“To unite Little Hulton as a community and to enhance local people’s wellbeing”

Little Hulton Big Local’s vision

LITTLE HULTON BIG LOCAL

Annual report

2017-18
Welcome to Little Hulton Big Local!

It is my pleasure to write this to thank everyone who has been involved or participated in this year’s Little Hulton Big Local community events and work. Many people have worked hard and given up their time for free and we would like to celebrate with you their dedication and hard work: residents, board members, trusted advisers, partner organisations, community researchers and our workers and volunteers. All of these groups are growing in numbers giving the LHBL a wide range of skills knowledge and experience to realise our vision.

Little Hulton is a wonderful place to live with a strong energetic and diverse community spirit. New and existing organisations are working together to strengthen the good work that already happens in Little Hulton, to improve the lives and prospects of Little Hulton residents.

Through continuous community consultation we are taking important steps in realizing the vision for Little Hulton you have asked us to create. Our new Community hub on the shopping centre is central and well used with a varied and diverse programme to meet the needs of a wide range of residents in little Hulton. Our workers and volunteers bring the community together at least once in each season of the year to a big community event that celebrates life in Little Hulton. Youth Unity is serving the younger members of our community helping to build in them a sense of pride for the area they live in, have a place to be young people safely and hopefully to be future volunteers in our local community.

There are so many other areas in which Little Hulton big local work within the three year plan it is a pleasure to work on a community project that is well organised transparent and enjoyable. So please get involved where you can. We need your time your energy and your vision to develop our plans further so please get involved where you can.

Sharon Maddocks
Chair
Little Hulton Big Local
Little Hulton Big Local has a million to invest to achieve its vision

We believe we have made a good start in delivering our vision and priorities and that we are now on a launch pad to achieve even more in Little Hulton.

How much of the Million has been spent?

Total Expenditure up to 30th September 2018

- Salford College: £22,074
- Salford CVS: £56,762
- Unltd: £364,752

Total Spend to 30th September 2018 was £443,587.

Expenditure 1st October 2017 to 30th September 2018

- LTO / Board Support: £21,830
- Community Hub: £39,477
- Employment & Enterprise: £72,226
- Youth Engagement: £71,950

Total expenditure 1st October 2017 to 30th September 2018 was £205,483. From 1st October 2017 – 30th September 2018 we were working on year one of our new Three Year Plan.
Our Priorities and Achievements

We have been working on our three original priorities:

- Community Centre / Hub
- Young People
- Employment and Wellbeing

Plus three new priorities which were identified through the community consultation in lead up to us writing our new plan in 2017, these are:

- Activities that support people’s mental health, happiness and wellbeing
- The environment
- Activities for older people/ intergenerational activities

In 2017- 2018 our key achievements have been:

- Continuing to develop a representative functioning Partnership Board
- Working with partners to bring Narnia’s Christmas magic and an animated Snow Lion to Little Hulton Precinct to the delight of children and adults
- Supporting local small businesses and craft groups through our Christmas pop up shop
- Successfully establishing a bigger and better Community Hub at number 27-29 Little Hulton Precinct
- Continuing to support community groups and new small business enterprises through our grants program
- Opening a second night of youth activities at Little Hulton Library working in partnership with Salford Community Leisure and Walk the Plank
- Working with Sale Sharks to bring their Advantage Program for young people aged 16 plus not in education, employment or training here to Little Hulton
- Working with residents and representatives from local community organisations to deliver the Spirit of Little Hulton Festival
- Working with The Broughton Trust to employ nine local residents to deliver our second community research project this time around the future of Peel Park
- Launching the Little Hulton Pound
Who we are and what we do

Little Hulton Big Local Board

Attendees 2017 / 2018

John Butler (Chair) (till September 2018), Sharon Maddocks (Vice Chair), Jacquie Jones, Rev Stuart Wilde, Anthony Gritto, Carole Gallagher, Shelagh Higginbottom, Nathanial Lynch, Sharon Higgins, Mary Wheldon, Kate Lewis, Alison Sherrington, Anthony Kollie, Entela Isufi

