

HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL



SUPPORTING THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR ANNUAL REPORT: 2022-2023

A YEAR IN REVIEW OF SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL
COMMUNITIES AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR

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Introduction

Welcome to the Annual Report for 2022-2023.

Hertsmere Borough Council offers financial support to local community and voluntary groups and organisations to help them provide a range of community services to the residents of Hertsmere.

To do this we use a range of mechanisms including:

1. Commissioning services through partnership/service level agreements
2. Community Grants – small capital and revenue grants
3. Indirect support through use of council owned property
4. Discretionary rate relief
5. Hertsmere's Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme

This report will include details on the Partnership Agreements, the Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme (WIIS), Community Grants, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Climate Action Community Grants and Hertsmere's Community Lottery.

The total budget for voluntary sector funding in 2022/23 was £455,050 broken down as follows:

Partnership Agreements	£368,200
Community Grants Pot	£39,600
Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme	£29,250
Total Support to Voluntary Sector	£437,050

Over the last year, Hertsmere has funded many different community groups who all play a valuable role in delivering our corporate goals. We want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers in these community groups for all their hard work in organising and delivering projects that benefit our community and our residents.

Partnership Agreements

We have 5 year Partnership Agreements with 11 local organisations. These aim to provide some stability to the organisations, recognising the importance of the service they provide for the wider community. We have recently entered into a new set of Agreements from 2023/24 which will run until the end of 2027/28.

Organisation:	Amount:
Citizens Advice Hertsmere	£257,100
Communities 1st	£20,000
Hertsmere Shopper Bus Scheme	£20,000
Borehamwood Seniors	£5,000
Sixty Plus - Potters Bar & South Mimms	£5,000
St Albans & Hertsmere Women's Refuge	£7,400
Home-Start Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere	£5,000
Bushey Musuem & Art Gallery	£34,000
Elstree & Borehamwood Museum	£10,550
Potters Bar Historical Society	£1,150
Radlett & District Museum	£3,000

WIIS Budget 2022-23

This year the Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme (WIIS) gave councillors £750 which they can allocate to organisations supporting communities in their ward

In 2022-23, 43 organisations were supported, totalling £23,755. Grants awarded included support for Jubilee Celebrations, funding safety equipment to distribute throughout the community, as well as purchasing supplies for organisations such as Mencap, Kenilworth School and Bushey Museum running a variety of different projects throughout Hertsmere.



Book vending machine at Bushey Heath Primary School



Relocation of the defibrillator outside Bushey Museum



Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Parade

WIIS Budget Breakdown

Below is a table that shows the breakdown of WIIS applications for 2022/2023

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Initiative Title</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aldenham East	Tabard RFC	Radlett Fireworks event	£250
Aldenham East	Churches Together	Hamper Scheme	£500
Aldenham East	Aldenham Parish Council	Coronation Celebration event	£1,950
Aldenham West	Aldenham West Memorial Hall	Letchmore Heath Jubilee Celebrations	£300
Bentley Heath & The Royds	Potters Bar Foodbank	Storage equipment for facilities	£300
Borehamwood Brookmeadow	Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council	Town Twinning Activities	£600
Borehamwood Cowley Hill	Community Safety Partnership	24 hour segment timers	£1,200
Borehamwood Cowley Hill	Gratitude	Community Kitchen equipment	£1,100
Borehamwood Cowley Hill	Gratitude	Supporting local community	£450
Borehamwood Cowley Hill	Unity Network	Annual Diversity Fund	£500
Borehamwood Cowley Hill	Sebby's Corner	Equipment to improve the Hub	£625
Borehamwood Cowley Hill	Sebby's Corner	Supplies for the Hub	£500
Borehamwood Cowley Hill	WD6 Food Support	Purchase milk to give out to attending families	£455

WIIS Budget Breakdown

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Initiative Title</u>	<u>Total</u>
Borehamwood Hillside	Elstree & Borehamwood Community Charity	Party in the Park Jubilee Celebrations	£1,250
Borehamwood Hillside	Monday Club	Christmas Celebration Activity	£240
Borehamwood Hillside	Elstree & Borehamwood Dementia Club	Christmas Celebration Activity	£260
Borehamwood Hillside	Visually Impaired Club	Christmas Celebration Activity	£240
Borehamwood Hillside	DR96	Christmas Celebration Activity	£260
Borehamwood Hillside	Elstree & Borehamwood Dementia Club	Exercise classes for the group	£450
Borehamwood Hillside	Cecil's Horse Sanctuary	Improvement to local land	£750
Borehamwood Kenilworth	Saffron Green Primary School	Balmoral Mural painting	£110
Borehamwood Kenilworth	Up Community	Sensory playgroup sessions	£184.90
Borehamwood Kenilworth	Kosmo SKC	New equipment	£100
Borehamwood Kenilworth	Kenilworth Primary School	Creation of outdoor space to learn about different cultures	£225
Bushey Heath	Warren Estates Residents Association	Bushey Acoustic Music Festival	£1,200
Bushey Heath	Bushey Heath Primary School	School books for vending machine	£300
Bushey Heath	Fishers Field & Park	Beehives & children's activities	£450
Bushey Heath	Red Trust Bushey	Supporting Foodbank & Community Café	£1,600

