

Core Funding

End Report 2012/13



Core Funding 2012/13

In 2012/13 **19 organisations** were funded through the core funding process, with **21 grants and contracts** awarded.

A total of **£107,996** was awarded broken down into three categories:

Large Core Funding - **£88,869**

This is funding of £2,000 or more to enable voluntary, community and faith organisations to provide services within Chorley.

Project Funding - **£8,300**

This is funding with no set limit to enable voluntary, community and faith sector organisations to deliver specific, one off projects which will help us to deliver the priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

Small Community Funding - **£10,827**

This is funding of less than £2,000 and is a contribution towards supporting small voluntary, community and faith groups or organisations with running costs.

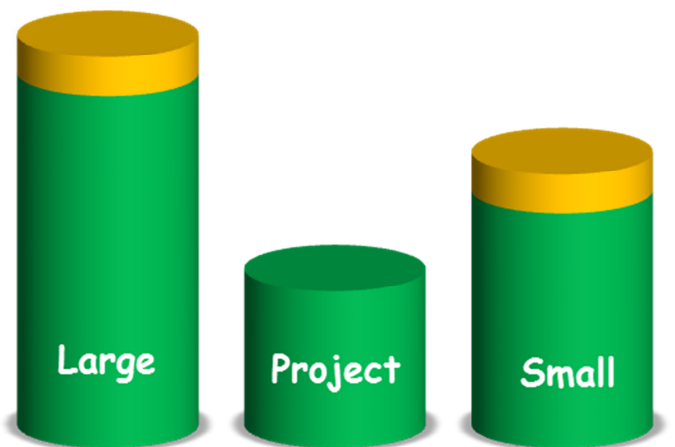
Performance 2012/13

This report highlights the performance of the core funding recipients in achieving their outputs. In summary:

Out of the ten **large core funding** contracts nine are rated green which means they completed on track. The one which was rated as amber was due to minor issues however the service still managed to achieve the aims as set out in the core funding contract and exceeded the majority of outputs and targets for 2012/13.

Core funding projects
all four were completed on time.

Six out of the seven **small community funding** grant recipients are rated green which means they completed on track. The one which was rated as amber was due to a reduced amount of funding being awarded.



Large Core Funding

In terms of outputs, all contracts were on track and some even exceeded targets such as Homestart, Chorley Lifestyle Centre and Chorley Street Pastors.

The Arts Partnership	£7,000	Green
Homestart Chorley and South Ribble	£20,000	Green
Chorley Lifestyle Centre	£10,000	Green
Chorley Street Pastors	£7,000	Green
Chorley Women's Centre	£4,641	Green
Circle Counselling	£10,728	Green
Chorley and South Ribble Crossroads Care	£4,050	Green
Central Lancs Dial a Ride	£4,000	Green
Saheliyaan Asian Women's Forum	£10,000	Green
Genesis Care	£11,450	Amber

More detail on each of the funding recipients is provided in the report.

Project Funding

In terms of outputs, overall performance is excellent with all projects complete.

The Arts Partnership PROJECT: Young Leaders	£1,500	Green
MACY PROJECT: Making Macy Matter	£5,000	Green
Adlington and District in Bloom Action Group PROJECT: Improvements to War Memorial grounds, and Memorial Garden	£300	Green
Disability and Equality North West PROJECT: Reach	£1,500	Green

More detail on each of the funding recipients is provided in the report.

