

## Combined Member Grants 2023-24

### Overall Summary

318 grants were awarded in 2023/24, the total amount of funding awarded was £351,970.98

Excluding Highways Grants, during this period 151 grants were awarded to previous recipients of a Combined Member Grant and 138 new recipients were reached:

- Charities – 113
- Church / Faith Groups – 15
- Community Groups – 45
- KCC Services - 4
- Kent Highways – 29
- Not-For-Profit – 25
- District, Parish and Town Councils – 54
- Schools – 17
- Sports Organisations – 16

A range of projects and initiatives were funded and are categorised as follows:

- adult social care initiatives - £11,921.41
- assistive equipment and technology projects - £3,363.68
- community development projects - £35,557.93
- community safety initiatives - £22,405.98
- culture and heritage initiatives - £68,373.60
- early years projects - £5,348.00
- environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives - £13,978.28
- family support services projects - £27,098.41
- mental health support projects - £6,590.00
- open spaces projects - £17,034.10
- primary school projects – £11,186.51
- public health initiatives - £10,524.00
- secondary school projects - £2,000.00
- sport and recreation projects - £41,420.75
- traffic management and road safety projects - £64,713.27
- winter services preparations - £10,455.06

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## Ashford Member Grant Funding - Breakdown of Spend

In total 22 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Ashford Members. Of which:

- 7 grants were awarded to charities
- 1 grant was awarded to a community group
- 5 grants were awarded to Kent Highways
- 2 grants were awarded to Not for Profit organisations
- 5 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 2 grants were awarded to schools

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 11 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 6 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Ashford Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **Paul Bartlett – Ashford Central**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,870 with a £1,730 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Clair Bell – Ashford Rural East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £4,654.47 with a £262.53 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Steve Campkin – Ashford East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,150 with a £8,670 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Mike Hill, OBE – Tenterden**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £4,080 with a £239.50 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **David Robey – Ashford Rural South**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £5,493.92 with a £856.35 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Dirk Ross – Ashford South**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,000 with a £22,600 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Charlie Simkins – Ashford Rural West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £6,244.63 with a £2,081.17 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Ashford Member Spend for 2023/24 - £26,493.12

- £580 for social care initiatives
- £4,339.94 for community development projects
- £1,000 for community safety initiatives
- £5,950 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £1,400 for open spaces initiatives
- £1,111 for primary school projects
- £10,039.03 for traffic management and road safety projects
- £2,073.15 for winter service preparations

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## Community Grants

Paul Bartlett

**Ashford Borough Council (23-AS-14)**

**Dropped Kerb Installation**

**£370**

Installation of a dropped kerb on East Lodge Road for easier access to Sir Henry Brackenbury Road.

**Shedkwick CIC (23-AS-18)**

**Beaver Community Garden**

**£1,500**

A community garden project to help local people suffering with poor mental health and/or social isolation, using gardening and woodwork themed projects. Funding contributed to materials, seeds, compost, bulbs and solar panels.

Clair Bell

**Mersham Village Hall (23-AS-16)**

**Seating for the Coronation Hall**

**£839.94**

Grant funding contributed to the purchase of chairs, with a trolley, for use in the new extension in the Coronation Hall.

**Brabourne Parish Council (23-AS-17)**

**The Warren, Village Green Protection Initiative**

**£1,400**

This grant contributed to the repairs and grass guard to ensure that the edge of the Warren is protected from degradation of vehicles driving over it.

Steve Campkin

**South Willesborough and Newton Community Council (23-AS-11)**

**Railway Vintage Festival**

**£1000**

A community fun day was held to celebrate 180 years of Ashford railway and 175 years of the railway coming to Newtown. Funding contributed to staging, security, first aid, toilets and equipment and enabled the community to celebrate and recognise the heritage & history of the area and the redevelopment of the Newtown Railway Works.

**Indians in Ashford Charity Organisations (23-AS-23)**

**Indian Spring Festival 2024**

**£2150**

Funding contributed to powder colour for holi, decorations and music for the Annual Indian Spring Festival, a unique celebration that brings together Holi, Eid, Baisakhi and Easter festivals,

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introducing the community to the cultural significance of each celebration whilst promoting unity in diversity.

