



COMMUNITY GRANTS

# Annual report 2022-2023



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Cambridge City Council’s Community Grant fund is available to fund voluntary, community and not-for-profit organisations to run projects that will help to **reduce social or economic inequality for Cambridge residents with the most need.**

Activities need to:

- reduce poverty
- improve skills and confidence to help people gain employment
- improve health and wellbeing
- encourage communities to come together and bring about change
- strengthen and grow the city’s voluntary sector.

In 2022-2023, a total of **£1,073,511** was awarded:

- **£937,200** of this was through Community Grants to benefit all parts of Cambridge
- **£74,600** of this was through government Covid-19 support funding
- **£61,711** of this was through Area Committee Grants, to run specific neighbourhood activities
- **88** groups were funded in total
- **136** activities were delivered.

**Citywide activities were funded as follows:**

For a breakdown of Area Committee funding see pages 20 to 23.



With thanks to **465 trustees** and **3,337 volunteers**, who support the work of the organisations receiving funding





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## Foreword

I am proud to present our 2022 to 2023 Community Grants annual report, detailing how we've funded more than £1 million in grants to local community organisations across Cambridge. This is one of the most important discretionary programmes we run, as we recognise the huge value of investing in our local community and voluntary sector in support of our residents.

This report highlights the significant impact of activities we fund, across so many areas. There are projects related to reducing poverty, encouraging people to take up sports and fitness activities, to projects focused on the benefits of arts and culture, and activities working with young people, or individuals with disabilities, or older communities.

These activities really make a difference for our communities. They are a lifeline to many who are struggling, and life changing in many cases. I'd like to particularly thank all the community and voluntary organisations who deliver all the projects highlighted in this report and who provide such an invaluable public service, and extend a special word of thanks to some of the new organisations who have benefitted from our grants this year.

**Cllr Mike Davey**  
Leader



# Arts and cultural activities

17 awards  
**£149,755**



## Funded organisations

- > Arts and Minds
- > Cambridge 105 FM Radio
- > Cambridge African Network
- > Cambridge Community Arts
- > Cambridge Junction
- > Kettle's Yard
- > Make Do and Mend
- > Museum of Cambridge
- > New International Encounter
- > Pink Festival Group
- > Rowan Humberstone Ltd
- > Sin Cru
- > Strawberry Fair
- > University of Cambridge Museums

## Funded activities

- > Creative groups for unemployed adults with mental health challenges
- > Arts workshops to support people experiencing mild to moderate levels of depression, anxiety or stress
- > Arts apprenticeship programme for disadvantaged young people
- > Creative outreach activities in areas of high deprivation
- > Activities engaging at-risk children, young people and their families, who face barriers to arts engagement
- > Story telling and writing workshops and performances for children
- > Cambridge Pride
- > Strawberry Fair
- > Dance classes for vulnerable young people
- > Discretionary Rate Relief (see page 19)



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge African Network

A programme of events to celebrate Black History Month, with art, craft and cultural activities in conjunction with Kettle's Yard and the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.



**“The grant for the venue hire enabled us to hold a free event which included art and craft activities for children, educational talks and the supply of employment, health and well-being information for black and ethnic minority residents”**

*Event organiser*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Strawberry Fair

- **34,320** people / 20,000 city residents attended
- **300+** people volunteered
- **20+** charity stalls were hosted
- **100+** applications for the band competition from local bands and singer songwriters
- The Kids Park featured story time, crafts, activities and performances, with the Big Top circus providing engagement opportunities for families







## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Junction

- The Total Arts two-day film festival featured **17** new films produced by **146** young people, shown to an audience of **272**, involving **13** youth and education partners
- Delivered the Beats Trials and Tribulations music and film-making project for young people including lyric writing, recording and production of music tracks and videos
- **Three** apprenticeships were created for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds
- **Five** customer service steward roles were created for young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Museum of Cambridge

