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COMMUNITY FIRST PROGRAMME



PETER AND THE POOVER

Local Residents Association take on the issue of **Dog Dirt** in the Anfield Community

Through support from Community First and the Community Enterprise Fund B 2 U Residents Association Residents Association applied to the Panel to develop an innovative way of cleaning the streets of Anfield. Working with Liverpool In work and ABCC the group secured funding to buy a state of the art machine called a 'Poover' and to employ a worker to operate it in the streets around the community.

(More inside)



Peter O'hanlon said

"I was delighted to get this job, which I found out about through a friend, because this issue is so important. It's a real problem in our neighbourhood and the streets needed to be kept clean. I feel proud to be able to do my bit for the neighbourhood."

Do you have a community idea that you would like support for ?

Then call into ABCC and ask for a funding application.

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LOCAL GROUPS CAN APPLY FOR UP TO £2,500 TO RUN A PROJECT WHICH FITS IN WITH THE PRIORITIES SET BY THE PANEL. [Back Page](#)

What is Community First Fund

Community First is an England-wide programme, funded by the Office for Civil Society, on behalf of the Government. It will run for four years, until March 2015. Two funds of money, worth £80m, have been created to help communities come together, become more resilient, and make their local area a better place to live.

Neighbourhood Match Fund: A £30m fund to encourage people to give time and expertise to local projects. The funds will be distributed to 600 areas across England, which have been selected by CDF according to several criteria.

Community First Panels: Each of the 600 areas will have their own panel, comprised of local people to represent their community. They will be involved in creating a plan for the local area, raising awareness of the funds, and planning how they will match and spend the money.

Who are the
Community First
Panel

Panel Members are
Representatives
from the following
organisations with-
in the Anfield Area

Beautiful North

Anfield County and Kirkdale and Walton all partners, RSL, LCC and community organisations, are all working together to improve the community by pooling resources to address the needs of the area. Led by councillors they will have the responsibility to encourage the partners to work together to resolve the issues raised by residents



St Columba Walton Breck Residents B 2 U Residents Salis-
bury Residents Pinehurst Green Rockfield Residents Yorkies
Residents Cobra Residents Rawden Residents. Pinehurst
Community Association

RICHMOND PARK RESIDENTS-PARK IMPROVEMENT

Funding has been secured by Richmond Park Residents to look at improving the park area. The group are currently working with Liverpool **City Council Parks and Environment Department** to find ways of improving and utilising the space.

Derek Dottie said

"The Parks team always enjoys meeting with local people who have such a positive attitude to working with the council to improve their local spaces and facilities and the residents of Richmond Park have already shown fantastic amounts of enthusiasm and creativity. The history behind this space and how it has been preserved when the remaining area has become so built-up, hints at the value of 'pocket parks' like this to local communities and this will hopefully open up some exciting possibilities"

The funding will help to undertake a feasibility study with local residents in the area.

ABCC are supporting the project and have been working with local young people on some art work and designs for boards to be placed around the park area, to show that residents are working on proposals.

Richmond residents are also holding a lunch for people who have memories of the **Richmond Park** area. These memories will form part of the art work and fixtures within the area.

B 2 U Residents Secure funding for Environmental Project

Irene Taylor is passionate about 'Dog Dirt' with a background of working within the NHS Irene knows all too well the health problems associated with Dog Dirt. So Irene & Sally Hincks decided to take action, Irene ensured that it was One of the priorities for the Anfield Community First Panel. The panel understand all too well that 'dog dirt' is discussed at every residents meeting within the community.



Peter has been employed for a 12 month period and will be working with all the local residents groups within the area to help them improve the streets around Anfield.

The Community First Panel along with Liverpool City Council and Beautiful North Project will be looking at a range of ways to promote the 'Poover' and increase awareness of the

Irene Taylor Chair of B 2 U Residents said

The damage that dog fouling was causing to our local environment by dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs was getting worse, and so we were unanimous in identifying the issue as one of our top priorities for our neighbourhood. It was from these discussions that the idea of using a poover to keep the streets clean was born and with the help of this funding, we have been able to purchase a machine and create a local employment opportunity.

"We are delighted with progress so far and will be working next to involve local schools in the project and will be visiting local schools to talk about the difference it is making. This project is great example of residents setting the priorities that are important to them and being given the funding and support to tackle it ourselves."

Young People from Anfield look at Reconciliation

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ANFIELD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH INTERNATIONAL PEACE ONE DAY FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS.

Visiting the Bog side area of Derry as part of their Peace one day visit.



Young people at £14m peace bridge Derry



PANEL PRIORITIES
If you have an idea or project that fits our priorities, please contact the panel. If you want help to make your idea a reality let us know!

The young people have undertaken to support the challenges around peace within their community.

In June 9 young people along with staff from ABCC went to **Derry**, Londonderry in support of International Peace One Day 3 month countdown to International peace day (21st September)

The group visited survivors of the conflicts and spoke to people about how life has changed now, what sort of things they did to bring about change, and the impact it has had.

The story of the conflicts within Ireland and the history behind it has had a real impact on the young people.

The group also provided a countdown style calendar with gifts each day for local people during June July and August to raise awareness of peace.

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