



Breereton Million

Big Local Plan

2017

Introduction

Since 2015, we have been busy working as a Partnership delivering our 2-year plan, with a few ups and downs, which has allowed us to learn and progress. From the very first consultation exercise undertaken we have tried to deliver on a wide range of projects.

Our system of sub groups and delivery meetings has matured to support our volunteer work far better and though we haven't managed as yet to complete all intended projects within years 1 and 2 they remain relevant and achievable in the coming year.

This year 3 plan will map out some of our successes, some of our frustrations and will re-list some of those projects that haven't yet been completed.

Systems and Processes

The group operates across some key theme areas separating workload into themes. Each theme has a sub-group lead and autonomy to operate free of the formal partnership with allocated budgets. Not all groups have formal meetings or minute meetings. This is intentional as it allows volunteers, interested parties and other helpers to move across projects as needed. We have found being formal and regimented is off putting to many residents. This system allows us also to brigade efforts when we need to and come together to deliver on key projects.

Key learning

Some of our projects such as the parks project have been dependent on stakeholder engagement. Public authorities such as council departments have caused a slowing up of project implementation as their engagement and availability has been limited. This has taken time to overcome and due to them operating their own authority wide projects assistance to our group at time has been missing. This has now been resolved and hence project management costs were built into year 2 and 3 budgets to take account of moments when professional assistance will be required. In year 3 it is likely that we will continue to use experts such as landscape architects, ecologists and surveyors to speed up project delivery.

Year 3 plan is intended to cover only a twelve-month period. The original consultation remains relevant and the team has engaged further consultation exercises over the proceeding two years. These have continually shown that the theme areas in place are appropriate and projects planned are still those considered priority by community members. For example the upgrade to the play park which has been priced and planned from inception of the group. The Park project has been frustrated by lack of engagement from the local authority. During the development of the project and discussion with play equipment providers the group also became aware of the need to make a bigger budget available in order to achieve the upgrades required. This is now built into year 3 plan.

Similarly the development of the skills project was limited due to the need to concentrate on other key theme areas. As year 1 and 2 projects have been completed more time is available to group members to now begin to deliver in the skills theme. The initial intentions and work plan remains relevant now as it did in years 1 and 2.



One of our continuing projects is to clean up the War Memorial before Remembrance Sunday every year

Group Values

These are our group values as agreed by the Partnership in 2015. We feel we have stuck by these and will continue these for the Year 3 plan.

“We believe in our community and the positive changes we can make, by bringing people together and investing in our future”.

Our Vision

We believe that our vision still fits in our aims and is evidence of what we have achieved so far and what we can continue to bring to our village through our plan. Each project has and still does bring more and more volunteers and residents together making changes and although our Partnership is still small handful our changes are growing more and more.

We strive to generate opportunities to bring the community together

We have put on several events bringing several thousands of residents at a time together.

We will ensure we maximize the value for money when considering how to spend the communities £1,000,000, always putting Brereton and Ravenhill residents first.

We have applied for community grants, asked for business support and will always consult the residents when needed.

We act with integrity, honesty and commitment and take pride in our work.

The Partnership and many volunteers have committed many free hours of time to make sure projects have got off the ground.

We listen to and respect other persons contributing to the project.

We try to resolve all our issues at Partnership meetings and have very good support system in place.

We will take ownership of issues where appropriate and are accountable to our residents.

We have drop in sessions, open communication systems for residents to reach us and update all we do as often as we can.

We will work hard to improve our physical environment and upgrade public spaces.

We have been working very hard on our public spaces from taking ownership of the Brereton Community Hub to organising the new park equipment and the woodland walk and Brereton grows project. Which should all really start to come to shape in Year 3.

Involving the Community

Communication is the hardest barrier. Especially when you're trying to juggle so many projects. You can so easily fall into a trap of dropping a few lines on social media and hope for the best.

Website

We have recently updated the website to include each project so residents have more detail and can find what they are looking. They can now find details and links straight through to Big Local and our LTO Support Staffordshire to find even more information. We have plenty of regular information on there and each project can have their own input.

www.breretonmillion.co.uk

The Brereton Community Hub

We now have a group of residents from the Partnership who have become a Community Interest Company and run the Hub. The hub is rented out regularly to community groups, businesses and residents for various activities. We use this as our main meeting ground, host weekly drop-in and training sessions. The Hub has finally helped provide us with some much-needed identity. People now know where to find us and regularly residents pop along.

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The Office

The office is based at the side of the hub and is a long over due necessity we all needed. Especially for our Support Worker. Unfortunately the Brereton Community Hub only has one long room so when groups are in this venue is just not suitable. The office is now set up with a working computer, printer etc., we have a storage area and we can all pop along and work at the side of the support worker when we need too.

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Social Media

We do have a huge success with social media! We have a Brereton Million Facebook page; a Twitter page; a Brereton Community Hub page, Brereton Youthy page and a Sue Brereton Million Facebook account. We can see how many views we get on each posting as well as how many likes and comments. It is a quick and easy way to get information out and we do get a lot of feedback.

www.facebook.com/BreretonMillion

Newsletter

Spring this year saw the first ever Brereton Million Newsletter delivered to every household, shop and business in Brereton and Ravenhill within two hours, delivered by 34 volunteers. We had a lot of feedback straight away including calls from the local press wanting to publish our news. We had several members come forward to volunteer and new members come along to the drop in from the newsletter. Our aim is to publish a newsletter 4 times a year.

Events

We have a high volume of residents attending our events, including the Brereton Million Outdoor Movie Nights and the Winter wonderland. We use these events to push our consultations and find out what the residents are enjoying and would like to improve in the area. We always send out our consultation forms and collect the results in.

What Brereton Million has done so far...

What we have done so far...

Ravenhill Park

Although the park equipment is not in yet we have been working very hard to get it completed.

Right at the start we decided the best people to work with was the children themselves. We went into local schools multiple times and asked them to come up with ideas on what type of equipment they would like in the park. From this, we then went back to them with a variety of pictures of different play equipment and asked them to pick their favourites. Following on from this we went back with 20 of the favourite items and asked them all to vote for their top 3.

At the same time another park was being produced in another district so we went along to see how they were pitching their work. Partnership members met with several park equipment companies who designed plans based on what the children had chosen. As well as several meetings with councils now and again over the years. We finally got a meeting in January of this year with all the help of our local County and District councillors with the head of Open spaces and relevant councillors.

We now have a date set for the cabinet meeting in June where we will need to take our park plans for approval. In the mean time we have hired an architect and surveys to prepare the work for this meeting. Once this has been passed the work can begin, which we hope will start in September when the children go back to school so they do not lose out on the summer holiday playing in the park.

