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Organisation	Spital Estate Community Association
Project Name	HeShed SheShed on the Seashore
Location(s)	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea
Description	<p>Establishing a vibrant woodworking shop at their community hall, providing a welcoming space for creativity, skill-building and connection through woodworking.</p> <p>Focusing on collaboration and mentorship, they will offer classes in woodwork, and specialist workshops on techniques such as carving, turning, finishing and furniture repair, to people of all backgrounds and experience levels.</p> <p>They will also offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upcycling and repurposing sessions • community repair days • a borrow-a-tool library • community woodworking projects, such as park benches and sheds
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Organisation	Dry Water Arts Centre
Project Name	Community Spirit Level
Location(s)	Amble
Description	<p>Community Spirit Level is a 0 month co-created community wellbeing programme grown from 6 years of consistent engagement and consultation with the community of Amble.</p> <p>It will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrich and extend their creative health and wellbeing programme. • Build a team of new volunteers trained in community arts /festival skills that can support and lead community events and activities in the future. • Enable additional training to support the project such as safeguarding and inclusivity training. • Co-create large scale community led celebration event building on their successful and community-endorsed ReKindle event which engaged 3000 active participants.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create opportunities for young artists in participatory arts, dementia positive approaches and inclusive methods of engagement • Promote social equity and purpose via meeting making and moving together. • Create impactful creative volunteering opportunities building social and human capital, skills and economic ambition and activity. • Develop social and support networks and access to other services via advocacy and signposting. • Success and impact will be measured via continuous consultation with participants gathering qualitative and quantitative data over the duration of the project.
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Organisation	Briardale House Youth and Community Projects
Project Name	Community Garden
Location(s)	Cowpen, Blyth
Description	<p>This project involves the development of a safe and inclusive community space for groups to meet and bring people together with aims of tackling issues such as physical/emotional well-being and anti-social behaviour as well as isolation and loneliness, whether that be because of well-being challenges, age or being part of a marginalised group.</p> <p>By creating the safe and inclusive space within the heart of the local community, they hope to develop stronger community cohesion and plan to collaborate with numerous local organisations and groups to promote the project and support sustainability, with a focus on intergenerational projects (such as young people’s groups including youth groups, cadets and schools, and older persons’ groups such as Royal British Legion veterans) and inclusivity for those with additional needs, covering both physical and emotional needs.</p> <p>Their ‘green’ promoting eco project will include community allotment opportunities, sensory spaces and outdoor education potential to provide equal access to services for all.</p>
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Organisation	Parkhead and Wansbeck Powersports
Project Name	Development
Location(s)	Hirst, Ashington
Description	<p>The project will revitalise the gym, replacing equipment and improving the environment, to provide an attractive environment for the community to enjoy for many years to come.</p> <p>Originally established before World War II, Hirst Welfare was a hub of exercise and fitness for miners living in the area. A new building, including the gym, was erected in 2003, but with the equipment now 20 years old, the project will provide equipment of the highest quality to</p>

	promote fitness and wellbeing that is geographically and financially accessible to the community.
