

Grant Programmes 2018-19

(a) Supporting Parishes and Communities

(i) Community Chest

The Community Chest provides grants of up to £1,000 to community groups, charities and parish councils towards the costs of projects, equipment or work to improve the quality of life for South Cambridgeshire residents.

£61,000 was available through the Community Chest for 2018-19. £57,000 was originally available, and one additional sum was added during the year: £4,000 at the Grants Advisory Committee meeting on 13 December 2018 from the Fit to Learn theme of the Service Support grant programme, having been allocated to a project which was not delivered.

The Community Chest was temporarily closed on 1 July 2018 in order to conduct a review of the criteria to align the scheme with Council priorities. Applications re-opened on 1 October 2018 with the revised criteria.

A total of 69 awards from the Community Chest were made in 2018-19, totalling £55,625.84. A sum of £2,985.98 was awarded throughout the year to organisations whose projects did not go ahead and this funding was not re-allocated. A summary of allocations is presented in Appendix 3.

STATUS: DELIVERED

(ii) Community Energy Grant

The Community Energy Grant provided grants of up to £3,000 to community groups, charities and parish councils within South Cambridgeshire who are seeking to deliver local energy saving and green initiatives.

£55,000 was available through the Community Energy Grant for 2018-19.

A total of £18,771.40 was awarded to 8 organisations. On 21 June 2018 a decision was taken by Grants Advisory Committee to freeze the fund in order to conduct a detailed review of the grant. The grant remained frozen until the end of the financial year.

The unspent funds and were “rolled over” into the budget for 2019/20. This now forms the basis of the newly created Zero Carbon Grant.

A full list of allocations is presented at Appendix 4.

STATUS: DISCONTINUED

(b) Voluntary Sector – Advice and other grants**(i) Service Support Grants****1. General Welfare Advice and Specialist Advice**

Funding is granted under this theme for the provision of free, independent, confidential advice and advocacy in two categories:

- i. to residents on their rights and responsibilities in the areas of debt, benefits, employment, housing, legal and relationship/family matters (General Welfare Advice)
- ii. to residents who are disabled, to carers and to families with disabled children (Specialist Advice)

Funding for the delivery of General Welfare Advice and Specialist Advice was allocated to four Citizens Advice Bureaux (CABx) as shown below:

Table 1

		2016/17 (£)	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (£)	Total (£)
Cambridge and District CAB	<i>General</i>	52,000	52,000	52,000	165,750
	<i>Specialist</i>	3,250	3,250	3,250	
North Herts CAB	<i>General</i>	16,800	16,800	16,800	53,550
	<i>Specialist</i>	1,050	1,050	1,050	
Suffolk West CAB	<i>General</i>	5,600	5,600	5,600	17,850
	<i>Specialist</i>	350	350	350	
Uttlesford CAB	<i>General</i>	5,600	5,600	5,600	17,850
	<i>Specialist</i>	350	350	350	
Totals		85,000	85,000	85,000	255,000

The four CABx report jointly with Cambridge and District CAB compiling the report on behalf of the others.

Specific measures agreed with the four CABx for Year 3 of the funding agreement were as follows, to:

- Provide a free advice service to South Cambridgeshire residents, recording all client data, tracking the number of people helped, topic of advice and repeat visits
- Log outcomes from the advice given, recording the value of income gained, problems resolved, homelessness prevented, and effect on clients
- Measure and record client satisfaction with the services provided and record customer complaints

- Report the nature and number of advice requests generated through the touchscreen kiosks and tablets forming one element of the outreach strategy
- Monitor, on a monthly basis, the quality of advice given, to ensure the advice consistently meets the criteria set out by the CiTA QAA system

All specific measures were delivered during year 3.

Headline figures for services provided by the four CABx for South Cambridgeshire residents during 2018-19 are as follows.