We have also started on the other side of the park a woodland walk, which currently goes a quarter of the way of the park. It has been well received by everyone who uses the park, dog walkers, children and families. We have many more plans for this area too.

Brereton Aesthetics

Residents asked us to bring back the village feel. One of the bus stops needed completely replacing so we replaced it with a wooden one. It has been up for over 18 months and is still looking as good as new.

Everyone loves it and it takes pride in the village. We have also placed two plant pots each side of the bus shelter, which the lollipop ladies take care of.

Every year we organize a yearly clean up of our war memorial. Last year our County Councillor funded replacing the flooring around the memorial as it was unsafe and each year it became harder and harder to clean. We designed and purchased a poppy fencing all the way around the front of the memorial not only really improving the look but also bringing it in-line with safety regulations.

Skills

We commissioned the WEA courses for any Brereton and Ravenhill residents who wanted to do courses free. We had 70 residents attend the courses from IT to various crafting.

We had some very talented residents come away with some pieces of work of which some was donated to a local hospital. We have now moved on to more in-depth skills like first aid, defibrillator training and sign language.

Brereton Community Hub

In early 2015, we were informed that the Ravenhill Ward social club was closing and going to auction. After many residents asked us to help save the building, we put out a survey to see if this was definitely what the majority of the residents wanted.

We realised this was something that they wanted and had to do all we could to save it. After many meetings and negotiations with the former Trustees and solicitors, we then had to write a business plan as this was not something we had planned for in our year one or two plan. We then had to become a CIC and finally purchased the building in August 2016.

The hall was very dated so we decided to renovate the building using local tradesmen and volunteers before opening the doors to hirers. The work took five weeks to complete and now has a fully equipped kitchen, a disabled toilet, anti slip flooring through out and a much brighter appearance.

The hub is now extremely successful and in regular use by many new and existing community groups. It is also a home for Brereton Million, which is something we have always been lacking.

Events

We celebrated with our residents the success of getting our million pounds by hosting the first ever Brereton Million Outdoor Movie Nights. Due to its huge success with the residents, we did the event again in 2016 and have it scheduled in again in 2017.

Many residents voted for more events and as Brereton was the only park not to have its own lantern parade, we decided to have a go and add a Winter Wonderland for all the children too. The first year we tried this in the park, which wasn't easy due to the bad weather.

The second year we separated the events. This was more successful as we had the schools leave from their own schools and everyone arrived at the park at the same time. Other community groups participated, such as the Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Church. The Brereton Million Youth Group held a Christmas Market during their meeting time, which enabled us to get younger members of the community involved with planning events. This really was a lovely evening bringing all the community groups together.

The following weekend we held the Winter Wonderland at the Brereton Community Hub. This was a better success as we were sheltered and dry and planned in breaks, so volunteers weren't on their feet all day. We all pulled together and all enjoyed the event.

We also decided that we had a lot of volunteers in Brereton and Ravenhill that needed thanking. We as a Partnership wanted to thank a lot of people who had helped us over the last few years, but we wanted to celebrate the many volunteers in Brereton who has been helping the community in other ways.

With this in mind, we held the first ever Brereton Community Volunteer Awards. We asked people to nominate members of the community and came up with different categories: Young Volunteer of the Year;

Behind The Scenes Award; Newbie of the Year; Lifetime Achievement Award; Sports Volunteer Award; Fundraiser of the Year; Community Group of the Year; Inspirational award; Business Contribution to Volunteering; Volunteer of the Year and the Brereton Million Commitment Award.

We had lots of nominations and we invited everyone who was nominated and their guests, and made it clear it was their night off!

We wrote a volunteering song and film for those to enjoy and everyone had a lovely evening.

Community Fund

The Community Fund has been another big success. We have tried to take away the big grant writing process and offered a basic form for groups to complete, so we have some information from them.

We then go through the information making sure the groups tick all our categories. We then invite as many members from the group as we can along to our version of "dragons den" where we have residents and partnership members on the panel. We ask them what they know about Brereton Million and what they would like from us? Currently offering grants of up to £500.

We have given xxx grants to several community groups. We have helped start a brand new Scout band, supply many community groups with craft supplies, provide the local church community hall with disabled toilet facilities, supplied training facilities, equipment and kit for local football groups, provided trips for groups and saved our youth group from closing in which we now run ourselves.





The Brereton Consultation Results...

The Brereton Community Hub on its opening day
October 2017

Events

What Residents Voted For	How Many Votes
Cinema	150
Winter Wonderland	131
New Events	67
Open Theatre / Bands	23
Easter Egg Hunt	12
Halloween Event	8
Charity Events	6
Fireworks	5
Sports Day	5
Parade	4
Roller Skating / Ice Skating	4
Bouncy Castle Event in Park	3
Seaside Event	3
Treasure Hunt	2
Breakfast with Santa	2
Car Show	1
Food / Beer Festival	1
Open Days at the Brereton Community Hub	1
Victorian Christmas	1
Magic Show	1
Youth Events	1
More Volunteers	1

Ravenhill Park

What Residents Voted For	How Many Votes
Gym Equipment	32
Themed Activity Walk for Children / Families	29
iPlay	27
Climbing	21
Skate Park	20
Cafe	16
Activities for Children	15
Benches	13
Play Equipment for 10+	11
Add Equipment to the Pool	11
Toilets	11
Education Boards for Children	8
Crazy Golf	7
Sandpit	6
Football Pitches	5
Picnic Areas	5
BMX Track	5
Dog Bins	5
Running Track	4
Assault Course	4
Band Stand	3
Disabled Equipment	2
Outdoor Table Tennis	2
Marathon	2
Basketball / Netball	2
Flowers	1
Scalextric around Park	1
Drainage to Tennis Court	1
Go Kart Track	1
More Parking	1
More Volunteers	1

Brereton Aesthetics

What Residents Voted For	How Many Votes
Flowers	49
More Wooden Bus Stops	38
Gardening	37
War Memorial	31
Tidy Up Brereton	31
Shrubs / Trees	18
More Seating	14
Walks	12
Parking Issues at Both School	12
Picnic Areas	11
Christmas Lights	10
Welcome Signs	8
Paths over Grassed Areas	5
Roads Swept	5
New Paving	4
Paintwork	4
Pot Holes	2
Lanterns	2

