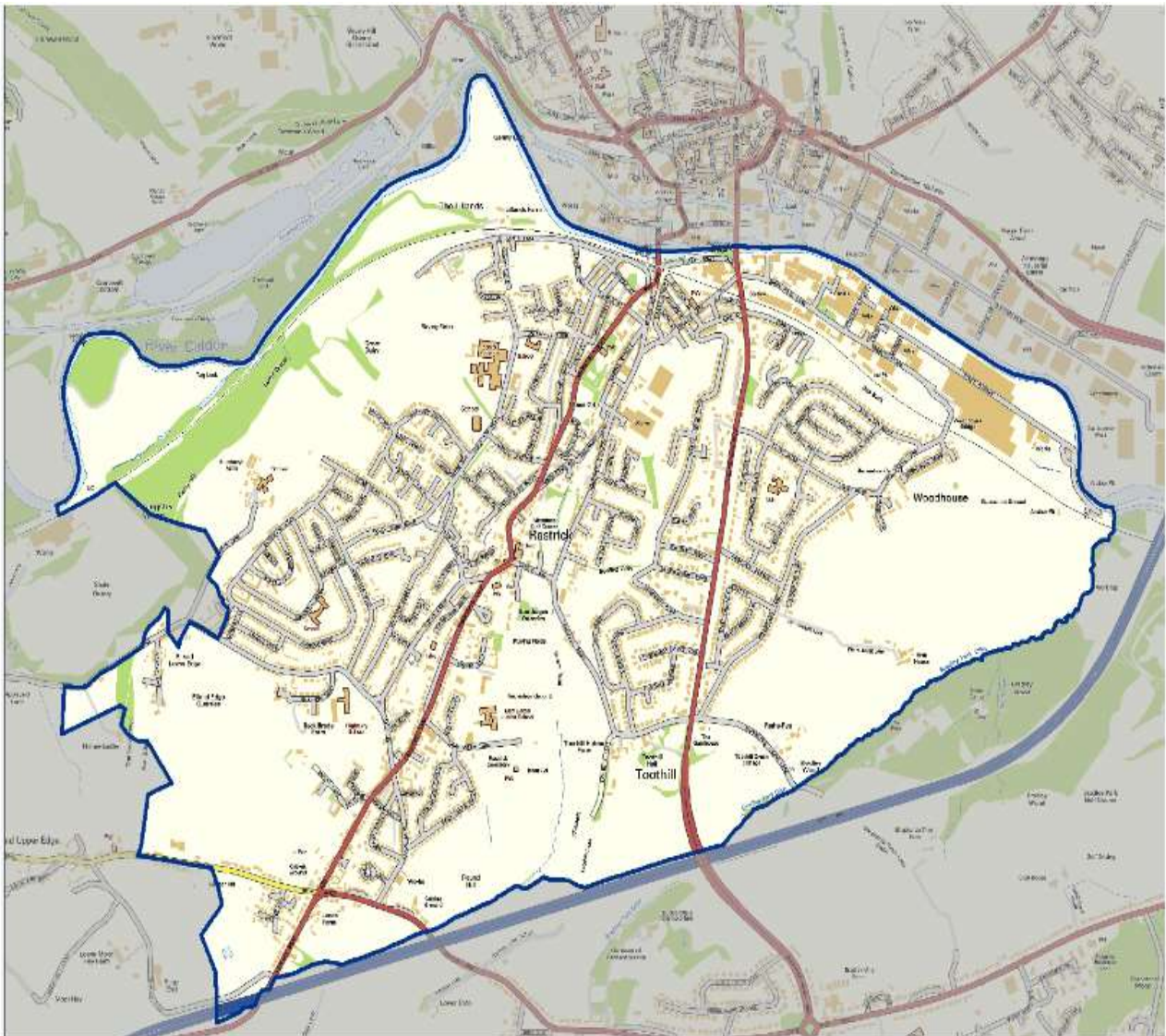


**RASTRICK BIG LOCAL PLAN 2016-19**



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 What is Rastrick Big Local HD63?

