



Retail Grant Project Update

July 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 received. Bin on order still. Solicitor contacted to draft agreement Fire service advised ok to remove signs and they'll re-site, picking on next inspection
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	Meeting held highways and sculptor and new site found on Bridge St to resolve fixing issue, near the original site but near the flood wall. Agreement needs to be obtained from CRT.
	An intergenerational project workshop to design fish	School and care home workshops held in June and school and grandparent's workshops held in June – fish designs completed.
	Sculptor James Sutton to make designs	Sculptor making fish artwork over the summer.
	Community shoal of fish to be installed	

C. Community led events		
1	Family Fun Day	<p>Sat 31 August 2024 on recreation ground</p> <p>Online pitch booking set up. 34 pitches have been booked.</p> <p>Invites sent out to local organisations.</p> <p>Events page on Facebook set-up, webpage set-up.</p> <p>First aid booked.</p> <p>Stewards booked.</p> <p>Insurance confirmed for the event.</p> <p>Dog show booked.</p> <p>Bouncy castles booked, childrens entertainer and balloon maker booked. Face painter booked.</p>
2	Waterfront Music Event	<p>Date agreed</p> <p>Bands being looked at</p>

Recommendations:

- I. To receive the update and note progress and agree to apply to CRT for the shoal of fish artwork to be installed on the canal side**