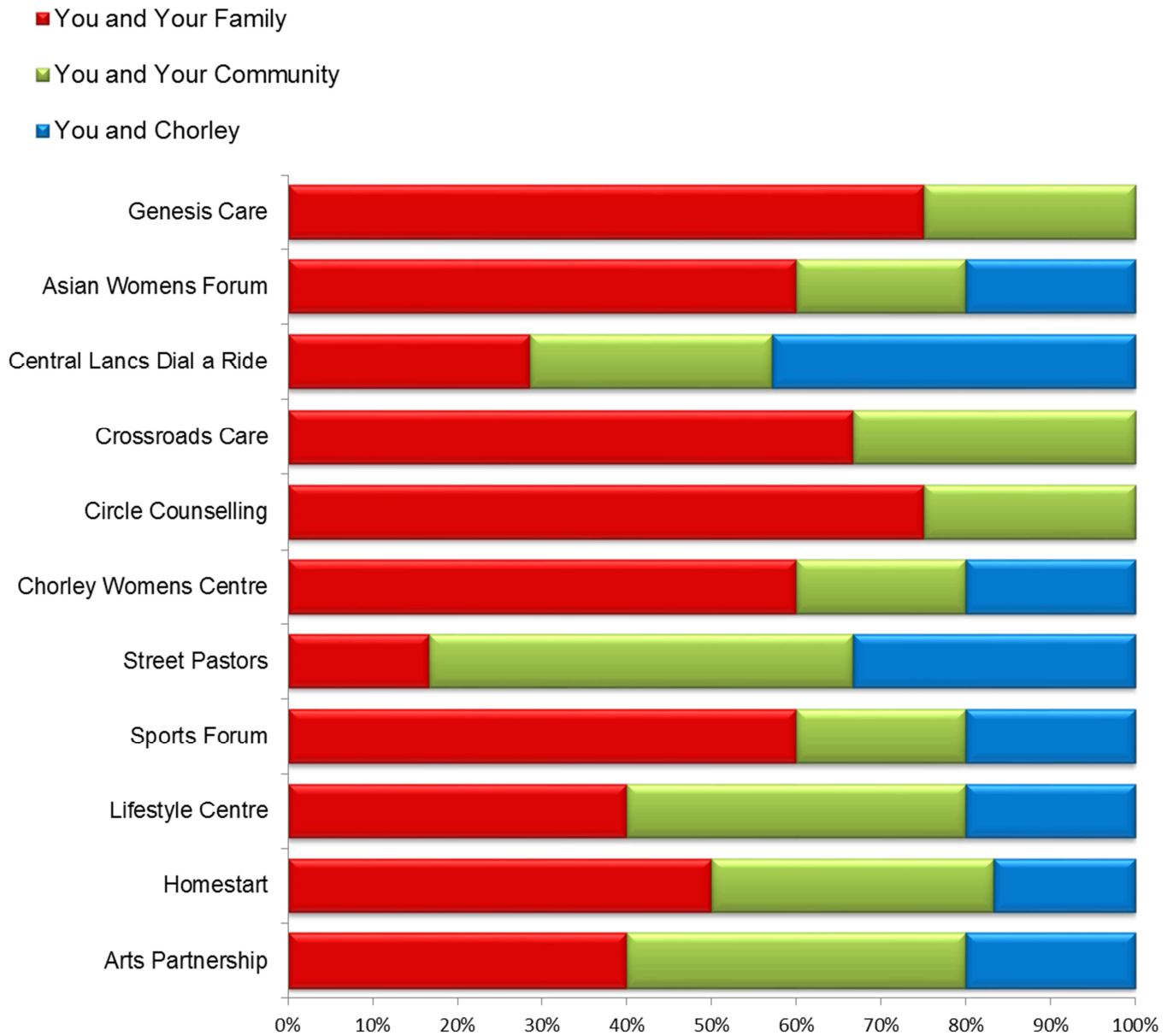
Small Community Funding

All services achieved their aims, and more detail on each of the funding recipients is provided in the report.

Chorley Pensioners	£460	Green
You're Amazing	£1,889	Green
Sambafrica	£1,586	Green
MACY (Music and Arts for Creative Youth)	£1,800	Green
Villages in Partnership	£1,227	Green
Chorley and District Sports Forum	£2,000	Amber
Chorley Contemporary Crafters	£1,865	Green

Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities

All applicants are asked which of the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities their organisation contributes to. These indicate which of the three themes each organisation helped to deliver.



Large Core Funding

The Arts Partnership

Status: **Green**

Overview: The Arts Partnership provides opportunities for young people (but not exclusively) to take part in all aspects of the arts; by providing workshops projects and accredited outcomes. They have developed many programmes to work with young people in Chorley's varied areas, tackling issues such as anti social behaviour, disability and rural isolation. They are able to engage young people and work with them not only to develop their skills on arts based projects but to increase self-confidence and social skills which are important for them to become part of their community, by encouraging and supporting them in attaining their goals. The Arts Partnership also looks after a community centre based in Chorley Town Centre which gives everyone an accessible affordable venue for almost any project/meeting.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Initial contact with new young people on art based activities	80	150
Maintain regular contact on activities with young people	30	38
Ensure 25% of young people have a disability or challenging behaviour	20	14*
Work with adults with disabilities on art/drama/music activities	50	63
Work with new groups to use the centre	4	5

*Anticipated amount is slightly less as some of the young people are in the process of diagnosis

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	130	400+
Total number of volunteers		7

The Arts Partnership achieved its aims as set out in the Core Funding Contract and was on track throughout 2012/13 exceeding its targets and outputs.

Over 400 people have accessed the community centre (and projects), and at least 45-50 of those are now regularly attending sessions/events.

In 2012 The Arts Partnership provided 38 weeks of after school music, art, dance and drama to over 30 children and young people with a variety of needs and abilities at its MADD sessions, as well as providing drama workshops for adults with disabilities. They also worked with Rathbones, the Young People's Service and children from the Bridge supported housing. Live music events for older people were provided which attracted over 500 people.

HomeStart Chorley and South Ribble

Status: **Green**

Overview: HomeStart enables parents to build better lives for their children by offering practical help, support and friendship to families who have at least one child under five years of age and who may need support for a variety of reasons. This might be because of illnesses, disability, bereavement, isolation, domestic abuse, multiple births, post natal illness, or people who may just be finding parenting a struggle. Support is offered through either the home visiting service, structured Family Support Groups, Positive Parenting Courses and Cookery Workshops, or a combination of these.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual	
Delivery of two volunteer preparation courses (Q1 & Q3)	2	3	
Offer support to	Families	150	152
	Children	330	337
Run two Family Support Groups weekly – term time only	76	76	

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	480	489
Total number of volunteers	70	71

HomeStart has achieved its aims as set out in the Core Funding Contract, and was on track throughout 2012/13 meeting its targets and outputs. Since April 2012 they have received 94 new referrals in the Chorley area and supported a total of 152 families. They have two Family Support Groups running in the Chorley area one at the Home-Start office base and one at Clayton Brook Village Hall.

