

Boost Initiative Case Study

Charity: The Potteries Millennium Green

Registered Charity Number: 1079697

Area: The Potteries, North Somerset

Community Foundation: Quartet Community Foundation

Worth: Approx £3,000

Established: By a Declaration of Trust on 14th December 1999.

Objects: “The trustees shall hold the trust fund and its income upon trust to apply them to the provision of the property and shall accordingly hold any property to provide and maintain an open space to be known as The Potteries Millennium Green for the benefit of the inhabitants and to be used forever as an area for informal recreation play or other leisure-time occupations, a meeting area or place for community events, and for any other lawful purpose consistent with these trusts and for the general benefit of the community.”

History:

The Potteries Millennium Green ceased operating in 2004 when members of the management committee resigned. The building used by the association was leased from North Somerset Council, who had been contacted by members of the local community who were keen to see the charitable assets put back into the local community. The Charity Commission received all the paperwork and then referred the trust to the Boost Initiative, who subsequently contacted Quartet Community Foundation to facilitate the transfer.

“It’s great to bring money back into use for the benefit of the community for which it was originally intended.”

**Ronnie Brown,
Development Director,
Quartet Community
Foundation**

Options:

- To appoint the Community Foundation as trustee and pass a resolution under Section 74 of the Charities Act 1993 (as amended 2006) to dissolve the trust and transfer the assets to Quartet Community Foundation.

The Process:

As the trust had no active trustees, Quartet Community Foundation contacted the Charity Commission requesting that two of their trustees and one member of their staff become trustees of the charity so that they could pass a resolution under Section 74 of the Charities Act 1993 (as amended by the Charities Act 2006) and transfer the assets to Quartet Community Foundation.

The assets were transferred into Quartet’s general North Somerset Fund, ring fenced with identical objectives as the original trust. The Potteries Millennium Green was dissolved and removed from the Charity Commission register.