**RBL HD63 is a resident led, voluntary organisation** that seeks to use its national lottery funding to deliver sustainable improvements to Rastrick by:

- increasing the range and amount of local facilities, activities and services
- creating more opportunities for local people to be involved in the community and make use of local provision
- attracting additional funding and resources

The **Big Local** programme is a national programme, funded through the Big Lottery Fund, investing in local communities that have often been overlooked by outside funders.

**£1 million** is provided to each Big Local area over **ten years** to enable local residents to come together and make use of the funding to make a substantial, positive and lasting difference to their community.

Big Lottery expects that, as a result of such funding:

- Communities will be better able to identify their needs and responses to them and to take action to deal with them.
- People in the community will have increased the skills, confidence and social capital that are necessary to ensure that they continue to identify and respond to needs that matter to them in future.
- Communities will have made a difference to the needs they had prioritised.
- People will feel that their community is a better place in which to live.

Areas receiving funding have to establish a resident led group to guide the overall direction of Big Local in their area and to produce a Plan. Once this plan has been approved by the national organisation, Local Trust, then funding can start being accessed.

### 1.2 The Rastrick Big Local HD63 Partnership (RBLP)

One of the key features of Big Local is that it is local people who determine what their money is spent on.

Thus, a local group – **Rastrick Big Local HD63 Partnership** (RBLP) – was formally established in March 2012 to guide the overall direction of Big Local in our area.

One of its responsibilities is to produce the local plan that is required before monies can be released by Local Trust. The initial plan was signed off by Local Trust in October 2014.

As well as residents, the RBLP membership also consists of people who work in the Rastrick Big Local area and support is provided by Calderdale Council, Pennine Housing and Local Trust. A majority of the members are Rastrick residents.

Details of the membership can be found on the Rastrick Big Local HD63 website – [www.rastrickbiglocal.co.uk/about-us](http://www.rastrickbiglocal.co.uk/about-us)

Applications from local residents to join the Partnership are encouraged.

### 1.3 What area does Rastrick Big Local HD63 cover?

The Rastrick Big Local HD63 (RBL) area was defined by the national Big Local organisation (Local Trust) and is shown by the map on the front cover of this report or see [www.rastrickbiglocal.co.uk](http://www.rastrickbiglocal.co.uk) website.

It includes all HD63 post codes and those HD61 post codes south of the River Calder.

## 2. PRINCIPLES / CRITERIA GUIDING RASTRICK BIG LOCAL

Spending £1m seems simple, until you look at the conditions that come with it. It's **not** about quick fixes that only serve small parts of the community or have only a short term benefit and it's **not** about plugging gaps in services for which the council, NHS and other statutory bodies are actually responsible.

To achieve lasting benefits for Rastrick, RBLP looks to invest its resources in activities that:

- Aim for **inclusiveness** (giving everyone a chance to be involved) and encourage greater **interaction** between people (particularly from different generations, neighbourhoods, backgrounds)
- Look to encourage **partnership** and **cooperative working** to get things done
- Focus on the **positives** (what can we do, not why can't we do something)
- Are **sustainable** (avoiding expensive maintenance costs) and provide a **legacy** for the future
- Maximise the opportunities for people to make a **contribution**
- Make the **best use of resources**, by encouraging people to do things for themselves, building on existing provision where it is successful and looking to secure additional funding from other sources
- Avoid duplicating activities that haven't worked in the past
- Make sure community members can **have a say** and **participate**

### 3. WHAT THINGS MIGHT LOOK LIKE BY THE END OF BIG LOCAL FUNDING

It's important to have a sense of the bigger picture before we start to make decisions about what we are going to do and how resources should be used.

In broad terms, we know that successful communities are ones that are resilient. That means not just being able to overcome problems and challenges, but also having the capacity to help local people to achieve their potential and to thrive.

This can be broken down into three key elements – community, economic and personal resilience

1. **Community Resilience** – which requires:
  - ✓ A strong, cohesive, active and connected community
  - ✓ A high quality physical environment
  - ✓ A community that is safe
  - ✓ Enabling and responsive public services
2. **Economic Resilience** – which results from:
  - ✓ A strong local economy
  - ✓ Local people in work
  - ✓ Residents in financial control
3. **Personal Resilience** – which means ensuring that:
  - ✓ Children and young people get the best start in life
  - ✓ People realise their potential
  - ✓ People are healthy and have a positive sense of wellbeing

Appendix 1 sets out what each of these resiliences means and some of the ways in which they might be achieved, so that our community becomes an even better place in which to live.