Community Hub

Staff

Alison Jones - Development Manager
Sue Owen - Community Organiser

Volunteers

Noel Johnston – Caretaker Extraordinaire
Norma Lever - Cleaning Support
Antony Gritto – Admin Support
Louise Hesslop – Admin Support
(Placement through the Growth Company)
Entela Isufi - Admin Support
Jayne Nickeas - Reception
Alison Gresty – Reception
Jane Hardman – Craft Group and Shop in the Corner
Jacqui Jones – Catering Support

Regular Hub Users October 2017 - September 2018

Sale Sharks
Society Inc
42nd Street
New Beginnings – Coffee Morning
Health Works
CAB (Till August 2018)
The Craft Group
The Broughton Trust
Achieve
The Health Improvement Team

Corinth Training
Europia (ESOL)
Salford Survivors
Spirit of Little Hulton
Unltld
City West Enterprise Team
The One to One Project
Share
Salford Foundation NCS
Children and Young People Task Group

Youth Unity Task Group
Sharon Maddocks
Karen Booth
Claire Darlington

Youth Unity Youth Club Volunteers
Karen Booth
Claire Darlington
Noel Johnston
Natalie Woodworth
Anne Hamblett

Working with Salford Community Leisure we now run two Youth Unity sessions at Little Hulton Library on a Tuesday and Thursday evening plus additional activities during the school holidays.

In addition in 2017 - 2018

- We funded and supported Little Hulton Children’s Association to run Summer Play Tots session – lead by local residents - Mandy Lee and Natalie Woodworth
- We funded Playstreets delivered by Salford Community Leisure and City West - Summer and Easter 2018
- We funded The Snack Project Summer 2018
- We contributed to the refurbishment of Eastham Way / Pied Piper Park
- We also supported local residents run the Toy Appeal 2017 gifting 250 toys to the families of Little Hulton and following a suggestion at our last the 2018 AGM we run an Easter Egg Appeal in 2018

Grants and Finance Task Group

The task group review the little Hulton Big Local’s finance and spend each month and assess the Community Grants and Employment and Training Grants prior to the grants being approved by the Little Hulton Big Local.

Task Group members 2017 – 2018
Sylvia Phillips  Jasmin Bakhre
Cath Hamilton  Mary Weldon
Carole Gallagher  Supported by Alison Jones, Sue Owen and
Sheila Higginbottom  Samantha Hill - Finance Assistant, Salford CVS
Small Community Grants

October 2017– September 2018

During this last financial year Little Hulton Big Local awarded 27 small community grants. This was made up of 4 winter grants and 23 spring / summer grants.

All 4 of the winter grants were from groups who had previously received funding from LHBL. 8 of the 23 spring / summer grants were from groups who had not previously applied for funding from LHBL.

17 of the 27 grants met the criteria for the additional funding (up to £250 extra):

- Older people and intergenerational activities
- The environment
- Activities that support people’s mental health, wellbeing and happiness

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Employment and Training Grants
Report 2017 – 2018

The total spending from this grant pot was £8,415. Nine awards were made to seven different recipient groups, two groups each received two awards.

The awards were used to develop employability / pre-employability programmes, which ran over varying timescales from 3 full days to approximately 24 shorter sessions were delivered to a varying number of participants.

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Employment and Enterprise Task Group

This group oversees and leads our work around Employment and Enterprise.

Task Group attendees 2017 - 2018
Bea MBuru, Women with Wings – Chair
John Butler (local resident)
Frank Hankinson (local resident), Jasmin Bakhre (local resident, Women with Wings LHBL), Amjid Hussain, UnLtd
Elaine Bowes, Raise the Youth CIC

Emma James, Salford City Council, Skills and Work
Fay Flatt, Neighbourhood Management
Eric McBean, City West
Tom Leader / Wade Dutton, Sale Sharks
Jacquie Booth, Mustard Tree
Terry McCarthy, Careers Connect
Christopher.Mcdermott – Prince’s Trust.
We have a number of grants strands that support employment and enterprise:

**Small Enterprise Grants**

*Start-up business grants of up £500.*

- M Komenda Wool Business
- Jasmin’s Cakes
- Jacquis Food and Flowers
- C Burke Nails and Beauty
- Really Tee – African Auto Gele and African Dress
- Ultimate Wins Services Ltd
- Nora’s Natural Hair and Nails
- Coffee Monkey Mugs
- Two Small Grants Awarded Salford Sup Event
- Women with Wings
- Little Hulton Children’s Association

**Step Up Grants**

*Grants of up to £5,000 for enable businesses to grow and develop.*

- Fairy Dust Crafts
- Society Inc – 2 grants
- Wendy’s Wool Creations

Businesses who are awarded a grant can also sell goods at our small craft and gift shop. The aim of the shop is to offer local micro businesses the opportunity to test the market place with minimal financial risk. Currently there are twelve sellers selling through the shop.

**Discretionary Grants**

Little Hulton Big Local offers small grants of up to £350 to support Little Hulton people to access jobs and training. Grants must be supported by a referring organisation and anyone receiving a grant must live in the Little Hulton Big Local area.

In 2017 – 2018 there was a total spend of £6,302.75 and 37 Individual grants were awarded.

Refers included: Connexions, Bolton College, Salford Health Works, Banana Enterprise, For Viva (City West), The Broughton Trust and Mustard Tree.

Examples of what individual grants were given for are:

- A bike to enable a young person maintain an apprenticeship
- Covering the cost CSCS cards for local people to access employment in construction
- For equipment for local people to complete beauty courses and start up as barbers, grants to cover bus fares
- For individuals to access training or to support their transition to employment, clothing for interviews
- A contribution towards a driving licences for someone who needed to be able to drive to sustain and progress their employment (they passed the test)

The smallest grant awarded was for £25 for ID, the largest grant awarded was £350 for beauty course equipment.

**UnLTD Grants**

Together with UnLTD we are backing enterprising people with ideas to benefit the Little Hulton community. Together we find, fund and support social entrepreneurs.

This includes access to £50,000 of UnLtd grants for Little Hulton people with ideas for businesses that make a difference in the community.

**UnLtd Grants 2017 – 2018:**

- Susan Hankin – Grow It Award - £15k
- Christine Barker – Do It Award - £3,474
- Jasmin Bakhre – Do It Award - £3,600

Total £22,074

**Dundee Learning Journey**

We also get the opportunity to visit other areas where UnLtd are working in partnership with Big Local’s to learn and be inspired by what they are achieving, these are described as learning journeys.

In June 2018 Eric McBean and Jasmin Bakhre attended a learning journey in Dundee.
Network Events
We also host, support and encourage residents to attend business network events. In 2017 – 2018 we hosted a Salford Sup where Women with Wings and Little Hulton Children’s Committee successfully pitched for £100 and facilitated a Marketing for Crafters Event.

Mental Health Happiness and Wellbeing
We funded the development of Society Inc, a local mentoring and befriending project through two Step Grant Up grants and offering them office space at the hub.
We supported local residents Alison Gresty and Jayne Nickels to develop ‘Share’ an organisation which aims to support parents / carers who want to support their children’s mental health and wellbeing. They worked with 42nd Street (a charity that supports young people aged 11-25 with their emotional wellbeing and mental health) to deliver information’s sessions at the Hub including a session on anxiety and young people. We have also offered space at the Hub for 42nd Street to deliver outreach sessions.

The Environment

Peel Park Community Research Project
In early 2018 Little Hulton Big Local commissioned a community research project employing and training local people. The research project ran for ten weeks from May to July recruiting nine local people who worked for ten hours a week. It was delivered by The Broughton Trust. This time the research focused on Peel Park.

Community Researchers 2017 - 2018

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Events
Little Hulton Big local has always supported community events to bring the people of Little Hulton together and to create memories. We are the organisation that brought reindeer to Little Hulton precinct.
In 2017 – 2018 we supported four large community events at; Halloween, Christmas, Easter and in the summer, as well as numerous smaller events such as
Big Lunches and an afternoon tea which raised money for Breast Cancer Care.

