

# Plan review feedback for Kirk Hallam

Thank you for submitting your plan review to Local Trust. This feedback is about your plan review process and how you have been monitoring your impact, but it's not an assessment of your activities.

We want to help you make the most of the opportunity the plan review gives you to learn about the impact of your work and to enable you to share this learning with your Big Local area.

We use your plan review in the assessment process for future plans and funding agreements for your area. In addition, we analyse reviews across all the Big Local areas to learn more about the programme as a whole and share any findings through our guidance, training and learning events.

The more information you provide about how you are doing, the easier it is for you to see your achievements and impact. This information then helps us to improve our support to areas, which is why we value your plan review so much!

## What we liked about your plan review:

- The Annual Report attachment is an excellent summary of your activities. The pictures, quotes and numbers of participants or beneficiaries in the report added context to your activities.
- The report also demonstrated how you have used information you have gathered to communicate your achievements with the community.
- The links to your website and social media pages demonstrated your efforts to engage with residents.
- You included a very detailed spend and budget against each theme. This helped to further demonstrate the narrative of your successes and challenges with some themes progressing well with others struggling to get started.

## What can make your review even better:

- It is great to see there has been an increase in participation at many of your activities. Track this to demonstrate the increase in your next review and annual report. You could also expand on this and track how many new and repeat participants there are. This information can be very useful in planning and communicating future events.
- You mentioned that 'the plan is reviewed continually with reports of activity received and checked by the partnership'. Include some of these reports in your next review to demonstrate the range of information you use to reflect on your progress.
- Case studies are a great way to tell a more in-depth story about the activities you run and the people who are involved in them. The brief descriptions in your Annual Report are a good starting point for more in-depth case studies. You could create some great case studies from these to demonstrate how individuals have benefitted from your activities. [This page](#) on how to run a case study might be helpful.

## Resources available to support you:

**Local Trust's website:** We have a range of [tools and resources](#) on our website that can help you with your plan review, so take a look if you need some new ideas or inspiration from other areas. We update these resources and add new ones from time to time, so keep checking!

**Local Trust's research on Big Local:** We carry out research on Big Local which you might find interesting and relevant to your area. All of the reports and summaries are available under the [research and evaluation page](#) on our website.

**Local Insight:** We have recently launched a pilot of Local Insight where you can access open source data on social, economic, and demographic indicators about your area. It is a useful tool for getting a broad understanding of your area, especially during the planning and reviewing stages to provide evidence of why your projects are needed and who they will help. Read the [how to use Local Insight guide](#) on our website to learn more about the site.

## Sharing your research and evaluations:

If you have any reports or data from research and evaluations that you have carried out in your area in between your plan reviews, please share them with us. We are always interested in your research and in sharing information and learning across areas.

## Contact the research team:

If you'd like advice or support on any of these resources or would like to talk to us about your feedback, please get in touch.

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