



Retail Grant Project Update

October 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 end date is the 31 December 2024, following WLDC granting a three-month extension to the original end date.

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 October
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 signed and returned by Landowner Bin and bench due to be installed in October
3	Install new bench	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bin and bench due to be installed in October
4	Install new bin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bin and bench due to be installed in October
5	Low maintenance planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled for October/November
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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement obtained from CRT for siting fish sculpture on north bank opposite Sun Inn. School and care home workshops held in June and school and grandparent's workshops held in June – fish designs completed.

	<p>Sculptor James Sutton to make designs</p> <p>Community shoal of fish to be installed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sculptor making fish artwork over the summer. - Bookings open for residents/organisations to buy and design a fish. To date a further four have been sold. Further comms is planned. - Grounds sourcing metal stakes to install the shoal - Installation planned for late 2024.
C. Community led events		
1	Family Fun Day	<p>Successfully completed.</p> <p>Event feedback form released. Feedback will be brought back to committee.</p>
2	Saxilby Music Event	<p>Event with choirs and brass band was to be organised however a similar event in the village is being organised, so an alternative plan is required.</p> <p>One option could be tying in with Christmas Lights Switch-On. I have spoken informally with the lead organiser and they are planning music for the event including a choir.</p> <p>The Grant breakdown showed funding for a</p> <p>£400 Jazz Band £300 Brass band £250 Hire of site £150 Face painting</p>

Recommendations:

1. To receive the update and note progress.
2. To agree to contact organising group see if the event could be supported based on the funding agreed by WLDC above, through the council paying for the items agreed. As per the grant conditions an event plan needs to be in place for this to be permitted.