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Bushey North	Messy Church	Supply of craft materials & refreshments	£100
Bushey Park	Herts Musical Memories	Funding to continue project	£250
Bushey St James	Bushey Festival	Lighting & staging costs	£400
Bushey St James	Bushey Museum	Relocation of defibrillator	£800
Bushey St James	National Animal Welfare Trust	Equipment for new facility	£500
Elstree	Hertsmere Mencap	Warner Brothers Studio Tour	£935
Elstree	Hertsmere Mencap (partner organisation Noah's Arc)	Hoist for SEN play scheme	£500
Potters Bar Furze field	Christmas in Potters Bar	Lights switch-on event	£1,825
Potters Bar Furze field	Cranborne School	Pond renovation	£350
Potters Bar Oakmere	Friends of Parkfield Medical Centre	Health & well-being education events	£150
Potters Bar Oakmere	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Parade	£700
Potters Bar Parkfield	Potters Bar Foodbank	Emergency food to people in crisis	£375
Shenley	Shenley Bowls Club	Lifting machine to roll up carpets	£250
Shenley	Richard Cox Charity	Supporting Shenley residents at Christmas	£500

WIIS Case Studies

Below are a few examples of the different types of WIIS applications we have supported this past financial year.

Sebby's Corner:

Sebby's Corner is a charity organisation based on Cowley Hill, Borehamwood. Their aim is to ensure that no child goes without the bare essentials, such as nappies, clothing, formula etc. They support families who are living in poverty, women and children fleeing domestic abuse, families in temporary accommodation, asylum seekers, refugees and victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

The funding Sebby's Corner received allowed them to buy both shelving for their hub and extra supplies to support their customers. The shelving allowed for improved organisation of their supplies to better help their customers find what they need.



Saffron Green Primary School:

After the fire that broke out and damaged the block of flats in Balmoral Drive, the local community came together to show support and solidarity to the affected residents. This included Kenilworth Primary School who got their pupils to design pictures that a local artist then incorporated into his mural design which was placed onto the boarding surrounding the site.

WIIS Case Studies

Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership (CSP):

Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership is made up of local organisations who work together to make Hertsmere an even safer place for everyone.

The aims for the CSP for 2023-2027 are as follows:

- To create safer environments by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB)
- To protect and safeguard vulnerable people
- To build community confidence and wellbeing to increase feelings of safety

This year, due to an increase in burglaries, CSP bought a stock of 24 hour segment timers to give to residents by police at various different community engagement events.

The timers can be used to switch lights and electrical appliances up to 3200W on/off automatically which gives the impression to potential burglars that the property is occupied.

Bushey Heath Primary School:

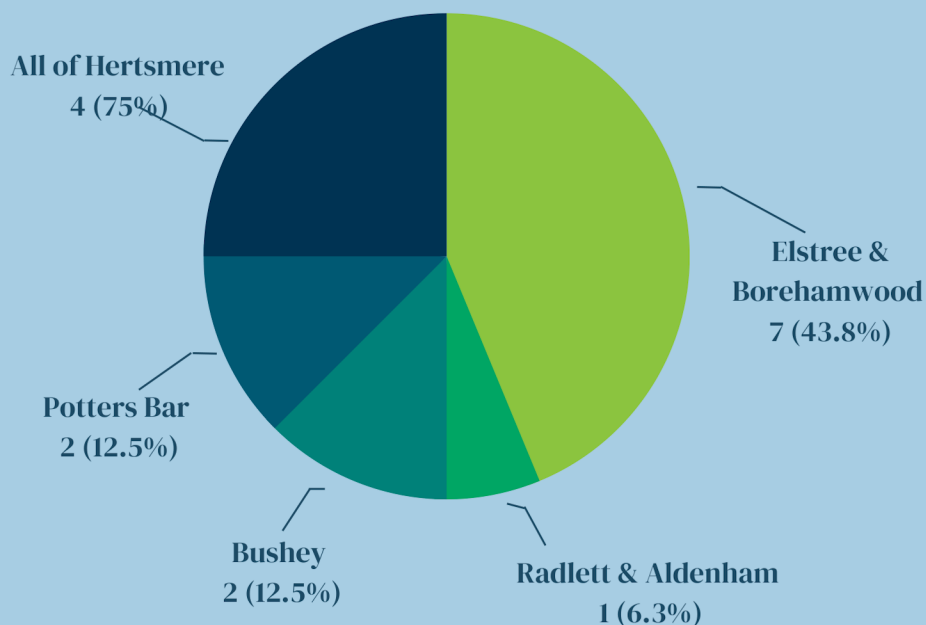
Bushey Heath Primary School wanted to ensure that their pupils continue to have access to high-quality books, whilst recognising outstanding behaviour, learning and creativity. The school has a book vending machine in which children are given a 'golden-coin' that they can use to select a book they would like to have. The WIIS funding allowed the school to purchase books to stock the vending machine for the next academic year.