- **1,370** people participated in events and activities for people with reduced access to the arts
- **34** offsite sessions were delivered, engaging residents in local history
- **16** craft sessions for families were held reaching **180+** people
- The Museum on a Bike programme enabled collection items to be taken to residents who do not usually visit museums
- **96** families attended Storytelling at the Museum sessions
- **80%** of participants found their sense of wellbeing increased, **40%** said their confidence increased and **80%** saw their creativity increase



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### University of Cambridge Museums

- **11,462** city residents engaged in cultural activities
- **10** outreach and creative sessions supported older people in sheltered housing and care settings who experience social isolation and barriers to connecting with others
- **Five** disability-friendly openings were held at University of Cambridge Museums, and at-home activity packs were given away, engaging 350 people
- **26** volunteers were supported to help deliver the programme



“Special Educational Needs and Disability [SEND] kids are often side-lined (whether intentionally or not), so this has given [my child] a beautiful and special opportunity to try something new. Many thanks to all involved”

*Event participant*



## Funded organisations

- > Cambridge Disabled Kids Swimming Club
- > Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind and Partially Sighted (Cam Sight)
- > Cambridge United Foundation
- > Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre
- > Level Water
- > SW Health and Wellbeing CIC
- > The Kite Trust

## Funded activities

- > Swimming and hydrotherapy pool sessions for children with disabilities
- > Football sessions for people with disabilities and poor mental health
- > Weekly fitness classes and football sessions for disadvantaged groups
- > Swimming sessions for trans and non-binary people
- > Pilates classes and peer support for visually impaired people
- > Youth-led sport and physical activity sessions for disadvantaged young people
- > Discretionary Rate Relief (see page 19)



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge United Foundation

48 weekly football sessions ran for people with a disability or poor mental health.

- **96%** felt the activity was positive or very positive for their physical wellbeing
- **96%** felt the activity was positive or very positive for their mental wellbeing
- **93%** felt the activity was positive or very positive for their personal development
- **91%** felt the activity was positive or very positive for their sense of community



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Disabled Kids Swimming Club

After attending regularly 'V', aged 11 who is non verbal and on the autistic spectrum, was enjoying jumping into the water as usual, when he suddenly said 'jump'.

V's Dad didn't quite believe the instructor when she told him that he had spoken. The following week, when the children were asked which colour woggles they would like V said 'green'.

Everyone was amazed, not least his Dad, who was overjoyed. The following week V smiled at everyone as he replied 'green' again and also said 'hello' to the instructor.



**“It has given me an opportunity to participate in football with good people and it has helped me physically and mentally. It's also given me confidence”**

*Participant*



# Community development activities

38 awards  
**£222,691**



## Funded organisations

- > Abbey People CIO
- > Age UK
- > Boishakhi Cultural Association
- > Cambridge African Network
- > Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum
- > Cambridge Gateway Club
- > Cambridge Hindu Association
- > Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise
- > Care Network
- > Centre 33
- > Changing Directions
- > CoFarm Cambridge
- > Encompass Network
- > Home Start Cambridgeshire
- > Indian Cultural Society
- > Khidmat Sisters
- > King's Hedges Family Support Project
- > Meadows Children and Family Wing
- > North Cambridge Community Partnership
- > Romsey Mill
- > Rowan Humberstone Ltd
- > Student Community Action
- > The Kite Trust
- > Trumpington Residents' Association

## Funded activities

- > Community events bringing people together
- > Cultural events to recognise and celebrate diversity and increase community cohesion
- > Information and advice services for disadvantaged people in need of support
- > Junior youth club for those from low-income families or at risk of poor mental health
- > Telephone discussion groups to support isolated older people
- > Wellbeing support for vulnerable and disadvantaged adults
- > Creation and management of a community farm, supporting volunteering and distribution of fresh organic food across the city
- > Co-ordination of LGBTQ+ History Month activities and support group meetings
- > Programme of activities for isolated adults with disabilities
- > Peer support for isolated mums
- > Family support and facilitated play
- > Youth work engaging disadvantaged young women
- > A life and social skills programme for young people with autism
- > A forest school for adults with learning disabilities
- > Student-led volunteering programmes
- > Activity sessions and outings to reduce inequalities and improve wellbeing
- > Empowerment courses, advice and support for vulnerable women
- > Discretionary Rate Relief (see page 19)



## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Abbey People**

- **144** food hub sessions with **7,098** visits by 300 families
- **12** food parcels delivered each week to residents unable to get to the food hub
- **58** volunteers gave more than **2,500** volunteer hours to the food hub
- **12** people became volunteers at the food hub
- **47** coffee mornings to reduce loneliness with **364** attendances, supported by **176** volunteer hours
- **31** junior youth club sessions, supported by **113** young volunteer hours
- **75%** of young people agreed 'My mental health is better because of attending the junior youth club'
- **93** drop-in sessions offering support and signposting
- **45** people were referred to Citizens Advice resulting in an income gain of approximately **£38,000**
- **Three** cookery workshops and two holiday cookery activities for children



**“I feel more confident in my cooking and my ability to adapt my food to work with the things I have already”**

*Cookery workshop participant*

**“Abbey People is an essential service to Cambridge, they are a contact point for the local community and advocate, support and make a difference to people's livelihoods”**

*Local resident*



## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum's race equality service**

- **245 people** were supported with advice, information, assistance and access to services, via **553 pieces of work** involving at least **2,000 phone calls**, emails, texts and Whatsapp messages
- Support was most often needed with household energy, and culturally appropriate food, showing that many people from minority ethnic communities are still struggling post-Covid, now due to the cost of living crisis



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Care Network

- **19** Cambridge residents experiencing mild to moderate anxiety and/or depression received one-to-one wellbeing support
- **Six** people received specialist one-to-one support, information and signposting
- **Seven** residents had volunteer 'Check and chat' or 'Trusted friend' support
- **95%** of clients stated that the support has helped, the majority of these saying significantly so

**“I feel more confident that I know where to get support and don't mind asking now”**

*Participant*

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Centre 33

**3,207 young people** received free information, advice, assessment and advocacy support, including:

- help with emergency financial issues
- specialist financial support and advice
- support with budgeting and shopping
- signposting to food hubs, community fridges and lunches
- support to access learning and work

**“I was embarrassed to get help but now I know there is no shame in asking for help”**

*Participant*

**“I managed a whole week in school for the first time in ages!”**

*Participant*

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### The Kite Trust

**98** LGBTQ+ young people were supported with:

- **36** weekly two-hour support sessions
- **16** fortnightly term-time online support sessions for trans and non-binary young people
- **16** fortnightly term-time online group support sessions for disabled and neurodiverse LGBTQ+ young people
- **84** individual support sessions by phone or video call
- **73%** of participants learnt new skills or knowledge
- **84%** felt they had a better understanding of LGBTQ+ identities

**“Volunteering for the Kite Trust has enabled me to feel more a part of the community and given me opportunities to learn and meet people from the community. These opportunities feed into the rest of my life in terms of my own wellbeing, but also making me better at my job, and a better advocate for the community of which I am a part”**

*Kite Trust volunteer*



## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **CoFarm Cambridge**

- **93** open 'co-farming' sessions were run over 29 weeks between April and the end of October
- **2,091** hours of community-based volunteer farming were contributed by 374 people across the 93 open co-farming sessions
- **4.2 tonnes** (valued at £28,000) of produce was distributed to Cambridge residents experiencing food insecurity
- **Six** corporate volunteering sessions were delivered, and the farm hosted several activities including a school group growing organic wheat to make their own pizza, and a World Food Day celebration and community feast
- **Nine** co-farmers have now entered new careers in agroecological farming or horticulture, five of those during the period of this grant



## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Home Start Cambridgeshire**

- **38** weekly term-time peer-support sessions were held for isolated mothers
- **13** families were offered support
- **67%** felt greater ability to cope with managing their children's behaviour
- **100%** retained or increased confidence with their children's development and learning
- **57%** reported increased coping skills in managing mental health and resilience
- **71%** felt less isolated
- **71%** reported increased self-esteem

## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **King's Hedges Family Support Project**

- **371** children and young people benefited from 50 weeks of family drop-in sessions, which were run three days a week
- **291** adults received support
- **92%** of families joined in with free, healthy lunches
- **81%** of adults accessed specific support, including housing and financial advice
- **287** families referred to local support organisations, including Food Bank, Law Clinic, Big Sibs Project, Centre 33 and more

**“Friendly and helpful staff who are there every step (whatever the problem)”**

*Attendee*



## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Meadows Children and Family wing**

Family support programme addressing barriers including poverty, digital exclusion, language and literacy issues, lack of support networks.