Work on large community events is now being led by a new community organisation ‘Spirit of Little Hulton’ they delivered the first Spirit of Little Hulton Festival in Peel Park in August 2018.

**Local Trusted Organisation**

As a Big Local we are supported by a Local Trusted Organisation Salford CVS.

Thanks to:

Kirsten Blackwood – who provides Line management to the Development Manager and HR and Financial Support

Samantha Hill - Finance support

Ashley Chapman – Minutes Big Local Board Meetings

Becky Roberts- Marketing and Publicity support

**The Big Local Trust**

Through the Big Local trust we receive support from our Big Local Rep Steve Skinner.

In 2017 – 2018 we also attended a number of Big Local Events including-

Big Local Connects – London - Alison Jones, Mary Weldon and Jayne Nickeas

Big Local regional event Sale West - Sue Owen, Jacqui Jones and Sheila Higginbottom

Spaces for Young People – Leeds Urban Skate Park - Alison Jones and Entela Isufi

Big Local Leaders Assembly Coventry - Jasmin Bakhre and Anthony Kollie
What Difference Do We Make

Little Hulton Big Local Powered by Volunteers

Between October 2017 and September 2018 our Big Local volunteers were very busy and extremely generous with their time.

360 hours were given to help Youth Unity to run two youth sessions a week at Little Hulton Library and an additional 2,000 hours were given in support of a wide range of activities.

As well as helping to run the community hub on a day to day basis, our volunteers played a key part in helping us to move into our new premises and decorate and set up all rooms ready for business, we really couldn’t have done it without them. The volunteers also played a major role in organising and running four large community events in Little Hulton at Halloween, Christmas, Easter and in the summer, as well as numerous smaller events such as Big Lunches and an afternoon tea which raised money for Breast Cancer Care.

Please come and join us – we are looking for:

- Board Members who live in Little Hulton
- Volunteer Youth Club Staff
- Volunteers to help us set up a community newsletter
- Volunteers to help us with the Peel Park Project

The Little Hulton Pound

In September we launched The Little Hulton Pound as a way of showing our appreciation of the efforts made by volunteers in the area. Volunteers who join the scheme will receive a dividend of a minimum of one Little Hulton Pound for every five hours of volunteering which they will be able to spend at community businesses in Little Hulton. The first dividend will be paid out in December.

The Community Hub moved to larger premises

In the Autumn of 2017 a double shop unit became available on Little Hulton Precinct, this co-in sized with Little Hulton Big Local receiving a request through our Enterprise Grant scheme to fund a local craft business take on a shop premises The Board made the decision to take on the larger premises and offer local business an opportunity to test retail from the larger premises. The move to larger premises took longer than was hoped so initially we run a pop up Christmas Shop at our original premises at 22 Little Hulton Precinct.
The experience of the pop up Christmas Shop demonstrated that there was potential for a craft businesses on the precinct but there is not sufficient trade for Little Hulton Big Local to invest funds in a shop permissive for a stand-alone craft business.

We moved into larger premises 27-29 Little Hulton Precinct in January 2018. The move to the new premises has enabled us to offer a broader range of services and attract services into Little Hulton to meet unmet need.

For example two organisations Achieve and Society Inc deliver SMART Recovery from the building.

**Sale Sharks Advantage Programme**

In 2017, findings from the consultation between the Little Hulton Big Local (LHBL) and residents of the Little Hulton community, identified a higher than average unemployment rate, particularly among 18-24 year olds, with limited local provision for tailored support for employment.

Findings also highlighted reluctance to travel outside Little Hulton for Employment, Education or Training and the need to enhance volunteering opportunities and its links to employment.

During 2018 our Employment and Enterprise Task Group became concerned about the fact that Little Hulton has higher than average numbers of young people aged 16-18 not in employment, education or training.