[Mike Hill, OBE](#)

**Spirit of Tenterden CIC (23-AS-3)**

**Spirit of Tenterden 2023**

**£500**

The event provided an opportunity for local, independent and small businesses to display and sell their product, as well as enable community groups and local sports groups to raise their profiles. Grant funding contributed to musician fees.

**Tenterden Folk Day Trust / Tenterden Folk Festival (23-AS-4)**

**The 30<sup>th</sup> Tenterden Folk Festival**

**£500**

Four days of folk song, music, dance, crafts and traditions were celebrated at the 30<sup>th</sup> Tenterden Folk Festival. Grant funding contributed to health, safety and medical cover.

**St Michael's Village Community Group (23-AS-6)**

**Tributes in the Park**

**£500**

Grant funding contributed to the costs of a professional stage trailer that enabled the St Michael's Village Community Group to provide a seven-hour open air concert of professional tribute acts for the enjoyment of the local residents.

**Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh (23-AS-7) – Multi Member Application**

**Meeting Point Activity Grants**

**£580 (Total Award - £1160)**

The Meeting Point project works with older people who are socially isolated and looks to fund two trips each year for each project attendee. Grant funding contributed to trips in each Member's divisions.

**Tenterden Social Hub (formerly Tenterden & District Day Centre) (23-AS-10)**

**Essential Roof Repairs**

**£1000**

Grant funding contributed to essential repairs to the Day Centre building roof at Tenterden Social Club.

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**High Halden Parish Council (23-AS-12)**

**Defibrillator**

**£1000**

Grant funding contributed to a defibrillator for High Halden Memorial Hall, to provide lifesaving equipment to the well-used community hall.

[David Robey](#)

**Wealden Festival Foundation (23-AS-5)**

**Wealden Literary Festival**

**£1000**

Wealden Festival operates an annual Festival and outreach programme to support and advance access and understanding of literature, the arts and the environment. Funding contributed to performer fees and equipment hire.

**Hamstreet Primary Academy (23-AS-15) – Multi Member Application**

**Pool Cover Project**

**£581 (£1081 total award)**

Grant funding contributed to the purchase of a new swimming pool cover to ensure the water is kept at a reasonable temperature and clear of debris.

[Dirk Ross](#)

**Singleton Spaces (23-AS-2)**

**LED Light Conversion**

**£1000**

Grant funding contributed to changing the existing internal lighting to LED bulbs in Singleton Environment Centre to help save CO2 emissions of up to 3.6 tonnes per annum.

[Charlie Simkins](#)

**Charing Parish Council (23-AS-1)**

**Coronation Big Lunch**

**£300**

A one-day event was organised to bring the local community together and celebrate the King's Coronation. Grant funding contributed to the cost of bunting.

**Bethersden Primary School (23-AS-13)**

**Extracurricular activities**

**£530**

To improve pupils' access to experiences and opportunities outside of school, funding contributed to providing first aid courses for year 6 children and wild cooking sessions for three classes.

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## Highways Grants

Clair Bell

**Highways (23-KHS-AS-9)**

**Salt Bin – Church Road, Sevington**

**£414.63**

A salt bin was supplied, installed and filled to enable the community to use salt on the public highway during the winter period.

**Highways (23-KHS-AS-21)**

**Roundel Installation – A28, Canterbury Road, Ashford Road, Bilting and Godmersham**

**£2000**

Following concerns raised by the local Parish Council regarding vehicle speeds along the A28 through Bilting and Godmersham, 14 x 50mph roundels were introduced as part of grant funding.

David Robey

**Highways (23-KHS-AS-20)**

**Salt Bins – Kingsnorth**

**£1243.89**

Three salt bin were supplied, installed and filled at Field View, Britannia Lane and Caesar Avenue, Kingsnorth to enable the community to use salt on the public highway during the winter period.

**Highways (23-KHS-AS-22)**

**Installation of a 30mph limit – Church Road, Warehorne**

**£2,669.03**

Warehorne Parish Council approached the local Member and requested the implementation of a 30mph speed limit through the village, along Church Road. Traffic surveys were conducted which supported the scheme and Traffic Regulation Order was implemented. Grant funding contributed to the final cost of the scheme.