Community Grants - Diversity

The community grant scheme for 2022/23 supported our aims that 'Hertsmere has a Strong Identity' and that 'Hertsmere is Inclusive, Equitable and Just'.

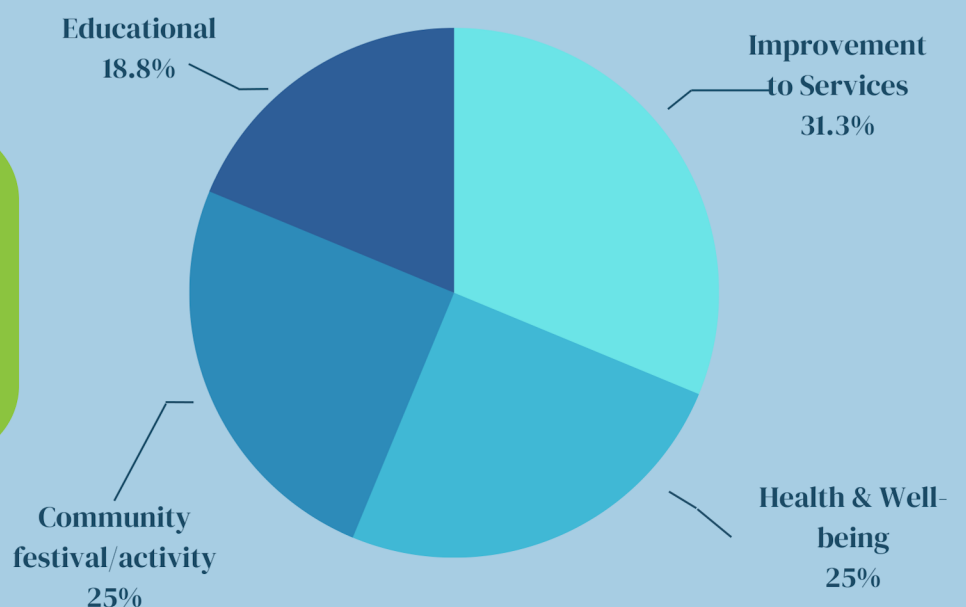
Applications for funding of up £2,000 from voluntary & community groups were encouraged to apply to support initiatives which celebrate our diverse communities & promote inclusion.

In total, 16 applicants were awarded £30,400 which covered a wide variety of different projects.



The pie chart to the left shows the breakdown of applications based on the area of Hertsmere it supported. We had applications from across the borough.

This pie chart groups the applications by common themes that benefitted the local community of Hertsmere.



Community Grants - Diversity

The below table shows a breakdown of the Community grant applications

Organisation:	Project Summary:	Amount:
Herts Inclusive Theatre	Theatre & Creative Arts Workshops for disabled & disadvantaged children & young people in Borehamwood	£2,000
Mediation Hertfordshire	Funding 2 schools in Hertsmere to take part in a Peer Mediation programme	£1,900
Churches Together in Radlett & Aldenham	Weekly food hamper in the holidays for families that are vulnerable to hunger	£2,000
Borehamwood Foodbank	Fund 6 family lunches in school summer holidays	£2,000
Counselling Foundation	Help subsidise clinical assessment costs of groups with protected characteristics	£2,000
Borehamwood 2000	Fund the growth of the girls football within the club	£1,500
Strive, Bushey	Ongoing delivery of weekly meet ups for parents of children struggling with mainstream school following a diagnosis	£2,000
Hertsmere Mencap	Purchase IT equipment to support service delivery	£2,000
Potters Bar Town FC	Fund accessibility improvement to the clubhouse	£1,500
Camp Unity	Delivery of the annual Camp in Elstree & Borehamwood	£1,500
Hatch End Cricket Club	Improvements of shower facilities at the clubhouse	£2,000
Elstree & Borehamwood Unity Network	Help fund the annual Diversity Festival	£2,000
Learning Through the Arts	Delivery of activities in the borough during Black History Month during October 2022	£2,000
Warren Estates Residents Association	Funding towards the 2023 Bushey Acoustic Festival	£2,000
8th Borehamwood Rainbows/Brownies	Support the general running costs and 2/3 subsidised trips	£2,000
Christmas in Potters Bar	Funding towards the festive lights in Potters Bar	£2,000

Community Grants – Case Studies

Case Study 1: Mediation Herts



Two schools participated in peer mediation training - Oakmere School and Cowley Hill School. The programme gave pupils an understanding of how arguments can start and grow and then trained them to support other pupils with minor disagreements that originate in school.

