

January to March 2018

Looking back

Running things

The year began with the community event and AGM in a crowded St Martin's Hall, reflecting on the challenges and achievements of the last year and the election of resident partnership members. Edith Lang was reappointed as chair. A number of changes include Sue Davis standing down from the partnership. She has been a valued, long-standing and influential member and vice chair. Jane Bettany has also moved on, having been an excellent plan co-ordinator and communications lead. These jobs are being recruited to and new members of the partnership drawn in.

The partnership meetings are open and the minutes are posted on the website. The partnership completed its systematic review of all funded activities under each of the themes in the plan and has set out a plan to undertake a deeper dive into local needs and priorities in time for the next Big Local plan due in a year's time.

Doing things

St Martin's community hall is nearing completion of its transformation. #allentonbigbuild page has regular updates for a project now worth over £500,000. Regular bookings and activities at the hall are being maintained to provide as normal a service as possible. Allenton Big Local agreed a further grant to ensure completion to a high standard.

Other work continued across the range and depth of activities in the plan, with excellent reports on the website for:

Youth activities, Family support, Dance group, Job seekers support and Support for older residents.

Looking ahead

Work across the themes of the plan continues with evident benefit and impact for local residents. Difficult financial decisions are being faced by Nacro in relation to its much valued Osmaston Project, though assurances have been made that it will continue to provide the family support as funded by Allenton Big Local. The partnership is very mindful of the underlying strained social and economic climate and is proud of how Allenton Big Local continues to support and energise residents and partners to help make the area an even better place to live.