5665 clients seen
 8478 sessions held (most clients need more than one session to get to point of resolution)
 8478 questions answered/issues addressed

Main topic areas were:

- Welfare rights 4201 (19%)
- Debt and money advice 2663 (21%)
- Employment (10%)
- Housing (10%)

Income gains and debts written off for clients - £2,414,387.

South Cambs residents served – 41% of total
 South Cambs funding – 10% of total

A full report including case studies is provided in Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

2. Community Transport

Funding is provided for the delivery, development and promotion of Community Transport services within South Cambridgeshire and for South Cambridgeshire residents.

Funding for Community Transport services was allocated to three organisations as shown below:

Table 2

	2016/17 (£)	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (£)	Total (£)
The Voluntary Network/3CT (Three Counties Transport)	3,835	3,835	3,835	11,505
Royston and District Community Transport (RDCT)	3,165	3,165	3,165	9,495
Care Network	8,000	8,000	8,000	24,000

Totals	15,000	15,000	15,000	45,000
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The Voluntary Network

The Newmarket based Voluntary Network delivers community transport services for residents in the southeast of South Cambridgeshire through the operation of Three Counties Transport (3CT), formerly Haverhill Community Transport. Services comprise:

- a community car service providing by volunteer drivers using their own cars and enabling door to door transport for medical journeys (usually hospital appointments).
- A Dial-a-Ride minibus service providing door to door transport for those who find it difficult to use public transport
- Minibus hire for groups including non profit organisations and residential homes

Specific measures agreed with the Voluntary Network for Year 3 of the funding agreement were as follows, to:

- Maintain a steady flow of new members
- Recruit new group members eg residential homes and non-profit making local groups
- Maintain a steady flow of new voluntary car drivers covering South Cambridgeshire
- Publicise actively the services of 3CT to key potential client groups
- Deliver at least one presentation to a new group to promote services and work with the Council to identify groups.
- Share good practice with other service providers and co-deliver the implementation of the South Cambridgeshire Community Transport Strategy
- Provide monitoring information by village and report on marketing activity³ Deliver services in line with the Cambridgeshire County Council guidelines for community transport services

All specific measures agreed with the Voluntary Network for Year 3 of the funding agreement were delivered in Year 3. Some figures from year 3:

Number of passenger journeys – 1013

Number of new passengers – 28

Number of new groups - 1

They have found marketing their services effectively to be increasingly challenging, and are aware that their limited capacity can make it challenging to get information out on the ground. As such, from September they are employing a Marketing Officer.

A more detailed report can be found at Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

Royston and District Community Transport (RDCT)

Royston based RDCT deliver community transport services for residents in 57 South Cambridgeshire parishes, mainly those in the southwest, through the operation of a community car service, minibus and a wheelchair accessible multi-purpose vehicle (MPV).

Specific measures agreed with RDCT for Year 3 of the funding agreement were as follows, to:

- Provide monitoring information by village of journeys undertaken in South Cambridgeshire, and relate to baseline figures for 2018-19
- Promote the uptake of RDCT services in South Cambridgeshire, through targeted publicity and presentations (at least one per quarter)
- Promote volunteering to support RDCT South Cambridgeshire services in communities to meet demand for services, through targeted publicity and presentations (at least one per six months)
- Continue to work with South Cambridgeshire District Council and others to explore opportunities to develop DRT style services

All specific measures agreed with RDCT for Year 3 of the funding agreement were delivered during Year 3.

Headline figures for services provided by RDCT are as follows:

5008	journeys made by South Cambridgeshire residents in Year 3
105*	residents of South Cambridgeshire regularly use the service
57	parishes covered
8	presentations given to promote the service; also poster placements and press coverage

* New criteria for identifying “regular” users. This is now based on routine monthly usage. They confirm the numbers have not changed, merely their interpretation of “regular”. Please note: The figures above are an amalgamation of Q1/Q2 and Q3/Q4 and the report in Appendix 2 is for Q3/Q4 only.