- **96** family drop-in sessions provided
- **152** adults and **199** children supported
- **120** referrals and successful support applications
- **59** Christmas food bags
- **11** successful Central Aid applications made
- **48** free breakfasts and lunches provided.

**“I have had Foodbank and social care referrals ... more support than I have ever had”**

*Attendee*

## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Romsey Mill**

- **86%** of the young women strongly agreed or agreed that they identified an improvement in their 'hope for the future'
- **86%** of the young women strongly agreed or agreed that thanks to their involvement with Romsey Mill their 'ability to overcome challenges' had improved
- **90%** of the young women strongly agreed or agreed that the Romsey Mill youth workers 'Give me a chance to be a leader and help those in my community'

**“Romsey Mill has helped me improve my confidence and how I cope with my problems. Romsey Mill plays a big part in my life and helps me improve my actions to better myself”**

*Participant*

## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Romsey Mill Aspire Programme**

- **17** young people aged 17 to 19 with autistic spectrum conditions attended a weekly life and social skills group
- **140** one-to-ones were delivered



**“I have made lots of new friends over the years at Aspire. I am less shy in public and my social skills have improved as well. At university, I can speak with students and lecturers and I am learning to become more independent”**

*Participant*

## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Rowan Humberstone**

In 2020 Rowan Rangers forest school was launched which enables students to be creative and connect with nature. Rowan Ranger 'A', who was born with Down's Syndrome, travels independently from the city centre to forest school every Friday.

**“Forest school is great. I got to celebrate my birthday with everyone here. There were games and a quiz at lunchtime and doughnuts. I feel cool that I can do it (go on the bus) by myself”**

*Attendee*

# Employment support

6 awards  
**£71,817**



## Funded organisations

- > Cambridge Online
- > Cambridge Women's Resources Centre
- > Guidance, Employment and Training (GET) Ltd
- > Richmond Fellowship
- > Romsey Mill Trust

## Funded activities

- > Training to use digital devices
- > Sourcing and distributing devices to those in need
- > Employability and well-being programmes to enable women to build skills and confidence to re-engage in the community
- > Employment support for adults with mental health issues
- > Provision of courses for young parents
- > Discretionary Rate Relief (see page 19)

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Richmond Fellowship

One-to-one, tailored employment support, advice and guidance for clients with mental ill-health. Participants were supported with:

- identifying training and career opportunities – **13%**
- identifying volunteer opportunities – **16%**
- job searching – **26%**
- writing/updating CV – **16%**
- preparing for interviews – **10%**
- strategies to manage mental health – **20%**

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Women's Resources Centre

- **91%** of women learnt new skills
- **25** women returned to work
- **41** women attended interviews
- **19** women took up localised volunteering
- **67%** of women reported feeling safer and having a better support network



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Online

- **2,614** individuals supported through 500+ training sessions
- **230** completed courses
- **228** people gained employability and computer skills
- **424** people received device and data assistance





## Funded organisations

- > Cambridge and District Citizens Advice
- > Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum's Cambridgeshire Human Rights and Equality Support Service (CHESS)
- > Cambridge Money Advice Centre
- > Disability Cambridgeshire

## Funded activities

- > Free, legal, specialist debt and money advice, partnership work, training, campaigns, initiatives, debt and income maximisation service
- > Specialist welfare rights casework
- > Financial capability information and support
- > Free advice and advocacy for people from ethnic minority backgrounds, including refugees
- > Training and accrediting of volunteers
- > Specialist caseworker support for disabled people accessing disability related welfare benefits
- > Discretionary Rate Relief support



