

Our third year saw some important milestones achieved. The impact and influence of our work was extended as we launched our first social enterprise and developed another eye catching project! Once again, it has been a real privilege working with such incredible young people on this estate.

FIRST SOCIAL ENTERPRISE LAUNCHED...

After many years of doing bike-related activities with young people on the estate, we decided to take this to the next level by developing our first social enterprise, the Bemerton Heath 'Bike Hub'. The aim of the hub is to engage young people in positive activities around bikes, whilst improving their vocational skills, particularly if they are not in education, employment or training, or are homeless or struggling with mainstream education.



The project took a year and a half to develop and we raised over £45,000 to employ a manager for a year and build a custom, eco-friendly, facility consisting of a workshop, storage container and log cabin office/shop. We're aiming for the project to become self-sustaining after three years through selling donated bicycles that the young people and volunteers have helped us fix up.

One young person in particular has really taken ownership of this project and excelled in the development of it and his contribution was rewarded with a couple of articles in the local paper.

Wheels in motion for new bike hub

A YOUTH charity in Bemerton Heath has celebrated the launch of its first social enterprise project.
The Bemerton Heath Bike Hub has been developed over the last two years by Rise:61.
More than 60 people gathered at St Michael's Community Centre on Saturday, September 30 for the launch party.
The pilot project was launched in 2015 and the charity says manager, Karen White, really started, motivating to help build the hub and sell bikes at events to help raise funds. The charity says its progress and time investment showed what a difference a project like this could make to young people's lives.
The goal of the hub is to provide vocational skills and other school activities for young people whilst fixing donated bikes to sell, helping to provide affordable access to this low cost means of transport and reducing the number of bikes being thrown away.
Anyone wishing to support the hub, please contact the agency.



Old bikes are back on road

At a recent event, the charity's young people were seen working on their bikes, with some of the finished products being displayed for sale. The charity says the project has been a success and has helped to provide affordable access to this low cost means of transport and reducing the number of bikes being thrown away.



FIRST STAFF MEMBER TO JOIN THE TEAM...

We are so excited to have Simon Bower on our team. Simon comes with lots of great experience of working with young people and has also lived on the estate for a number of years. He is a trained teacher, a talented musician, loves cycling and fixing things and is now a professionally qualified bike mechanic.



FIRST STREET ART PROJECT...

We spent March planning and designing a street art wall with some local youth who wanted to see it full of superheroes and computer game characters. We then painted the wall with lots of help from community members in the Easter holidays. One of the teenagers involved said she was:

"proud to be making my community a better place to live."



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Colourful new mural memorial to teenager

Over 60 people from Berea and other areas in the community joined together to create a memorial to a young person who died in a road traffic accident in Salisbury.

The mural, which features popular superheroes and computer game characters, is a tribute to a young person who died in a road traffic accident in Salisbury.

The mural was painted by a group of young people from Berea and other areas in the community, with help from local businesses and volunteers.

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FIRST AWARDS NIGHT...



A big part of the work we do is celebrating the achievements of the young people we work with and so we were delighted to hold our first 'awards night' in Nov 2016. Over 60 people gathered to hear the stories of the different award winners who were presented with a certificate and a prize donated by local businesses.

Sir Al Aynsley-Green gave the address and John Glen, our local MP helped give out the awards. These included 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year', 'Young Volunteer of the Year' and 'Young Artist of the Year'. A mum of one of the award winners said that on the way home her daughter:

"practically floated on air. She was so thrilled to receive her award. You really all do a fantastic job!"



Youngsters rise to occasion at awards

The achievements of young people in Berea Health were celebrated at a special awards evening...

Project of the Year award winner Sophie Wort

Young Artist Award, Lauren Street

Young Volunteer Award, Elise Hunt

Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Kacie Jeffcoat

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"Rise:61's contribution makes an enormous difference in this special community in Salisbury."