They currently have 71 volunteers and during this year have recruited 39 new volunteers. Twenty volunteers have been awarded a Level Two certificate in 'Developing the Children's & Young People's Workforce', while three volunteers are undertaking Level 3 training.

They have run several Family Fun sessions in partnership with the Council during summer 2012 and October and February half term holidays, the playtime in Astley Park event, as well as several school holiday activities. Some feedback from families has been:

"Home-Start building is wonderful with some very caring and enthusiastic volunteers."

"Once again thanks to Home-Start for organising another super day at the Zoo. Even the rain did not dampen our spirits and the Home-Start girls were still smiling at 5pm."

Chorley Lifestyle Centre (Age UK Lancashire)

Status: **Green**

Overview: The Lifestyle Centre is based on Gillibrand Street in Chorley and organises events for older people. The range of activities focuses on enabling older people to live healthier and have more involved lives and includes:

- Computer lessons
- Art classes
- Keep Fit
- Games Morning
- Lunch club
- Special Christmas dinners and Entertainment in December
- Bingo
- Gardening course
- Mobile phone

They also hold a Tuesday and Thursday drop in café and organise day trips.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Number of activities /classes delivered	208	231
Number of lunch clubs held at the Centre	23	26
Number of meals sold	5215	5409
Number of trips out	6	7

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	310	357
Total number of volunteers	15	16

The Lifestyle Centre achieved its aims as set out in the Core Funding Contract, and was on track throughout 2012/13 exceeding the outputs and targets.

Over the year they have set up a new 'singing group', offered family history lessons and delivered specialist IT sessions in addition to their regular programme of chair-based exercises, art classes, computer lessons and games mornings. Lancashire College have facilitated gardening sessions and digital camera courses at the centre. This year the following day trips were organised; 2 visits to the Bourne Poacher, Rivington Barn, Liverpool, Conishead Priory Buddhist Temple, Carlisle and Llandudno. Also at Christmas the centre provided free Christmas dinners for one week. Weekly footcare service clinics are also held at the centre.

The centre is also involved in the Lancashire Time Credits scheme and some of the volunteers spent their time credits on a trip to the Lake District.

Chorley Street Pastors

Status: **Green**

Overview: Chorley Street Pastors is a group of local church members who work with the Police and Council to engage with members of the public in the evening on the streets and in night time venues. They provide support when necessary to vulnerable people ensuring they get home safely, accompanying them to hospital, calming situations etc in Chorley town centre, Clayton Brook, Coppull and Buttermere.

The Street Pastors work in partnership with the local police to create peace and stability in the town centre, the main focus being to help reduce underage drinking. The police have been an active partner in training and the development of operating protocols.

The funding provided contributes to the overall cost of providing the service. When combined with the other match funding received, it provides running costs for the town centre base, coordinators salary, uniforms, ongoing training (including sending delegates to national conferences), and marketing and liaison costs to the ascension trust.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Deliver & train new volunteers to a high standard within Street Pastors	10	11
Engage with contacts	2614	3941
Anti-social incidents - number people requiring support	65	51*
Collection of broken glass and other objects	703	1422

*This is a reduction which is encouraging

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	2699	3708
Total number of volunteers	41	41

Chorley Street Pastors have achieved their aims under the Core Funding Contract, and were on track throughout 2012/13 exceeding the outputs and targets. They continue to patrol the streets of Clayton Brook, Buttermere, Coppull and Chorley every Friday night using volunteer Street Pastors, they experience a high rate of achievement of their outputs, and feedback from local people, Police and the Community Safety Partnership continues to be positive. Extra patrols were provided to cover Chorley Town Centre over Christmas on Boxing Night and New Year's Eve from midnight until 6am. In 2012/13 they recruited and trained a further intake of Street Pastors, bringing the total up to 40.

Chorley Women's Centre

Status: **Green**

Overview: Chorley Women's Centre opens 3 days a week, offering drop in sessions, a library of books and DVDs, and self-help groups; as well as running courses on relaxation stress management, assertiveness, relationships and other topics to promote self-awareness and mental health. The centre offers free counselling to women and specialist counselling to those who have been sexually abused (including men). They also provide pregnancy and Chlamydia testing. They are able to give information and signpost women to other local services and voluntary groups. The centre supports the women of Chorley and surrounding districts and indirectly their families. Apart from one part time coordinator the service is run by volunteers who help to keep the centre open and provide a welcoming and friendly setting.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Attendance at drop in sessions / number of phone calls received	1120	1116
Number of library / DVD's borrowed	204	206
Attendance on courses	332	302
Provision of counselling and relaxation sessions	994	1136

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	3000	2943
Total number of volunteers	15	12

Chorley Women's Centre achieved its aims under the Core Funding Contract, and has met most of the outputs and targets for 2012/13.

Many attendances are due to G. P and other service referrals particularly in relation to personal problems, loss, anxiety / stress and depression. These women gain support and information from trained volunteers.