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Organisation	Newbiggin Arts Centre
Project Name	Community Art Classes
Location(s)	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea
Description	<p>Over the past two years Newbiggin Arts Centre has established a unique capability, in the town centre, to deliver the painting, drawing and craft clubs and classes that their community needs and desires; in a safe, sociable, friendly, supportive and non-judgemental environment; open to all members of the community irrespective of gender, race, age, disability or religion. They encourage and appreciate that diversity.</p> <p>In response to requests from community members, they will offer additional workshops and classes to local people in Newbiggin and surrounding areas, irrespective of their financial status.</p> <p>The funding enables them to pay for professional tutors and creative professionals to facilitate the sessions, as well as purchase equipment and materials, contribute to centre running costs, and cover the expenses of the number of volunteers who support the running of the Arts Centre and the delivery of sessions.</p>
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Website	https://newbigginartscentre.org
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Organisation	Blyth Resource and Initiative Centre (BRIC)
Project Name	Digital Inclusion
Location(s)	Multiple locations across the target area
Description	<p>The project will see a tutor employed to deliver digital skills training to up to 60 residents across the target area.</p> <p>The training will be a mix of one-to-one and group sessions, in which participants gain basic digital skills including searching the internet and understanding of online safety, learn how to make appointments and purchases, and discover how to navigate emails.</p> <p>The newly-gained digital skills will open up access to medical care, housing and financial support, education and employment, government services, entertainment, community and social connections.</p>
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Organisation	Blyth Tall Ship
Project Name	Flagship Blyth
Location(s)	Blyth
Description	<p>A first step in a longer term plan to create significant sustainable maritime heritage shore-based facilities and activities in Blyth, this project will grow Blyth Tall Ship's archiving and heritage work. The funding will enable volunteer training and the purchase of equipment for the project which will bring parts of 79 Bridge Street, the old Commissioner's building, back into use and reflecting its maritime heritage.</p> <p>The project will build capacity to engage volunteers in shore-based heritage skills particularly around archiving, heritage recreation activities and and skills training programmes. It expects to train 10 volunteers in higher-end skills and a further 40 in more entry-level skills and engagement programmes and courses that can be used for the benefit of telling the Blyth Maritime Heritage Story.</p>
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Organisation	The Tute, Cambois
Project Name	Rude Health
Location(s)	Cambois
Description	<p>Rude Health is the inaugural season of work for The Tute, designed around the theme of health and wellbeing, and offering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • career opportunities and social healing for local isolated artists • volunteer recruitment • capacity building for our organisation • the improvement of our space and crucially better access for the community. • meaningful volunteering engagement. <p>It comprises a celebration event with free food and entertainment reuniting a community in a well loved space, the old Miners Institute in Cambois for a three day showcase of local artist's work, alongside six months of bespoke designed creative engagement with the communities of Cambois, North Blyth, East Sleekburn and across East Bedlington. As well as targeting disenfranchised volunteers who may be out of work, families, men's sessions, women's sessions and wider open workshops will be provided.</p> <p>This will culminate in a month of culture in October where the groups and the wider community will experience four unique cultural events that will also attract tourism and footfall to the area.</p>
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Organisation	Newcastle United Foundation
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Project Name	Ashington Connected
Location(s)	Hirst, Ashington
Description	<p>Based in the Hirst Welfare Centre, Ashington, Ashington Connected is a community hub approach to supporting local residents, offering a range of interventions which connect participants to local volunteering opportunities and access to other community services.</p> <p>Newcastle United Foundation has established a hub area within the centre, creating a positive and inspirational community learning space and bringing together the brand of Newcastle United and the rich history of Ashington to engage and motivate residents. A Project Coordinator within the hub leads on project delivery as well as engaging and building relationships with other local services, employers, and the VCS.</p> <p>NUF has also moved established provision into the centre, contributing to wider health and wellbeing benefits for residents and helping in the reestablishment of the Hirst Welfare Centre as a thriving community space.</p>
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Organisation	Newbiggin Boxing Club
Project Name	New Being Boxing
Location(s)	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea
Description	<p>Through the sport of boxing, Newbiggin Boxing Club's vision is to become a hub for personal growth, community engagement, and positive change.</p> <p>Through its various programs, they strive to significantly impact mental health, anti-social behaviour, crime rates, school attendance, and overall wellbeing within the community.</p> <p>The project enables the refurbishment their building in Newbiggin including the installation of new toilets, windows, and conducting a complete redecoration to create a fresh and vibrant atmosphere. They are also purchasing new equipment including a boxing ring.</p> <p>Funding also pays for coaches to support vulnerable and socially isolated young people, offer tailored training programmes to veterans, and deliver sessions for the Youth Offending Service.</p> <p>They have recently commenced a pilot with NCC Sports Development Team to offer a range of tailored sessions to support local people referred through social prescribing and other agencies, which will shape their programme delivery in future.</p>
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Organisation	Children North East
Project Name	Neuro Peer Support and Volunteer Placement
Location(s)	Blyth

