

Report Title	Area Committee Legacy Fund
Meeting	Colne and District Committee
Meeting Date	5 November 2026
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Directorate	Place
Lead Executive Member(s)	Leader Portfolio
Wards Affected	Boulsworth and Foulridge; Vivary Bridge; Waterside and Horsfield
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1: Commitments for 2026/27 Appendix 2: Blank Legacy Fund Bid Form Appendix 3: Knur & Spell World Championship & associated Public Arts Project Appendix 4: Winterbloom 2027

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Council's Executive approved the creation of a Legacy Fund of £500,000 at its meeting on 19 March 2026. Half of this was to be allocated to the town and parish councils and the remaining half to the area committees, based on the electorate.

1.2 The breakdown for the town and parish councils within the Colne area is as follows:

Colne Town Council.....	£43,500
Foulridge Parish Council.....	£6,000
Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council.....	£4,400
Trawden Forest Parish Council.....	£8,700

The funding shown above is completely separate to the area committee allocation and is not the subject of this report. However, the figures have been provided so that councillors are aware when considering suitable schemes that the town and parish councils have been provided with a similar amount of funding with the same conditions attached.

1.3 The allocation for Colne and District Committee is **£63,700** (see Appendix 1 for a detailed breakdown).

1.4 The commitments total **£49,710**, but this figure includes a £10,000 pot of 10 x £1,000 allocations for local charities, three of which have not been assigned yet.

- 1.5 The available balance is **£14,030**.
- 1.6 The Director of Resources has created a bidding form for organisations to use when submitting applications for funding (see Appendix 2).
- 1.7 Two new bids are attached as Appendices 3 and 4 for consideration, totalling £16,058.16. Please note that these bids exceed the available funds, unless councillors wish to de-allocate the three uncommitted charitable grants or review the existing allocations.

2. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, Colne and District Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the budget as committed (see Appendix 1).
- 2.2 To consider the two new bids attached as Appendices 3 and 4, or to identify three suitable charities to receive the £1,000 donations each.

3. Information: the Rationale and Evidence for the Recommendations

- 3.1 To enable the committee to allocate its budget effectively and in line with financial regulations.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (Providing High Quality Services and Facilities, Proud and Connected Communities and Places, Good Growth and Housing and Healthy Communities)

- 4.1 Providing High Quality Services and Facilities – this report shows the current budget position which enables Colne and District Committee to make informed decisions when allocating its money to schemes.

5. Implications (see paragraphs 6–10 below)

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The conditions attached to the funding are very broad. In short, the Legacy Fund has been set up to provide funding for one-off projects that will leave a lasting legacy across the Borough. The Council, specifically the Council's Legacy Fund, must be acknowledged as a funder in any publicity relating to the project. Other than that, councillors may allocate the funding as they determine and unlike the Area Committee Fund, it is not capped at the end of the financial year. However, it does need to be fully committed and spent prior to 31 March 2028.

7. Legal and Governance Implications

- 7.1 There are legal implications relating to some schemes in terms of necessary permissions, agreements and possible long-term liabilities and responsibilities.

8. Climate and Biodiversity Implications

- 8.1 There are no climate and biodiversity implications from the recommendations.

9. Human Resources Implications

- 9.1 There are no human resources implications from the recommendations.

10. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications from the recommendations.

11. Consultation

- 11.1 Not applicable.

12. Alternative Options Considered

- 12.1 Not applicable.

13. Statutory Officer Sign Off (please put an x in the relevant box below)

Section 151 Officer	X
Monitoring Officer	X

14. Background Documents

- 14.1 Report to the Executive on 19 March 2026.

