

Churchill

2008-10 Ward Budget Monitoring Report

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Summary:

Ward Members identified four priorities for how to allocate their ward budget from April 2008 – March 2010.

A total of nineteen projects were funded over the 2 years to meet these priorities.

The key outputs/ achievements of each project funded have been highlighted under the priority headings in this document.

Ward Members were given £200,000 ward budget funding to allocate over the 2 year pilot programme.

£189,855.15 of this budget has been allocated, with the remaining budget (£10,144.85) being returned to the council's reserves.

Key Highlights of Projects Funded:

Priority 1: Supporting children and young people

- **Renovation of two minibuses**

Total ward budget funding: £3,000

- Both buses were refurbished by young people who attended basic maintenance classes via the Churchill Gardens Youth Club.
- The first bus was decorated by children from local nurseries and was taken to Paddington Farm to be used when children visit.
- The second bus was refurbished and is being used in the local community.

- **Funds for a DJ stage at SouthWest Fest, June 2008**

Total ward budget funding: £1,000

- DJ sessions were led by local young people and over 40 young people between 11 and 21 years of age were involved.
- The Police reported that there had been a marked improvement in the behaviour of young people and observed that some of the 'usual suspects' had actively taken part in and enjoyed the activities.

- **Toy loan and play sessions at Pimlico Toy Library**

Total ward budget funding: £31,622

- Over the two years 250 additional children accessed the toy loan and play Sessions.
- Trips were made to a winter festival, Lambeth Garden Museum and Tate Britain.



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Priority 1: Supporting children and young people (cont.)

- **Film making project**

Total ward budget funding: £17,994.39

- Script writing and filmmaking training workshops were held twice weekly
- Two films were made; one documentary 'Let Me In' about the work which has been funded by the ward budgets in the local area and another short film 'Non Uniform' about young people in the area.
- Four work experience placements were offered at two companies in the industry.

- **Chelsea FC football coaching**

Total ward budget funding: £800

- Sixteen young people attended the half term sessions in February 2009.
- Sessions were very well received by both the children and their parents.
- A presentation ceremony took place on the final day.

- **Cycling proficiency courses**

Total ward budget funding: £1,800

- 16 children took part in the week of sessions during the October 2009 half term.
- During the week the children took part in bike maintenance, level 1 basic skills training and cycling trips to Battersea Park, Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens.

Priority 2: Improving the local environment

- **Gardening project on Ebury Bridge Estate**

Total ward budget funding: £3,500

- Between October 2008 and March 2010 gardening sessions were run twice weekly on Monday and Thursday afternoons as well as during the school holidays.
- Attendance was on average 20 children per session, who were aged between 6 -15 years old and the number of adult volunteers increased from two to five over the period.
- In March 2009 a greenhouse and benches were purchased for use by the club.

- **Renovation works behind Shelley House**

Total ward budget funding: £33,321

- Refurbishment has taken place on the old tennis courts behind Shelley House.
- The old courts were removed, the ground levelled and a new garden landscaped.
- The garden was officially opened in March 2010.



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Priority 2: Improving the local environment (cont.)

- **Installation of bike racks on Churchill Gardens Estate**

Total ward budget funding: £2,284.18

- Bike stands were installed at Blackstone House and outside the Youth Club on Churchill Gardens Estate.

- **Creation of a wildflower garden behind Nash House**

Total ward budget funding: £5,981.89

- A wildflower garden was established in early 2009.
- 30 children from St Gabriel's School helped with the planting.
- Four bird boxes, a native hedge and chesnut paling have also been installed.

- **Refurbishment of Churchill Gardens Hall**

Total ward budget funding: £38,715

- Renovation works to the hall which took place in January 2010 included flooring and decorating the social club.

- **Installation of sockets for Christmas decorations on Pimlico Road**

Total ward budget funding: £4,632.66

- Funding covered the installation of sockets in the new lamp columns so that decorations could be installed in 2009 and in future years

- **Feasibility study into pitch lighting on Churchill Gardens Estate**

Total ward budget funding: £600

- Funding paid for feasibility studies to be conducted into lighting the football pitches on Churchill Gardens Estate.

Priority 3: Community cohesion

- **Funding to increase capacity at citizenship classes**

Total ward budget funding: £18,724

- Average class numbers increased from 25 to 32 young people as a result of the additional funding.
- Citizenship, maths and science classes were provided.
- An awards ceremony was held in November 2009.

- **Inter-generational project**

Total ward budget funding: £5,000

- Current activities were mapped in the local area.
- Three pilot programmes were started in the area; 'Pins & Needles'; a singing group and dance & fitness.
- There were sixty-two participants aged between 12 months and 81 years old who participated.



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Priority 3: Community cohesion (cont.)

- **Debt advice session**

Total ward budget funding: £61.03

- There was no take up for these sessions and so they were cancelled.
- The charge relates to printing to publicise the sessions.

Priority 4: Supporting older people

- **Day trips for older people**

Total ward budget funding: £18,189 (joint with Warwick ward)

- During June – September 2009 Age Concern offered 10 trips to local older people; on average 42 people attended each trip
- Between November 2009 and March 2010 12 trips were offered to local older people, including an overnight trip to Blackpool to see the illuminations; on average 33 people attended each trip
- An additional trip was offered on 6 April 2010 to Portsmouth; 40 people attended.

- **Funding for an old time musical hall event at SouthWest Fest**

Total ward budget funding: £770

- Ninety two residents took part in the event at SouthWest Fest, on 5 July 2009.
- Funding provided a pie and mash supper for all, hall hire, decorations and entertainment.

- **Yoga classes**

Total ward budget funding: £1,860

- Weekly classes were held between September 2009 and March 2010.
- There were 8 regular attendees with 13 signed up for the sessions.