Description	<p>Working with partners, Children North East is recruiting three volunteers and running a peer support group for neurodiverse young people.</p> <p>The group will meet each Monday evening at Blyth family hub from September – December 2024. The need for support for neurodiverse young people is clear, as is respite for their families.</p> <p>Two CNE staff will deliver the sessions, supported by volunteers, each provided with training and fully DBS checked. Volunteers may comprise parents or carers of young people with additional needs to utilise their lived experience and support with skills development.</p> <p>Building on supportive relationships with staff, volunteers and peers, young people will have the opportunity to socialise with peers, improve social skills, build friendships and engage in activities based on their interest.</p> <p>Volunteers will receive training that increases self-confidence and will support them to consider further volunteering, training or employment.</p>
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Organisation	Headway Arts
Project Name	Headway Artspace
Location(s)	Blyth
Description	<p>Headway Arts will refurbishment their building in Blyth to provide additional space for activities that improve people’s lives through active participation, learning and volunteering.</p> <p>The project will bring disused space back into use, after repairing crumbling plasterwork, double glazing windows, and redecorating water damage after a roof was previously repaired.</p> <p>The project focus will be local residents in the priority wards, significantly increasing opportunities for participation and volunteering in cultural, social and wellbeing activities and a variety of roles, such as admin, tech, support workers, facilitation, and marketing, primarily through mentoring but also through funded courses available.</p> <p>They will also develop a volunteering strategy to continue to recruit and train volunteers following the project completion.</p> <p>The project will complement and enhance Blyth’s existing cultural offer to residents and significantly contribute to the redevelopment of the town centre and, as a valued heritage building, to the Bondicar Conservation area in which it stands.</p>
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Organisation	Age UK Northumberland
Project Name	New Beginnings 50+
Location(s)	Multiple locations across the target area
Description	<p>The New Beginnings 50+ project champions the difference that those age 50 and over can make to their local area. It will engage, train and empower new volunteers to make an impact in their community through roles such as Fitness Instructors, Community Ambassadors and Friendship Enablers.</p> <p>This project will invest in communities to develop a team of trusted friends who live in and understand the challenges faced by older people within the funding areas. Emphasis will be on upskilling volunteers to make a lasting impact within their community through advice, friendship and fitness support, increasing capacity to improve the lives of older people, meeting the needs of the community and increasing the potential employability of volunteers, should they wish to seek paid employment.</p>
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Organisation	Pride Action North
Project Name	Roaming Roots
Location(s)	Multiple locations across the target area
Description	<p>Roaming Roots, is a community project that centres on the engagement of young people in community settings to address social and economic disparities.</p> <p>Serving diverse wards, and prioritising areas with limited provisions and/or insufficient public transport, it is an adaptable catalyst for youth outreach on a detached basis. Collaboration is at the forefront of the project with multiple local stakeholders, Pride Action North aims to combat issues such as anti-social behaviour, mental health, wellbeing issues and social isolation.</p> <p>With sustainability a key focus, through data gathering they will ascertain need through engagement with beneficiaries and stakeholders. Consolidating outreach efforts through learning into four hubs, they will minimise their environmental impact and contribute to climate sustainability.</p> <p>Through volunteering and upskilling, the project seeks to enhance community resilience and pride, creating lasting positive impacts on overall well-being. Roaming Roots embodies innovation, fosters inclusivity, and meaningful interactions in communities lacking permanent provision.</p>

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Organisation	ESCAPE Family Support
Project Name	Family Champions
Location(s)	Ashington
Description	<p>ESCAPE is the only organisation in Northumberland providing specialist support to families, young people, children and carers who are affected by addictions.</p> <p>This project aims to inspire change through the development of mutual aid through Family Champions. Building on a previously funded pilot, which enabled them to introduce and embed a new and stronger mutual aid approach that provided training, opportunities and support to Family Champions, who are experts by experience, the project will help others to achieve positive change.</p> <p>As service users move through their journey with ESCAPE, they will be given opportunities to formally gain the skills and competencies that will equip them to work as facilitators, peer mentors, and befrienders.</p>
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Organisation	Museums Northumberland
Project Name	Ashington Community Action
Location(s)	Ashington
Description	<p>Ashington Community Action is a project to support the volunteering ambitions of the communities surrounding Woodhorn Museum in Ashington.</p> <p>It will build on the almost 50 active volunteers, of different ages, backgrounds and circumstances, who currently contribute time to their industrial heritage; collections conservation, gardening and environmental work; and act as critical friends to shape and inform policy and planning.</p> <p>Ashington Community Action will support groups at varying stages and working at different paces - some recently established and others keen to develop more formal and independent arrangements and agreements.</p> <p>Volunteers bring with them expertise, knowledge and skills to share whilst, in turn, gaining confidence, skills, new friends and, in some cases, moving into employment as a direct result of volunteering with us.</p> <p>Ashington Community Action will enable existing groups and individuals to achieve their personal and collective aims; attract new volunteers; support people to shape and make</p>

	decisions within local community heritage; and ensure continued engagement and a long-term, sustainable future for volunteering in Ashington.
