

Big Local | Radstock & Westfield

Money for the people, decided by the people - How to make the most of £1M?

About Us

The Big Local has £1million to spend in Radstock and Westfield over the next ten years. We are empowering people to use this money to maximise community benefit.

So who are the Radstock and Westfield Big Local? Well the short answer is; we all are.

After wide consultation a management structure has emerged. Please see our fantastic new website for details on who is involved in managing this fund.



Big Local to give away £6K In Dragons' Den



The Big Local has awarded £10,000 for community projects at its first two Dragons' Den evenings. The good news is that we have more money set aside for our third Den coming up on Friday 20th November. From a total pot of £6k anyone with an idea that benefits Radstock or Westfield can apply to win up

to £500 on the night. 20 projects have been funded by Dragons' Den so far including a new tent for Radstock Scouts to use at their summer jamboree and song sheets for the Westfield Ladies Choir. Big Local is also giving awards that contribute to larger projects such as helping children go on an outward bound adventure which cost more than £500. We are also looking to support ideas which may need some initial funding to get the ball rolling, such as for commissioning research. To see the full exciting range of projects have a look at our website:

RadstockWestfield.org.uk

To take your idea forward all you have to do is fill in our easy application form and return by 5pm, 30th October either by email to sarah@myradstock.org.uk or post to **Westfield Parish Council, The Oval Office, Cobblers Way, St Peters Business Park, Westfield, BA3 3BX**. Applications can be downloaded from RadstockWestfield.org.uk or hard copies can be obtained from Victoria Hall in Radstock, Westfield Parish Council and the Somer Valley FM offices in Midsomer Norton. The Dragons are friendly, with great advice but you decide who gets the money. We are planning a fun-filled evening with food so come along and vote for your favourite project in your community.

Cash for Young People

In the Big Local Plan we have responded to calls to support the young people of Radstock and Westfield by ear-marking £12,000 over three years. Big Local want young people to be at the centre of how this money is used. To get this going we arranged a summer BBQ so that everybody could have their say in between mouthfuls.

In line with our general approach we will be working with other key partners in the community and both the Radstock Youth Hub and Radical are partnering this strand in our Plan. The budget for this year is £4,000 and ideas so far include a skate ramp, a meeting shelter and a fire pit. We are welcoming ideas and more young people at the next meeting which will be at Radical youth club, Church Tea Rooms, 2nd October. Or you can Email us at sarah@myradstock.org.uk So far we have 8 people aged 11-19 who are working on this. The next stage will be to formalise the process for making final decisions on how the money will be spent. We would welcome help and involvement from other groups such as Duke of Edinburgh, Scouts, Guides, Cadets, sports clubs, gaming clubs. This money is ready to spend right now. Make sure you're involved in this great opportunity for young people in our community.



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Dates for the diary...

Westfield Xmas light switch on

26th November, 6:30pm

Light Up Radstock

5th December



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