### 4. BUILDING UP A PICTURE OF LOCAL NEEDS AND CAPACITY: Rastrick Community Profile

There is a considerable amount of information available from national and local statistics and similar material that helps build up a picture of Rastrick as a place / community.

RBLP has developed a Community Profile to:

- ◆ Help us make sense of what we might need and what mutual interests we have
- ◆ Get an idea of what we already have and start the process of identifying whether we can make more use of the capacity within the community
- ◆ Provide a 'starting point' to plan from and a guide to look back and assess change.
- ◆ Act as a resource to help us make decisions about Big Local

The full profile can be found on the RBL website [www.rastrickbiglocal.co.uk](http://www.rastrickbiglocal.co.uk) and includes a number of sections giving details of:

- ◆ The local geography and history
- ◆ The population and its demographic and social characteristics
- ◆ Levels of affluence and deprivation
- ◆ Health and wellbeing
- ◆ Education, qualifications and skills
- ◆ Employment and work / training opportunities
- ◆ Housing and household amenities
- ◆ Crime and community safety
- ◆ Transport
- ◆ Environment

Appendix 2 sets out some 'headlines' from the profile.

## 5. BUILDING UP A PICTURE OF LOCAL NEEDS AND CAPACITY: Consultation and engagement with local residents

A lot of activity took place after RBLP was first set up in 2012 in order to tell residents what RBL was about. Community meetings were held and questionnaires were distributed to every household to get an early idea of what people liked, disliked and wanted for Rastrick. The feedback from this activity enabled the first RBL Plan to be put together and determine the initial priorities which were about:

- **Improved provision for children and young people**
- **Continuing to use the Community Small Grants Fund** as a means of enabling smaller scale projects to be developed
- **Need to improve engagement and consultation** – although we had had around 300 responses to the questionnaire delivered to households, it was felt that this was not enough and that other approaches ought to be adopted in future if we were to get a better level of involvement from the community.

Over the last couple of years, RBLP has continued to engage with the local residents through:

- a) **The introduction of Voice Your Choice (VYC)** as a way of enabling as many members of the community as possible to contribute to making decisions about:
- what issue should be a priority for investment in the forthcoming year; and
  - which proposals should receive funding to address that issue

By giving everyone a vote, through the Household Voting Form or via on-line voting, VYC has become the key means of people expressing where they want RBL to be investing.

In the first year of its operation, the issue (improved provision for Children and Young People) had already been identified through a previous piece of consultation and VYC was used to identify which projects were to receive funding.

In March 2015, nearly 1400 people voted to determine which projects should receive

funding for projects to improve provision for Children and Young People; in the autumn, over 300 people voted to help decide what theme should be funded during 2016 (improving the environment).

In March 2016, nearly 1100 people voted to determine which projects around improving the environment should receive funding for projects; in the autumn, over 500 people voted to help decide what theme should be funded during 2017 (improving health and well being).

The voting figures in all the votes shows a good cross section of people have participated in the process – across all geographical areas, age groups and genders.

Suggestions and ideas have also been sought through providing a feedback box on Household Voting Forms and the online voting platform.

**b) Employment of a Community Engagement Worker**

Our Community Engagement Worker has been crucial in helping support and increase awareness of Voice Your Choice, gathering feedback and increasing opportunities for local people to take part in and influence positive change within their community, eg through the establishment of voting stations, online voting and voting within schools.

Similarly, supporting groups and individuals to develop and submit appropriate project bids to Voice Your Choice, the Community Small Grants Fund and other non-RBL monies has helped to increase the ways that people can feed into RBL.

**c) Regular community update meetings and VYC Celebration events**

Here, people have been asked for views and suggestions and volunteering opportunities have been advertised, including being involved in RBL or its sub-groups.

**d) Regular newsletters to every household**

**e) RBL Big Event 2015, Stall at Brighthouse 2016 Spring Market and RBL Fun Day 2016**

Information was given out and people attending the events talked. Spoke to over 100 people at the Spring Market event to give out information and get their views on things that RBL could be doing.

