

SCF NEWS

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND



Playpark life!

Rowlands Castle Parish Council

Rowlands Castle Parish Council were awarded £25,000 funding to replace the playpark in the recreation ground. It was completed in October 2023 and is open for children to enjoy.

The grand opening included goodie bags, face painting and an appearance from Spiderman with over 100 people attending.

Most of the replaced equipment was 19 years old and some beyond repair. The new playpark is bigger and provides a wider range of play opportunities than the previous playpark, it is inclusive of age from 0-12 years and ability.



Awarded 2023



£25,000 Capital funding



Supporting positive mental health in residents, in particular young people

The new equipment includes, an accessible roundabout, sunken trampoline, bucket swing with harness and a sensory wall. The park also includes climbing equipment for older children, plenty of benches, picnic tables and new fencing, creating a safe social space for people of the village and surrounding area.

ABOUT SCF

The Supporting Communities Fund (SCF) is a £1million grant supporting community groups and organisations in the district.

We want to make a positive difference to peoples' lives by improving the welfare and wellbeing of those who may be struggling.

We have three main objectives for the grant that support our welfare and wellbeing strategy:

- Supporting positive mental health in residents, in particular, young people
- Reducing social isolation in residents, in particular, older people
- Supporting our communities to thrive, building resilient community groups and organisations

The playpark has received very positive feedback and there is a sense of pride throughout the village for the new facility.

Photo courtesy of Kelvin Schäffi

Base is the place

St Lukes Church

St Lukes Church was awarded revenue funding to help fund a youth club, also known as The Base, for Grayshott and the surrounding areas and is run weekly during term time. There are two sessions for school years 6 to 9 and then years 9 to 13, both on Fridays. The aim of the club is to build young people's self-esteem and confidence.

The Base offers young people table tennis, football, pool, Mario Kart as well as a tuck shop stocked with all kinds of drinks

and snacks. They now also offer a hot meal for just £1 and have 20 regular attendees.

In February 2024 they expanded and now have a homework and revision club for secondary school and college students. This gives a quiet space for study and they also offer support where needed for 90 minutes each week.

They have also been able to take their youth work outside The Base, and have helped young people achieve goals and awards. Four of their members have since gained their Duke of Edinburgh award.



Awarded 2022



£17,229 revenue funding over three years



Supporting positive mental health in residents, in particular young people

www.stlukes-grayshott.org/groups14/youth

Living with Dementia

Dementia Friendly Petersfield

In 2020 Dementia Friendly Petersfield (DFP) was awarded £5,445 to spend over three years to facilitate three Dementia Friendly Groups: Friendship Group, Pam Robson Music Group and Pam Robson Entertainment Group. These all take place in the United Reform Church in Petersfield in a safe and secure environment for people living with dementia, their carers, partners and families.

Sadly, due to the Covid pandemic, DFP had to pause their project and restarted again at the end of July 2021. Since then, the groups have attracted new members to help reduce social isolation and lack of stimulation during the pandemic.



Awarded 2020



£5,445 Revenue funding over three years



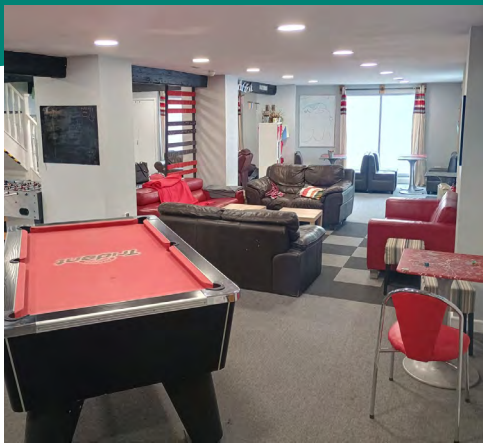
Reducing social isolation in residents, in particular older people

Each group runs once per month and has a slightly different focus, music, entertainment, friendship and support. All are designed to help those living with dementia their families and carers.

