

## £6,500 boost for three community groups

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Three groups are sharing £6,500 after impressing Keighley councillors with their community work.

The cash has gone to Worth Valley First Responders, Keighley in Bloom and Friends of Ilkley Moor.

Keighley Area Committee, part of Bradford Council, received reports on the groups' activities at its November meeting.

It heard that the trio's efforts helped to tackle priorities in the committee's Keighley Area Action Plan.

The plan covers issues like crime, young people, regeneration, health, community life and the environment.

The committee gave £2,500 to Worth Valley First Responders to buy new life-saving equipment.

The responders are highly-trained volunteers who tackle emergencies in the vital minutes before paramedics arrive.

Keighley in Bloom received £2,000 for additional environmental services.

The group, made up of volunteers and public bodies, works to brighten up the town and co-ordinate Keighley's entry in the Yorkshire in Bloom contest.

The Friends of Ilkley Moor received £2,000 for project development activities.

Glen Miller, chairman of the area committee, said the group of district councillors had "local area management" responsibilities. He said: "It's important to show that we are keen to support all aspects of life in the community. Small sums of money can make a big difference." Cllr Miller accepted there were many small-grant schemes for groups to bid into. But he said: "As far as I know this is the first time an area committee has directly rewarded the hard work, time and effort local group members give to their community."

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