Open Spaces

What Residents Voted For	How Many Votes
Flowers	46
Home Grown Vegetables	31
Animals / Wildlife	21
Trees / Shrubs	21
Play Equipment	20
Statues / Sculptures	18
More things for Younger Children / Teens	17
Wooden Assault Course	16
Clean-up Litter	15
Benches	13
Nature Reserve	13
More Bins	13
Zip Wire	9
Dog Poo Bins	9
Keep Grass Cut	8
Water Feature	6
Tidy-up Nursery Fields Site / Library Site	4
Better Lighting	2
Christmas Trees	1
Extending Parking at St Michaels	1
BBQ Areas	1
Bowls	1
Rally Driving	1
Car Parking by Hob Hill School	1

Skills

What Residents Voted For	How Many Votes
First Aid	39
Computer Skills	19
Sign Language	14
Fitness	12
Parenting Course	9
Cooking	8
Children's Life Skills	7
Parent and Children Courses Together	7
Craft	6
Homework Help	6
Courses for Teens	5
Art	5
Keep Fit	5
Work Skills for All	4
Forest School	4
Knitting / Crocheting	3
Courses for Unemployed	3
Courses for School Leavers	3
Tennis	3
Discovering Family Ancestry	3
Adult Dancing (Various)	3
iPad / Table / Phone Skills	3
Languages	3
Up-cycling	2
Bull Riding	2
Flower Arranging	2
Gymnastics for Children	2
Maths	2
Singing Club	2
English	2
Bicycle	2

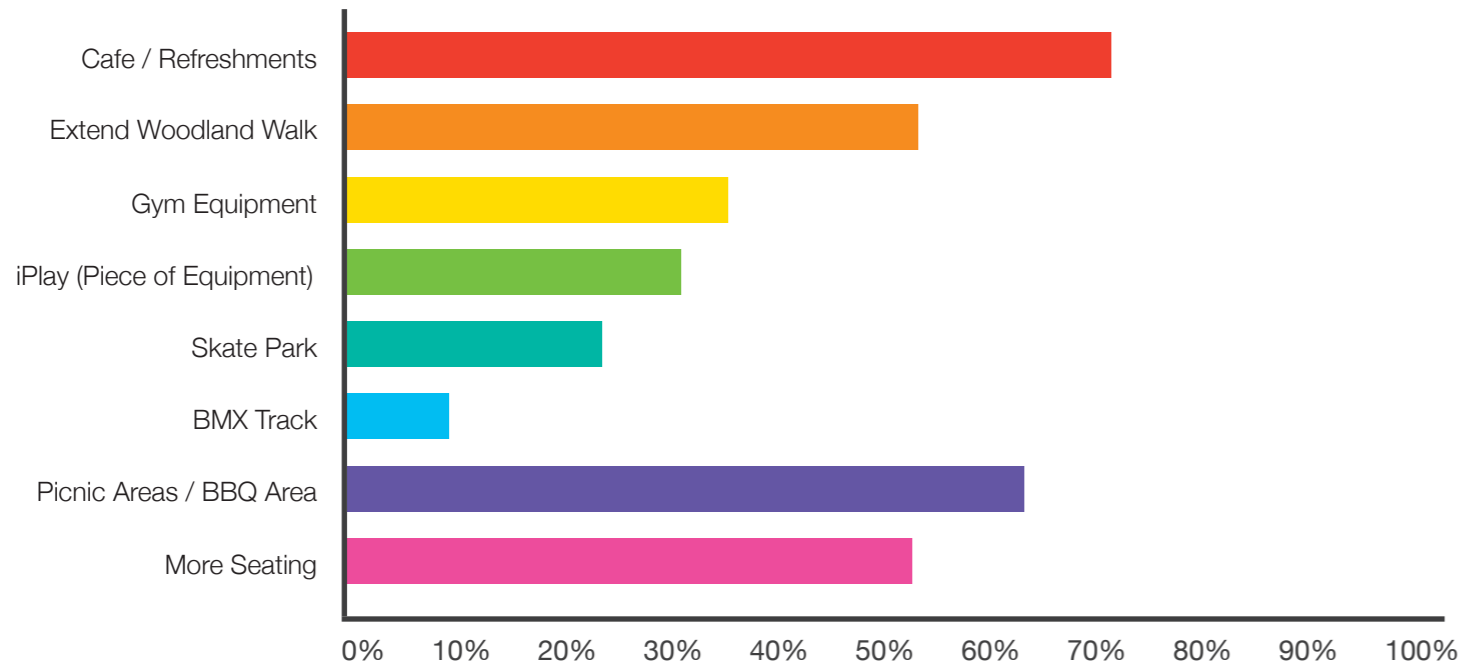
What Residents Voted For	How Many Votes
Cake Making	2
History / Local History	2
Wreath Making	1
Horse Riding	1
Nature Crafts	1
Shooting	1
Athletics	1
Life Skills	1
Survival Skills	1
Pottery	1
Training for Volunteers	1
Construction	1
Holistic Courses	1
Physiology	1
Horticulture	1
Manual / Engineering	1

Funding Projects

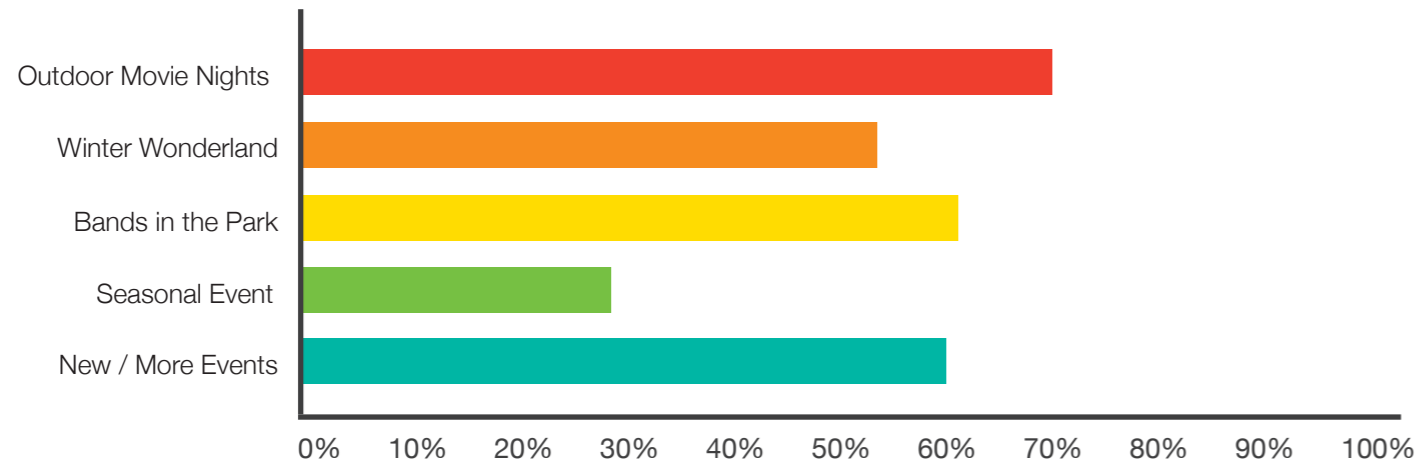
What Residents Voted For	How Many Votes
Community Fund	89
Youth Group	41
Community Bus	17
Brereton Carnival	4
Santa Tour	3
Vulnerable Children and Single Parent Facilities	2
Children's Playgroup	1
Fund WEA Courses	1
Brereton Church	1
Power Station Leisure Complex	1