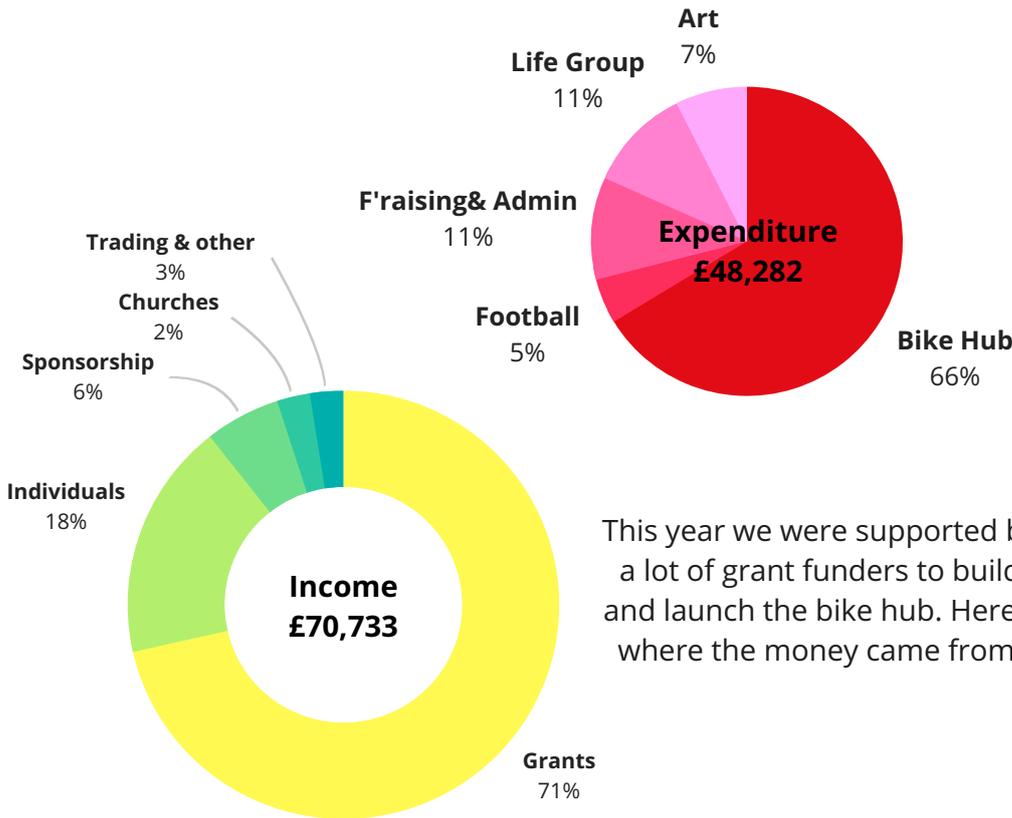
John Glen MP

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Did you know, **89p in every £1** donated goes directly on our work with young people? Here's how we spent our income:



This year we were supported by a lot of grant funders to build and launch the bike hub. Here's where the money came from:

Over 40
Young people involved in Rise:61 activities

5 Group Trips
with young people

More than 700 hours
donated by our team of volunteers

Over 70
Bikes repaired in the bike hub

THANK YOU...

None of this would be possible without your encouragement, support and prayers. We are so thankful to those of you who have partnered with us to invest in young people. This year has seen:

- Increasing partnership working, with us partnering with over 7 groups across the community
- Over 12 volunteers give their time and energy week in and week out
- Groups meeting weekly to pray for the community and the work of Rise:61
- Two amazing new trustees join the team
- Over 80 bikes donated to the bike hub
- New regular givers sign up to support Rise:61

Again we want to take this opportunity to thank God for His continued provision and direction, and the amazing people He has led us to work alongside. It is a pleasure to be part of this community and work alongside young people and their families.

THE FUTURE...

Building on the success of our street art project we are working with partners to continue our goal of redeveloping the sports area at the heart of the estate.



We are also continuing to develop the bike hub, increasing the opportunities, support and training it can provide young people. This will include us working with the local youth offending team, schools and a wide range of volunteers.

We are also looking to develop the mentoring and training support we provide young people, helping them become leaders of the future.

Mike Partridge
Chair of Trustees, Feb 18