**f) RBL website**

Our website [www.rastrickbiglocal.co.uk](http://www.rastrickbiglocal.co.uk) has been used to provide further information to promote Rastrick Big Local and to give people a route by which they can send their comments.

The feedback from all the above shows that there is no single overwhelming issue or project which is wanted across the Rastrick area. The varied mix of views and comments underlines the need for the VYC approach, which provides a fair and transparent means of giving the community as a whole a voice in what happens with the Big Local funding.

## 6. PROGRESS TO DATE – implementing priorities from 2014-16 Plan

Our initial plan identified three priorities and progress has been made with all of these:

### A. IMPROVED PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

This was the main issue identified in our first consultation with the local community.

£65,000 was allocated and local organisations, groups and other interested parties were contacted and invited to put forward proposals that addressed the need for youth provision and for improved parks.

Residents were then given the opportunity, through Voice Your Choice, to vote for their favoured project and in the event, two projects were awarded funding.

**Rastrick Juniors Football Club** were awarded **£25,000** in order that they could pursue plans to erect a modular building to provide changing rooms & toilet facilities. Unfortunately, legal delays about access have held up this project but RJFC have now developed alternative plans and RBL has extended the deadline to enable the project to resolve these difficulties so that the plans can be implemented.

**Rastrick Plays Better** were awarded **£40,000** to improve at least 3 parks / play areas in Rastrick and to enable further funding to be applied for.

Two areas have been completed or are near completion (at Oaklands and Carr Green) and two further projects are in the process of being developed.

By awarding £40,000 funding to this project, RBL has enabled Rastrick Plays Better to apply and secure a further £180,000 from other funding sources – a total of **£220,000**.

### B. RASTRICK SMALL GRANTS FUND

One of the things that RBL wanted to do was to provide smaller pockets of funding to increase the range and variety of small groups and activities locally and to help kick start ideas that can bring benefit to our community.

Since 2013, the fund has been used to support innovative and creative projects that would benefit people living in Rastrick.

In 2014 and 2015, 11 and 12 projects were funded respectively.

So far this year, 3 projects have been funded.

### C. INCREASING PARTICIPATION & INVOLVEMENT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

It was recognised that more needed to be done in order to

- enable as many members of the community as possible to contribute to making decisions about what issues are a priority and what money should be spent on;
- encourage and support people to come together and participate in the things that Big Local and the Rastrick community offer.

To this end, we introduced the **Voice Your Choice** process and the numbers of people participating show that this has been a success.

When we originally canvassed local opinion about what should be done to make Rastrick a better place to live, we had just over 300 responses.

The VYC votes to date have had responses of around 1300 and 1100 for the decisions about which projects should be funded and 300 and 500 for the decisions about the theme to be funded for the forthcoming year.

The VYC process has also enabled us to send out a twice yearly news update with the voting forms, delivered to every household in Rastrick, as well as providing a means for people to feed



back comments and suggestions to RBL.

We also aimed to attract a greater range of groups and organisations to get involved in Rastrick through submitting Voice Your Choice proposals and this has also been achieved.

A second approach to increasing participation and involvement was to invest in some dedicated time and expertise from a part - time **community engagement worker**, given that RBLP's members are volunteers.

As mentioned in Section 5 above, this has resulted in an increase in the number of local residents involved in consultation and engagement activities, an increase in the level of partnership working within the community, support for established and new local groups, and increased awareness of what RBL is trying to achieve.

## 7. PRIORITIES FOR 2016-2019

From our experiences over the last couple of years, we think that there are three priorities that we should now pursue:

- A. The continued implementation of Voice Your Choice
- B. The continued implementation of the Community Small Grants Fund
- C. Developing a better understanding of local assets and resources and using them more productively

### 7A VOICE YOUR CHOICE

Voice Your Choice is the fairest, most transparent way we have come across of letting all members of the community have a say in how the money is spent.

It helps to avoid short-term thinking and 'quick fixes' that only serve small interest groups or may have little impact after the first year or two.

It also helps us make sure that we don't use our resources to plug gaps in services for which the council, NHS and other statutory bodies are actually responsible.