Some of the comments from Women helped by the Women's Centre include:

"You helped me through a very bad time and now I'm reunited with my family. Thank you!"

"I don't know what I would do without the help and support I received and continue to receive..... in a very difficult time. Thank you so much"

"Thank you so much for all the help and support I've received over the past six months..... I'm very much looking forward to a lovely bright future with my husband and my three gorgeous babies. Thank you x"

"Thank you so very much! I would have been lost without you!! Thank you x"

Circle Counselling

Status: **Green**

Overview: Circle Counselling provides advocacy and counselling to women who have experienced domestic abuse, and is based within Chorley Women's Centre. They take referrals and provide a specialist counselling service for the victims of Domestic abuse, providing advocacy and advice.

They have close links with the IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advisor) in the area, receiving referrals from them and the local Refuge's. They provide advocacy to support these women in building a new life for themselves and their children. This can include issues like the criminal justice process, personal safety, housing, schooling and access to further health care services. They also work closely with other organisations such as Chorley Women's Centre and Victim Support, and receive referrals from the police following a MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference), GP's and health visitors.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Number of sessions	456	486
Hours of service provided	504	531.5
Referrals (Approx. 5 per month)	60	59

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	180	88
Total number of volunteers	4	5

Circle Counselling achieved its aims under the Core Funding Contract, and has met most of the outputs and targets for 2012/13. Circle have offered 486 counselling sessions to women who have experienced domestic abuse and increased their opening times to help those who work and those with child care issues. The service have seen a number of women move on from the refuge to be housed and settle their children in the local schools, this requires confidence and is a huge step in re-building their lives.

The service originally offered each client six sessions but is now offering them up to a maximum of 12. This decision was made as the best results of self development and improved confidence are achieved by the longer term clients; this has therefore resulted in a reduced number of anticipated beneficiaries.

Feedback received about the service includes:

"Please could you tell [NAME]. Today is first day I came out and felt bit better"

"Please will you thank [NAME] for me and tell her thanks for everything, she did an excellent job"

"I just wanted to get in touch to thank you... for your support today. Feeling worn out but in a good way. I'm more settled just knowing that someone believes me!"

Chorley and South Ribble Crossroads Care

Status: **Green**

Overview: Chorley and South Ribble Crossroads Care is a voluntary organisation providing a support service to carers of children and adults who have care needs. The service supports carers to carry out their caring role through the provision of a respite service. Crossroads provides a range of care and support to the 'cared for' person during the respite period. Services are provided to all age groups with differing needs and disabilities throughout the Chorley area.

The funding enables them to continue their friendship circle for carers of people with dementia, by supporting carers and looking after the cared for. They hold meetings for the carers as well as days out.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Hours of meetings including 6 meetings at the Community Centre, 2 home meetings and two outings	38	36
Chorley carers taking part	36	38
Cared for in Chorley looked after by carer support workers	20	30

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	16	18
Total number of volunteers	4	5

Crossroads Care has achieved its aims under the Core Funding Contract, and has met most of the outputs and targets for 2012/13. Carers have continued to participate in the circle throughout the year and numbers have increased.

[CLIENT A] is a lady aged 80 who cares for her husband with dementia. She heard about the Friendship Circle from the Alzheimer's Society and joined the group in the autumn last year. "I felt socially isolated that there was 'nothing' but now I feel that I belong. I have made new friends and joined them for lunches in the fortnight between the circle meetings. The Circle has given me a better quality of life."

[CLIENT B] is now a widow. "Having carers from Chorley & South Ribble Crossroads Care when caring for my husband was a life saver as these were people who supported carers and at the time there was little support out there. When I joined the Friendship Circle they were a group of strangers all with their own frets and worries, but with a common need; someone to listen to and pick each other up when feeling low."

"There are four of us now who have lost our husbands and we all help each other in our grief. We know that there are more people out there that need support, advice and a shoulder to lean on. The four of us see our role as helping the current carers and giving back some of the support we had and still have from the friendship circle. The carers and ex carers now feel like an extended family. We are grateful to the helpers for their hard work not just for us and our families but for future carers."

Central Lancs Dial a Ride

Status: **Green**

Overview: Central Lancs Dial a Ride provide a door to door accessible community transport service in the Chorley and South Ribble area. The funding is used to help with the running cost of their Evening and Weekend service which is provided for residents of Chorley who cannot access public transport and is not covered by the funding given by LCC. The service provides safe accessible transport for residents enabling them to go out in the evenings.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Number of single passenger trips to enable people to go out	38	36
Number of return trips for shopping excursions to Chorley and its supermarkets	936	1619
Number of return trips to social events and visiting	569	1307
Number of return trips to get people to educational classes	81	192
Number of return trips included in the above by wheelchair users	80	98

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	3173	3118
Total number of volunteers	6	6

Central Lancs Dial a Ride has achieved its aims under the Core Funding Contract, was on track throughout 2012/13 and has met most of the outputs and targets for 2012/13 in some cases exceeding them. They have provided a service between 16.30 and 21.30 Monday to Friday and 9.00 to 17.30 Saturday, taking people shopping, to social events and evening classes. Some customers report that they can only get out and about because of the service provided by Dial a Ride.

