



The St Matthews estate in Leicester is one of the 150 areas across the United Kingdom which was awarded £1 Million to use over the next 10 years by the Big Local Trust in 2012. A thorough consultation with St Matthews' residents has told the money should target the poor economical, social and environmental aspects of St Matthews, to turn the area:

- That is cleaner and greener
- Where everyone is appreciated, valued and respected
- Where everyone can reach their potential and local businesses flourish
- Where everyone feels safe and secure
- Where everyone can celebrate diversity, talent and creativity

In order to achieve above goals, we have identified the following priorities for the next 5 years:

### Year 1 and 2

- Provide Positive Activities for all ages
- Help start business and social enterprise, and provide small business loans to support the local economy
- Promote road safety and keeping the area clean and tidy
- Provide local infrastructure to improve lives (parking, seating)
- Improve partnership working between all agencies such as police, etc

### Year 3 and 4

- Develop inter-cultural and inter-generational activities (visual arts, access to facilities, subsidised entry to sports centres)
- Reduce anti-social behaviour (neighbourhood watch, CCTV, safer areas for all)
- More access to training - develop a credit union,

### Year 5

- Set up a fitness Park
- Establish more businesses

We are currently on our first year in our efforts to put our priorities into reality. To date, we have provided:

- Education around litter to approximately 500 local children and young people in St Matthews.
- Funded almost £10k to local residents and organisations in St Matthews, benefiting roughly 250 resident through various activities ranging from football to cooking
- Access to training
- Free business support drop in sessions
- In the process of installing more litter bins in St Matthews, bus-stops with seating and benches.