Even though our funding will soon be coming to an end, the groups will continue to run, offering vital and valuable support.

For more information, you can follow DFP on Facebook

www.facebook.com/dementiafriendlypetersfield/



With open arms

Kings Arms Alton



Awarded 2023



£3,750 Capital funding



Supporting positive mental health in residents, in particular young people

The Kings Arms Alton was awarded funding in 2023 to improve the energy efficiency of their building by adding insulation to the roof space. Replacing seals and insulation to certain doors and adding secondary double-glazing to the large ground floor windows.

They also re-routed the water pipes and double-insulated them to prevent freezing and flooding.

In January 2023 a burst pipe flooded part of the centre, meaning it had to close for 2.5 days. The repairs were vital for the centre to remain open, allowing them to support young people in a warm, safe environment.

The Kings Arms runs five after school clubs a week for young people aged 11-18. These provide an ideal environment for them to thrive, socialise and receive support from the youth workers, who offer group and one-to-one mentoring.

SuperSONIC is a club for 12-17year olds with autism or other additional needs. Held on Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm, it offers a safe place to have fun, learn new things and make new friends, helping them to become independent and enjoy life like any other teenager.

For more information on the club and the sessions they run, go to www.thekingsarms.org.uk/ka-alton

Chairobics

Whitehill Village Hall

In 2022 Whitehill Village Hall was awarded revenue funding to run weekly chairobics classes with Phoenix Theatre Dance Officer, Elizabeth Blake. Sessions take place on Tuesdays between 2pm-3.30pm with light refreshments and socialising after. Subsidised travel to and from the hall with Community First Transport is also available.

The classes are designed for people who may have health/mobility issues but still want to be able to move their body and exercise. The upbeat music lifts people's mood and can also stimulate memory for those with dementia; some of the group enjoy singing along to the

popular music selected and they have 22 people on average. Regular attendees have said how the classes have helped their overall health and mobility and some have even been able to return to other exercise classes they have previously attended.



Awarded in 2022



£6,188 revenue funding over three years



Reducing social isolation in residents, in particular older people

More information, including other activities they run can be found here

www.whitehillvillagehall.co.uk/regular-activities



PROJECTS AWARDED IN 2023

Many of the projects funded go beyond the locations marked on the map and serve the wider community.



	ORGANISATION	TYPE OF AWARD	AMOUNT
A	Hollywater School	Capital	£10,000
B	Project 94 CIC	3 Year Revenue	£30,000
C	CM Foundation	3 Year Revenue	£25,496.70
D	Greatham Parish Council	Capital	£19,000
E	Love 4 Life	3 Year Revenue	£15,000
F	Petersfield Community Events CIC	3 Year Revenue	£30,000
G	Flip Theatre Workshop Ltd	3 Year Revenue	£29,400
H	Rowlands Castle Parish Council	Capital	£25,000
I	Petersfield Community Garden	Capital	£12,000
J	Pathways to Resilience	3 Year Revenue	£28,623
K	The King's Arms Youth Project (Alton)	Capital	£3,752.50
L	Headley Parish Council	Capital	£10,000
M	Petersfield Community Radio (Shine Radio)	Capital	£10,089
N	Petersfield Counselling Service	2 Year Revenue	£20,000
O	Petersfield Cricket Club	Capital	£7,000
P	Headway & Portsmouth SE	3 Year Revenue	£13,805
Q	Butser Education CIC	3 Year Revenue	£28,000
R	Four Marks Parish Council	Capital	£15,000

HOW ARE GRANTS AWARDED?



SCF applications are assessed and scored by EHDC officers and then presented to EHDC's Grants & Awards Liaison Panel, chaired by portfolio holder Cllr Adeel Shah. The panel discuss and decide how the funding should be awarded to ensure the best social value is obtained.

Applications for 2024 are now closed.

For more information visit www.easthants.gov.uk/supporting-communities-fund or you can contact us at communitygrants@easthants.gov.uk