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge & District Citizens Advice

- **7,492** clients accessed free legal and specialist debt and money advice and were supported to address **17,535** issues. **£2,422,608** income was gained, and **£541,814** worth of debt was written off
- **731** clients accessed the specialist welfare rights casework service
- **1,129** people were supported to claim Personal Independence Payments (PIP). A total of **£1,321,820** income was secured for PIP claimants
- Outreach and pop-ups were delivered across the city at food hubs and Cambridge4Ukraine help events
- **735** clients were supported to learn how to better manage their money, maximise income and budget more effectively

**“I can't begin to explain the weight that has been lifted. Thanks for everything and for all your advice”**

*Debt and money advice client*

**“We are over the moon! Thank you so much for all your help, advice, knowledge, support and assistance during what has been a long, traumatic and anxious journey. We are so grateful to you”**

*Specialist welfare advice client*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum's Cambridgeshire Human Rights and Equality Support Service (CHESS)

**34** families and individuals were supported with advice, assistance, support, representation and advocacy covering housing, employment, education, police/criminal justice, children and families, discrimination, health and social care and other issues.





## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Money Advice Centre (CMAC)

55 clients were provided with one-to-one debt-management advice and support to manage their debts:

- **14** were new clients
- **40** received remote support by phone or email
- **11** reached the end of their Debt Relief Order (releasing them from **£174,297** of debt)
- **20** are making regular payments to their creditors
- **Two** have paid off their debts in full
- **94%** responded that they 'felt better about themselves and were more confident about their future' as a result of support from CMAC.

**“I honestly can't believe the help I have received from Cambridge Money Advice Centre it couldn't have been better. Through some very dark days, its staff and volunteers have consistently provided me with excellent guidance, always delivered with kindness, good humour and humanity”**

*CMAC client*



# Voluntary sector capacity building

9 awards  
**£109,720**



## Funded organisations

- > Allia Ltd
- > Arbury Community Association
- > Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS)
- > Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum

## Funded activities

- > Social enterprise support and development
- > Support for groups to set up, run and sustain services
- > Increasing volunteer recruitment, promoting good practice and improving volunteer experience
- > Capacity building in the voluntary sector
- > Building digital resilience in the voluntary sector
- > Discretionary Rate Relief (see page 19)



**“I learnt a lot today especially the recruitment and retention of volunteers and how to make our organisation more diverse”**

*Training attendee*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS)

Provided services to ensure individuals and groups are better able to set up, run and sustain services.

- **333** one-to-one support sessions were held, representing **430** hours of support
- **69** training and support events were run, with **1,264** bookings
- **25** separate online networks were delivered and attended by **422** individuals
- **Five** on-demand training modules for small groups were delivered
- **Five** volunteering courses were held
- **Two** online volunteer fairs were run with a total of **113** attendees
- **62** residents were supported to volunteer with one-to-one interviews
- **17** organisations received one-to-one support with recruiting volunteers and becoming more inclusive
- **Four** volunteering ‘walk and talks’ and nine volunteering coffee mornings were held
- The CCVS website received **800,141** hits from **51,473** visitors
- **12** newsletters were delivered with the work of **11** local groups spotlighted. **21** newsflashes and **12** funding alerts were sent to groups
- **Six** webinars and online workshops to help groups gain the digital skills they need were delivered



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum

- Capacity building service open three days a week, responding to phone calls, text message and emails in addition to advice given and community activities supported on weekends
- **119** posts on CECF Facebook page on topics ranging from training, community events, job and training opportunities particularly for minority ethnic communities
- **19** surgeries, one-to-ones, group development and support
- **2,055** individuals from ethnic minority backgrounds and **9** groups supported

“We found this session very useful. As it helped us improve our application for the grant”

*Training attendee*

“Thank you for your help with the East Barnwell consultation work. It was good to work with CECF and as well as successfully adding opinions into the report, we have identified some areas where some of the people involved may be able to get involved in some community activities in the area – so a win all round”