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Organisation	Spital Estate Community Association
Project Name	Newbiggin Community Skiff Rowing Boat Club
Location(s)	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea
Description	<p>In 2017/18, carpenters and enthusiasts built a skiff rowing boat, at the Elizabethan Hall, in Newbiggin. Skiff building originated in Scotland and there are now over 100 clubs around our shores, with 10 along the Northumberland coast.</p> <p>This project has seen the creation of a community club to enable local people to support and bring the boat into the water at Newbiggin, for the benefit of the whole community. They plan to train people how to row, how to cox, to support each other in the boat, to learn and practice health and safety when on the water and to create a water-side group linked to as many as other groups in Newbiggin as possible.</p>
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Organisation	CVA Blyth Valley
Project Name	Community Digital and Social Media Marketing Skills and Development
Location(s)	Multiple locations across the target area
Description	<p>This project will deliver a programme of group workshops and bespoke training in digital skills to the Voluntary and Community Sector in the seven NIECP target areas in Blyth.</p> <p>They will work with regional digital content creators and marketing professionals to bring their knowledge and expertise to Blyth.</p> <p>Training will be relevant and bespoke to groups, creative and hands-on.</p> <p>Content will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • digital fundraising and marketing • cybersecurity • customer relationship management • social media marketing (such as Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok) • website upgrades • using artificial intelligence for bid writing • writing content online • video and photography <p>This will enable VCS groups to improve:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • digital marketing skills and content • organisational insight • publicity and promotion • take up of services • engagement within local communities • opportunities for volunteers, particularly young volunteers, looking to develop digital media and marketing skills, experience and knowledge
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Organisation	Citizens Advice Northumberland
Project Name	Volunteer Visionaries
Location(s)	Ashington
Description	<p>This project focuses on delivering impactful volunteering opportunities. Targeting residents who are unemployed, socially excluded, possess low skills, or are young and not in education, employment, or training, it provides high-quality placements within Citizens Advice Northumberland.</p> <p>Participants are inducted into a comprehensive training programme, leading to industry-recognized certification. Citizens Advice Northumberland premises in Ashington, Blyth, Amble, Bedlington, and Newbiggin will be the focus of these outreach efforts.</p> <p>A dedicated Volunteer Coordinator will collaborate with community groups, employability projects, schools, and specialised providers to engage potential participants. By leveraging social media, local offices, and hubs, the project aims to reach residents facing unemployment, social exclusion, low skills, and young individuals outside education or employment.</p> <p>Participants will be supported by specialised training staff and paired with experienced volunteers for mentoring. Successful participants are also guaranteed interview opportunities for paid employment within Citizens Advice Northumberland.</p>
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Organisation	Inner Light Wellbeing
Project Name	Lightening the Way to Employment
Location(s)	Multiple locations across the target area
Description	Lightening the Way to Employment centres around innovative two-hour Holistic Resilience Training Programmes, aimed at fostering personal growth while enhancing employability.

