03 May 2019

Dear Lou

**Re: Skylark Community Grant**

I’m writing to provide you with a short report including a financial report and receipts as required under the terms of our Memorandum of Agreement.

The £1,000 funding awarded, alongside donations from local residents, enabled Baildon Community Link to purchase the necessary goods to make up over 100 activity boxes and parcels. These were delivered to the housebound and isolated in Baildon.

We would like to thank the committee for supporting our project because it helped us to reach some of our most vulnerable local residents in a meaningful way. Residents who received a parcel lived across Baildon. Youth club members also took parcels to near neighbours as part of an intergenerational project. We worked in partnership with BEST (Bradford Enablement Support Team) and local wardens, wider partners and residents to ensure that we reached those who were housebound and feedback has been positive from all involved.

In one case, I personally met a local resident who lived in an upstairs flat who hadn’t been out in over 4 years (apart from when medical staff transported her on a chair to hospital appointments). The project highlighted the need for improved befriending services in our local community, as well as giving us a window into the high levels of good neighbourliness going on across the Ward.

Activity boxes were designed with the chronically ill in mind and we included simple exercises that people could have a go at in the comfort of their own home as well as information on volunteering from your armchair. The photo opposite shows a standard activity box. The project gained volunteer involvement across all aspects including shopping, putting the parcels together and delivery.

Overall, it was a very successful project. If you need any further information please just let me know.

Yours sincerely

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Lucy Maddison

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