It reaches or involves far more people than our previous roadshow or leafletting efforts and it compares very favourably with ways that others have used to try to engage with local communities.

Finally, VYC has stimulated new thinking / ideas for projects and is helping to bring about a greater level of networking amongst existing groups / organisations

#### **How will we know whether we have been successful?**

- Number of people taking part in the Voice Your Choice initiative
- Number of organisations involved in submitting Voice Your Choice proposals
- Quality of proposals put forward

## 7B COMMUNITY SMALL GRANTS FUND

The Community Small Grants Fund offers funding for small scale initiatives that deliver benefit for local residents in line with the principles set out at the beginning of this plan.

Hence we want to continue to offer funding through a Community Small Grants Fund with a maximum funding of £1500 per project being available.

The Community Foundation for Calderdale (LTO) has also committed a £5,000 contribution each year to the fund for the life of RBL.

### **How will we know whether we have been successful?**

We have a clear set of criteria against which we can assess effectiveness. These draw on the principles set out in our Big Plan.

## 7C DEVELOPING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL ASSETS, STRENGTHS AND RESOURCES AND USING THEM MORE PRODUCTIVELY

Whilst it's easy to focus our attention on what we haven't got, we need to avoid overlooking the many resources (and not just pots of money) that we do have in the community.

If we don't look to identify and develop those resources, we will find that at the end of the 10 year period of lottery funding, we will struggle to keep making improvements to the local community.

There are various approaches that can be taken but in the first instance, RBL needs to focus on the development of better information about:

- provision within the locality (through the development of the RBL Community Directory and mapping physical resources)
- residents' skills, talents, knowledge and interests, so that we can:
  - ❖ make sure that other organisations know what Rastrick's needs are
  - ❖ improve the opportunities for volunteering and helping each other
- things that are going on in or around the community / informal resources where people meet / socialise (through the development of the RBL website and diary)

- the strengths as well as needs of local groups / organisations working in Rastrick, so as to build helpful quid pro quo relationships
- events and workshops etc. that may be of interest / use to residents
- residents' concerns so that RBL can lobby for improvements with statutory authorities

### **How will we know whether we have been successful?**

- Higher than the norm levels of volunteering
- Range of vibrant and sustainable local groups
- The sharing and exchange of skills locally, eg through a Time Banking scheme

- Enhanced pride in where people live
- Rastrick being a place where people feel less isolated or alone

## 8. FINANCIAL PLAN – indicative costings

Budget Summary	Allocation	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Voice Your Choice	Funding to be used to support proposals that address needs identified by residents through the Voice Your Choice process outlined in the RBL Plan.	£65,000	£65,000	£65,000
Small Grants Fund	Funding to be used to continue to run the Community Projects Fund, which gives a kick start to small projects in the community to do things that are in line with the vision set out in the RBL Plan and that build community, economic and personal resilience. Maximum funding of £1500 per project.	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
Developing local assets, strengths and resources	Potential costs associated with website development, asset mapping, timebanking, development of data base	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
Support to implement above	Costs associated with employing engagement worker, holding community events and administration	£15000	£15000	£15000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£100,000</b>

## APPENDIX 1 – Increasing Community Resilience in Rastrick

Healthy communities are resilient communities and we can break this down into three key elements – community, economic and personal.

Here are some of the things that this might mean in practice.

1 Community Resilience	Examples of the sorts of initiatives that people might choose to pursue:
<p>A. A strong, cohesive, active and connected community</p> <p><b>so that:</b> people from different backgrounds and ages are bound together by a common sense of belonging and come together to make a difference locally, to celebrate or just to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Timebank – a way of enabling people to come together and help each other through giving practical help and support to others ('depositing' their time) and 'withdraw' this time when they need something done themselves.</li> <li>• Increasing awareness of local heritage (eg development of Community Timeline)</li> <li>• Better organised opportunities for people to contribute to their community</li> <li>• Opportunities for people to do things together (particularly different generations); (eg digital inclusion project, with young</li> </ul>