Charlie Simkins

**Highways (23-KHS-AS-8)**

**Salt Bin – Minnis Gate**

**£414.63**

A salt bin was supplied, installed and filled at Minnis Gate to enable the community to use salt on the public highway during the winter period.

**Highways (23-KHS-AS-19)**

**New Footway (phase 1) - Faversham Road, Challock**

**£5000**

The local Member was approached by Challock Parish Council expressing concerns regarding a lack of footway on Faversham Road, Challock. Due to the cost of the scheme, delivery will be in two phases.

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Phase 1 included the felling of a tree, land acquisition, hedge clearing and installation of approximately 80m of footway. Grant funding was provided as a contribution, with further contributions from the Parish and Borough Councils.

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## Canterbury Member Grant Funding – Breakdown of Spend

In total 37 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Canterbury Members. Of which:

- 12 grants were awarded to charities
- 1 grant was awarded to a Church/Faith Group
- 3 grants were awarded to a community group
- 1 grant was awarded to a KCC Service
- 9 grants were awarded to Kent Highways
- 3 grants were awarded to Not for Profit organisations
- 2 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 6 grants were awarded to schools

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 16 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 12 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Canterbury Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **Neil Baker – Whitstable East & Herne Bay West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £14,765 with a £2,360 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Alister Brady – Canterbury City North**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £8,445 with a £4,244.23 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Mark Dance – Whitstable West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £9,684.85 with a £12,915.15 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Mel Dawkins – Canterbury City South**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £7,518 with a £3,037.12 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Alan Marsh – Herne Village & Sturry**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £9,721 with a £449 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Mike Sole – Canterbury South**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £6,041 with a £3,561.91 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Robert Thomas – Canterbury North**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £5,976 with a £9,043.41 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Dan Watkins – Herne Bay East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £450 with a £19,900 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Canterbury Member Spend for 2023/24 - £62,600.85

- £2,050 for social care initiatives
- £5,450 for community development projects
- £800 for community safety initiatives
- £3,515 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £500 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £300 for mental health support projects
- £1,000 for open spaces initiatives
- £6,438 for primary school projects

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£2,860 for sport and recreation projects

£39,687.85 for traffic management and road safety projects

## Community Grants

### Neil Baker

#### **East Kent Mencap (23-CA-5) - Multi Member Application**

##### **Fun Day for People with a Learning Disability**

**£150 (£300 Total award)**

A Fun Day for people with a learning disability in Herne Bay was organised where they could highlight their skills and socialise with other service users. Grant funding contributed to communication materials and resources for the day.

#### **CT5 People's Forum Trust (23-CA-10)**

##### **Wild About Whitstable (project 2)**

**£615**

The Trust organised (for the second year) a weeklong series of events 'Wild About Whitstable' to celebrate the richness and diversity of the natural environment both coastal and inland. Grant funding provided a contribution to guest speakers, supplies for the photographic competition and bee bomb materials.

### Alister Brady

#### **St Stephen's Residents Association (23-CA-3)**

##### **Defibrillator**

**£500**

Grant funding contributed to the installation of a defibrillator inside the entrance to St Stephen's Church Hall in Hales Drive, Canterbury, providing vital community equipment.

#### **Parkside Community Foundation Primary School (23-CA-7)**

##### **Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Equipment**

**£729**

The school were looking to improve the playtimes for the children by offering a range of activities to enhance their experience. Grant funding provided scooters and safety equipment.

#### **Prince of Wales Youth Club (23-CA-9)**

##### **Summer Blast 2023**

**£1,500**

The Youth Club provided a low-cost summer project to the children & young people of the Northgate Ward, Canterbury with subsidised places. Grant funding contributed to hall hire and offsite activities.

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**Canterbury Theatre and Festival Trust (23-CA-12) – Multi Member Application**

**Beautiful Noise: A Community Music Celebration**

**£300 (Total award £600)**

The Beautiful Noise Community Day provided a programme of performances engaging with local communities, amateur choirs, youth groups, schools and musicians in venues and outdoor spaces in the city throughout the day. Funding contributed to venue hire.

