



Retail Grant Project Update

June 2024

Background

A Large Village Retail Area Fund Grant of £9,000 was awarded to the council by West Lindsey District Council on 12 December 2023 to:

Support the retail areas of Saxilby via public realm improvements and events that will boost footfall by encouraging residents and visitors to these areas. Public realm improvements - installation of bench and bin, public artwork installation and landscaping. Support to 2024 events programme via mobile events equipment and procurement of entertainers / artists.

The project should be completed by 30 September 2024. There were two elements a capital and a revenue stream.

A. Enhanced northern retail gateway at Church Lane/Church Road Junction.		
Improve the public realm at north of the village by at the Church Lane/Church Road Junction		
1	Remove end of life street furniture	
2	Install new bench and bin base	Landowner checked, contacted and agreeable (May). Bench and bin ordered (April) An agreement will need to be put in place. Fire hydrant signs need to be re-located – one damaged and one on old metal work to be removed.
3	Install new bench	
4	Install new bin	
5	Low maintenance planting	
B. Revitalised southern gateway in the conservation area.		
Improve the public realm at south end of village.		
1	Community shoal artwork - Location to be agreed and relevant permissions sought - An intergenerational project workshop to design fish - Community fish designs - Sculptor James Sutton to cast designs - Community shoal of fish to be installed	Meeting being arranged with highways, as artwork application turned down. School and care home workshops proceeding in June. Further workshops planned with children and grandparents. School have been proactive in arranging and progressing workshops and local sculptor involved.
C. Community led events		
1	Family Fun Day	Sat 31 August 2024 on recreation ground Online pitch booking set up. Booking has been live for two days and 7 bookings have already been made. Invites being sent out to local organisations. Events page on Facebook set-up. First aid booked.

		Stewards booked. Insurance confirmed covers the event. Dog show booked. Webpage to set-up.
2	Waterfront Music Event	Date agreed Bands being looked at

Recommendations:

1. **To receive the update.**
2. **To agree to contact a solicitor to put an agreement in place with landowner**
3. **To agree to contact LCC/fire & rescue regarding re-siting of fire hydrant sign**
4. **To set-up webpage**