At the point of publishing this report no village-by-village data had been submitted.

A report for Q3 &4 is provided in Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

Care Network

Care Network provides help for older, isolated and vulnerable people – enabling them to remain independent and maintain social contact with friends and the community.

SCDC has funding agreements with Care Network to support Community Transport and also Independent Living (reported below).

Specific measures to support Community Transport agreed with Care Network for Year 3 of the funding agreement were as follows, to:

- Deliver six short Community Car training and networking events, delivered each year for South Cambs car scheme drivers and coordinators
- Provide on-going 1-2-1 support to the existing car schemes in South Cambs, recording the nature of the enquiry, the advice given and the outcome for the scheme
- Target support for car schemes identified as at risk on Care Network's Resilience measure
- Represent Community Car Schemes across the county at relevant meetings and events, to share good practice with other service providers and co-deliver the implementation of South Cambridgeshire District Council's Community Transport Strategy
- Represent Community Car Schemes with strategic partners such as hospitals with a view to improve barriers raised by the schemes
- Provide one community car scheme case study with each 6 month monitoring report

Highlights:

- They have embarked on an in depth research project across the whole of Cambridgeshire to identify sustainability threats and support needs to community car schemes to ensure people can continue to access this transport service. The results of the research will be available in early 2020.

All specific measures agreed were delivered during 2018-19. A full report can be found in Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

3. Independent Living

Funding is provided under this theme for the delivery of services that allow residents to maintain their independence; reduce rural isolation; tackle loneliness, depression and isolation; and offer support to carers.

Funding for the delivery of services to support independent living was allocated to four organisations as shown below:

Table 3

	2016/17 (£)	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (£)	Total (£)
Arts and Minds	2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500
Care Network	6,500	6,500	6,500	18,500
Cambs Older People's Enterprise (COPE)	4,000	4,000	4,000	12,000
Disability Information Service Hunts (DISH)	3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000
Totals	16,000	16,000	16,000	48,000

Arts and Minds

Arts and Minds provide therapeutic arts interventions for adults and young people experiencing depression and anxiety.

Specific measures agreed with Arts & Minds for Year 3 of the funding agreement were as follows, to provide:

- Three series of Arts on Prescription in Cambridge and one series in a hub outside of Cambridge, for adults experiencing depression, stress or anxiety, to be attended by a total of at least 21 South Cambridgeshire residents, each series to be led by a professional artist and a qualified counsellor and to include at least 12 two hour sessions and a visit to a local heritage site or gallery

All specific measures agreed were delivered during 2018-19. A full report on Q3 and Q4 is included in Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

Care Network

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SCDC has funding agreements with Care Network to support Independent Living and also Community Transport (reported above).

Specific measures agreed with Care Network for Year 3 of the funding agreement under the Independent Living theme were as follows, to:

- Provide general support to community social groups or schemes that in turn support older and vulnerable people, through newsletters, other mailings and invitations to training and events
- To work closely to support at least six groups or schemes as identified by client need which might be addressing loneliness and/or depression, supporting people with dementia or their carers, or intergenerational work. This is likely to include both working with communities to establish new groups or schemes and supporting existing groups or schemes to sustain themselves or expand.
- Maintain a physical base in South Cambridgeshire, with staff ready to respond to enquiries and facilities such as meeting room, photocopying etc available to local groups
- To ensure the opportunities for volunteering in South Cambridgeshire are well publicised and promoted
- To capitalise on links with other voluntary organisations and evidence joint working, the sharing of information and signposting of volunteers to other groups, to include attendance at Local Health Partnership meetings and events
- To provide one social group case study with each six month monitoring report

All specific measures agreed for 2018-19 were delivered by the end of the year.

