



# Saddleworth and Lees District Executive Funding Application 2015/2016

## SECTION A

Please note that this section of the application will be made part of the District Executive's public reports and be available on our website at [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk)

NAME OF ORGANISATION REQUESTING FUNDING (must be same as on Section B): <b>LIGHT UP DENSHAW</b>
PROJECT TITLE (must be same as on Section B): <b>DENSHAW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</b>

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT REQUIRING FUNDING setting out: what the project will deliver. Who will benefit, and how? How many people will benefit etc. Please provide as much detail as possible and continue on a separate sheet if required.

**What the project delivers:**  
Last year we organised the first ever Christmas Light switch on for Denshaw. We raised funds via a combination of community fundraising and help from local councillors. Denshaw Community Association made a very generous one-off contribution of £1000 to get us started. This community is fairly small and quite diverse, and the event was well supported by local residents, businesses, and the school. Saddleworth Rotary provided assistance also.  
The switch on event itself was attended by over 150 villagers and the feedback was great. We put together a brass band to play some carols, invited the school recorder group to play silent night and even had Father Christmas. AT from Woolknits provided food and hot drinks.  
I have attached some feedback from residents:  
The lights and the switch on were a great success and the crowd were well impressed.  
What a great start for Denshaw's Christmas lights. Thanks to your initiative and efforts we are on the way.  
Many thanks for kick starting everyone.

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,  
Many congratulations for a job truly well done.  
You even managed some snow.  
Here's to next year!

**Requirements for 2015:**  
Last year we concentrated on lighting the centre of the village but would really like to expand the display this year to further out from the main crossroads in the centre of the village. This means we will need to purchase additional lights.  
Last year we used battery operated lights only which are not as effective as using a mains supply. One of the residents has offered to organise a mains supply to the Christmas Tree this year which will result in additional costs. The display is on a very small scale only. The Councils lighting team have advised that once the street lighting has been upgraded in Denshaw they will be able to take the Motifs that attach to street lamps, but we would have to pay for them – these start from £379.99 and we would ideally like to start with 4 – 1 for each corner of the cross roads.

**Benefit:**

In some respects the benefit of having village Christmas Lights is hard to measure, but there is undoubtedly a positive impact on community spirit, which lasts beyond the Christmas period. Denshaw has been labelled as an isolated village in the past but the community are working hard to offer a range of activities with in Denshaw to promote and foster the community feel. The children are excited to be part of this initiative and the school has grown in numbers in recent years.

There is sometimes a 'divide' in the community between the older/original residents and the newer residents that have moved to the village in recent years, and an event like a Christmas Lights switch on brings these people together.

The event also promotes local businesses like the pubs that will benefit from additional trade during the event, and hopefully thereafter. People are brought together to make the event happen and this relationship continues during the year for the benefit of everyone.

**2015 Costs:**

Tree	£488
Electricity supply to tree	£416
PL Insurance	£300
Lights	£500
Erection/Dismantling	£200
Switch on Event	£150
Street Lamp motifs	£1520
Total	£3574

**Balance from 2014 fund - £150**

Total Project Cost	£3574
<b>Amount requested from the District Executive</b>	<b>£1500</b>

**HAVE YOU ALREADY RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COUNCIL OR ANY OTHER SOURCE FOR THIS PROJECT IN THE LAST 2 YEARS?**

**YES**

**IF YES PLEASE GIVE DETAILS BELOW:**

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDING</b>	<b>AMOUNT RECEIVED £</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Councillor Nikki Kirkham	£500	December 2014
Councillor Garth Harkness	£200	December 2014
Saddleworth Parish Council	£150	December 2014

Please check that you have included all the necessary enclosures and return this form to your District Co-ordinator **Lisa Macdonald, Uppermill Library - upstairs office, St Chads, High Street, Uppermill, OL3 6AP**  
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