**Abbot's Mill CIC (23-CA-16) – Multi Member Application**

**Reducing anti-social behaviour.**

**£700 (Total award £1,450)**

Grant funding was requested to contribute to the purchase of secure fencing and a lockable gate at the site of the Abbott's Mill Project to ensure that the community peace garden is safe at night, and anything planted is not damaged or destroyed.

**St John's Church of England Primary School (23-CA-20)**

**Early Years Enhancement - Reading and Drama Area**

**£648**

Grant funding was provided to enhance the school's Early Years area through the purchase of a reading shed, stage and backdrop.

**312 (City of Canterbury) Squadron RAFAC (23-CA-21)**

**First Aid Training and Paddle sport introduction**

**£1,000**

As part of the squadron's aims 'to develop the qualities of good citizenship and leadership in young people' and 'to foster a spirit of adventure,' funding contributed to the purchase of a Resuscitation Annie, including two replacement lungs and Stand-Up Paddleboards.

**Canterbury Unit 67 of the Sea Cadet Corps (23-CA-25)**

**Modernise the unit's accessible wet room**

**£1,000**

The Unit requested funding to modernise its accessible wet room for the unit and the local community. Funding provided waterproof screen/white rock.

**All Saints Church Food Larder (23-CA-31)**

**Christmas Day Lunch and entertainment**

**£1,000**

Grant funding contributed to the food for 150 meals served at the Baptist Church which provided a warm and safe place for those that found themselves alone at Christmas.

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Mel Dawkins

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**University of Kent (23-CA-13)**

**Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy - The Horticultural Therapy Programme**

**£750**

The Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy is a partnership between the University of Kent and the Kent MS Therapy Centre. The Horticultural Therapy programme provides nature therapy. Grant funding contributed to the purchase of a greenhouse with base.

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**£750 (Total award £1,450)**

Grant funding was requested to contribute to the purchase of secure fencing and a lockable gate at the site of the Abbott's Mill Project to ensure that the community peace garden is safe at night, and anything planted is not damaged or destroyed.

**Canterbury Climate Action Partnership (CCAP)(23-CA-17)**

**Outreach Project**

**£500**

A pilot project was launched to reach out to those people living in Canterbury's most deprived wards to help them with the current cost of living crisis and to address climate change by making some adjustments to their lives. Grant funding contributed to staffing costs and information booklets for attendees.

**Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership (23-CA-36)**

**Shipping Container, racking and electrics**

**£1000**

The partnership's old shipping container was very badly corroded and needed replacing. To ensure that the new container remains secure and has suitable storage, grant funding contributed to a lock box, racking, secure padlock and electrics.

**Kent Farmers Market Association (23-CA-37) – Multi Member Application**

**Website Expansion**

**£300 (Total award - £1950)**

The Association proposed to extend the format of its website with a new section to enable customers to find local producers who do not necessarily attend Farmers Markets. These suppliers

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will be displayed on a map of Kent (by produce category) so viewers will be able to find them and link directly to their web sites/shop. Grant funding contributed to software and design costs.

[Alan Marsh](#)

**Deal Memorial Bandstand Trust (23-CA-4) – Multi Member Application**

**Royal Marines Band Concert on Walmer Green**

**£700 (£1200 Total Award)**

As part of its summer concert season, the Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines performed at the memorial concert and rededication service. Grant funding contributed to the costs of LED Screens.

**Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (23-CA-6)**

**Outdoor Event Equipment**

**£500**

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People's 'Placement Instructors' (an instructor that is assigned to each Hearing Dog recipient) hold regular community days so that recipients can receive ongoing training. Grant funding contributed to the purchase of a gazebo and tables.

**Herne and Broomfield Parish Council (23-CA-8)**

**Community Fun Day**

**£360**

Due to the cost of living, a free community event was held with low-cost activities for the local community to come together, including dog and classic car shows. Grant funding contributed to first aid and bin hire.

**Hersden Neighbourhood Centre Association (23-CA-15)**

**Combi Boiler**

**£2,000**

Following the failure of the Association's main hall heating, a replacement was needed to ensure continued use of facilities. Grant funding contributed to the cost of a new combi boiler.

