

Knightsbridge and Belgravia 2008-10 Ward Budget Monitoring Report

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Summary:

Ward Members identified six priorities for how to allocate their ward budget from April 2008 – March 2010.

A total of eight projects were funded over the 2 years to meet these priorities.

The key outputs/ achievements of each project funded have been highlighted under the priority headings in this document.

Ward Members were given £200,000 ward budget funding to allocate over the 2 year pilot programme.

£198,882.39 of this budget has been allocated, with the remaining budget (£1,117.61) being returned to the council's reserves.

Key Highlights of Projects Funded:

Priority 1: Improving the local environment

- **Rutland Gate Garden railings**

Total ward budget funding: £5,000

- A contribution was made to the larger pot raised by the Rutland Gate Residents Association.
- The works were completed in the summer of 2008.

Priority 2: Addressing traffic issues

- **Traffic calming project at 'the Wiltons'**

Total ward budget funding: £15,000

- Works have been completed which have widened the existing footway and the central island and introduced hatch markings to the east of the parking bays in the middle of the road.
- The measures will help in reducing the traffic speeds and therefore safety in the area.

- **Study into traffic calming in Inner Belgravia**

Total ward budget funding: £5,000

- Study was received and distributed in May 2009.



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Priority 2: Addressing traffic issues (cont.)

- **Conversion of single to double yellow lines**

Total ward budget funding: £20,000

- After discussions with the Knightsbridge Association locations were identified and consultations carried out.
- All lining was completed at the start of April 2010.

Priority 3: Addressing pedestrian safety

- **The installation of pedestrian crossings**

Total ward budget funding: £105,000

- The crossing at Belgrave Place was installed in May 2009.
- The works on the crossing at Lowndes Place started on 26th April and will finish on 14th May 2010.

Priority 4: Supporting older people

- **The Hyde Park Senior Playground**

Total ward budget funding: £43,882.39

- The playground was installed beside the Tennis and Bowls Centre on 1st April 2010, with an official launch planned for 19th May 2010.

Priority 5: Supporting children and young people

- **Music workshops for primary school children**

Total ward budget funding: £2,500

- In 2009 a number of workshops were held for pupils at St Peter's School
- In May Voces8 spent 30 minutes with the whole school (254 pupils) and then held two 90 minute sessions for 28 pupils. In October they conducted a 90 minute session with 28 pupils from year 5.
- The Tippett Quartet worked with 25 pupils from years 1 & 2 for an hour in May and in November worked with 23 pupils from years 3 & 4.



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Priority 6: Support for the local community

- **Reduced ticket prices for local classical music events**

Total ward budget funding: £2,500

- For the Spring 2009 concerts reduced tickets were offered to members of St Peter's Parish, about 35 tickets were sold at this reduced price. Funding was also used to place an advertisement in the Sloane Sq magazine and increase the printing of the concert brochures by 3,000 for local distribution.
- For the autumn 2009 season funding was used to again increase the publicity budget and print more brochures. Tickets were offered at the reduced rate of £5 to local residents; ticket sales through St Peter's School increased by 25% and recorded sales to local residents was 28 tickets.
- On the door 97 reduced price tickets were sold; therefore the organiser estimated that there was an approximate 25% increase in tickets sold to residents as a result of this funding.