Questionnaire

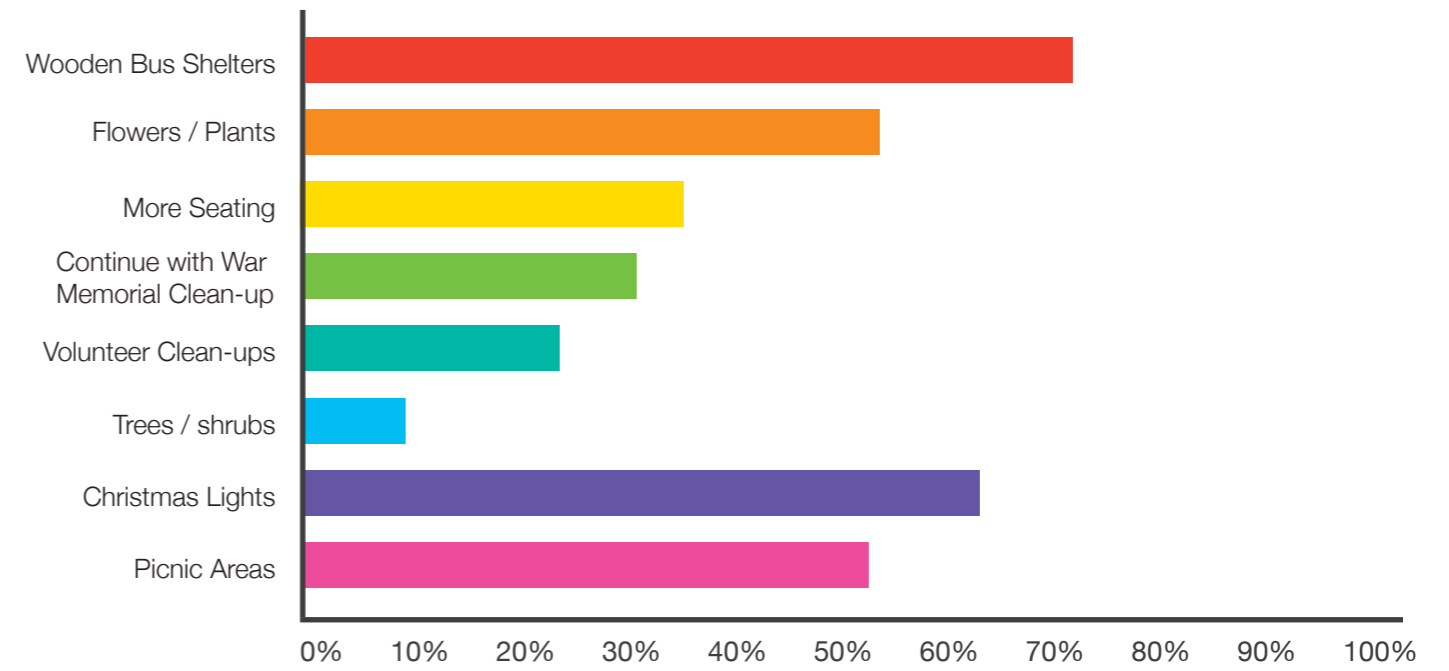
After the new equipment is installed, what else would you like in Ravenhill Park?



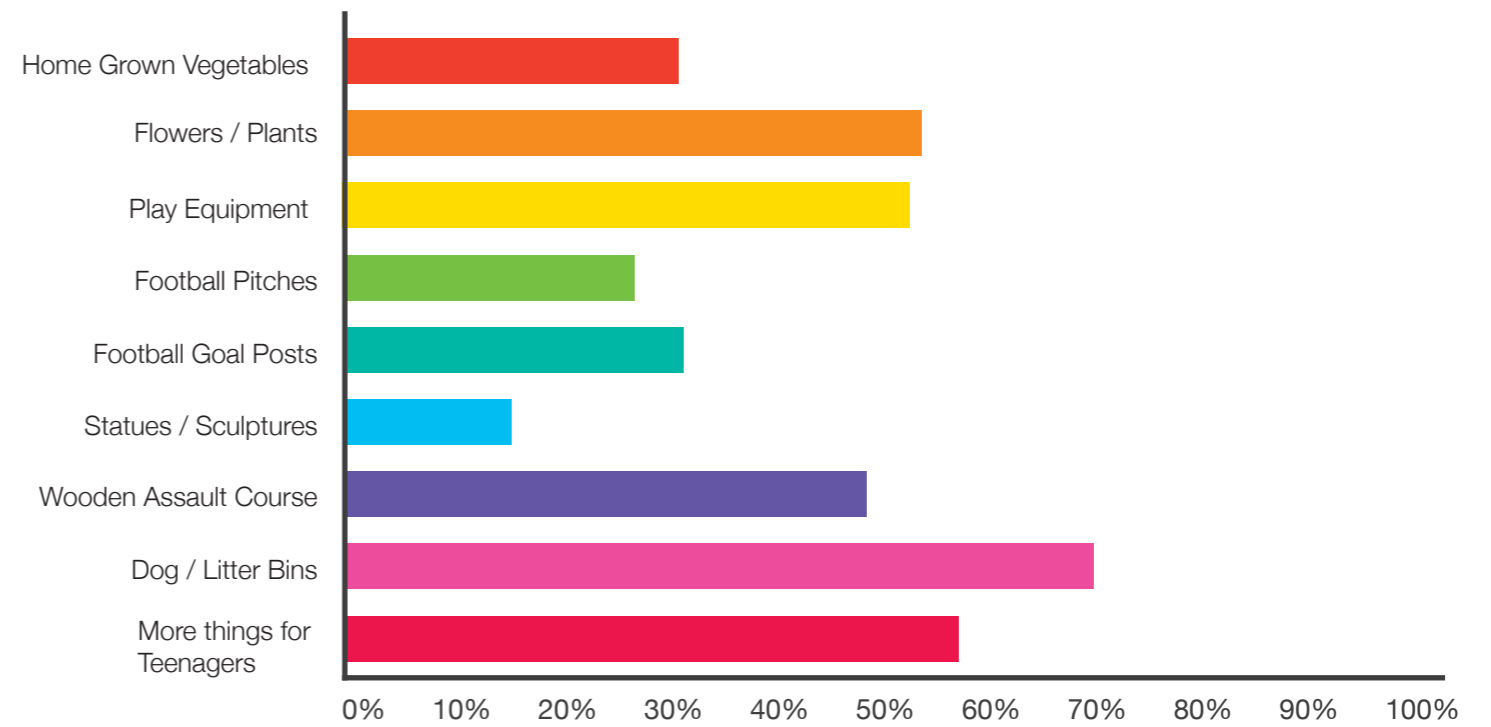
Looking at the Brereton Million Events, please tick if you would like to keep these events or try new ones?



