



## Councillor cash for worthwhile local projects



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A whole host of local projects from diversity celebrations to community groups have received a much-needed boost thanks to financial contributions from borough councillors.

Our Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme (WIIS) gives each of our 39 councillors £500 to spend on local projects throughout the year.

Councillor Meenal Sachdev, Portfolio Holder for Community, Leisure, Culture and Health, said: "Our Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme is all about funding small projects in local areas to benefit active communities.

"The most recent group of schemes to receive support really shows the wide range of the programmes and activities that can benefit from this funding."

Hertsmere Borough Councillors have allocated just over £14,000 worth of WIIS grants to groups and organisations that are actively supporting the community.

Among the top recipients were the Chai Centre to support the Menorah lighting in the Boulevard Shopping Park in Borehamwood; Christmas in Potters Bar, the group responsible for organising and installing festive lights in the town for jubilee decorations; Aldenham Parish Council for their Queen's Jubilee party and Red Trust Bushey towards their work supporting local families.

Smaller pots of money were given to Elstree and Borehamwood Unity Network to support the Diversity Festival; Kenilworth Primary School for equipment for the school farm; the Visually Impaired Club for a Bagatelle Set; Potters Bar Green School for improvements to their library and an entertainer to visit Borehamwood Seniors.

Councillor Sachdev added: "I'm so pleased that we've been able to support a range of community groups and charities across our borough through this latest round of WIIS funding.

"The grants help community organisations and projects actively involved in supporting residents. Whether by lifting the spirits by decorating the local area; helping people feel less isolated by supporting their local community group; or providing financial aid to those organisations that do so much to help those communities in need."

Councillors will each be allocated £750 of WIIS grants for 2022/23 to support projects in their wards, after it was agreed to provide additional funding during our budget setting process.

For more information about the Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme, please visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/WIIS](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/WIIS).

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