



Perry Barr Constituency Neighbourhood Network Scheme Ward Update



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What are Neighbourhood Network Schemes?

Neighbourhood Network Schemes (NNSs) are funded by **Adult Social Care** as part of the **Prevention First Model**

- There are **10** constituency based NNSs
- They **Connect Older People** (50+) with local community assets, activities and service provision
- They bringing together voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector organisations as well as other stakeholders and statutory agencies to engage with, work with and support older adults and communities in multiple aspects of health, fitness and wellbeing
- They are organised by a **"lead facilitator"** with delegated responsibilities and budgets from Birmingham City Council to implement and manage the Neighbourhood Network Scheme in each Constituency

NNSs are Evidence based – building on:

- Successful model in Leeds which is supporting 23,000 older adults per year
- Evidence across community development, social prescribing, community investment and support, citizens, health and wellbeing

To date **Perry Barr NNS** has:

- Been running for just under 2 years, 3 months (pilot phase)
- Invested in and supported the development of multiple community assets (organisations) who are delivering community related community activities and services
- linked community assets to citizens and statutory agency practitioners (e.g. social workers and GPs)
- Grant-funded and commissioned activity through a micro and small grants scheme – building the community offer and/or making it more accessible for older people.



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Key Officers

- Neil De-Costa - NNS Lead Facilitator
- Andrea Housen - Team Manager Perry Barr Adults Social Care Team
- Rukia Siddique - Senior Commissioning Officer
- Michael Wynter - NNS Project Officer – Community Assets
- Lucy Bird - NNS Project Officer – Community Assets
- Jennie Sandford - NNS Project Officer – Community Assets
- Benita Wishart - BVSC Support & Development Manager Prevention First
- Elizabeth Lynam – New Community Network Support Officer

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Activity to Date and pending:

- ✓ Almost completed year 2 extension.
- ✓ Over **30 emergency support projects delivered** during lockdowns 1 – 3.
- ✓ **PBNNS extended until 31 March 2022**; business case for extension beyond this date in discussion.
- ✓ **Over 149 assets** have been **mapped** and engaged to date. Covid-19 continues to impact on delivery.
- ✓ **Spring Housing Association have successfully supported asset mapping and engagement.** An associated capacity building programme is in being developed to include support by other community anchor organisations.
- ✓ **New Perry Barr Social Work Team** is now in place.
- ✓ **Speed Networking Session** successfully delivered in November 2020, another planned for June 2021.
- ✓ **Small grants panel** continues to review and approve proposals.
- ✓ **25 Emergency Support and Assistance projects** are currently being delivered. Applications are still being received.
- ✓ **Emergency Support & Information Bulletin** launched.

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Next Steps – March – June 2021

- Re-assessment of current priority need
- Asset mapping moving to recovery support
- Training and support programme as we emerge from lockdown
- Supporting business case for continuation/mainstreaming NNS
- Marketing and communication
- Action plan for year 3
- Ideas for collaboration and delivery ideas from social workers and partners
- Any other suggestions?