	<p>These eight-week rolling programs span six locations in Northumberland, accommodating 60 participants.</p> <p>Combining tailored wellbeing activities with skill development, their holistic approach ensures individuals emerge emotionally and professionally prepared for the workforce, promoting economic activity and social inclusion. The curriculum addresses personal wellbeing, resilience, and practical skills, cultivating success in both personal and professional realms.</p> <p>A unique aspect is their 30-minute Community-Centric Peer-to-Peer Support group, offering voluntary experience to six unemployed residents, fostering confidence and healing. This support network combats isolation, builds community, and empowers individuals. By integrating community-centric support, they aim to create a resilient talent pool.</p> <p>Our programmes not only enrich participants' experiences but also exemplify Inner Light Wellbeing CIC's commitment to holistic development, nurturing both personal and professional well-being, envisioning programmes as pivotal in nurturing emotionally resilient and skilled individuals, essential for a thriving, inclusive community.</p>
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Organisation	Being Woman
Project Name	UBUNTU
Location(s)	Multiple locations across the target area
Description	<p>UBUNTU is a community-focused initiative dedicated to fostering equality, diversity, and inclusion through skills development and place-based engagement. The project aims to empower communities by building their capacity to address local issues and stimulate increased social and economic inclusion.</p> <p>Being Woman believes that bringing accessible, emotionally intelligent, culturally competent, and tailored services to the ethnically diverse communities in Northumberland (Black, Asian, Minority, Ethnic and Refugee Groups) will empower individuals and communities to innovate, experiment and grow.</p> <p>The UBUNTU project addresses several critical needs within the community, grounded in evidence obtained through research and consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need for skills development • demand for equality, diversity and inclusion initiatives • community-led solutions to local issues • celebration of cultural diversity • enhanced community engagement and social action • inclusivity for marginalised groups • cultural competency and understanding • empowerment of women

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Organisation	Women’s Workshop
Project Name	Opening Doors
Location(s)	Amble
Description	<p>Women’s Workshop, the only women’s community base in the NEICP area, is developing their therapeutic eco-hub in the heart of the Coquet Enterprise Park, where local women facing extra challenges can learn, socialise, and get peer support.</p> <p>We are developing exciting volunteering activities and better access for women to try out new skills, particularly in trades where they are seriously under-represented. They will complete their straw bale space for small meetings plus hard standing; improvements to their access path; the upkeep of their wooden self-built main base, including solar panels and sedum roof, and a small structure to house the Outdoor Kitchen project, linked to their kitchen garden where we plant, grow, harvest and cook together.</p> <p>Working with other local projects, such as the arts and orchard spaces, they will create a wider support network for women and their families as they increase in confidence in wider community settings.</p>
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Organisation	Waffling On
Project Name	Point A – Linking Lives
Location(s)	Amble and Ashington
Description	<p>Waffling On is run for and by local young neurodivergent / autistic adults.</p> <p>They want to stop people ‘waffling on’ about how to include people, and to do something practical about the lack of coordinated, relevant information and support available to people like themselves. So, they are setting up two Info Hubs, with paid and volunteer neurodivergent people alongside advocacy workers, in Amble and Ashington, backed up by an online resource directory.</p> <p>They will kit out a catering trailer with equipment from our older one, make and sell waffles to help promote the project, and build a positive image of neurodivergent people. There will be training, volunteering and paid work for team members.</p> <p>The group also hosts the <i>Safe Places</i> scheme (www.safeplaces.org.uk) and will train at least one community venue in each ward to become a ‘safe place’ to create a welcome for anyone feeling anxious in the community.</p>
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Organisation	Boxing Well
Project Name	A Long Reach
Location(s)	Blyth
Description	<p>Boxing Well successfully uses non-contact boxing training to improve physical and mental health.</p> <p>This has been proven by a recent Newcastle University study into our work and they have received many plaudits from local health professionals and have an incredibly diverse client base.</p> <p>Many people currently travel from Ashington to train with them in Blyth and the idea behind this project is simply to bring Boxing Well to them. Based on current numbers they estimate being able to save at least 30 journeys a week. The project is based at the Hirst Welfare Centre, Ashington.</p> <p>A new coach has been appointed and six volunteers will be trained.</p>
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Organisation	Cygnus Support
Project Name	Community Volunteer Initiative
Location(s)	Multiple locations across the target area, with a base in Bedlington
Description	<p>This project builds on the existing relationships and work of Community Link Workers to identify and engage community volunteers who can be trained and supported to develop skills, experience, and confidence to take on key volunteering roles that benefit their local communities.</p> <p>Initially building on successful partnership working in Hirst Welfare but growing that into other community venues across the target area, their asset-based, community-led approach has proven very effective.</p> <p>Community volunteer opportunities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session Leaders/Assistants • Assistant Link Workers • Walk & Talk Group Leaders • Peer Mentors <p>Training provides skills necessary to set up, deliver, and sustain community voluntary groups after the initial input of resources/support from this project and the Community Link Worker Team has ended thus growing independent self-sustaining community groups, and networks. They are committed to sharing best-practice and learning about what works.</p>