**Herne Church of England Junior School (23-CA-23)**

**Pantomime trip for Year 3**

**£1,630.50**

Grant funding provided subsidised tickets and transport for the Year 3 class to attend a local pantomime.

**Reculver Primary School (23-CA-26)**

**Pantomime trip for Years 1 and 2**

**£1,630.50**

Grant funding provided subsidised tickets and transport for the Year 1 & 2 classes to attend a local pantomime.

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**Hoath Primary School (23-CA-27)**

**Pantomime trip**

**£850**

Grant funding provided subsidised tickets and transport for pupils to attend a local pantomime.

**Chislet Church of England Primary School (23-CA-28)**

**Pantomime trip**

**£950**

Grant funding provided subsidised tickets and transport for pupils to attend a local pantomime.

**Royal Marines Association Deal (23-CA-29)**

**Sergeant's Mess Pantomime**

**£700**

The pantomime was performed by former Royal Marines for 11 nights to the local community with the money raised going to charity. Grant funding contributed to theatre hire.

**Hersden Neighbourhood Centre Association (23-CA-33)**

**Christmas Panto**

**£400**

An annual Christmas panto and gathering is organised by the Association. Grant funding contributed to performance costs.

[Mike Sole](#)

**Ickham and Well Parish Council (23-CA-1)**

**Parish Defibrillator**

**£300**

Funding was provided for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator located centrally within Ickham.

**Waltham Village Hall Charity (23-CA-19)**

**Kitchen replacement equipment**

**£500**

Grant funding contributed to the replacement of the kitchen fridge and dishwasher. The kitchen facilities support numerous group activities and provides a valuable community facility.

[Robert Thomas](#)

**Kent Farmers Market Association (23-CA-37) – Multi Member Application**

**Website Expansion**

**£200 (Total award - £1950)**

The Association proposed to extend the format of its website with a new section to enable customers to find local producers who do not necessarily attend Farmers Markets. These suppliers will be displayed on a map of Kent (by produce category) so viewers will be able to find them and link directly to their web sites/shop. Grant funding contributed to software and design costs.

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Dan Watkins

**East Kent Mencap (23-CA-5) - Multi Member Application**

**Fun Day for People with a Learning Disability**

**£150 (£300 Total award)**

A Fun Day for people with a learning disability in Herne Bay was organised where they could highlight their skills and socialise with other service users. Grant funding contributed to communication materials and resources for the day.

**Keep Talking Services (23-CA-30)**

**Free Mental Health Awareness Training to Local Organisations**

**£300**

Keep Talking Services offers free accredited Level 2 mental health awareness training to members of local community groups. Grant funding contributed to attendance certificates, printing costs and the development of a training leaflet.

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## Highways Grants

Neil Baker

**Highways (23-KHS-CA-32)**

**20mph Scheme – Tankerton Road, Tankerton**

**£14,000**

Residents and shop owners contacted the local Member to express concerns about the speeds of vehicles in Tankerton and wished to reduce the current 30mph speed limit to 20mph. Grant funding provided the installation of signs and roundels including traffic management.

Alister Brady

**Highways (23-KHS-CA-11)**

**20mph Scheme Design Fee – Forty Acres Road, Canterbury**

**£1,068**

Residents approached the local Members to express concerns about the speeds of vehicles in Forty Acres Road and surrounding roads and wished to reduce the current 30mph speed limit to 20mph. Funding contributed to the design fee.

Mark Dance

**Highways (23-KHS-CA-2)**

**Solar Powered Vehicular Activated Sign (VAS) – Borstal Hill, Whitstable**

**£9,684.85**

Grant funding enabled the purchase and installation of a solar powered VAS to remind and educate motorists of the speed limit approaching residential area.

Mel Dawkins

**Highways (23-KHS-CA-22)**

**20mph Scheme – Design Fee – Old Dover Road, Canterbury**

**£3,918**

The local Member raised concerns regarding the speed of vehicles travelling along Old Dover Road, Canterbury and wished to reduce the current speed from 30mph to 20mph. Grant funding contributed to the design fee.