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Colne and District Committee Legacy Commitments for 2026/27
Appendix 1

Scheme Details	Commitment Date	Scheme Details	Lead Officer and Service Area	Allocated 2026/27	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1	01/04/2026	King George V Playing Fields: Railings and gates for bottom of Varley Street side	Phil Riley (OS)	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	A provisional allocation of £10,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund, but progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund
2	01/04/2026	King George V Playing Fields: Line marking for two football pitches	Phil Riley (OS)	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	A provisional allocation of £2,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund, but progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund
3	01/04/2026	King George V Playing Fields: Benches for the pitches	Phil Riley (OS)	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	A provisional allocation of £1,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund, but progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund
4	01/04/2026	Progressing the Wheel Park project	Phil Riley (OS)	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	A provisional allocation of £12,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund, but progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund
5	01/04/2026	Moveable planters for Newmarket Street	Scott Whalley (ENG)	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	A provisional allocation of £3,000 be agreed from this Committee's allocation of the Legacy Fund to match fund the following projects proposed under the Pride in Place Impact Fund, but progress on decisions relating to the Pride in Place Impact Fund be monitored to assess if agreed schemes would merit a contribution from the Legacy Fund

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6	01/04/2026	A total of £10,000 be used to create ten funds of £1,000 each, to be awarded to local charities for each to fund a one-off legacy project	Mark Hunting (HEH)				A total of £10,000 be used to create ten funds of £1,000 each, to be awarded to local charities for each to fund a one-off legacy project
6.01	06/08/2026	Trawden Man Shed be awarded one pot of £1,000 towards works to improve the insulation at the workspace, as detailed in the submitted bid	Mark Hunting (HEH)	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	
6.02	10/09/2026	Community Wellbeing and Counselling Legacy Project (Colne Citadel)	Mark Hunting (HEH)	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	
6.03	10/09/2026	Trawden Wildlife Skipton Road Woodland (Trawden Wildlife Group)	Mark Hunting (HEH)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	
6.04	10/09/2026	Solar Panel Installation (Peter Birtwistle Trust)	Mark Hunting (HEH)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	
6.05	10/09/2026	Planters (Colne Open Door)	Mark Hunting (HEH)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	
6.06	10/09/2026	Hartley Homes Clock Tower (Hartley Homes Trust)	Mark Hunting (HEH)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	
6.07	10/09/2026	Foulridge Gates (St Michael and All Angels Church)	Mark Hunting (HEH)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	
6.08		Unassigned		£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	Unassigned
6.09		Unassigned		£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	Unassigned
6.10		Unassigned		£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	Unassigned

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7	09/07/2026	St Mary's Church noticeboard and lighting	Mark Hunting (HEH)	£740.00	£172.80	£567.20	St Mary's Church, Trawden be awarded a total of £740 from the Legacy Fund for a new noticeboard and lighting in the Church.
8	10/09/2026	Swim for Your Lives Project	Mark Hunting (HEH)	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	That £10,000 be awarded to support the "Swim for Your Lives" project.
9	8/10/2026	Street Piano at Colne Market Hall	Mark Hunting (HEH)	£970.00	£0.00	£970.00	That £970 be awarded for the provision of a street piano at Colne Market Hall
		Subtotals		£49,710.00	£12,172.80	£37,537.20	
		Uncommitted Funds		£14,030.00		£14,030.00	
		TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 2026/27		£63,740.00	£12,172.80	£51,567.20	

FORM B: EXTERNAL BID)**BID FOR FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEE LEGACY FUND BUDGET
PRO FORMA**

The Legacy Fund has been set up to provide funding for **one-off** projects that will leave a lasting legacy across the Borough. The Council, specifically the Council's Legacy Fund, must be acknowledged as a funder in any publicity relating to the project.

- 1. Project title:**
- 2. Bid submitted by:**
- 3. On behalf of (please include contact details):**
- 4. a) Does your organisation have a constitution?**
b) Does it have a board of governors/directors or a committee that oversees its work?
c) Does your organisation have its own bank account?
d) How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account?
- 5. Is your organisation VAT-registered?***
- 6. Amount requested: £**
- 7. Total amount of project: £**
- 8. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?**
If so, please give details:
- 9. Brief details of project:**
- 10. Main outcomes to be achieved:**
- 11. When will project be implemented?**
Start Date:
Expected Completion Date:

12. Who will undertake the project works?

13. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?