<p>have fun</p>	<p>people helping teach older people IT skills, perhaps in return for having IT qualifications funded).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Development of community events (eg organised parties or picnics), to better foster intergenerational understanding and enable vulnerable adults to get involved in community activities</li> <li>◆ A 'Rastrick Big Local' building that could house common community facilities (café, library, computer facilities, meeting rooms, facilities for new businesses, educational facilities, exhibitions, etc.</li> <li>◆ 'Bring and fix' sessions where residents help to repair each other's goods</li> </ul>
<p>B. A high quality physical environment</p> <p><b>so that:</b> we have public spaces and facilities that people enjoy using and decent housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ventures that enhance our area and promote a clean, green and pleasant environment ('clean-up', 'in bloom', 'keep the area tidy' and the like)</li> <li>◆ Creation of allotments, community gardens and other common green spaces</li> <li>◆ Initiatives designed to facilitate community buying incentives for fuel</li> <li>◆ Projects that maximise recycling and re-use activities</li> <li>◆ Schemes designed to expand the use of environmentally friendly heating / power generation / water recycling etc.</li> <li>◆ Support for the creation of eg green gyms, picnic areas, nature trails, cycle paths etc in new and existing public spaces</li> </ul>
<p>C. A community that is safe</p> <p><b>so that:</b> fear of crime and antisocial behaviour is low and people feel safe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Working with other agencies to address anti social behaviour and engage young people who are likely to cause problems (eg graffiti wall)</li> <li>◆ Providing information about real v imagined occurrence of crime</li> </ul>

**\*Resilience** – being able to thrive and make the most of opportunities as well as being able to withstand challenges and overcome problems

2 Economic Resilience	Examples of the sorts of initiatives that people might choose to pursue:
<p>A. A strong local economy</p> <p><b>so that:</b> successful business enterprise and the creation of new jobs are encouraged in Rastrick</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Support for creating and sustaining small businesses (including advice and start up loans)</li> <li>◆ Assistance – both practical and other – to those coming forward with business ideas</li> <li>◆ Social Enterprises</li> <li>◆ Creation of a business ideas forum: an opportunity for local companies to learn what services, goods etc. might be available to them on their own doorsteps, and to encourage collaboration between local companies on existing or future work</li> <li>◆ A directory of local business – to provide new opportunities for existing companies – and help keep local money within the local economy</li> <li>◆ Ensuring that projects, wherever possible, make full use of existing or new local businesses, facilities, skills expertise and knowledge</li> </ul>

<p>B. Local people in work</p> <p><b>so that:</b> local people are enabled and encouraged to get the skills and qualifications that employers need</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Training opportunities</li> <li>◆ Encouraging local businesspeople to be mentors for people entering employment and increasing the number of apprenticeships.</li> <li>◆ Support to assist young people either to gain some work experience, or to develop their portfolios in cooperation with local companies</li> <li>◆ One-stop-shops to offer advice on employment (including CVs)</li> <li>◆ Employment preparation opportunities</li> </ul>
<p>C. Residents in financial control</p> <p><b>so that:</b> people can make well informed decisions about their finances, debt and savings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Credit unions, using local people to run them (thus training and employing/giving experience to, local residents).</li> <li>◆ Provision of financial advice - money workshops with focus on safe options for saving, advice on debts and benefits</li> <li>◆ Initiatives to reduce fuel poverty (eg around energy saving, insulation)</li> </ul>