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Organisation	Northumberland CVA
Project Name	Tea and IT
Location(s)	Multiple locations across the target area
Description	<p>Tea and IT is a community-based initiative designed to break down the digital divide and reduce isolation for individuals who are digitally and socially excluded by supporting digital literacy and creating social spaces for interaction and learning. This project sees the establishment five Tea and IT groups across the target area, providing a welcoming environment where people can enhance their IT skills while enjoying social interactions.</p> <p>The aim is for these groups to become self-sufficient with volunteers providing the welcome and support for people to get online. The sessions are based in local community venues with decisions being made by local people on the venue, days and times the session will run.</p> <p>The volunteers receive training on IT skills, safeguarding and health and safety.</p> <p>This project has come about as a development of Northumberland CVA's existing Tea and IT project in which a member of staff delivers IT training for older people. They saw potential to redesign the project to become more sustainable and have a greater impact.</p>
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Organisation	YMCA Northumberland
Project Name	Volunteering Journey Ashington
Location(s)	Ashington
Description	<p>Working with young people, adults, and partner organisations, this project takes a three-pronged approach to building capacity for impactful volunteering by, and with, young people across the Ashington Central, Hirst and College wards.</p> <p>At the heart of the project is a localised approach to the Volunteering Journey, reimagining the frameworks for volunteering and social action to address the needs, and motivations of young people living in this part of Ashington, and creating a transferrable model of good practice to share within the sector.</p> <p>To inform the development of the Volunteering Journey, Peer Researchers work with young people to investigate the barriers and enablers for impactful volunteering, and to explore the local issues affecting young residents. This is complemented by young people coming together, with support from experienced Youth Workers, to plan and develop social action projects within their community.</p>
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Organisation	Lighthouse Community Hub
Project Name	Hub Development
Location(s)	Newsham
Description	<p>Lighthouse Community Hub was born from lockdown when people were isolated and communities obliterated. It provides a safe space for learning and community events.</p> <p>At the hub, councillor meetings address local challenges, ensuring residents benefit from neighbouring opportunities and people meet to celebrate and overcome local issues, gain confidence and learn through increasing social action.</p> <p>Courses and sessions such as family learning, toddlers, cooking, gardening, refugee/asylum seeker events, all aimed at tackling inequalities in income, health, education and child poverty, will all operate from the Hub.</p> <p>Funding is enabling the redevelopment of the disused caretaker's bungalow at Newsham Primary School to make the building fit for purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three front rooms to be converted to one community space • erection of a porch • installation of disabled ramps, accessible doorways and toilets • creation of parking spaces • installation of a kitchen to accommodate cooking sessions • storage for eco-uniform scheme
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Organisation	Northumberland Wildlife Trust
Project Name	Better with Nature
Location(s)	Multiple locations across the target area
Description	<p>Better With Nature is a six-month project to upskill, empower and connect people with poor health to nature.</p> <p>It aims to support people's wellbeing through nature-based activities and green training opportunities, whilst gathering insights to increase future accessible green volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>A Project Officer runs green social prescribing taster sessions for social prescribing link workers and related health professions to attend with service users in local green spaces. They are also developing and delivering two six-week green skills and nature connection programmes for people with poor health or who are not in work, working with a network of partners and contacts to recruit participants.</p>
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Organisation	Lynemouth Recreation Ground
Project Name	Lynemouth Community Cohesion
Location(s)	Lynemouth
Description	<p>This project will contribute match funding to recruit and appoint a Community Coordinator to add much-needed capacity in Lynemouth and Newbiggin, ensuring both communities have the resources to develop, develop, and coordinate activities, events, and services.</p> <p>Both communities, but Lynemouth in particular, have a fundamental lack of staffing capacity to develop local provision and engage with the community.</p> <p>The addition of this role allows for extensive development of new provisions to support residents and strengthen the community for years to come.</p> <p>Northumberland County Council will employ the Community Coordinator, with a steering group formed from local stakeholders overseeing their work.</p>
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- impactful volunteering and social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places and
- investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.

For more information please visit: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Economy-Regeneration/Programmes/Pathways-to-Work/Northumberland-Inclusive-Economy-Community-Partner.aspx>

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