



OUR WORK ON DEPRIVED STREETS

We mobilise a 'core group' of residents to put on BBQs, Christmas parties, Easter egg hunts, seniors' tea parties, coach trips, etc, to stimulate 'Friendship: fun; belonging: a helping hand'.

- 59% "helped personally" to feel less lonely or isolated
- 72% say antisocial behaviour has been reduced
- 81% now say there's community spirit, up from 44% before
- 91% say different races have come together
- 94% say generations have come together
- 97% say the street feels friendlier
- Those not expecting neighbours' help if ill down from 28% to 11%
- Average 448 hours of volunteer time in one year (worth £4,816 at £10.75 per hour)
- Average of 343 attendances at events per street



"Within a relatively short space of time, Street Associations has achieved its goal of using social activities to 'rebuild' a sense ... of neighbourly social networks ... Views across all streets were that Street Associations made a positive impact – both in terms of what members had personally gained from participation and through changes across the wider community ... It is important to record the sheer volume of local resident support in terms of volunteer time [and] donations of goods ...

Feedback from participants ... was unanimously favourable in their response to Street Associations" (independent evaluation report from Birmingham University's Third Sector Research Centre).

Comments from residents recorded in the independent evaluation:

"I'm a lot older and I don't think I would have gone to some of my neighbours for help if I needed it. But now I know them I feel I could".



"I moved here recently and this has been great. I was worried as I knew no-one but now I feel really at home".

"The way people just muck in, its been great. And they have been so generous, restores your faith as they say".

"This has turned back some of the bad feeling that was coming round on the estate".

"I don't get upset with children playing on the street any more. It used to worry me but now I know their names and we can have a talk".

"I'm retired, so the Street Association has really given me a purpose and kept me active".

"I was a bit sceptical at first... like this will not work around here. But I thought I'd give it a go. And the great thing is that other people have done so as well".

"I think we should be really proud of ourselves".

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