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3 Personal Resilience	Examples of the sorts of initiatives that people might choose to pursue:
<p>A. Children and young people get the best start in life</p> <p><b>so that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– children and young people have a positive environment in which to grow up and which supports their educational development and gives them the personal and social skills they need to succeed</li> <li>– parents feel supported to give their children a good start to life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Projects designed to give young people more voice in their affairs (eg. Young Advisors, youth fora)</li> <li>◆ Encouraging young people to take the lead in developing plans for aspects of the Big Local programme (eg. website development etc.)</li> <li>◆ Consulting young people on what they would wish to see in (and on ways in which they might contribute to) broader parts of the plan (eg allotments, community gardens, development of green gyms)</li> <li>◆ Work around the needs of young carers</li> <li>◆ Sport mentoring schemes</li> <li>◆ Activities for single parents</li> <li>◆ Opportunities to contribute to the community</li> <li>◆ Community youth development that enables young people to carry out community based work projects for which they earn points which can be exchanged for trips or activities of their choice (eg Dreamscheme)</li> </ul>
<p>B. People realise their potential</p> <p><b>so that:</b></p> <p>people can access a broad range of cultural, sporting and educational experiences which help them to develop their skills and competencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Encouraging the optimum use of existing facilities</li> <li>◆ Supporting the enhancement or expansion of existing facilities that can demonstrate inclusiveness</li> <li>◆ Support for proposals for new facilities where there is evidence of demand and the prospect of them becoming independently sustainable</li> <li>◆ Support for proposals from cultural and other groups that can help generate a greater awareness of our area, and a pride in it</li> <li>◆ Opportunities to form new groups to address needs which they identify by offering start-up funds through a small grants fund</li> <li>◆ Community Bus Service to enable easier access to key facilities</li> <li>◆ Community Skills Development to enable residents to participate more in community activities</li> </ul>
<p>C. People are healthy and have a positive sense of wellbeing</p> <p><b>so that:</b></p> <p>more people are able to pursue active and healthy lifestyles, appropriate to their stage in life, that allow them to live a fulfilling life</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Encouraging activities that focus on improving health and fitness</li> <li>◆ Provision of information resources that promote healthy lifestyles</li> <li>◆ Setting up a carers support group</li> <li>◆ Support for projects likely to promote healthy activity and eating (eg allotments, community gardens, nutrition awareness)</li> <li>▪ Tackling loneliness and isolation and finding ways for residents to keep in touch with each other</li> </ul>

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## APPENDIX 2 – Headlines from Rastrick Community Profile

### Population

- ◆ There are a little over 12,000 people in the RBL area, living in 5,400 households  
Roughly a quarter of the population lives in the area east of the escarpment above the old tile and brick works (ie around Woodhouse, Lyndhurst and Healey Wood). The remainder of the population live in the areas either side of A643.
- ◆ The vast majority of residents (98%+) live in households (rather than communal establishments like care homes – which account for just over 200 people).
- ◆ Working age adults (16-64) make up 63% of the population
- ◆ The age group over 65 makes up a larger proportion of the population than the under 16 (27% and 18% respectively)  
Rastrick also has an older age profile than Calderdale as a whole and the trend is for the over 60 age group to continue increasing.
- ◆ The population is predominantly white, with less than 4% of residents coming from black and minority ethnic backgrounds
- ◆ 24 out of every 25 local people were born in the UK.
- ◆ In terms of faith, just over 60% of the population give Christianity as their stated religion, whilst no religion is a response given by around 30% of local residents.
- ◆ Almost a third of households consist of people living alone (one in seven of the population).
- ◆ Nearly a third of people aged 65 and over live alone.
- ◆ Just over 25% of households include dependent children and of these, a quarter are lone parent households.

### Affluence / Deprivation

- ◆ The distribution of household income closely mirrors the position in the rest of Calderdale – around 52% of households are in the £15K – £40K household income bands.
- ◆ The 2010 Index of Multiple Deprivation shows that as a ward, Rastrick does not fall within the most deprived 20% in England in any of the measures used.
- ◆ However, 25% of households in the Rastrick area, (1,386 in number), have 2, 3 or 4 of the indicators of deprivation (which relate to employment, housing, education and health and disability).
- ◆ Low income is a problem for many people – for example, over 1,000 working age adults are receipt of benefits, around 500 pensioners are in receipt of pension credits and 14% of children live in income deprived households.
- ◆ 13.0% of primary and 11% of secondary school children are in receipt of free school meals.
- ◆ Around a 1,000 households are living in fuel poverty.

### Health and well being

- ◆ The 2010 census found that 79% of residents reported having good or very good health. However, there were still 750 people who suffered bad or very bad health, limiting their quality of life as well as that of their carers.
- ◆ 1 in 10 residents are providing at least 1 hour a week unpaid care.
- ◆ Loneliness is likely to be an issue for a substantial number of local residents, particularly as we get older. Based upon national research, there may be over 1,500

people experiencing loneliness sometimes or often – and this increases our risk of developing serious mental and physical health problems.

- ◆ It is estimated that over 150 people locally are suffering from dementia. This figure is set to rise significantly over the next decade and beyond.