Headline achievements in South Cambridgeshire:

- 140 contacts with groups, providing support and advice as necessary.
- We delivered the 'Reminiscence' session for the Generation Game Course at Impington Village College in collaboration with the Connections Bus Project, to ten students in Year 9 as part of their intergenerational course to enable them to connect with older people in their community.
- We successfully gained the Investing in Volunteers Accreditation.
- Attended the Asset Based Community Development course organised by CPSL Mind and delivered by Nurture Development. Found it extremely useful, giving new ways of working with local communities so their work has shifted towards being much more community led.

A full report can be found in Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise (COPE)

COPE promotes the interests of people aged 50 and over, through signposting, consultation, co-ordinating and advocacy, with the aim to reduce social exclusion, challenge ageism, promote active ageing, reduce isolation and demonstrate what older people can do.

Specific measures agreed with COPE for Year 3 of the funding agreement were as follows, to:

- Disseminate news and information of interest to older people in South Cambridgeshire
 - Produce a bi-monthly newsletter and circulate to members, libraries, GP surgeries, and other groups for older people
- Provide representation for older people in South Cambridgeshire
 - Provide representation on appropriate bodies including South Cambridgeshire's Local Health Partnership and relevant local government scrutiny committee meetings. Respond to consultations including those of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board
 - Provide an older people's forum meeting, (which may include the COPE AGM)
 - Run one or more campaigns to promote the interests of older people
- Provide a social programme attracting participants from South Cambridgeshire
 - Host monthly meetings encouraging social interaction, friendships and self-help, thereby reducing isolation and loneliness. Record the number of South Cambridgeshire residents attending
 - Organise monthly outings, encouraging social interaction, friendships and self-help, thereby reducing isolation and loneliness. Record the number of South Cambridgeshire residents attending

Highlights:

- Besides Loneliness, COPE is at present campaigning for retention of the Free over 75 TV licence, keeping analogue access to Council and Public facilities and services, and Scams. Letters have been sent to Chief Executives of all Cambs Councils and MPs re the analogue access.
- A new Website has been established - www.copecambs.org.uk.
- Its Chairman was awarded the Etheldreda Medal by the Bishop of Ely in October for work done by COPE for Older People, throughout the County.

All specific measures agreed were delivered by the end of the year. A report can be found in Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

Disability Information Service Huntingdonshire (DISH)

DISH provides advice, information and advocacy services to people with disabilities, carers and families with disabled children in South Cambridgeshire. The organisation undertakes home visits in order to complete assessments and applications, holds office based interviews and provides over the phone advice. It prepares appeals and provides representation for clients.

Specific measures agreed with DISH for Year 3 of the funding agreement were as follows, to:

- Make at least 15 home visits to complete assessments and applications
- Provide at least 15 face to face advice at DISH offices
- Provide a telephone advice and signposting service, dealing with at least 90 enquiries
- Prepare and take to court at least 3 benefits annually
- Monitor the effectiveness of services provided, conducting an annual client survey providing qualitative information
- Provide at least one case study with each 6 month activity report
- Record using the AIMS database the sum of benefits obtained for clients on an annual basis which should:

Headline figures are shown in the table below.

Table 4

Annual SLA report for 2018 to 2019				
Subject	DISH Outcomes			SCDC requirements
	1st April to 30th September 2018	1st October 2018 to 31st March 2019	Total for 2018-2019	
Home Visits	6	8	14	15 per annum
Advice at DISH offices (face to face)	20	38	58	15 per annum
Telephone and signposting	25	96	121	90 per annum
Appeals	2	2	4	3
Annual Equivalent in Benefits	£29,099	£15,228.20	£44327.20	£12,000 in year 1

DISH have exceeded targets for telephone and signposting, appeals and retrieving Benefits for customers but fell 1 short of target for home visits.

The new CEO is currently looking into new processes for capturing vital reporting data and is fully committed to meeting funding pledges in the future.

A full report is provided in Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

4. Support for Parishes and Communities

Funding is provided under this theme for organisations providing services and support to local community groups and charitable bodies which are themselves providing services for South Cambridgeshire residents.

