

# Wood Street First

## What is Wood Street First?

Wood Street First is a group of volunteers working with the Community Development Foundation to make available funding to fund community projects in the Wood Street Ward. This area is listed as one of the deprived areas in the country. The funding we have is to be used to identify and resource projects in this ward that will help to stimulate local action towards meeting community needs.

## Who is on the Wood Street First Panel?

We have a selection of good local business men & women, community leaders, youth workers and advisors that are dedicated to making things better for our community. You can find names and more information about each of our panel members on our website [www.woodstreetfirst.org](http://www.woodstreetfirst.org)

## What is the Wood Street First Panel trying to achieve?

Our Panel will give time, expertise, guidance and resources towards the projects we identify in the Wood Street ward that we believe will improve our community. The government will match these selected projects pound for pound, helping to stimulate local action towards meeting community needs. We will help our community to come together to identify the projects we need in our ward and work with them to make these projects successful. We have identified the priorities for our ward. These are: crime prevention and reducing the fear of crime, improving the local environment, offering more and better activities for young people, improving the lives of children and young people, and offering more and better activities for older people.

## What are the projects?

The projects can be anything that will help solve or work towards improving the five priority issues we have highlighted above. If your group are presently running or would like to start up a project that will help with crime prevention and reducing the fear of crime or doing something to improve the local environment or you may be able to offer more and better activities for people living in our ward, then we would like to hear from you. If you have an idea and would like funding for a project complete the funding application form.

## Who can apply for funding from the Wood Street First Panel?

Any group that is enthusiastic about running a project to improve things in the Wood Street Ward can apply. Of course it must be a nonprofit making organization or group that is a properly constituted community group that meets the basic criteria set out by Wood Street First Panel. We will consider funding new and existing community groups that have a good project idea.

## Is funding available to individuals?

No, funding for this programme is only available to groups, so if you have an idea to improve our neighbourhood, you must form a properly constituted community group to apply for funding.

## How much funding is available?

The Wood Street Ward has been allocated £5,624 for the first year, and a total of £33,910 over the next four years. £2,500 is the maximum amount that can be awarded to each project. All projects need to match the amount awarded pound-for-pound through money, donated goods and/or volunteer time.