The training also provided support for students to deal with tricky situations and the confidence to call on adult support, if they need it.

Four questions were given to the students to answer once they had completed their peer mediation training. The questions are below:

1. What did you enjoy most about training to be a Peer Mediator?
2. What are the 3 main things you learned?
3. How will peer mediation make life better in your school?
4. What are you looking forward to most about being a peer mediator?

The overall outcome that emerged from the student's feedback about peer mediation is that they learnt a lot of new information through different activities, including roleplaying. The student's main lessons learnt were to never take sides during an argument, how to help people search for a solution to the problem and to stay calm throughout. The majority of the students said that this training will help solve the problems that occur during school and stop arguments and fights from taking place.

During the first part of the programme, where the children were looking at how conflict can escalate, the Peer Mediation staff noticed that the children were engaged in some really interesting conversations about feelings. This allowed them to be more empathetic later on in their role of a Peer Mediator, whilst paying attention to body language and what emotions are portrayed depending on how they represent themselves.

Community Grants – Case Studies

Case Study 2: Camp Unity

The aim of Camp Unity is to bring local communities together through friendships among children who may not normally have the opportunity to meet. They do this by encouraging exploration of the outdoors, whilst building their confidence through different activities.



Camp Unity held their third successful overnight residential in 2022. From 31st July to the 5th August, the camp had 43 campers (6-11 year olds), 6 parent volunteers, 8 youth and assistant youth leaders and 6 trustees. The week was filled with a variety of different activities for the children. Examples included 'Splash' sessions at the Venue Leisure Centre, the working farm at Aldenham Country Park and daily different arts and craft activities.

Below show pictures of some of their craft activities and a group photo of all the staff, volunteers and children involved.



Community Grants - Case Studies

Case Study 3: Borehamwood Foodbank

Borehamwood Foodbank organised six family lunches with activity packed programmes for children to enjoy. They had a total of 436 people (304 children) attend the summer lunches at St Teresa's Church Hall. Each session had a different theme for the children, for example, sports day, cookery and seaside crafts.

Borehamwood Foodbank also arranged cooking session for volunteers, which enabled them to prepare 65 ready-made meals for families, that they could offer families to take home and warm-up.



Community Grants - Diversity

Have a look at the images below to see examples of the types of projects funded through the Community Grant Scheme.



Platinum Jubilee Celebration Grant

Community groups and voluntary organisations within Hertsmere were encouraged to apply for a small grant of up to £500 to help celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Funding was available to support events taking place on or around the weekend of 2 to 5 June 2022. This included things like holding a street party, the 'Big Jubilee Lunch', or a special get-together of a community group.



In total we had 35 applications for the Jubilee Celebration Grant, giving a total of £16,670 spent supporting the local community to celebrate the Queen's 70 years as reigning Monarch.

Climate Action Community Grant

The Climate Action Community Grant aimed to encourage communities to act against climate change by applying for small grants of up to £500 from a pool of £10,000. In order for project applications to be considered, they needed to relate to one or more of the following themes:

- Energy
- Transport
- Waste & Resources
- Biodiversity
- Local food production
- Other carbon emission removal/reduction projects



Examples of projects include tree planting and habitat improvement schemes, awareness campaigns helping people make changes to their lifestyles, green travel and sustainable transport plans, energy saving in community buildings, local food projects in addition to recycling and reuse initiatives.

In total, four applications were submitted after the first round of advertising with two being deemed acceptable against the grant guidelines. Both Kings George Recreation Ground and Bushey Rose Garden were awarded £500. St Teresa's Primary School also received £500 funding to go towards a recycling campaign.



Hertsmere Community Lottery

Hertsmere Community Lottery is an online sustainable fundraising solution designed to help local not-for-profit to diversify their fundraising streams and enable year-round fundraising in a safe and effective way.

In 2022 Hertsmere Community Lottery celebrated its first birthday with an additional prize draw for Good Causes who were signed up.

The prize of £250 was awarded to Belstone Football Club, who said that 'being part of the Hertsmere Community Lottery has helped raise valuable funds for the club, but also help raise the profile of the club'.

The money they received will go towards 'the upkeep and development of the football club and will be spent on training equipment'.



Scan the barcode to find out more about the community lottery and to sign up as either a Good Cause or a supporter!



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