As well as providing the Transport service, they have next of kin contacts for members and on a few occasions have had to report that the client was not answering the door when they should be there, only to find out later that they had been taken ill or in one case stuck in the bath for 16 hours.

Saheliyaan Asian Women's Forum

Status: **Green**

Overview: Saheliyaan Asian Women's Forum aim to improve the quality of life for Black, Minority Ethnic (BME) women and families in Chorley and South Ribble by empowering & engaging them in social, learning and economic opportunities, and improving health and well-being. They work very closely with the public sector to raise the awareness of health and social care issues. Asian communities are very reluctant to take up public services because of cultural, religious, social and language barriers and of course the lack of awareness of services. There is also a common myth among them that public services are not culturally appropriate and also discriminate BME communities. Health inequality impacts on the community as a whole, in particular concerns older people. The Asian Women's Forum supports women from BME communities to break down the barriers to healthy living for them and their families, by promoting preventative approaches with regards to cancer and long term illness and campaigning against drugs and alcohol abuse and smoking. Although their core work is with women, they also have a men's group with whom they organise separate health and social events.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Raise the confidence of women from BME communities through training courses (no of courses)	6	6
Training for volunteers and staff	4	4
Awareness of health issues to improve health and wellbeing of the isolated BME communities (no of events/awareness days)	4	5
Developing and delivering culturally appropriate and efficient services to customer's satisfaction	325	337

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	332	333
Total number of volunteers	10	11

Saheeliyaan Asian Women's Forum has achieved its aims under the Core Funding Contract, and was on track throughout 2012/13 achieving the outputs and targets. During 2012/13 the Asian elders set up a luncheon club together with some community members to help tackle isolation, and mental and physical well-being. The Asian Women's Forum also delivered a number of events, including:

- 6 health awareness events; cancer, stroke, vaccination and immunisation, healthy heart, mental health and well-being, diabetes awareness
- 1 community cohesion event
- 1 domestic violence awareness/support event

Genesis Care

Status: **Amber**

Overview: Genesis Care is a person centred wellbeing service for vulnerable older people, such as those who have dementia or physical disabilities through a stroke who live in the borough of Chorley. Which is affordable to all. Funding was provided in 2012/13 to provide an additional day for the Wellbeing Service for older people.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Increase attendance through the provision of additional days	650	413
Additional carers attending the support group	20	21
The recruitment of additional volunteers	8	9

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	100	102
Total number of volunteers	15	16

Genesis Care has achieved its aims under the Core Funding Contract, and was on track throughout 2012/13 and has met most of the outputs and targets, however due to the targets around attendance on Thursdays not being achieved Genesis awarded their overall status as amber.

The additional day, Thursday, is now well established with a register of 13 service users attending the centre on this day on a regular basis. Genesis have found that the service users who attend on this day have greater needs regarding the level of their dementia and this has meant that some service users were sign posted to an alternative day as they needed the stimulation of a more mixed client group. Over the twelve month period 35 service users registered for Thursdays. Unfortunately 8 of these service users have died, 5 have become residents in a care home, three decided to postpone attending the centre and two could not continue to access the service as their dementia required a more secure environment. Another factor affecting the numbers attending on Thursdays is that Community Transport (Dial-a Ride) are unable to accommodate requests for transport on that day. The service on Thursdays is still advertised as having vacancies and Genesis are trying to find a solution to the transport problem.

In 2012/13, in addition to the 2 Managers Genesis employs 3 part time support workers, 1 cook and 1 kitchen assistant. Volunteers include 2 different students from Albany High School every half term.

Project Funding

The Arts Partnership

Project: Young Leaders

Status: **Green**

Overview: The Arts Partnership is an organisation which provides opportunities for young people (but not exclusively) to take part in all aspects of the arts; by providing workshops projects and accredited outcomes.

They have developed many programmes to work with young people in Chorley's varied areas, tackling issues such as anti-social behaviour, disability and rural isolation. They are able to engage young people and work with them not only to develop their skills on arts based projects but to increase self-confidence and social skills which are important for them to become part of their community, by encouraging and supporting them in attaining their goals.

The project was to provide training for a group of young people aged 15-17 to become leaders, this in turn would enable the Arts Partnership to expand the group participation at their Music, Art, Dance and Drama (MADD) sessions.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Work with young people aged 15 years + to become young leaders	8	13
Hold weekly planning meetings for the young leaders	36	37
Undertake a feedback session and a final assessment of the young leaders	1	1

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	48	43
Total number of volunteers		5

The Arts Partnership has achieved its aims under the Core Funding Contract, was on track throughout 2012/13 exceeding its targets and outputs. 13 young people have taken part on the AQA Young Leaders' vocational award. All have been successful and are now helping out as assistants at the regular MADD sessions, this has enabled the Arts Partnership to expand their group and they now have over 40 young people attending weekly sessions. More of the young people have expressed an interest in taking part on future training programmes and the young leaders are happy to undertake more training where possible.