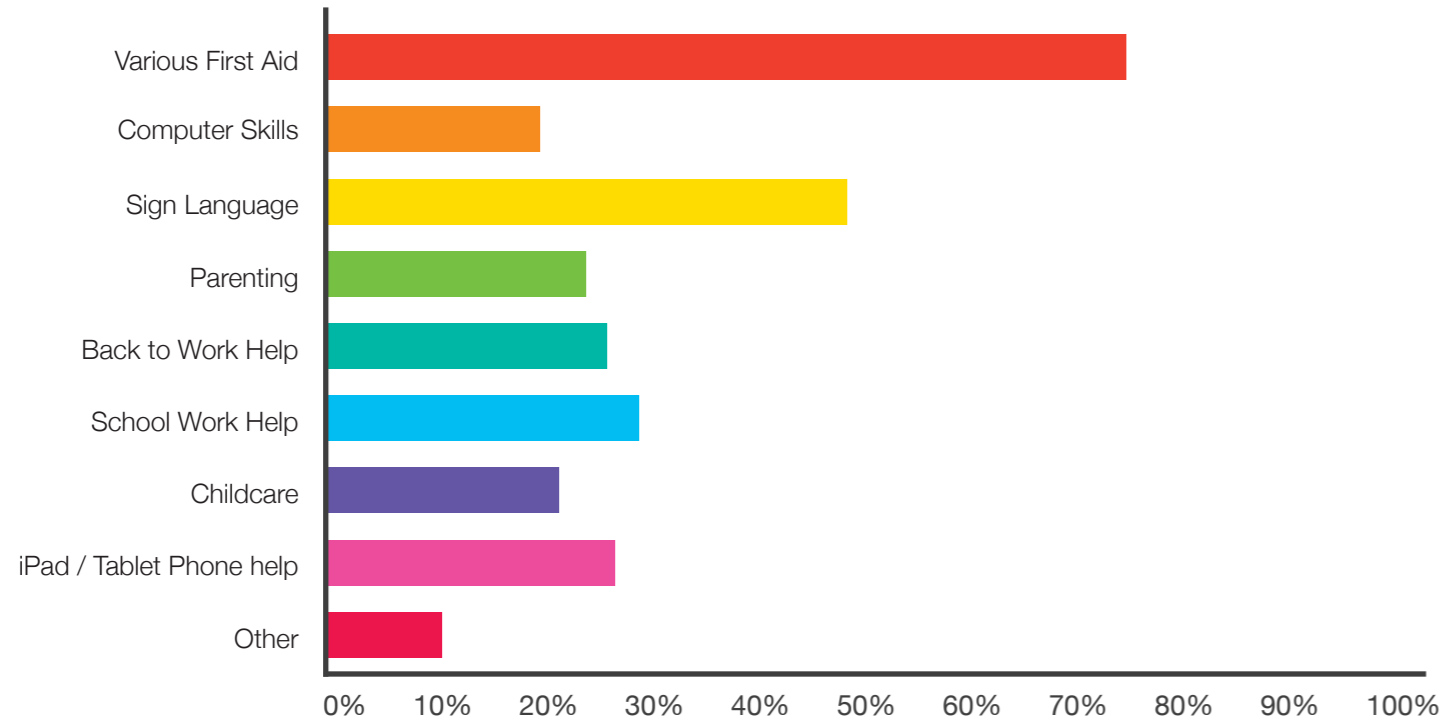
What could we do to improve the Aesthetics of Brereton and Ravenhill?



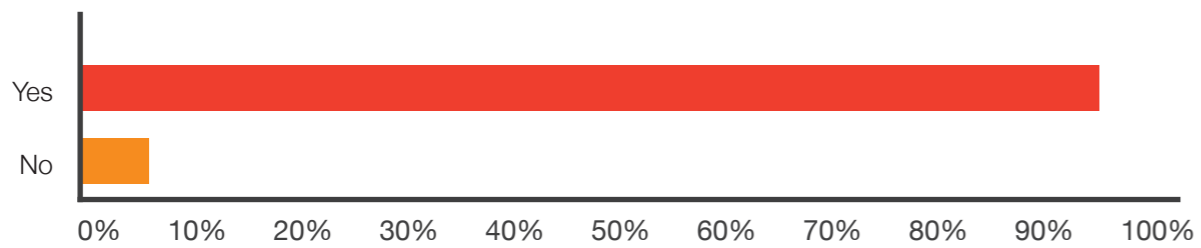
What would you like to see in the Open Spaces around Brereton and Ravenhill?



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Through the Community Fund, we currently offer Brereton and Ravenhill Community Groups funding up to £500. Do you think this is a valuable project?



We have been consulting our residents over the last two years. We have had lots of feedback from many of the projects we have done. This is the pen to paper consultation we have collected at events where we have left residents to come up with their own ideas. On the final consultation we made a survey with the top results and asked people to tick the favourite ideas.

As you can see residents are still asking for what we had planned in Year one and two and many ideas are from the original consultation. We plan to complete our biggest project, which was the park equipment in year

3, and keep our other projects rolling. Whilst working on getting residents' imaginations going and working on a bigger plan for year 4, 5 and possibly even year 6. Alongside the year 3 plan.

We are more confident now, as we have learned a lot along the way. We are now working with Local County and District Councils in a positive way. We have local business contacts as well as other community groups teaming up with us. It took a long time to get to where we are, but we are now in a position and more knowledgeable.

Our Year 3 Projects

Brereton Park

The Parks and Open Spaces Sub Group has been given autonomy in making decisions pertaining to the development of Ravenhill Park and other projects associated to it.