In response to these needs and concerns we invited Sale Sharks to deliver their Advantage Programme for 16-19 year olds not in education, employment or training from our new community hub. Their first Advantage Programme started in February 2018. Results from the first group of young people completing the first Advantage Programme showed clear evidence of impact.

- Retention Achievements and Progression – Sale Sharks Cohort One Results
  - 17 learners enrolled
  - 2 learners were asked to leave
  - 15 learners completed
  - All 15 learners successful with gaining their Maths and English functional skills at level one
  - 11 learners successful in completing the whole qualification.
  - 2 learners part completed left course early, no return after many attempts
  - 2 learners incomplete, more focused on their Maths and English.
8 learners have successfully found employment or moved on to a college course and progressed. 3 learners we are still working with to find employment or progression.

**Little Hulton Big Local Craft and Gift Shop**

Little Hulton Big Local has a small craft and gift shop within our premises at 27-29 Little Hulton District Centre. The aim of the shop is to offer local micro businesses the opportunity to test the market place with minimal financial risk and offer local crafters who are considering setting up a micro business the opportunity to test out their idea. Currently there are twelve sellers who offer a range of good quality, reasonably priced goods which are displayed in an upmarket way. Items currently on sale include:

- Bespoke handmade cards and gifts for all the family – including the dog!
- Baby knitwear and baby blankets
- Jewellery
- Original art work
- Cakes

At Christmas the shop took £600 and from June to September a further £350. We are now looking at ways of increasing sales through on line selling.

The shop is open:

- Monday to Wednesday 10am to 4pm
- Thursday (late night) 10am to 8pm
I had an opportunity to be one of the local businesses to take part at Christmas Pop up Shop in 2017. The shop was a big success to my business as well meet and knows other local businesses were a good experience and we had fantastic time.

On top of that the biggest support I received and continue receiving is big local advertise my business through the community shop by showcase my cakes through the shop window which brought me lots of customers as well as referral by offering my flyers to whoever ask for cake”

Jasmin Bakhre – Jasmin’s Cakes

**Little Hulton Big Local Craft Group - What difference does it make?**

The craft and chat group meets on Thursday evenings 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm at the Big Local Hub. Everyone is welcome to come to the group for crafts such as card making, jewellery making, knitting, crochet and sewing and anything else anyone would like to have a go at.

Engaging in these activities is therapeutic and is good for mental health and wellbeing. We teach each other different craft skills and leading the sessions is really good for developing our confidence. It is a friendly and informal group with lots of chat and laughter. As well as sharing craft ideas we socialise together and have lots of fun. For some of our group members this helps to combat isolation and loneliness e.g. one member told us that if she didn’t come to the group she would be sat at home on her own just watching TV with no one to talk to and that is why coming to the group is important. We are people of all different ages and backgrounds integrating and doing an activity together.

**Big Local Staff – attracting additional funding into Little Hulton**

During 2017 – 2019 The Development Manager and Community Organiser secured additional grant funding to support Little Big Local’s priorities. This included:

Community Committee Funding for the Winter Festival 2017 - £2900
Bright Ideas funding for a feasibility study into a new community hub - £9,375.00 plus 10 days consultancy support from Locality worth £5400

Hate Crime Awareness Week Grant - £500

Awards for All Grant for the Spirit of Little Hulton Summer Festival - £9,750

Volunteer Week Grant - £500

GM Moving Consultation event at Youth Unity - £2,000

In addition we also secured the following support from other organisations:

- Funding from Salford Community Leisure to develop the arts element of our Youth Unity Tuesday Club
- Spring summer planting of the precinct planters and a new garden at the Hub and tickets for Tatton Park Flower Show the RHS
- £2000 for Youth Unity from City West Housing

**Youth Unity Make a Difference to Little Hulton Young People**

By September 2018 we had 107 young people registered for our Thursday night session and 58 children registered for Tuesday nights.

Average attendance for Tuesday night sessions during September 2018 was 15 on Tuesday and 35 on a Thursday night totaling 50 children and young people.

**Youth Unity - Inspiring today’s youth and uniting the community**

Youth Unity's mission is to bring the young people together and make them aware of activities and opportunities in our local area and encourage community spirit.