MACY (Music and Arts for Creative Youth)

Project: Making MUSIC Matter

Status: **Green**

Overview: MACY is a community group run by volunteer adults and young people whose aim is to identify and develop young people's talent for music arts dance and drama within Chorley.

They provide opportunities such as project workshops, events, and accreditation through the Arts Awards for young people to express and develop their talents for their own professional aspirations, enjoyment and for the enjoyment of the community as a whole. They provide opportunities for those young people who are unable to afford commercial provider rates with discounted or free sessions.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Young people engaged in music making workshops	70	64
Sign post to voluntary opportunities, employment, further education or training	17	17
Showcase events	8	5
Young People attending showcase events including live nights	800	611
Young People achieving at least their Bronze Arts Award	17	29
Young People aged 18 - 25 NEET or having recently set up home or attending university with little or no disposable income	20	13
New Music Commissions or Music Products inc CD's and EP's	24	41

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	870	675
Total number of volunteers	15	22

MACY has achieved its aims under the core funding contract, and has met most of the outputs and targets for 2012/13.

The project provided a comprehensive programme of music workshops and activities based around Rock School, Vocal Groups and Street Style Music during weekday evenings and at weekends for young people aged between 11 and 25.

This included song writing and arranging, stage craft, music production and provided an insight into potential career opportunities or further education in the industry, and covered a cross section of popular music styles.

Adlington and District in Bloom Action Group

Project: Improvements to Adlington and District War Memorial grounds, and the Leonard Fairclough Memorial Garden

Status: **Green**

Overview: The purpose of the Adlington & District in Bloom Action Group is to improve the amenity spaces of Adlington, Anderton & Heath Charnock by providing & maintaining floral displays & keeping the public areas of the villages tidy & litter free.

The project was to remove the remainder of the overgrown shrubbery from the grounds of the War Memorial and plant replacement shrubs and perennials, thereby opening up the area making it a more inviting place to rest and reflect.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Two amenity areas improved & made more attractive by this project, providing quality open spaces	2	2
Increased use by members of the community & visitors	500+	250+
Healthy exercise for volunteers	15	15
Pride in the area	Yes	Yes

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	8000+	2000+
Total number of volunteers	15	15

The Adlington and District in Bloom Action Group has achieved its aims under the Core Funding Contract, and has met most of the outputs and targets for 2012/13. Due to bad weather over summer 2012 the project was scaled back, this has also resulted in reduced numbers of beneficiaries and members of the community using the areas. The majority of new planting has now taken place which has improved both gardens, and residents will be able to benefit in Summer 2013.

Some very large trees were removed from the Leonard Fairclough Memorial Garden. Small trees, shrubs & perennials were provided to replace these trees to make the garden more attractive & welcoming to residents & visitors.

Disability Equality North West

Project: REACH 2012

Status: **Green**

Overview: 'Reach' is an annual programme of Disability Awareness Events taking place across Chorley & South Ribble. It is planned and managed by a multi-agency group, including representatives from Chorley, South Ribble and Lancashire County Councils, Central Lancashire PCT, Lancashire Constabulary and local voluntary sector organisations.

This project was to hold an Information Day on 10 August in Chorley Town Centre, with stalls staffed by local statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations, offering information and advice for disabled people and carers.

Performance and Achievements

Outputs

	Target	Actual
Information Day in Chorley Town Centre on 10 August 2012	1	1
Organisations offering services for Disabled People taking stalls in Chorley Town Centre on the Information Day	35	27
People actively attending the Information Day (ie take leaflets, interact with stallholders)	1000	1000+
Volunteers involved in planning and delivering the event	20	20

Numbers of beneficiaries

	Target	Actual
Total number of people benefiting	500 - 750	1000+
Total number of volunteers	20	20

The REACH project has achieved its aims under the core funding contract, and has met most of the outputs and targets for 2012/13. The event generated a positive overall response and approximately 1,000 people actively attended. At the 10 August event, all of the 27 stalls were booked up and there were no free spaces left due to the constraints of space allowed, hence the actual of 27 rather than the target of 35.

Small Community Funding

Chorley Pensioners

Status: Green

Overview: Chorley Pensioners seek to improve conditions for the elderly in Chorley. The funding provides financial support for their meetings. They hold regular meetings with speakers, tea and coffee, this enables the elderly to get out of their houses and meet with others.

Performance and Achievements: The Chorley Pensioners has achieved its aims under the core funding contract for 2012/13. The funding enabled the group to hold 10 meetings with speakers. The group also held a Christmas lunch at Shaw Hill with transport provided by Dial a Ride, and produced two quarterly newsletters.

You're Amazing

Status: Green

Overview: You're Amazing is a community interest company who deliver development, support and coaching programmes for young women across Chorley, Wigan and Lancashire. They are based in the Homestart premises on Market Street.

Performance and Achievements: You're Amazing has achieved its aims under the core funding contract for 2012/13. Over the year they have grown their capacity by securing additional funding to develop their pilot programmes, recruit volunteers and also recruit a sessional member of staff. They have designed and delivered personal development programmes for local women, provided one to one support, hosted several crafts & engagements workshops to reduce isolation, and created a young women's drop in.

