

What's Big Local all about?

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Welcome...

...to Local Trust's brief guide to Big Local!

This guide will help everybody to understand what Big Local aims to achieve, what has happened so far and a little on what we are already learning from the programme.

The four programme outcomes for Big Local are:

- Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them.
- People will have increased skills and confidence, so that they continue to identify and respond to needs in the future.
- The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises.
- People will feel that their area is an even better place to live.



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What is Big Local?

Big Local is an exciting opportunity for residents in 150 areas around England to use at least £1m each to make a massive and lasting positive difference to their communities. Big Local brings together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.

What's it not about?

It's NOT about local authorities, the government or a national organisation telling people what to do. It's NOT about individual groups fixing their favourite problem without talking to a wide range of different people who live, socialise and work in the community. It's NOT about short-term thinking – Big Local areas have 10 years or more to plan and deliver the best options for their area.



Local Trust wants you to plan and lead Big Local in your area and we also want you to have access to the right support along the way. So remember that you can get help from your rep and from local organisations. Our website also has lots of brilliant tips from people across all the Big Local areas.

Debbie Ladds, chief executive, Local Trust

Who is Local Trust?

Local Trust is a unique organisation supporting resident and community led solutions to create lasting change throughout England. We believe that those in the community know what's needed and have the solutions to make a lasting positive difference to the places where they live, socialise and work and that we can help them to make that happen.

What's happening?

Local Trust is supporting and working with the people who live, socialise and work in Big Local areas to:

- Deliver Big Local in a clear and collaborative way to establish a resident led, positive approach.
- Use research, evaluation and storytelling to achieve even greater impact.
- Influence others working in communities to follow the Big Local approach. We know that Big Local is an innovative way to transform communities and we want to share this.
- Deliver Big Local effectively and efficiently by adopting and developing good practice.

In addition, we work with Big Local areas and partners to look for opportunities to provide additional resources, including funding, partnerships, activities and sponsors.

We aim to be enterprising and transformational whilst learning from our experience and staying true to the Big Local approach.