When young people belong to a youth club they gain a stronger sense of who they are as a person, they unknowingly inherit parts of their friends personalities, kind, caring, working as a team, comradery as just a few.

Over the past 12 months our young people have demonstrated these attributes in abundance and have become a great group of young people.

There is a good variety of what they want from the youth club, participation in sports, crafts, gaming, or a safe warm place to kick back and listen to music and this is what we deliver on a weekly basis.
Regular attendance has seen small improvements in self-concept, self-esteem and this has helped them be confident with decision making on who they hang around with, where they hang around, and it’s OK to say NO, feel that they can talk to our staff about everyday life and the challenges they face, this was very rare at the beginning and this trust has grown over the past 12 months.

There has been more engagement and participation and this has increased comradery and started the friendships of the most unlikely mix of people, all because of a game of table tennis, table football, and bottle flipping...its wonderful and very heart-warming to be a part of.

The participation of youth unity and the increased self-awareness has helped reduced vulnerability, negative influences and has distracted some young people from the daily challenges of smoking, drinking, drugs and gangs.

We have introduced young people to new experiences and activities they may not otherwise be available to them, no matter how small they have taken skills from each of these and are starting to grow into even more amazing young people.

Discipline was always a worry at the beginning of any venture and especially from the so called "socially deprived area" where "it's like living in the Bronx" however we have set our rules, boundaries and consequences and they are respected. Initially these boundaries were tested and young people being asked to leave was more so in the beginning, probably because they are not used to youth clubs, however our expectations of how young people should behave at club are met 99% of the time, incredible in this day and age.

It takes time to develop young people and gain their trust, build strong relationships and gain a sense of belonging to something / somewhere and taking ownership for this and again there is evidence of this weekly, this helps them make positive changes in their behaviour and this will take them into adult life in a more positive way.

We now have members of the public, service providers, staff commenting on how well behaved and mannered our young people are and this alone speaks volumes on how far our group has developed as at the beginning it wasn't so complimentary.

Karen Booth Youth Unity
Reviews from the Youth Unity Facebook Page

Any provision of activity for young people has got to be a good thing. One person with additional skills or confidence or one person deterred from crime or antisocial behaviour would make this venture worthwhile.

A much needed project in Little Hulton

My daughter and her friends attend every week. They absolutely love it. Lovely people do a brilliant job with the kids

My son’s a regular here on a Thursday night he loves going & the club gets the kids off the streets giving them life skills in cooking and confidence…The Cub are doing a fab job

Youth Unity Junior Club

In November 2017 we opened a Junior Club at the library.

Between November 2017 and August 2018 we worked with arts organisation Walk the Plank on a number of community art projects with our Tuesday night Junior Club who are aged between 8 – 11 years.

On the first project the children worked with artists to develop a shadow puppet project which lead to an amazing performance at our Community Hub on the Little Hulton precinct during the Easter Holidays.

Following on from the shadow puppet show they worked with our young people in the lead up to the Spirit of Little Hulton festival, including giving our young people the opportunity to work with Twisted Dance to create fairy tale characters in Peel Park.

It’s was a real pleasure to see how working with Walk the Plank provided new experiences for our young people developing their creative talents and confidence.
My name is Jasmin Bakhre, I am a resident of little Hulton, Little Hulton Big Local board member and founder and CEO of Women with Wings group.

Being a mum of three boys and a cake business owner, I faced some challenges and ups and downs while developing my business. My confidence was low I couldn't imagine to go to the networking event by myself, stand in front of people and pitch my business or price my cakes to customers.

All these fears and challenges stop me from growing my Cake business. So I thought there will be more women out there facing the same challenges like I do and don't know where to turn for help. So I decide to bring these women together and share our experience, inspiration and motivate our-self to move from out of these challenges, that's where Women with Wings was formed March 2017.

Women with Wings is the group that support, help, inspire and motivate women to make a change in their current situation. Our aim is to inspire, empower and support women to engage into employment, self-employment or education.