The spend on this theme is well supported. We know this because since inception the project team has continually sought consultation with residents.

As a Partnership group we therefore have a duty to represent these views and act on residents stated preferences. We will therefore look at how we can best develop the park so that any changes we can bring about will act as enablers for positive change, healthier lifestyles and further promote a sense of community and identity for the residents.

Key Developments

For Brereton Park, there are 7 key developments we would like to improve within the next 5 years.

Upgrading Play Equipment

Our priority is to upgrade the play equipment in the secure area of the park as soon as possible.

Gym Equipment

We would like to install outdoor gym equipment into unused areas of the park for residents to use whilst out on a walk.

Dog Friendly Woodland Walk

Using the unused woodland areas of the park, we want to include walk throughs for dog walkers.

Nature Trail

We would like to introduce a nature trail into the park for families to enjoy.

Wildlife Development

We would like to add bat boxes and other animal houses to increase the amount of wildlife within the park.

Signage

Adding signage into the park explaining Brereton's Heritage will help younger generations find out more about the area.

Encouraging and Promoting Healthy

Lifestyles

Adding new elements into the park such as the gym equipment and nature trail will hopefully promote healthy living to residents.

Requirements For Year 3

To continue from where the Partnership left off after year 2, we would like to install new play equipment into Ravenhill Park and new gym equipment.

Costs anticipated are as follows:

Play Equipment / Gym Equipment £125,000.

This cost will include buying and installation of the new equipment from a recognised company, as well as any groundwork that may need doing before the equipment is installed.

Brereton is a village with an abundance of opportunities to transform green spaces. Research has been undertaken by the Brereton Million team to understand the benefits and downsides to a community where Grow schemes are in place.

This project takes its influence from other larger successful projects such as incredible edible, which has seen a fantastic uptake in Todmorden.

Brereton Grows is a project intended to bring unused and unattractive open spaces into use. Small areas of land or planters will be used to encourage residents to plant and grow edible foods.

The intention is to create an association between food and its production from seed to plate. We want to encourage children to see the benefits of a healthy plant rich diet where they can participate and grow their own food.

Brereton has two fantastic allotment groups and many people with extensive knowledge around growing plants and vegetables. This knowledge should be used to inform the project and these groups.

Around our village is a multitude of spaces from community greens to verges, grasses central reservations between carriageways and also lawned areas adjacent to pavements and alleyways. These areas maintained by CCDC are prime for regeneration and planting to provide small-scale community allotments and also reduce the burden on CCDC maintenance teams.

Objectives

The objectives of this project need to be realistic and achievable, they are set as follows

To encourage residents of Brereton and Ravenhill to maintain open space and participate in a community wide grow scheme.

To use and promote local businesses when considering enhancements to open spaces.

To connect residents and particularly children to the concept of food growth from seed to plate.

Brereton Grows

What we will do

We aim to get residents to identify and take photos of areas they would like to see including in the project. Once we know of these areas, the Partnership can then find out who owns the land.

With the help of volunteers, we then aim to create small maintainable growing areas which residents can continue to look after.

The open spaces team will maintain the central index of Grows in action and updates provided to the Brereton Million formal Partnership each month.

Residents will be encouraged to pick at their leisure and slowly the concept will be built so as to build a parish wide identity for the scheme.

Requirements For Year 3

In 2017 a new plan is to be submitted and will request a sum of £6000 for the first year of the Brereton Grow project and absorbs the £3000 tidying up sites anticipated spend from the previous years budget.

Cost anticipated are as follows:

Planters	£2,500
Equipment	£2,000
Seeds / Plants	£500
Compost and Misc	£1,000
Total	£6,000



The Brereton Aesthetics Project has been set up as many residents wanted to bring back the village feel to our area.

With the success of our wooden bus shelter and the War memorial fencing, residents voted to keep this project running.

The War Memorial has an annual clean up each November ran by us and volunteers and we also provide the PA system for Remembrance Sunday. We have been doing this now since 2013 long before we had the money to show residents we were ready to make a difference in our area.

Requirements For Year 3

In year 3, we are going to have the War Memorial professionally cleaned and would like to aim to install another wooden bus shelter into the community.

Costs anticipated are as follows:

Memorial Clean-up	£1,600
Tidying-up Sites / Bus shelter	£4,400
Total	£6,000

The company who is going to clean the War Memorial is scheduled for the beginning of September 2017. We work very closely with the British Legion and the District Council of Open spaces to make sure all parties are happy. As well as the local residents who always support offering bins, tools and valuable time.



Customer		Misc	
Name	Sue Merriman	Date	10th January 2017
Title			
Address	Brereton Community Hub 101 Armitage Road Brereton Rugeley Staffs		
City			
Description	Brereton War Memorial, Main Road, Brereton, Rugeley, Staffs War Memorial Archive, Imperial War Museum Ref No: 13286	Unit Price	TOTAL
1	Clean cenotaph and surrounding area, Steam	1,325.00	1,325.00
Additional Options			
if required	Application of Biocide	75.00	
m2	Lime Pointing	60.00	
per letter	Letter re-enamelled - raised	0.60	
per letter	Re-head raised lead letter up to 1.5" high	14.00	
per lm	Chain supply/install Stainless steel 2mm x 22mm x 4mm	48.00	
1	written report and photos	free	
		SubTotal	1,325.00
		Shipping	265.00
		VAT 20.00%	
		TOTAL	£ 1,590.00
IMI also undertake Memorial Safety Inspections, as per industry guidance			
Office Use Only			
Proud to be working with In Memoriam 2014, War Memorial Archive, Imperial War Museum			

Thank you for your custom, I look forward to working with you in the future

Following on again from our first consultation residents told us that they wanted to build on the community spirit. Many years ago Brereton held many events from street parties, carnivals and big community events. Over the years these events have seized.

Since following the Big local program a local group has been set up and reintroduced Brereton's Carnival and parade. Residents were over joyed with this and asked us to keep the events coming and continue to build on the community spirit.

What we have learned from the events is that not only do residents have a nice day/evening out. But local community groups, businesses and residents work together.

We have many groups marshalling, making props, donating time and equipment and lots more. We also get a lot of consultation work done and again use the time to make our mark by using photos and videos to let residents now what we have been doing behind the scenes.

The events consultation for this year has received many votes and lots for more and new events. The other largest event is bands in the park. Which is also a possibility that we may look into.

Outdoor Movie Nights

This has been our biggest and most successful event bringing in around 3000 residents. Residents originally asked us to build a cinema in the area. We knew this was not visible option so we offered them an open-air cinema event. This is voted for highly each year. We let them send in film choices and get them to vote for the top 3 each night. This will be our 3rd year and like all the events each time we run them we become more confident, find ways to save money, extra funding and more volunteers. We run this in September and run our own movie before the event whilst we have everyone's attention and always receive a huge response of praise.

