

## **Appendix 2 - UKSPF Broomgrove Projects**

### **Projects commissioned to date:**

#### **1. In2Play – Adventure Playground**

Mini Park – UKSPF funding £12,250 LUPF funding £6,000

Replacement basket swing – UKSPF funding £2,750 LUPF funding £9,500

Exterior masterplan – UKSPF funding £5,000 Interior masterplan – LUPF funding £5,000

Tarmac resurfacing – LUPF funding £38,050

Family and youth events – LUPF funding £7,000 Tree and shrub planting – LUPF funding £8,000

Replacement of DDA compliant ramp/main access – UKSPF funding £70,000

The adventure playground is one of the few community assets in Broomgrove. The playground needs improvements and enhancements to ensure that it remains safe and meets the needs of local residents. To date the tarmac has been replaced, the exterior masterplan is underway, and the basket swing has been replaced. Work due to be completed includes improvements to the mini park space, including a seating area, path, access steps, landscaping, growing area, wellbeing space and pond area involving volunteers and staff. The family and youth events will facilitate community consultation and support local families to be fully involved in the design.

The accessible ramp installed in 2010 has declined at a faster rate than anticipated. It requires replacing within the next three months to ensure that the playground can remain open as it is the only way wheel chair users and others can access the building. In2play are exploring different types of recycled materials for the decking to ensure longer life.

#### **2. Greener Broomgrove – Southern Housing**

Tree planting and resident consultation – UKSPF funding £118,000 LUPF funding £11,000

A community capacity building project. Delivering engagement events and activities, community planting, creating biodiversity/wilding areas, and planting 50 additional trees. Resident led ideas sought to encourage increased wellbeing and communal use of green spaces in Broomgrove. Engaging community champions and volunteers and setting up a gardening group with dedicated space in Quantock Gardens to encourage pride in place.

#### **3. Active Hastings – community sport and health engagement**

Part time development officer – UKSPF funding £107,544

A part time development officer working exclusively in Broomgrove has been delivering activities including a family fun day, street dance sessions, Pilates, junior Muay Thai and boxercise. A creche has also been provided for some of the sessions. Consultation with residents is ongoing and the activities are adapted to meet the needs and demands of local residents. Work is also ongoing with the Hastings Primary Care Network to access residents who fit specific criteria to encourage them to go to sessions suitable for their health needs.

#### **4. Jim Boot – community planner**

Masterplan and consultation for Broomgrove Community Centre – UKSPF funding £5,000

A masterplan for an extension to the community centre has been prepared with the local community consulted and engaged as part of the process.

#### **5. Broomgrove Community Centre building project**

UKSPF funding - £200,000

Using the masterplan prepared by Jim Boot plans are in progress to expand the community centre to enable it to offer more opportunities for use for local residents. The work will include increasing the kitchen, office and storage space. The project will be managed by Hastings Voluntary Action who will be working with Oasis and this project will also link with the Community Development Worker post that is being funded for one year. This post has been created to build the skills needed within Oasis to run a busy community centre that supports local residents. It will also ensure Oasis become sustainable in the long term and are able to deliver large projects on their own. Oasis and HVA will explore long term funding for this role from other sources if it proves to be a success.

#### **6. Broomgrove Social Supermarket – Hastings Voluntary Action and Big Local North East Hastings**

UKSPF funding - £15,000

Following the demise of a food distribution service in the area residents do not have any alternative free or cheap food provision within walking distance. A social supermarket will enable residents to become to join for a small fee in return for a set number of items per week. Items will include personal hygiene products and also consider the limited cooking facilities in resident's homes. By charging a small fee the model becomes more sustainable and gives residents a level of personal dignity that is often missing when food is distributed in other ways.

Wraparound services will be considered after three months of operation with a view to creating a hub in the community centre for local residents to be able to access services in an unpressurised environment. Match funding has already been secured by Oasis and the Big Local and they will work to ensure the supermarket becomes self-sustaining in the long term.

## **7. Broomgrove Community Centre, small capital items**

Delivery March 2024 onwards Funding: UKSPF £5,000

As part of the process to improve the facilities at the community centre a grant is being made to enable high speed fibre broadband to be installed, a cooker to be replaced along with other small capital items.

## **8. 18 Hours, Hastings Storytelling Festival**

Broomgrove Moth – UKSPF funding £10,300

Following a successful event in 2022 the Hastings Storytelling Festival commissioned Zeroh to deliver the Broomgrove Moths – a series of workshops with local children which culminated in an evening where a large screen showed the children's moths brought to life. Each child also had access to a QR code to recreate their moth after the event. The large pylon was lit up and a storyteller took local families on a journey around the area. The community centre opened to the public for refreshments and an opportunity to participate in consultation with local stakeholders. Around 150 local residents people participated in the event. Other UKSPF funded projects used the event to consult with local residents on emerging proposals, health and housing as well as fine tuning other projects as listed on this appendix.

## **9. Let's Do Business Group (with Southern Housing and Education Futures Trust) – RISE business and skills project.**

RISE: Business and skills project – UKSPF funding £200,000

Helping disadvantaged people to find and keep work locally – through offering skilling and upskilling opportunities. Expected results: 100 businesses to receive non-financial support, 5 jobs safeguarded, 5 jobs created, 70 organisations engaged in new knowledge transfer activity, 50 people supported to participate in education, 15 people becoming familiarised with employers' expectations and 35 people will experience reduced structural barriers into employment. The project was commissioned via the ESCC procurement hub and started at the end of December 2023 with a successful event at the college.

## **10. Chess tables**

Two chess tables – LUPF funding £5,000

The offer of chess tables came from DLUHC requiring an early and immediate response and local organisations were contacted for interest. Following discussion EFT and the Adventure Playground responded positively and two outdoor chess tables were requested. They will be purchased and installed in the Firs (where EFT is based) and the Adventure Playground. Both sites are open to the public so people can use them freely and both organisations are keen to encourage people to play chess.

## **11. Broomgrove Community Centre, Community Development Worker**

Delivery March 2024 to March 2025 Funding: UKSPF £20,000

A part time community development worker post, hosted by Hastings Voluntary Action, will work with Oasis to set up the Social Supermarket, help install an electronic booking system for the centre and help manage the running of the centre which has become much busier with the additional investment from the UKSPF. The postholder can also help with setting up new processes and procedures for managing a busy centre with a higher income than before to ensure that it can meet due diligence for future grant funding applications.

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### **Learning from UKSPF and the future:**

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund will leave a legacy in Broomgrove. Capital assets have been improved (Broomgrove Community Centre and the Adventure Playground) and intensive support has been given to Oasis to ensure that the community centre continues to grow and be the hub of the community. By employing a Community Development Worker Oasis can develop their capacity and governance to run a thriving community centre, offering a space for diverse groups to meet and deliver services, including the Social Supermarket.

Community consultation has been a key feature of this funding programme. This has proved challenging in an area that has had been the focus of numerous regeneration projects, but partners have worked together and successfully engaged through a number of events, face to face on the streets and through flyers and social media. It will be a challenge to maintain and improve this engagement, but a network has been built with over thirty-five stakeholders and partners participating in the funds delivery to date.

The Government has not announced any further UKSPF funding and the early guidance for the Long-Term Plan for Town indicates that this funding is unlikely to be suitable to sustain many of the projects in Broomgrove. Work will continue over the third year of the UKSPF projects to secure alternative funding when it ends or seek to find alternative ways of making successful projects sustainable without needing external funding.