



CASE STUDY

Name: Liz Knell

Location: Rood End, Smethwick, Sandwell.

Host Organisation: St John's Church, Langley.

Rood End is in the St Paul's Ward of Smethwick in Sandwell. The neighbourhood has a population of approximately 5000 and key issues for the estate include; alcohol related illness, long term unemployment, and lack of aspiration and pride in the area.

As a result of the support from the Nehemiah Foundation, Rood End Community Association have become an incorporated organisation with a strong partnership developing with the Local Authority, they have successfully bid for funding to address issues of concern like community cohesion and the standard of the living environment, and have so far brought nearly £40,000 of outside investment into the neighbourhood.

Through the Nehemiah programme the community association has worked with local residents to identify and address the needs of the community in an effective, strategic and sustainable way. The Nehemiah training runs alongside work on the ground in the neighbourhood, which has meant that the skills learnt in training have been put directly into practice in Rood End.

“The benefit to the community of Rood End is enormous! The Foundation has facilitated the employment of a dedicated full-time worker for the area, who can assist residents to hold service providers to account, to see ideas come to fruition and projects successfully delivered. Residents are empowered and excited about the prospects for the future.”

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