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1. **Project title:** Knur & Spell World Championship & associated Public Arts Project
2. **Bid submitted by:** Cllr David Cockburn-Price
3. **On behalf of (please include contact details):** Pendle Leisure Trust
4.
 - a) **Does your organisation have a constitution?** Yes
 - b) **Does it have a board of governors/directors or a committee that oversees its work?** Yes
 - c) **Does your organisation have its own bank account?** Yes
 - d) **How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account?** Two
5. **Is your organisation VAT-registered:** Yes
6. **Amount requested:** £15,000
7. **Total amount of project:** £79,200

In July 2026, the Arts Council bid for a grant to deliver the proposed programme of artistic redesign, community engagement, and associated Knur & Spell activity linked to the repurposing of the stone spheres in Colne Town Centre was submitted by Pendle Borough Council. Arts Council England confirmed that, whilst the project was recognised as a positive and worthwhile initiative, it was not funded on this occasion, primarily given the volume of bids submitted after their portal had reopened after a long closure.

The feedback from our creative consultants was that we could recycle this bid into one to be submitted to the National Lottery for an HLF grant and that our submission would be enhanced by further historical aspects of the game of Knur & Spell and a stronger in-kind cash contribution. That latter point is where the £15,000 request originates, whilst the full project value is from the latest draft costings.

8. **Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?** Yes

If so, please give details:

As outlined above, a National Lottery HLF bid of ~£57,000 is being finalised along with a further £7,000 of cash and in-kind support to come from Barnfield Construction moving the artworks, Colne BID, the Trawden Show Committee providing a minibus, and volunteers involved in archiving and helping with marketing.

Specifically, relating to community involvement:

- the BID will support event infrastructure for the Knur and Spell event, alongside volunteer co-ordination and support
- the Library will contribute through venue provision, archival research, and their volunteer team will also help create engagement activities for local schools and youth groups, as well as those not playing Knur and Spell
- the people of Laneshaw Bridge will supply memories and images of the last competition played near Monkroyd

9. Brief details of project:

The project will reimagine and relocate Colne's existing stone-ball/sphere sculptures in Hartley Square, connecting them to the local heritage sport of Knur & Spell, a predecessor of golf. The stone balls will be redesigned using stone masonry, engraving and cast-metal details to represent different sporting balls, then installed across the town as reimagined permanent public artworks. Recycling the balls/spheres will free up outdoor market/event space in the town centre.



There will be a Knur and Spell "World Championship" revival event involving the last world champion from 1991, Len Kershaw, and a period of research into the sport to generate a focused archive for the area including heritage items and newly generated oral histories and images.



The project will include community design input, and engagement activity including pewter-casting workshops, Knur & Spell themed events and the main public launch/sports day with food, participation and transport between sites.

The World Championship event will take place in Jul/Aug 2027 at either Trawden Recreation Ground or, as a back-up, a field near Laneshaw Bridge.

The project will finish in Oct 2027 with documentation, audience feedback and evaluation to help inform future cultural activity in Colne and Pendle.

10. Main outcomes to be achieved:

The public art will enhance the arrival at Colne and the memorability of any visit. It will enhance the pride of residents in Colne and the villages and highlight our unique history. Recycling the Hartley Square Balls will give them a new home/purpose.

The Knur & Spell World Championship will engage local people in a fun but competitive activity and enhance the appreciation of our Area's role in the development of this game.

The activities around the project will be free to attend and located in familiar, everyday public spaces. Overall, engagement will be informal, family-friendly, and accessible, with no requirement for prior knowledge of art or heritage.