Winter Wonderland and Lantern Parade

When we first ran these events we ran them together. However last year we moved the Winter Wonderland to the Brereton Community Hub. This worked a lot better for all involved. We now have an easy to follow plan with storage and props all ready made which we can just add a little too so the magic grows. We will still run the

Lantern parade into the park as this keeps our contacts with the schools and is also an easy event which brings more group together and gives us a different marketing opportunity.

The Awards Ceremony

We have so many volunteers now we wanted to say thank you. When we stepped back we realised with over 100 community groups in Brereton there was so many that needed thanking too. So, we decided to set up an awards ceremony. Where we have 11 categories where residents can write in and nominate volunteers for their hard work. We then send all the nominated lists off to Support Staffordshire our LTO who do not now any of the volunteers and ask them to choose the winners. We then invite everyone along where we decorate the hall with lots of home made decorations and give all the nominees a night off. With lots of guests speakers like our Big Local rep, Support Staffordshire, Supportive councillors and Brereton million partnership members we handed out the awards, followed with a buffet and a disco.

Requirements For Year 3

In year 3, we are going to continue the successful events, such as the Outdoor Movie Nights, but also look at the possibility of holding a new event.

Cost anticipated are as follows:

Outdoor Movie Nights	£7,500
Volunteer Awards	£1,000
Winter Wonderland	£3,500
Total	£12,000



Following on from the consultation you will see that a high volume are asking for more and more courses. We then put a survey out for the top ideas that came from the main consultation and started to look into what residents are asking for the most.

In the first quarter of Year 3 our top 3 skills priorities are:

First Aid

During our consultation, many residents wanted to learn basic first aid, with the possibility of continuing the course further.

Sign Language

Sign Language courses will help Residents learn a new skill, but also help include members of the community who are hard of hearing or deaf.

IT

Learning to use computers is becoming a necessary skill in society, so we aim to help all ages learn to use computers to help improve their chances of employment.

We have been working closely with a company called Jola Medical. After lots of research Jola Medical are offering the best, competitive prices in our area. We are working with them to offer:

Basic life support for adults and children

Babies and toddlers first aid training

Emergency paediatric first aid

Fire safety at work

Footballers and emergency first aid

We have also been looking at defibrillators in our area, we currently have none. We will soon be having an adults only one but have been waiting for over a year for it to be put in place. Once we have the defibrillators in we will be able to offer lots of defibrillator trainings also. Jola Medical is also offering to work with all our teens, going along to the youth groups and teaching them and offering them the chance to progress and volunteer at events to gain experience.

We have an ex skills coordinator from WEA leading our skills project. She is keen and always ready to get the

next course up and running. She listens to what comes from the consultations and gets moving with it as quickly as it comes through.

We have a sign language course set up from the Hub running weekly for ten weeks. For all ages and this was organized within a week of her having the consultation. The next on the list is the IT, which is something that is being worked on via the Hub, as there is currently no Internet.

Requirements For Year 3

In year 3, we aim to continue funding courses for Brereton and Ravenhill residents and we plan to do a skills audit of the area which we have set budgets for, so we have a sound basis for our courses.

Cost anticipated are as follows:

Skills Audit and Skills Gap Research	£3,000
Courses and Professional Delivery	£22,000
Supporting Individuals	£5,000
Total	£30,000

Requirements For Year 3

In year 3, we aim to continue to give grants to Brereton Community groups, as well as try and motivate groups to work together more.

Cost anticipated are as follows:

Grants	£20,000
Total	£20,000

The Community Fund has been a huge support to many groups over the last two years. Offering £500 to many groups. It saw the start of the community grow project as one of the projects was funding allotment group. Who's project turned out a lot bigger and led to us funding a whole community classroom project. We have funded a whole new Scout band, which is something, not just our village but the districts around us haven't had for many years. Teaching many children musical instruments from scratch.

The aim of the community fund is to get community groups to come along to the "dragons den" to find out what they know about us. So, they learn about Brereton Million and can away and spread the word about what we do. In year 3 we want to work on this a lot more. We are working on improving the structure of the form they fill in when they attend. We are hoping to get groups to sign up to our AGM so when they win a grant they come back along to our AGM and put on a small presentation. We also want them to take away our consultation forms to their groups. We currently have a "proudly sponsored by Brereton Million" banner which we ask them to have a group photo with.

In year 3 we would like to offer a higher pot of money a couple of times of year. We have groups starting to be getting bigger ideas. For instance we had a Football group who need to improve their football changing rooms, another group who want to start a community garden at the back of their building. We would also like to give groups the opportunity to team up and think of bigger projects they can do together. In our first year we saved the Youth group from closing a figure of £500 would never of been able to have got them of the ground. So we would like to be able to be in the position to have this opportunity.

Brereton Community Hub

The Brereton Community Hub has been a very successful project for many reasons. Not only for ourselves for finding us identity, but for the regular use for residents. This year we aim to push the bookings, work on the outside look and look at self-funding.

Our Aims for Year 3

Support the Hub Financially

We will help the Hub pay for its bills to keep the overall costs for community groups who rent the building to a minimum and allow the Hub to become self-funded.

Increase Bookings

We would like to increase the booking for community groups and parties to help fund the building

Tidy Exterior and Replace Fencing

Replacing the fencing at the front of the building will make it look better within the community, but will also increase the security.

Look at solar panels to lower bills

To help with the bills, we will look into adding solar panels to help us become an economical building.

Look into Employing Someone

As the Hub gets busier, it may be beneficial to hire someone part-time to help with the running of the hub.

Bring in other Sources of Money i.e. Grants

The Partnership will continue to look for grants to help us fund new projects at the Hub.

Planting Scheme

As part of the Brereton Grows project, we aim to introduce areas where we can plant different vegetables etc

Skills Training at the Hub

We aim to get as many groups in as possible helping residents gain new skills which will benefit them long term.

The Hub is now our base and so we plan to keep making it look better and better. Updating it as much as we can as we go along. We have put some money a side again this year mainly as a safety net for the hub. To make sure we can completely get the Hub where we need it to be.

We hope by the end of 2017 this will be hired out every day to regular hirers. Leaving an evening a month for us.

We also have the office on site, which we can use. We are already looking into how we can use outside grant processes to maintain the building in future years. As the Hub will be our lasting legacy.