*Community organisation*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Allia Ltd

- **Seven** workshops were attended by **78** leaders from **38** social enterprises

- As a result of attending a workshop and follow-on mentoring, a social enterprise was successful in bidding for a contract and have been awarded further contracts





# Reducing poverty activities

12 awards  
**£102,500**



## Funded organisations

- > Abbey People CIO
- > Cambridge Housing Society
- > Cambridge Online
- > Cambridge Re-use
- > Cambridge Sustainable Food
- > North Cambridge Community Partnership
- > The Red Hen Project
- > Tempo Time Credits Ltd

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Housing Society – Corona House

**55** health and well being activities were delivered to women at risk of homelessness

- **12** women supported to manage money more effectively
- **10** women supported with benefits appeals
- **Eight** women engaged in creative projects and the Cambridge Art Space exhibition
- **Eight** women involved in an allotment project
- **12** social and leisure activities provided



## Funded activities

- > Cookery lessons
- > Community fridge
- > Leisure and social activities for vulnerable women
- > Digital inclusion projects
- > Support for low-income households to purchase furniture and household items
- > Support for Cambridge Food Poverty Alliance
- > Time credits to support community engagement and capacity building
- > Fare Share food re-distribution
- > Emergency care packs for families experiencing financial hardship
- > Social inclusion activities and financial support for women at risk of homelessness

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### The Red Hen Project

Poverty relief for north Cambridge families:

- **100** food packages were provided
- **74** families provided Christmas dinner ingredients
- **93** families provided with Christmas gifts
- Christmas hampers for **80** families
- **96%** felt more able to cope if things go wrong
- **91%** are doing more as a family
- **100%** felt more confident finding support



## **SPOTLIGHT ON** **Cambridge** **Sustainable Food** **(CSF)**

- **1,199** packed lunches and hot meals provided during the school holidays
- **187** tonnes of food redistributed by CSF and the food hubs
- **1,635** volunteering opportunities created and **3,909** volunteer hours contributed
- **85** households received culturally appropriate food during Ramadan

“It stopped the half term being boring. And provided us with a hot meal which is rare at the moment”

*Attendee*



## **SPOTLIGHT ON** **Cambridge Re-use**

Low-cost furniture, electrical and white goods and other household items for people on low incomes or benefits

- **77%** rise in new clients
- **40%** of volunteers went on to paid employment

“Since I have started working as a volunteer at Cambridge Re-use, it has given me more confidence. I really enjoy the warm friendly atmosphere, and I found the first aid course really helpful. You never know when it could be useful, for example if a customer became unwell or had an accident, or in everyday life”

*Volunteer*



# Discretionary Rate Relief

23 awards



In addition to funding activities, the Community Grants fund considers applications for Discretionary Rate Relief from qualifying voluntary and community groups.

Discretionary Rate Relief is relief that councils can award to organisations to reduce their business rates bills, in addition to the mandatory reliefs that are awarded by government.

To be considered for Discretionary Rate Relief, groups were required to demonstrate that the activities taking place at their premises met our funding priorities and outcomes. The level of relief awarded is proportionate to the number of beneficiaries that are Cambridge residents.



# North Area Committee

9 awards  
**£22,850**



## Funded organisations

- > Brown's Field Adult Art Group
- > Cambridge Vineyard Church
- > Chesterton Festival Committee
- > Friends of Histon Road Cemetery
- > Kings Hedges Brownies
- > Kings Hedges Family Support Project
- > Meadows Children and Family Wing
- > The Red Hen Project
- > Romsey Mill Trust

## Funded activities

- > Adult art sessions
- > Community Fun Day
- > Volunteer support
- > Coffee and connect sessions for parents and carers
- > Day trips for disadvantaged families and children
- > Activity walks for families with pre-school children
- > Open access activities for socially disadvantaged young people
- > Signposting to services for vulnerable young people



## SPOTLIGHT ON Romsey Mill Trust

Open access sessions for 11 to 13 years olds.