Throughout the programmes, You're Amazing has seen increase in confidence, self-esteem, life goals and decision making from all participants. Four participants on the Butterflies programme have started their own businesses and another three are looking for support in starting businesses. 12 participants have become volunteers locally, four within the organisation, two participants have returned to college and five have progressed into work.

SambAfriq

Status: Green

Overview: SambAfriq is a community band based in Chorley who play a mix of Samba and African drums and percussion. The group entertain at Festivals, Carnivals, Fetes and Fairs to bring about enjoyment in the community, including Chorley's Big Drum Day.

Performance and Achievements: SambAfriq has achieved its aims under the core funding contract for 2012/13. The funding enabled them to replace and mend a lot of instruments. They also purchased some new equipment and 20 waterproofs.

MACY (Music and Arts for Creative Youth)

Status: Green

Overview: MACY is a community group run by volunteer adults and young people whose aim is to identify and develop young people's talent for music arts dance and drama within Chorley and surrounding areas.

They provide opportunities such as project workshops, events, and accreditation through the Arts Awards for young people to express and develop their talents for their own professional aspirations, enjoyment and for the enjoyment of the community as a whole. They provide opportunities for those young people who are unable to afford commercial provider rates with discounted or free sessions.

Performance and Achievements: MACY has achieved its aims under the core funding contract for 2012/13. The funding enabled them to increase membership, including vetting procedures, training and development and Arts Award Advisor Training. The group also developed their safeguarding policies and promoted the group with a better website, posters and flyers.

Villages in Partnership

Status: Green

Overview: Based in Croston, Villages in Partnership's aim is to improve life for residents of the villages in South Lancashire. They provide many services which benefit the local community such as helping groups apply for funding for projects, hosting community coffee mornings and hot pot lunches. They are responsible for the Croston Heritage Trail booklet which contains a map of the trail and a full guide to the history of Croston including points of historical interest. The funding was to enable them to reprint the guide.

Performance and Achievements: Villages in Partnership has achieved its aims under the core funding contract for 2012/13. 5,000 copies of the leaflet were printed in October, and the group delivered them to various locations in Croston, so that the leaflet can now be picked up by any resident or visitor.

Chorley Sports Forum

Status: Amber

Overview: Chorley and District Sports Forum is a voluntary community group whose aim is to support and promote the provision and development of sport within the borough of Chorley. The forum awards grants to individuals and clubs across the borough, as well as helping to organise the annual sports awards. The funding was awarded to deliver an Olympic themed sports awards in 2012.

Performance and Achievements: Chorley Sports Forum has achieved its aims under the core funding contract, which was to deliver the Olympic themed sports awards.

The Sports Forum however reported that it had not fully achieved the aims due to the reduced amount of money awarded by Chorley Council. Work is on-going to support the group in 2013/14.

Chorley Contemporary Crafters

Status: Green

Overview: Chorley Contemporary Crafters support and promote the development of contemporary art and craft initiatives in Chorley and its surrounding areas. They providing regular social and creative network meetings for members, and facilitate local contemporary craft events and exhibitions. The funding enabled the group to set up a wide range of free craft activities to families to learn new skills and develop creativity, encouraging them to enjoy crafts they may not otherwise have the opportunity to try.

Performance and Achievements: Chorley Contemporary Crafters has achieved its aims under the core funding contract for 2012/13. They provided free family craft workshops at Create (the Farmhouse, Astley Park) every Thursday-Sunday from 18 October until 23 December. Working in conjunction with Duke Street SureStart Children's Centre, they provided three workshop sessions aimed at low-income families including a family Decoupage workshop at Cotswold House.

The group managed to achieve their aims using only 65% of the budget, therefore Chorley Council has allowed them to extend their contract until September 2013, in order to facilitate more workshops using the remainder of the budget.

Looking Forward - Core Funding 2013/14

In 2013/14 funding has been provided for the following:

Large Core Funding 2013/14

Organisation	Amount Awarded	Funded in 12/13	Brief Overview
Chorley Street Pastors	£7,000	Yes	The funding will contribute to the overall cost of providing the service. To provide running costs for town centre base, coordinators salary, uniforms, presentations, on-going training, including sending delegates to national conferences. Showcase events, marketing materials and license fee costs to Ascension Trust.
HomeStart	£20,000	Yes	The funding will contribute to the overall core costs of running the service.
Age UK - Lifestyle Centre	£10,000	Yes	The funding will provide a contribution to the running costs of the Lifestyle Centre including the cost of a co-ordinator.
Groundwork	£5,000	No	Groundwork is an independent registered charity operating across the west of Lancashire who helps people and organisations to improve their local environment. The funding would provide support towards the costs of their Chorley young person employment and skills programme
Circle Counselling	£10,728	Yes	The funding will pay for the co-ordinators role; receiving and organising referrals, risk assessing and sign posting, advocacy and advice, telephone support, administration and data collection, and fundraising.
Central Lancs Dial a Ride	£4,000	Yes	The funding will be used to help with the running cost of their Evening and Weekend service which is provided for residents of Chorley who cannot access public transport and is not covered by the funding given by LCC. The service provides safe accessible transport for residents enabling them to go out in the evenings.
Chorley Women's Centre	£4,641	Yes	The funding is for the general running costs including utility and phone bills, insurance and office expenses.
Genesis Care	£7,100	Yes	The funding would contribute to the overall cost of providing the service. Together with match funding received it would cover the cost of rent for accommodation, utilities, equipment and maintenance, staff & food costs, office expenses and activities .
Chorley & South Ribble Crossroads Care	£3,793	Yes	The funding will help to continue the Friendship Circle for carers of people with dementia, by funding the carer support workers.
The Arts Partnership	£7,000	Yes	The funding is for the Managers salary who oversees all the day to day running of both the centre (looking after the maintenance, hirers and cleanliness) and all the projects, funding etc of the Charity. This funding would pay towards the salary and they would continue to seek funding from other sources as well as from the projects and hirers of the centre.
Asian Women's Forum	£10,000	Yes	The funding will pay for a Luncheon Club, Community Events, Provision of courses in the community – for example confidence building courses such as English as a second language, learning new skills or hobbies, and Intergenerational Projects.

