# Community Grant Report and Recommendation



Forum Area or Division:	Allerdale - Workington Together Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2009-24
Group Name:	Workington Heritage Group
Community Development Officer:	Carole Tubman
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Amount Requested:	£10,700.00
Total Project Cost:	£10,700.00

### **APPLICATION REPORT**

#### **Application Summary**

Workington Heritage Group Ltd is a registered charity and has two roles main roles

- 1. Managing the Helena Thompson collection
- 2. Acts as a hub for educational and social purposes

This investment would make a massive difference to so many people, school visits, young, old, vulnerable, individuals, groups and families. At the museum we have a wonderful garden which we use as much as possible, but with these additions to it, we can do even more. Moving beyond the classroom and outdoors has found to have a range of advantages for children and young people with learning difficulties, this also goes for groups and families who sometimes just need to escape with their younger ones from larger groups when attending events. This is what the fairy hut would mostly be used for with sensory items for a calming environment, but many more uses as well.

The marquee would be used for afternoon teas, community events, concerts and childrens events, outdoor heritage/culture talks. Many people enjoy our gardens and having somewhere for them to sit inside/outside is always a benefit.

The hut would be used to store all the items out of the marquee and fairy hut when not in use.

So many people would benefit from this project for different reasons. We like to take the museum outdoors as much as we can, so with these items in the garden we would be able to do this even more.

The museum is not just a museum but a community venue as well, we hold many tours of the museum followed by tea and talks on local history, these would now be followed by tea and talks in the garden. The hope is of course, for more people to get together and socialise.

Park End House is owned by the council (now Cumberland and previously Allerdale) and for a number of years we have received £30,000 each year towards the running of the museum. The council also pay the service costs.

### **Key Themes Met**

Supporting communities to help themselves. Empowering our children and young people

## **Number of People Benefiting**

100 +

Storage shed £1049.99 Fairy hut/sensory space £6434 Concrete base for shed £650
Previous CCC Funding No
Grant Amount Recommended 9433
Officer comments  The project meets investment criteria. The costings total £9433 as some of the items are currently discounted. The group did have a marquee which was widely used but it was destroyed in the recent storms.
Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel
Member Signature: Date:

**Breakdown of Project Costs**