All funding under this theme was allocated to Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS).

Table 5

	2016/17 (£)	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (£)	Total (£)
CCVS	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000

Specific measures agreed with CCVS for Year 2 of the funding agreement were as follows:

- Organisational development - improvements in the confidence and knowledge of people who run local community and voluntary activities.
 - Step by step support and advice with start-ups, growth and service development for all groups that need it to include 1-2-1 support, email and phone support and access to factsheets and information
 - Advice, information and support on all aspects of financial management to small community and voluntary organisations to ensure they meet their legal requirements and the requirements of any funders
 - One training, information and advice giving event per patch (3 in total) to cover topics highlighted by the CCVS annual survey and agreed with South Cambs District Council, which will also include funding elements and 121 support if requested
 - One attendance at up to 6 SCDC-led patch or districtwide events if requested by SCDC to provide advice, information and support to local community and voluntary organisations (and/or parish councils if relevant to the work of CCVS)
- Representation – provision of a collective voice for the voluntary and community sector, offering expert and impartial representation, so that the views of the sector be taken into account as statutory policy makers make decisions
 - Representation on the South Cambs Local Health Partnership
 - Representation on the CDRP
 - Representation at other occasional and ad hoc district forums and meetings that require a VCS voice

- Networking and communications - sharing knowledge and experience within the sector; bringing people together to share common issues, identify complementary activities and develop joint solutions:
 - 11 newsletters sent to all contacts. These will include updates on good practice as well as local and national news and information
 - Regular e-bulletins to all CCVS members giving them additional local information, news and advice
 - 11 funding bulletins to CCVS members
 - Social media updates and promotion
 - 2 newsletters to local councillors to promote CCVS and the work of the sector
 - 2 newsletters to parish clerks to promote CCVS and the work of the sector
 - Communicate by any or all of these means to share appropriate information and consultation opportunities highlighted by South Cambridgeshire District Council

CCVS has delivered all measures agreed. A full report is provided in Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

5. Fit to Learn

Funding is provided under this theme to support the delivery of services that help pre-school children develop strength; co-ordination; language and communication skills; and good mental health.

Funding under this theme was allocated to two organisations as shown in Table 6.

Table 6

	Year 1 (£)	Year 2 (£)	Year 3 (£)	Total (£)
Cambourne Church	4,000	4,000	4,000	12,000
Home Start Royston & South Cambs	4,000	4,000	4,000	12,000
Total	8,000	8,000	8,000	24,000

Cambourne Church/Children's Centre were unable to progress their Fit to Learn project during 2018-19 due to staffing issues. Funding was returned to the Council and amalgamated into the Community Chest (as above).

STATUS: NO PROGRESS DURING 2018-19

Home Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire

Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire provide support to families in crisis or under stress. They have been funded to roll out the Big Hopes Big Future school readiness programme to ten families in South Cambridgeshire.

Specific measures agreed with Home Start for Year 3 of the funding agreement were as follows, to:

- Deliver a volunteer training event
- Hold briefing sessions for Health Visitors on the aims of the programme and the referral process
- Match a volunteer to each family identified, who will provide them with weekly support sessions (for between four and six months)
- Provide 6 weekly volunteer supervision (undertaken by the scheme coordinator) for the duration of the support
- Monitor the effectiveness of the services provided; the coordinator will conduct a review visit with each family supported every three months and at the end of support record the feedback from the family through a review questionnaire, in a final meeting between the family and the coordinator
- Provide a written report of progress at the end of the first two quarters by 1 October 2018 and then for the last two quarters by 1 May 2019.

Ten new volunteers trained and 9 families engaged with the project.

All measures agreed have been met. A full report is provided in Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

6. Homelessness Prevention

Funding is provided under this theme to support the prevention of homelessness in the district.