### **Education**

- ◆ Performance at local schools seems to indicate that our local schools are giving its pupils what they need. Almost all the performance data available shows scores that are above the average for Calderdale and England as a whole.
- ◆ There is a good correlation between the qualifications of Rastrick residents and regional and national percentages.
- ◆ The number of young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) is well below regional and national percentages.

### **Employment**

- ◆ The % of the local population that is economically active and in employment is broadly the same as in Calderdale and England.
- ◆ Over 600 people are in receipt of out of work benefits
- ◆ In terms of those claiming Jobseekers Allowance, the figures for the 18-24 age group are significantly higher than regionally and nationally, (older age groups being lower), whilst the duration of claim (6-12months) is significantly higher than regionally and nationally.
- ◆ The % of people who are economically inactive through retirement is significantly higher (19%, as against 15% and 14% for Calderdale and England respectively).

### **Housing**

- ◆ In terms of affordable housing, Rastrick has significantly less flats and terraced houses (39%) than the Calderdale (57%) or national (45%) averages and the amount of rented housing available locally (29%) is less than the district (31%) or national (35%) averages.
- ◆ Rastrick has a much lower proportion of dwellings in the bottom two Council Tax bands than the Calderdale average, an indication that there is less affordable housing available in the locality.
- ◆ Rastrick has a lower proportion of households classed as overcrowded or without central heating than the Calderdale average.

### **Transport**

- ◆ A quarter of local households don't have a car and are reliant on public transport.

### **Environment**

- ◆ Over three quarters of Rastrick is classified as domestic gardens or greenspace

### **Crime**

- ◆ Crime levels in Rastrick are consistently lower than those in surrounding areas. Other nationally available statistics indicate that approximately half of the crimes in the area are attributable to anti-social behaviour.



## **APPENDIX 3 – RECIPIENTS OF SMALL GRANTS**

### **2016 (to date)**

- 4th Rastrick Guides - new tents
- Space at Field Lane – contribution towards reinstating the facilities at the former community centre
- Healey Wood Recreation Ground – set of goalposts

### **2015**

- Love Bread - Free baking workshops for pairs
- Rastrick Tennis Club – Street tennis and outreach
- Annapurna Dance – Celebration of Indian soldiers contribution to WW1
- Brighthouse Schools Out Scheme – 3 Ipads
- St. Mathew’s Scouts – New Tents
- Teenie Tennis Kids – Tennis for toddlers and parents
- Bricks 4 Kidz – Using Lego to build skills and learning
- Dual Focus Media – Create Vox pops of RBL activities
- Friends of Rastrick Library – Bench on Village Green
- Brighthouse Angling Association – Platform for disabled anglers
- Woodhouse Lane Play Area – Create a Community Garden
- 4th Rastrick Brownies St Matthew’s Church – Sleepover at The Deep

### **2014**

- Rastrick High School Big Sing – workshop to play an instrument and sing
- Phoenix Radio – establishing local radio broadcasting venue
- Annapurna Dance - Songs Spices and stories from India
- Calderdale Community Transport - Let's go out for a run! Trips out for elderly
- St Matthews Baby and Toddler Group - Improvements to outside play area
- Rastrick Juniors Football Club – Defibulator
- Love Bread - Pop-up Bread stalls, reduced cost, tips etc.
- Rastrick Cricket Club - Replacement Practice Safety Cage
- Field Lane School - Drawing Together, children and adults
- Longroyde School – Get Set Go! breakfast club

### **2013**

- Carr Green School – 100 faces of Carr Green
- Castlefields Golf Club – taster sessions
- St John the Divine Community Hall – kitchen access hatch
- Ward Court Social Group – gardening project
- St Matthews Scout Group – new camping equipment
- Rastrick Parish Centre – replacement windows for the community centre
- Longroyde Junior School – Get Set Go!
- Rastrick Tennis Club - to encourage participation in tennis locally, working with all local schools
- Rastrick High School Academy Trust - High Five Productions
- Carr Green and Crowtrees Community Action Group – improved pathway between Chapel Croft & Carr Green
- Rastrick Juniors Football Club – playing surface aeration