

## End of project impact report

Grant Awarded: £512.00

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### Organisation Details

Name: Womersley Parish Council

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### Project Details

Project Title / Description:

Funding for Tour De Yorkshire Event through Womersley Village 2019

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**IMPACT REPORT FOR PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_ 01.03.19 TO 31.07.19**

**Q1 In no more than 500 words please outline the key outcomes of your project.**

Despite the heavy rain on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 many people were able to come together to celebrate this event which also encouraged tourists to come to the village.

Residents have been inspired and encouraged to work eagerly towards their goals whether it was for sourcing and painting the blue and yellow bikes which adorned the village or weeding the roadside flower beds and planting new flowering plants around various areas in the village or putting up the bunting and thus making anyone's route through the village colourful and welcoming.

On the day there was a big turnout which demonstrated the community coming together, and The Courtyard Tea Room was full of cyclists who were touring the villages looking for a good vantage point to see the race and have refreshments.

The bunting was everywhere and mixed into this was little knitted jerseys.

**Q2 In no more than 500 words please demonstrate how the project has met the Community Development Plan objectives that were identified in the original application for funding.**

At the beginning the community came together to undertake needle craft projects, sourcing and painting recycled old bikes turning them into iconic symbols of the bike race, gardening and tidying the village and planting spring bulbs and flowers. The volunteers of St Martins Church was also tidied for the occasion.

These above activities encouraged residents to come together to meet, plan, discuss, organise and engage with one another. The Village Hall has been closed for the last three years and the community has been without a central meeting place. The event has helped to reduce the sense of loneliness and isolation some of the residents have been feeling during this time. Many cyclists and walkers came into the village to watch the race come through and these activities have also been beneficial for exercise getting people out into the fresh air and increasing their sense of wellbeing and alleviating any depression. The children from the local schools also enjoyed watching the race from the roadside which would have inspired many to 'get on their bikes' and have a go. A small tea party was also arranged and held on the playfield which has play equipment installed for the smaller children, ribbons, flags and food were provided.

**Q3 In no more than 250 words please give details of any additional benefits or objectives that the project has met that were not anticipated/ outlined in the original application for funding.**

The benefits to the village have further highlighted the urgent need for a new village hall a plan the Trustees of the Village Hall are now working towards with the Parish Council thus setting up joint working parties. Plans are being put into place for the Trustees to purchase a new building which will be placed on the Parish Council owned playing field and the event has inspired and encouraged more residents to work eagerly towards this project. This is helping residents to develop more voluntary groups who will be able to provide Cricket and Football groups. The Village Hall Committee has sited how it has brought the village together to work co-operatively and that it was an excellent sign of what could be achieved as the Trustees move forward to create a replacement facility. The new Village Hall will be able to eventually provide room for a pre-school club for mums and toddlers, a venue for exercise classes for i.e. yoga, aerobics, Brownies and Guides, Cubs and Scouts groups.

**Any other comments on the project and its success:**

The Council is delighted with the success of the village event and would like to thank Southern CEF for the funding it received. The Parish Council will continue to support the gardening group with more autumn plants and bulbs for Autumn and new year 2020 flowering. The Parish Council is following the progress of the Village Hall Trustees and is committed to helping the Trustees in anyway it can to assist them provide a new venue as soon as possible therefore continuing the momentum for change and improvements to the village after the Tour De Yorkshire event. There is no doubt that the mood and wellbeing of the residents has been greatly uplifted since May of this year.