



Retail Grant Project Update

September 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 - An extension has been requested until year end to allow the music event to go ahead.

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	Scheduled for September
2	Install new bench and bin base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landowner checked, contacted and agreeable (May). Bench received. Bin received. Fire service advised ok to remove signs and they'll re-site, picking on next inspection Agreement for landowner has been drafted and will be shared.
3	Install new bench	Scheduled for September
4	Install new bin	Scheduled for September
5	Low maintenance planting	Scheduled for October
B. Revitalised southern gateway in the conservation area.		
Improve the public realm at south end of village.		
1	<p>Community shoal artwork</p> <p>Location to be agreed and relevant permissions sought</p> <p>An intergenerational project workshop to design fish</p> <p>Sculptor James Sutton to make designs</p>	<p>Agreement obtained from CRT for siting fish sculpture on north bank opposite Sun Inn.</p> <p>School and care home workshops held in June and school and grandparent's workshops held in June – fish designs completed.</p> <p>Sculptor making fish artwork over the summer.</p>

	Community shoal of fish to be installed	Bookings now open for residents/organisations to buy and design a fish. Installation planned for autumn.
C. Community led events		
1	Family Fun Day	Successfully completed. Event feedback form released.
2	Waterfront Saxilby Music Event	Date being re-arranged for later in the year. No officer capacity was available to organise and promote.

Recommendations:

- I. To receive the update and note progress.**