Requirements For Year 3

In year 3, we aim to continue to provide help for the Brereton Community Hub and aim for it to become self funded

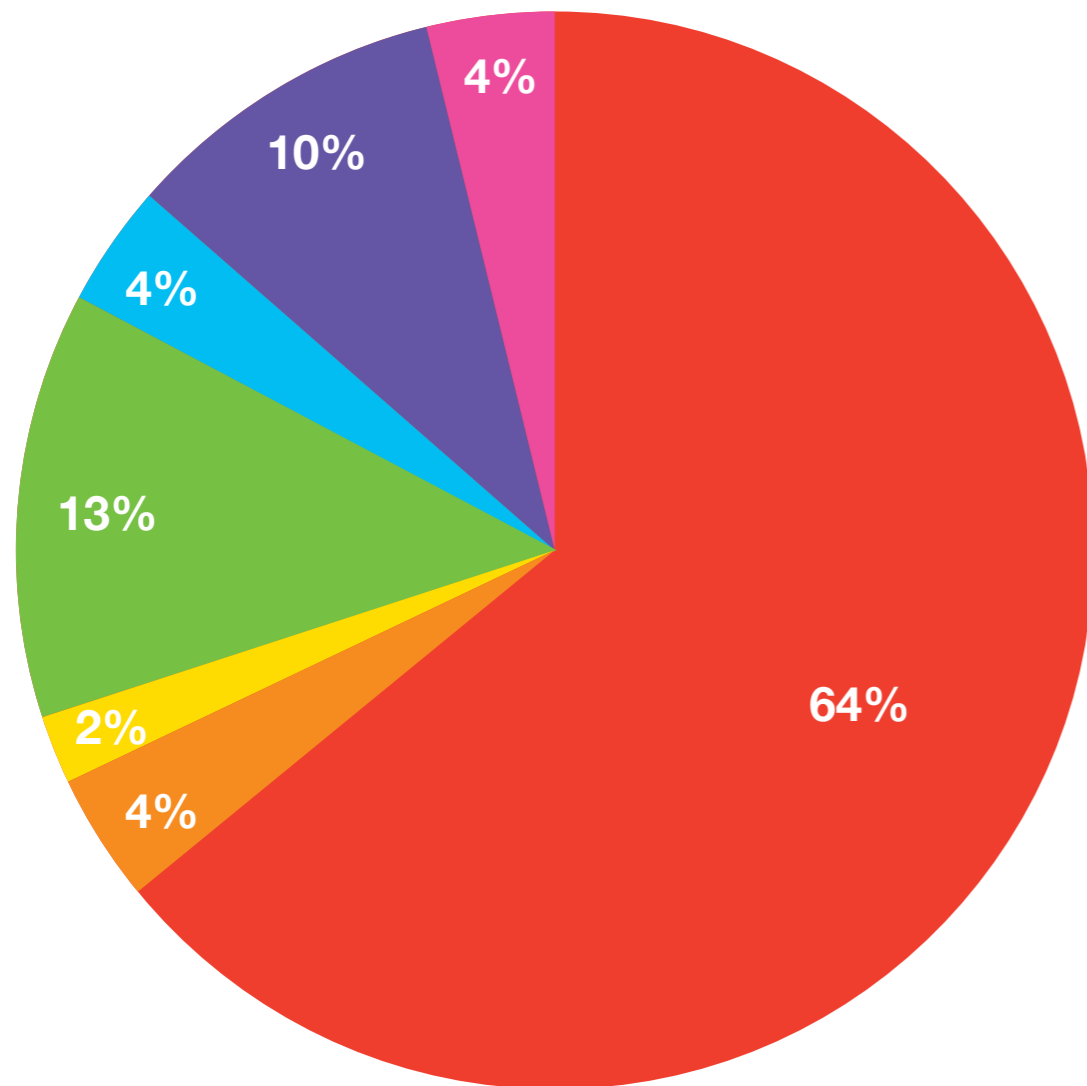
Cost anticipated are as follows:

Insurance	£1,000
Utilities	£8,000
Ongoing Repairs and Maintenance	£3,000
Management	?
Total	£12,000

Finances

Total Budget

Projects	Budgets
Parks and Open Spaces	£200,000
Events	£12,000
Aesthetics	£6,000
Project Management	£40,000
Brereton Grows	£12,000
Skills	£30,000
Brereton Community Hub	£12,000
Total	£312,000



What Residents Voted For	Cost	Total
Programme Delivery Support		
Brereton Million Marketing	£5,000	
Volunteer Expenses	£1,000	
IT	£500	
Equipment	£500	
Venue Hire	£500	
Branding	£500	
Partnership Member Training	£1,000	
Engagement Worker	£15,000	
Project Delivery Support	£10,000	
LTO Support	£5,000	
Year 4+ Plan Development and Writing	£1,000	
		£40,000
Brereton Aesthetics		
Memorial Clean-up	£1,600	
Tidying Up Sites / Bus Shelter	£4,400	
		£6,000
Parks and Open Spaces		
Play Equipment	£165,000	
Dealing with Dog Poo	£1,000	
Nature Walk	£5,000	
Outdoor Gym	£10,000	
Mobile Cafe Pilot	£4,000	
Community Greens and Canals	£15,000	
		£200,000
Events		
Outdoor Movie Nights	£7,500	
Volunteer Awards	£1,000	
Winter Wonderland / Lantern Parade	£3,500	
Marketing		
		£12,000
Skills		
Skills Audit and Skill Gap Research	£3,000	
Courses and Professional Delivery	£22,000	
Supporting Individuals	£5,000	
		£30,000
Brereton Grows		
Initial Set-up and Tools	£4,000	
Ongoing Costs of Plants and Planters	£8,000	
		£12,000

What Residents Voted For	Cost	Total
Brereton Community Hub		
Insurance	£1,000	
Utilities	£8,000	
Ongoing Repairs and Maintenance	£3,000	
Management	?	
		£12,000
Community Fund		
Grants	£20,000	
		£20,000
Contingency		
		£5,000

Total Required
1st Instalment
2nd Instalment

£337,000
£249,000
£88,000

Measuring Success

At the very start of running our consultations, we asked two questions.

What residents liked about Brereton and Ravenhill?

What they would improve in Brereton and Ravenhill?

From this we took photos of the area, photos of what they liked and photos of where they would like to improve. We believe a photo says thousands especially when you can compare what something looked like before and after.

Along with many volunteers coming along to help us hand out our newsletter to help spread what we have to say. The number of volunteers that have turned out to help pull off each project has been in the hundreds. Which supports our vision of bringing the community together.

We will continue to consult the residents with each project with all our communication aids and take as many photos along the way.