Funding under this theme for 2018-19 was allocated to three organisations as indicated below:

Table 7

	2016/17 (£)	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (£)
Cambridge Cyrenians	1,712	1,717	1763
Cambridge Re-Use (formerly SOFA)	1,471	1,515	1,556
Cambridge Women's Aid	7,528	8,181	8,402
Total	10,711	11,413	11,721

Cambridge Cyrenians

The grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council continues to contribute to the maintenance and upgrade of computers & IT support for service users. Cyrenians provide a PC and internet access for residents in each house to enable on-line bidding for housing and to ensure that residents can apply for benefits and search for work.

During the period the Cyrenians accommodated seven new residents with a connection to South Cambridgeshire and continued to experience an increase in the overall levels of referrals to the service; 132 in the half year to March 19 which is an increase of 12 compared to the first six months and totals 252 for the year.

41 residents were housed in the period, totalling 88 for the year. However, during the same period two residents were evicted for rent arrears and two residents evicted due to their behaviour. This is a reflection of the increasing level of need of applicants. Many are ex-offenders, coming directly from prison, with significant drug and mental health issues. Despite the challenges associated with accommodating residents with increasing needs, the service continues to experience a number of successful moves out of the service. This includes moves into social housing, private tenancies and returning to friends and family.

The Cyrenians also continue to provide two female only houses and these have been successful in providing a safer and more suitable environment for female residents.

Cambridge Re-Use

Re-use provides low cost household goods to low income families in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. Cambridge Re-Use continue to put the grant funding towards the cost of running a furniture van which is used both for collecting donations of household goods and for delivering purchases to customers' homes.

For the period April 2018 - September 2018, a total of 83 households living in the SCDC area accessed the service.

For the period October 2018 - March 2019, a total of 88 households living in the SCDC area accessed our service.

Therefore, a total of **171** households benefitted from the service during the 12 month period. This is a slight reduction compared to previous years, although take up is still high in relation to the amount of grant provided.

Cambridge Women's Aid (CWA)

Cambridge Women's Aid has been providing specialist services to survivors of domestic abuse in Cambridge and the surrounding areas for over forty years. Currently, CWA does this through the provision of refuge for eleven women and their children and by offering tailored specialist support to survivors living in Cambridge city, South Cambridgeshire and East Cambridgeshire.

Refuge

CWA offers a high standard of modern refuge accommodation to women and children. In 2018-19, CWA accommodated 48 women and 68 children in refuge. The refuge service focused on the safety of each family and worked with them to reduce their risk of harm while supporting them to recover from their experiences. In addition to in house individual support, staff also provided various groups and activities to build women and children's confidence and support their independence. CWA continued supporting women and children who left the refuge through resettlement support for as long as necessary.

Outreach

CWA provided a highly valued needs-led support service that could be accessed through our telephone helpline, one to one appointments with a specialist worker or through one of our many groups on offer. This service offers a free and confidential service based in the community to support those affected by domestic abuse, either directly or by supporting those who know them or work with them.

The Outreach Project provided specialist support to **140** people from the South Cambridgeshire area during 2018-19.

CWA also provided an emergency out-of- hours service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to ensure that refuge and outreach service users could access advice and support in a crisis.

STATUS: DELIVERED

(c) Housing and Independent Living

(i) Mortgage Advice (Homelessness prevention)

Funding of £8,250 per annum is provided for specific money advice to prevent homelessness.

This funding has been allocated to Cambridge and District CAB to deliver a weekly advice session at South Cambridgeshire Hall. Reporting of this has been combined with the report from Cambridge and District CAB on Service Support Fund grant aided activity.