Project Funding 2013/14

Organisation	Amount Awarded	Funded in 12/13	Brief Overview
Chorley Heritage Centre Support Group (CHCSG)	Use of the Lancastrian Suite	Yes	Project: 'Heritage Chorley' event A 5-day event to be held in the Lancastrian Room, aimed at raising awareness of Chorley's rich heritage. The event will consist of exhibited artefacts and ephemera relating to the borough's industrial and cultural past, scheduled talks and presentations.
Chorley & South Ribble Disability Forum	£1,500	Yes	Project: REACH The project is to organise the REACH event which is an annual programme of Disability Awareness Events across Chorley and South Ribble. The funding is for the information day held in Chorley Town Centre and includes car park passes, stalls, publicity and flyers, lip speakers/interpreters, and a marquee.
You're Amazing	£4,281	Yes	Project: Life Changes (Drop In & Coaching) This project is to provide a drop in service, this would provide a follow on to the 'Butterflies' project it enables those who have participated in 'Butterflies' to get additional support in achieving their goals, to seek further advice, 'catch up' and build a local peer support network. It would also enable past participants to volunteer and share their story.
The Arts Partnership	£1,000 match funding - additional Early Intervention funding secured £3,650	No	Project: Holiday Camps The project will provide holiday activities which will be art based, arts and crafts, music, drama (including reading skills and script writing), and dance for children in Chorley, offering week long 'camps'. The activities will work on hand eye coordination, communication, social interaction, particularly developing self-esteem and confidence building, the sessions will be inclusive, allowing children with mild to moderate disabilities to take part. The sessions are designed to help towards child care so that parents and carers will be able to continue work.

Small Community Funding 2013/14

Organisation	Amount Awarded	Funded in 12/13	Brief Overview
Aspire Clayton Brook	£1,340	Yes	The organisation was set up in Nov 2012 to provide activities for young people in and around the Clayton Brook area. The funding will pay for all the resources and equipment, eg CD player, bean bags, crafts, toys, sports equipment etc.
Music and Arts for Creative Youth (MACY)	£620	Yes	The funding will pay for room hire and refreshments, training costs, book keeping, and stationary.
Sambafrica	£500	Yes	The funding will help towards the on-going replacement and renewal of equipment, annual public liability insurance, web hosting and to subsidise rent.
Jennings Community Boxing Academy	£500	No	The aim of Jennings CBA is to provide a safe environment for youngsters to keep fit and learn about boxing, and in time produce some amateur boxers. The Academy is a not for profit community group with a constitution aimed at young people. The funding is for the general running costs including CRB checks, meeting expenses, book keeping, general office expenses, as well as training and development.
Help the Homeless (Chorley)	£2,000	No	The organisation prevents and relieves homelessness. The funding will pay towards the running costs of the service.
MS Society - Chorley and District branch	£275	No	The organisation provides support to people affected by MS in the Chorley & District area. The funding is to provide free transport to members, and to produce a regular newsletter.
Chorley Pensioners Association	£460	Yes	The funding will provide financial support for their meetings.
Chorley & South Ribble Disability Forum	£500	No	CSRDF focus on supporting disabled people and their wellbeing in Chorley and South Ribble, they hold monthly meetings and run the REACH event. The funding will enable the Forum to participate in the Council's Equality Forum and to access the committee rooms for their meetings.
Sports Forum	£2,000	Yes	The funding is to enable the Sports Forum to provide coach education and sport specific elite performance and development.

The future of Core Funding - Making it Happen

This report recognises the valuable work being undertaken within our communities by voluntary, community and faith groups. It also showcases the vast array of organisations and projects that the Council currently fund.

However, it has been recognised that to ensure that this funding is directed to where needs are greatest, there is a requirement to review the current process. At the moment, applications are assessed on a number of factors including value for money and their ability to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy. Over the next year, we will review this process to make recommendations as to how any funding to this sector can be aligned to a more effective commissioning model. This will ensure that any funding spent within this sector achieves outcomes in the areas of greatest need. A new process will be agreed and adopted in time for the next application round in January 2014.