The group was developed with the aim of helping women that don't speak English as their first language and faced challenges such as child care, low self-esteem and confidence, to join together and share their enterprise ideas.

We aim to achieve our aims through delivering training workshops, networking events and forging partnership with local organisations.

The group was established through support from City West Housing Trust's ‘Don't Keep It Under your Hat’ programme, which helps people turn business ideas into reality. With the support of the scheme and the support from Little Hulton Big Local, Women with Wings has grown and spread its wings to support many women in the community.

The group was able to help and connect members to organisations that can provide them with the support they need to make their dreams of setting up their own businesses a reality.

Little Hulton Big Local support Women with Wings in many ways including different types of grants such as Employment and Enterprise grant, Spring and Summer grant and Small Enterprise grant.

Through help of these grants from Big Local, Women with Wings was able to organise some activity in the community such as:
As part of our commitment is to remove barriers to improve lives, increase confidence and reducing isolation; the group create a network of support to help women better understand on how they could take their ideas to the next level and find pathways into sustainable employment.
Through our work with the local community, we found that there were a number of women that weren’t engaging with the enterprise support or employment support programs not because they didn’t have great ideas or didn’t want to, it’s because they weren’t not confident in how to develop their ideas or how to engage with organisations that could help support them because of language barriers, low self-esteem and low confidence.

Through the Employment and Training Grant from Big Local, Women with Wings was able to provide a Training Workshops that develop and support women to gain necessary Skills and Qualifications as well as increase their confidence.

We develop “Empowering Women Entrepreneur” Training which help to develop a woman from mind set, goal setting, confidence building, and removing negative beliefs, empower and build the courage to stand up and pitch your idea or business. The Training was a success to the women in the community, we engaged 50 women and 30 of them were able to move and start to engage into entrepreneur journey. This is the great impact to Women with Wings group as well as Little Hulton community as we improve lives in the community.

Little Hulton Big Local help and support Women with Wings group by offering FREE room for 1-2-1 appointment which make a big change to the success of the group. Also Big Local help to advertise the group by signposting people and provide flyers to the member of the community.
As a founder and CEO of Women with Wings, I received help and support from Big Local such as Project Management Training and support me through learning journey trips to Coventry and Dundee.

On these learning journeys I have learn a lot of good things and also got inspired and empowered with other people story which led to have an idea of opening Women with Wings Business Centre in Little Hulton where I can serve, Inspire and empower many women in the community.

With ongoing support received from Big Local and other Organisations, Women with Wings is growing from Strength to strength. We are now negotiating with local housing to get a unit to open a business centre in the precinct. The business centre will provide space where individuals can learn new skills, gain qualifications and start their own business. The centre will be a place to help remove barriers to improving lives, increasing confidence and reducing isolation.

The Business Centre is the place where women can meet, learn, training, trade, and work and thrive in a comfortable, informal and familiar environment that they know and trust.

Language and childcare can be barriers for many women to engage with local service or limiting their opportunities to what’s available locally and what fits in around school run, so Women with Wings will be here to support and signpost where necessary.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate, thanks and express my gratitude to Big Local Little Hulton with their support from the start until now and I would like to continue receiving the help and support but most importantly to work together to improve lives in our community and make Little Hulton a better place to live where people will be happy and proud of the area they live as this will increase their inspiration and empower them to do more and better for their community.

How volunteering and Little Hulton Big Local made a difference to Jacqui

Jacqui Jones’ moving from volunteering to paid work case study

My name is Jacqui and I have lived in Little Hulton all of my life. As well as raising my two boys, I spent 27 happy years working in and managing pubs. Unfortunately my last pub was destroyed by fire and as I was getting a little bit older (I am now a grandma and great-grandma), I struggled to find a new position
and decided to move into the world of volunteering to give something back to my community.