As per the earlier bid submission: *The Knur and Spell project delivers family friendly activity, accessible themes, permanence, engagement and a uniqueness suited to the location, the demographics and need.*

11. When will project be implemented?

Start Date: finalising and submitting the updated bid for HLF will be done in the short-term, then activities can get underway as soon as funding approved, expected to hear by Jan 2027

Expected Completion Date: Oct 2027

12. Who will undertake the project works?

The Public Art Project artistic consultants, building on the knowledge already gained as part of their research for the initial Arts Council bid, working with events volunteers from Colne Town Council and Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge Parish Councils and Colne BID.

13. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?

None, if considered a one-off event to move the balls and hold a competition.

If there is an appetite to hold the competition annually, Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council and potentially other Councils and organisations have already expressed an interest in working it into their Events schedule.

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Background Info – Knur & Spell



Overview of the Game

- The Object: Hit a rock-hard china clay or wooden ball (called a "knur" or "potty") as far as possible using a long stick with a mallet/pommel head.
- The Launching Device: A spring-loaded trap ("spell") or a suspended cord ("sling") that pops or dangles the ball into the air for a full golf-like drive.
- The Strongholds: Competitors traditionally hailed from Yorkshire and Lancashire border towns like Greetland, Barnsley, and Colne.



History and Championships

- The Origins: The game originated in the moors of Yorkshire, potentially in the 14th century, but then spread throughout the North of England. There is also a suggestion of some relation to the Swiss game, Hornussen.
- The Heyday: Peaked during the 1920s and 1930s with huge crowds and heavy betting on local miners and athletes.
- The 1972 Championship: Famous televised tournaments (such as by BBC's Nationwide) featured 12 top-tier "lakers" competing on the moors of Greetland above Halifax for a £200 prize and a silver cup, replete with classic local arguments and referee disputes.

- Notable Champions: Len Kershaw from Colne famously won the 1972 world title with a hit approaching 200 yards; other notable figures included local builder and champion Selwyn Scoffield and Colne stalwart Stuart Greenfield.
- The Record: An incredible distance record of 304 yards (or nearly 397 feet depending on historical accounts) was set back in 1899 by Fred Moore of Halifax and remains unbroken.



Watch archival BBC footage capturing the unique atmosphere, rules, and famously passionate arguments of the 1972 Knur and Spell World Championships:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijdibm20lxQ&t=7s>

Read a 2016 article in Northern Life about “A most Northern of sports, Knur and Spell: the poor man’s golf”:

<https://northernlifemagazine.co.uk/knur-and-spell/>

Note that the sport is currently being revived in Yorkshire (so we need to catch up!!!):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx2kq0nndevo>

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1. **Project title:** Winterbloom 2027
2. **Bid submitted by:** Scott Smith
3. **On behalf of (please include contact details):** Colne BID, c/o Coversure Insurance Services, 50 Market Street, Colne, BB8 0HS
4.
 - a) **Does your organisation have a constitution?** Yes
 - b) **Does it have a board of governors/directors or a committee that oversees its work?** Yes
 - c) **Does your organisation have its own bank account?** Yes
 - d) **How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account?** 2
5. **Is your organisation VAT-registered?*** Yes
6. **Amount requested:** £1,058.16
7. **Total amount of project:** £95,536.00
8. **Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?**
If so, please give details: The BID has been successful in securing a grant of £71,036.00 from Arts Council England; is providing £5,000.00 of its own funding, and has a pending application with the Lancashire Culture and Sport Fund.
9. **Brief details of project:** Winterbloom is a light festival set to take place on 13 February in Colne town centre. Winterbloom 2027 is a response to a community consultation during a year in which external funding was not available, and is expected to include a parade alongside light installations throughout the town centre, as well as light projections on significant buildings.
10. **Main outcomes to be achieved:** Delivery of Winterbloom 2027 – with this funding focused on delivering community engagement work with local schools and community groups.
11. **When will project be implemented?**
Start Date: 13 February 2027
Expected Completion Date: 13 February 2027

12. Who will undertake the project works? Holly Noonan (previously of Building Bridges Pendle) working with Scott Smith of Colne BID.

13. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?
N/A

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