STATUS: DELIVERED

(ii) Mobile Warden Scheme

Funding of £20,110.00 to support mobile warden schemes in 2018-19 was allocated by the Health & Environmental Services Portfolio Holder in December 2017 as follows:

Table 8

	Grant Awarded 2018-19(£)
Histon & Impington Community Warden scheme (Age UK)	2,520
Swavesey Community Warden scheme (Age UK)	1,240
'Small villages' Community Warden scheme (Age UK) (Balsham, Western Colville, West Wratting, Horseheath, West Wickham, Castle Camps and Shudy Camps)	3,040
Teversham Community Warden scheme (Age UK)	1,600
Linton Community Warden scheme (Age UK)	2,500
Cottenham Mobile Warden scheme	1,200
Harston & District Village Warden scheme	1,250
Haslingfield Community Warden scheme	250
Melbourn Mobile Warden scheme	2,200
Milton Community Care scheme	2,155
The Mordens & Litlington Mobile Warden scheme	2,155
TOTAL	20,110

Reports from all these schemes were received as part of the application process for funding for 2019-20. All schemes were delivering services as expected and all were allocated continued funding for 2019-20.

STATUS: DELIVERED

(d) Planning and Economic Development

(i) Farmland Museum

Funding of £8,500 per annum is given to support this heritage resource for the benefit of residents as well as further afield for education, recreation and relaxation. The aim is to ensure that the museum is as accessible to as many people as possible and to keep costs to visitors affordable.

Attendance figures for the last 3 years can be seen in Table 9 below:

Table 9

	2016	2017	2018
April	865	1399	1231
May	1401	1270	1225
June	881	1021	774
July	1392	1432	1024
August	1878	2119	1713

September	910	1025	811
October	1059	1204	865
Total	8386	9470	7643

Highlights from the 2018-19 Year 3 report:

- 3 new in-coming Trustees and 2 out-going
- Since the last report in 2017 the Farmland Museum has seen a drop in attendance figures. This has been attributed to the heat wave and drought of the early summer and to some very wet weather on several other event days.
- They were again visited by the Princess Royal who spoke to 70 people including the museum's founder, as well as representatives from English Heritage, South Cambs DC, stakeholders, Friends, donors and volunteers.
- They lost funding from English Heritage which saw them lose 2 Front of House staff and also led to a staffing structure change. The 2 permanent roles of Museum Manager and Assistant Curator were made redundant and replaced with 2 roles of equal status - Museum Officer and Commercial Officer.
- The challenge of recruiting/retaining volunteers is ever-present but they are extremely grateful for the volunteered hours received which is the equivalent of an annual salary of £16,000 based on the minimum wage.
- A key action for 2019/20 is to create a robust vision for the next 20-30 years with a clear plan for the more immediate 3 – 5 years.

A full report is provided in Appendix 2.

STATUS: DELIVERED

(ii) Wildlife Enhancement

The Wildlife Enhancement Scheme (WES) provides grants to parish councils, conservation bodies, community groups to support special activities that conserve, enhance, restore or create habitats or features that sustain biodiversity. Grant allocation is decided by the Consultancy Unit Team Leader in consultation with the Ecology Officer with a total budget of £16,000 for 2018-19.

One project was funded through this scheme in 2018-19:

1. Pennywort Hitsquad Project, Cam Valley Forum, £2,880.

This funding has been identified for review and an options paper will be presented to a future meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee.

STATUS: UNDER REVIEW

(e) Young People

(i) Children and Young People's Area Partnership

£10,000 was previously allocated to the Children & Young People's Area Partnership but this funding remained unallocated in 2018-19. It was traditionally used to support the delivery of SCDC children, young people and families' priorities.

This funding has been identified for review and an options paper will be presented to a future meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee.

STATUS: UNDER REVIEW

(ii) Elite Athlete Award Scheme

The Elite Athlete Award scheme supports sporting talent with grants awarded on an annual basis. No funding was allocated for the financial year 2018-19 and consequently, a decision was made by Cabinet on 3 April 2019, that the Scheme be discontinued and funding for 2018-19 be rolled over into 2019-20 and be allocated to increase other existing grant funds.

This funding has been identified for review and an options paper will be presented to a future meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee.

STATUS: UNDER REVIEW