My first volunteering role was with City West where I ended up running a community center and an allotment group. One of the agencies I worked with was Cracking Good Food and this sparked my passion for community catering. At the same time I got involved with Little Hulton Big Local and worked with Sue and Alison to plan joint events for the community – including community cooking events. In 2017 I made the heart felt decision to end my involvement with City West and I became a volunteer with the Big Local and began a new phase in my life. As a Big Local volunteer I assisted in planning and running a range of activities and events including two Big Lunches in 2017 which led to building up a relationship with Assisted Living Services in the area and a further volunteering position.

I thoroughly enjoy my time with the Big Local and I have benefitted from their support. Sue and Alison encouraged me to apply for a small grant to start my own catering business. I joined the New Enterprise Allowance scheme and I am now officially self-employed and at the time of writing I am running a community café at on Thursdays and cooking lunch at an assisted living scheme on Tuesdays in addition to catering for training and networking events. I have secured a second small grant (from UnLtd) to develop my business and I am looking for further venues where I can cater for older people as working with this age group is my real passion.

There have been many highs and lows during my time as a volunteer. Volunteering can be hard work but it is very rewarding and you meet some brilliant people along the way. Although setting up my own business at 60+ was not my reason for volunteering it has been a very welcome and exciting outcome.
What Next?

Peel Park

We are looking at ideas to develop Peel Park in to an amazing community space. Little Hulton Big Local is a community lead organisation, all our work is based on-going consultation with our community.

In the summer of 2017 we commissioned a group of local residents to complete a community research project around the needs of Little Hulton.

Some of the key messages we received was the need for a Community Hub in Little Hulton, if you are a young person in Little Hulton there is no quality place to hang out and if you are a family in Little Hulton there is nowhere to go.

We believe these issues can be addressed through investing in and developing our local park.

This summer Little Hulton Big Local commissioned a second community research project this time around Peel Park in Little Hulton a place and space that matters to our community.

The park is a key asset in our community but is underused key messages we received from our community were “make sure the park feels safe” and that the lack of facilities including access to toilets and refreshments on the park create a barrier to people using the park.

To address this we are exploring an extension and refurbishment of the pavilion on the park to develop a community hub and cafe. This would increase the hours the pavilion was open providing both access to facilities and a greater presence on the park increasing a sense of security.

This would make the park feel like a safer place and encourage community use.

Another recommendation was to develop more integrated and family oriented activities on the Park.

We have made a start on this working alongside Spirit of Little Hulton to deliver a community festival on Peel Park in August 2018 where over 2000 local residents attended the festival and we want to build on this and develop an annual sustainable festival that in long term attracts commercial sponsorship.

We also worked with the an arts organisation Walk the Plank who worked with our young people in the lead up to the festival and delivered activities at the festival this brought an extra dimension to the festival creating something unique to Little Hulton.

We want to develop a programme of an activities on Peel Park that encourage greater community use, this will include the annual festival.

We have already part funded the development of a Junior Park Run Project.

We want relocate some of our youth activities to the park.
We have established an ongoing working partnership with Spirit of Little Hulton and Walk the Plank and we are currently starting to make plans for our next summer festival.

We are also working with Salford City Council, City West Housing and the RHS to develop an overarching plan for the development of the park

**The Future**

There are some new area of work we want to explore in the next twelve months

We want to explore developing a community newsletter

We want to host an UnLtd Learning Journey to showcase our achievements to other UnLTd/Big Local areas

One priority area will still need to explore is the needs of older people and how we can encourage more intergenerational activities

We need to explore developing a craft collective to take forward our support for craft businesses in the area

We supported a number of social business grow including Society Inc, Mice to Meet You and Women with Wings we now need to now reach a new generation of Little Hulton businesses

**We now need to start to think about what will happen after we have invested our £1 million of Big Local funding**

How will we continue what we have started?

What will Little Hulton Big Local’s Legacy Be?

One of our priorities is to ensure the future of our Youth Activities.

We recently recruited a Youth Development worker to help us with this task.

We also working with Sale Sharks and Harrop Fold School other organisations to ensure we have less young people in Little Hulton not in education, employment or training.

**Community Little Hulton**

We have applied to the Charity Commission to establish a new local charity: **Community Little Hulton. Watch this space....**

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