Update on Area Working Budgets for Astley Bridge Ward – 3 May 2023

All ward budgets were consolidated in April 2022 following the redesign of the area working service. Each ward continued to receive a flat rate budget of £15,000 for financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22. All allocations since they were last published in December 2020 are listed below under a consolidated budget (approvals have been made under the Council's Scheme of Delegation).

Area Working Flat Rate Budget

Approvals since last update;

Scheme	Amount
Purchase of hi-vis jackets and bag hoops for litter picking groups	£300
Award to Astley Bridge Bowling Club, contribution to cost of new awning	£200
Replacement bench on land opposite Horrocks Fold	£580
Award to Young'uns for Oldhams group for Halloween event	£100
Contribution to cost of marshalling Remembrance Day Event 2021	£675
Astley Bridge, Flower Troughs Payment 2021	£1,075
Contribution towards activities "Young'Uns For Oldhams" youth group	£450
Astley Bridge, Friends of Astley Bridge – Jubilee Grant Payments celebration of Jubilee across the ward	£2,250
Astley Bridge, Play Services – Andrew Lane Park Event 2022	£240
Astley Bridge Jubilee Event – Children services	£480
Planting up and maintenance Flower Troughs-Astley Bridge 2022	£1,024
Bank Top Guides - contribution towards activities in 2023	£500
Memorial Bench for Cllr Paul Wild in Andrew Lane Park	£670

Purchase Wildflower Seeds from Heaton Fold to be planted by school children	£300
Holiday Play and half term sessions across the ward from April 2023	£2,000

Consolidated budget remaining £38,846 at 3 May 2023 (including £15,000 for 2022/23).

Please note the redesigned area working service approach has also led to a stronger emphasis in supporting greater social action within our communities. Ward budgets for financial year 2022/23 onwards require a minimum of £7,500 per ward to be allocated from the total flat rate budget of £15,000 to community group projects to generate and increase social action for the benefit of residents in the ward.