4 to 17 across South Tyneside with a firm focus on the development of each individual player over results. - We have a strong emphasis on the importance of the social needs for each child, after all football needs to be fun first. We are child-centred focusing on fair play for all regardless of age, gender, religion, ethnic, social background or ability. - Our club is part of the wider 'friends of Oakleigh gardens' group which promotes the use of the shared community facilities in Cleadon and acts to maintain them for the benefit of local people of all ages. https://sites.google.com/view/whitburnpanthers/home - Our high traffic Facebook and Heja sites will be set to promote the event heavily and include frequent reference to the funding by including the Council logo and the words 'Supported by South Tyneside Council' on publicity and advertising			
Proposed Ward Contribution				
1 Ward = Cleadon and East Boldon				
Background and Project Details				

We are setting up a fun day event on Oakleigh Gardens, bringing together all users of the facilities and the local community. We aim to run this on 6th September 2026. Led by the football club, this fundraising community fun day event aims to unify the community, local cricket club, allotment association and Cleadon Scout group – all of which are part of the wider “friends of Oakleigh gardens” group. The goal is to bring kids and adults together for some fun and games in order to help all groups raise funds to support their activities through the year. For example, replacement of damaged/lost sports equipment and maintenance of the shared facilities.

The event will include entry fees and will feature low intensity inflatable equipment, inflatables for children to play on, and various stall from local groups such as name the Bear, tombola and a "Pick a Bottle" game. Additionally, we aim to hire a 3V3 air football pitch to host mini tournaments, enhancing community engagement and sports participation.

Based on the experience of our successful event last year, we expect over 300 people of various ages and backgrounds will attend and enjoy the day. We hope the funds raised will support 200+ users of the facilities (and their parents) due to their improvement on an ongoing basis.

Conditions – Groups are required to:	Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council’s funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events	x	
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project	x	
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500	x	

Applicant	Total Cost (£)	Group Contribution (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Maximum Grant Limit (£)
Bernadette Askins St Oswald's Church, Gainsborough Avenue, South Shields NE34 8JN	£1540	£740	£800	£1000
Council Ambition				
Part of strong communities				
Breakdown of Cost				
			CAF	GROUP
Basic food, sweets, cake			800	740
Type of Group:	Purpose			
Church	Our aim is to provide some joy and happiness to those most in need at Christmas by reaching out and letting people know that we are with them and that they are not alone, while also fostering a stronger sense of community and connection. We will do this by bringing together local faith communities, who will provide practical assistance such as food and gifts to families and individuals facing hardship. We want to emphasise the spiritual and relational aspects of Christmas such as love, hope and generosity, rather than the commercial aspects. Our objectives: • Collect and distribute food and gifts for children, families and individuals in need • Encourage acts of kindness like writing cards, making donations and offering a friendly word • Partnering with local organisations by collaborating with churches, mosque and other organisations to reach out to people in need • Raising awareness about the challenges faced by some families and individuals in our community at Christmas and encouraging others to get involved and support them.			
Proposed Ward Contribution				
1 Ward = Whiteleas				
Background and Project Details				

October 2026

In West Shields, Cleadon and East Boldon CAF, 70 households will benefit by receiving a bag of food. They will be referred by staff at Key 2 Life foodbank and St Oswald's School. Each food bag will be valued at approx. £22.

The grant will be used to purchase food from local shops in South Tyneside. Each bag will contain basic food value of £22 approx. including tins of ham, fruit, coffee, tea, cakes and treats. Depending on our finances, we will also distribute bags of toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shower gel. We will also support South Tyneside Hospital's Christmas appeal for cosy gifts of pyjamas, nighties and slippers for vulnerable patients.

Across South Tyneside, a total of 500+ households will benefit this year (a 25% increase from 2025). We work with Churches Together in South Tyneside and our other partners including Faiths Forum (includes Al Azhar Mosque) and The Dialogue Society. We support a wide range of organisations across South Tyneside: examples include foodbanks, Emmaus (homeless people), Impact Family Services (women's refuge). In November and December more than 90 volunteers will be involved in promoting the project, collecting and sorting food, packing and distributing the bags.

Conditions – Groups are required to:	Yes	No
Seek funding through the Council's funding portal, or other funding sources, before making an application to CAF seeking funding to purchase any equipment or for activity such as events	X	
Evidence a financial contribution towards the total cost of the project	X	
Agree to submit receipts for any spend exceeding £500	X	

Implications

Financial and Resources

5.1 CAF funding is allocated on an annual basis and consists of three separate elements:

- Housing Capital Scheme (HCS)
- Environmental Capital Scheme (ECS)
- Local Neighbourhoods Scheme (LNS)

5.2 The aim of CAF funding is that the expenditure brings about real changes and improvements for the residents of South Tyneside.

5.3 The CAF Management Team will work with key stakeholders and teams to obtain a formal estimate of the cost of works and a summary of risks or service implications arising as a result of the proposed work.

5.4 Should members wish to proceed with a proposed scheme, the details of the scheme is presented to the CAF meeting and must be agreed by the majority of all CAF members.

Legal and Governance

6.1 There are no legal or governance implications arising from this report.

Risk

7.1 Risks are identified during the process to obtain a formal estimate of the costs of works associated with an identified CAF scheme.

7.2 Any identified risks are presented to all members of the CAF as part of the scheme proposal paperwork for consideration.

Equality and Diversity and Community

8.1 There are no negative equality, diversity or community implications arising from this report.

Environmental and Sustainability

9.1 Any environmental and sustainability risks identified during the process will be discussed and presented to all members during CAF.

Council Ambitions, Policies, Strategies and Plans

10.1 this report aligns to the 5 Council Ambitions of:

- Financially secure
- Healthy and well
- Connected to jobs
- Part of strong communities
- Targeting support to make things fairer

Consultation and Engagement

11.1 Officers would welcome feedback on the report, how the report is formatted along with information contained within the report and would welcome any suggestions or recommendations in relation to this report.

Recommendations

12.1 It is recommended that Members

- decide to approve / not approve the projects listed
- note the information contained in this report

Reasons for Recommendations

13.1 To fulfil the role of the CAF as set out in the Council's Constitution and to utilise the available funding for the benefit of the local community.

List of Appendices

14.1 None

CAF Funding Report

The following is a list of the background papers (excluding exempt papers) relied upon in the preparation of the above report:

Background Paper	File Ref:	File Location
Community Area Forum Grant application forms and supporting documentation		Community Resource Admin, Business and Resources