- **94%** strongly agreed or agreed that as a result of coming to Romsey Mill's group, their ability to get along with others had improved
- **75%** strongly agreed or agreed that their hope for the future had improved as a result of engaging with Romsey Mill's sessions and getting to know the youth workers

## SPOTLIGHT ON Red Hen Project

**“Because I don't drive, and as a single parent, I find it really difficult to be able to do things like this as a family and feel guilty/sad that we didn't spend summer doing things like this. It feels better knowing we did something”**

*Participant*

**“Anxiety affects me doing things but going in a group helps and not worrying about transport”**

*Participant*





## Funded organisations

- > Cambridge Community Arts
- > Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise (COPE)
- > Cherry Hinton Residents' Association
- > Denis Wilson Court Social Club
- > Oblique Arts
- > Romsey Mill Trust
- > Trumpington Community Drama Group
- > Trumpington Residents' Association

## Funded activities

- > Wellbeing arts workshops
- > A monthly older residents' social club
- > A community Christmas lights switch on
- > A garden party and a day trip
- > Music sessions for disadvantaged young people
- > Community newsletters

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Trumpington Community Drama Group

“He said he’d never join in with drama as he could never stand up in front of people like that. Then one day he suddenly decided he wanted to join, and he’s absolutely loved it. To see him doing something he’d sworn he’d never have the confidence to do, was really quite emotional! It’s provided him with more confidence overall, not just in the drama setting”

*Parent of attendee*

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Community Arts

**24** weekly, three-hour creative arts courses in Trumpington, for disadvantaged residents, with the focus on mental health recovery.



Artwork by Carrie Webb



## Funded organisations

- > Accordia Community and Residents' Association
- > Birdwood Area Residents' Association
- > Cambridge United Foundation
- > Coleridge Community Forum
- > Friends of Mill Road Cemetery
- > Hemingford and Romsey Roads Street Party Committee
- > The King's Hedges Family Support Project
- > Merry Go Round Toy Library
- > Mill Road Winter Fair
- > Oblique Arts
- > Romsey Mill Trust
- > The Signal Box Centre



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Mill Road Winter Fair

The event attracted **10,500** visitors and involved **26** local charities and voluntary groups.

## Funded activities

- > Summer holiday activities for children and young people
- > A visual arts festival hosted by residents
- > Day trips for disadvantaged residents
- > Community newsletters and meetings
- > Maintaining green spaces to improve health and wellbeing
- > A toy library for disadvantaged families
- > Weekly drop-in support sessions for disadvantaged families
- > Community events including a Winter Fair
- > Weekly arts session for neuro-diverse residents
- > Open access sessions for disadvantaged young people
- > Football and multisport activities for adults with learning difficulties or poor mental health



“First time I’ve been to Mill Road Winter Fair and it was an exceptional community event. So many local people, businesses, groups and organisations involved. There was a lot going on. Well done to everyone involved”

*Attendee*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Merry Go Round Toy Library

“Living with three kids in a small home means we keep our toys to a minimum. But having the toy library in our community, within walking distance, means that we are able to have novel, educational and fun toys in our home at a very low cost”

*Participant*



# West Central Area Committee

5 awards  
**£3,950**



## Funded organisations

- > Christ's Pieces Residents' Association
- > Eddington Residents' Association
- > Friends of Histon Road Cemetery
- > Friends of Midsummer Common
- > Oblique Arts

## Funded activities

- > An annual talk of local interest
- > Monthly neighbourhood social events
- > Community volunteering support
- > A seaside outing
- > Seasonal social events
- > Arts activities for older residents



### SPOTLIGHT ON

## Friends of Histon Road Cemetery

- Community activities, newsletters, meetings and annual Remembrance Day gathering. Volunteers took part in a Butterfly Count and the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.
- **350** hours were contributed by volunteers.



### SPOTLIGHT ON

## Eddington Residents Association

- **10** Eddington Open Door monthly social get-togethers promoted social cohesion and neighbourhood integration in a diverse residential area undergoing rapid population growth.
- **200+** residents attended film club showings, board games evenings, cultural events and weekly play sessions for young children and parents.