Mike Sole

**Highways (23-KHS-CA-18)**

**Speed Limit Reduction Scheme – Wick Lane, Woolage Green Road, Westcourt Lane, Canterbury**

**£4,173**

Womenswold Parish Council and the local Member raised concerns regarding speeds of vehicles travelling through Woolage Green. Grant funding contributed to 3 x Automatic Traffic Count surveys, the design fee and the Traffic Regulation Order & associated consultation.

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#### **Highways (23-KHS-CA-35)**

##### **Speed Reduction – Bridge Hill, Bridge**

**£1068**

Bridge Parish Council raised concerns regarding the speeds of vehicles approaching Bridge village from the south west end of the village (travelling towards Canterbury). An existing kerb build-out is in place but an additional one is required to further reduce speeds. Grant funding provided the design fee.

[Robert Thomas](#)

#### **Highways (23-KHS-CA-14)**

##### **Speed Limit Reduction – Canterbury Hill, Wood Hill and Calais Hill, Canterbury**

**£1,068**

Hackington Parish Council approached the local Member to express concerns regarding the speeds of vehicles in Canterbury Hill, Wood Hill and Calais Hill and wished to reduce the current 40mph speed limit to 30mph. Grant funding provided the design fee.

#### **Highways (23-KHS-CA-24)**

##### **Speed Limit Reduction – Faulkners Lane, Harbledown**

**£1,850**

Harbledown and Rough Common Parish Council and the local Member raised concerns regarding the speed of vehicles travelling through Faulker Lane past Kent College Junior School and wished to reduce the current derestricted speed limit to 30mph. Grant funding contributed to the Traffic Regulation Order and associated consultation.

#### **Highways (23-KHS-CA-34)**

##### **Speed Limit Reduction – Canterbury Hill, Calais Hill and Wood Hill, Hackington**

**£2,858**

Hackington Parish Council and the local Member raised concerns regarding speed vehicles in the Hackington area. Grant funding provided the installation of signage including traffic management.

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## Dartford Member Grant Funding - Breakdown of Spend

In total 17 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Dartford Members. Of which:

- 9 grants were awarded to charities
- 2 grants were awarded to Church/Faith Groups
- 2 grants were awarded to Not for Profit organisations
- 2 grants were awarded to schools
- 1 grant was awarded to a sports organisation

13 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 3 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Dartford Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **Penny Cole – Dartford East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £2,000 with a £7,707.54 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Kelly Grehan – Dartford North East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £5,647.51 with a £2,229.50 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Peter Harman – Swanscombe and Greenhithe**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £4,020 with a £8,064.95 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Jeremy Kite, MBE – Dartford Rural**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £500 with a £8,375 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Jan Ozog – Dartford West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £0 with a £23,600 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Avtar Sandhu, MBE – Wilmington**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £700 with a £17,205 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Dartford Member Spend for 2023/24 - £12,867.51

- £1,450 for social care initiatives
- £1,800 for assistive equipment and technology projects
- £2,300 for community development projects
- £1,320 for community safety initiatives
- £500 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £700 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £1,800 for family support services projects
- £1,637.51 for primary school projects
- £1,000 for secondary school projects
- £360 for sport and recreation projects

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## Community Grants

Penny Cole

**Dartford Science and Technology College (23-DA-3) – Multi Member Application**

**Community Day 2023**

**£500 (Total Award - £1,000)**

2023 marked the seventh annual community day with 750 staff and students volunteering in and around Dartford, with the aim to make a marked, memorable and significant impact upon the town, the residents and students. Grant funding provided equipment to facilitate the day such as paint, gardening equipment and other equipment.

**We Are Beams (23-DA-10) – Multi Member Application**

**Sensory Cabin Update**

**£1000 (Total Award - £1800)**

The sensory room in the respite centre needed investment and required an upgrade to the equipment. The room is a crucial space for children with disabilities to relax and explore their senses, the room is also used by local schools. Grant funding contributed to the cost of new equipment.

**Dartford Science and Technology College (23-DA-11) – Multi Member Application**

**Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea 2023**

**£500 (Total Award - £1000)**

153 senior citizens attended for an afternoon tea, with raffle and entertainment from a mixture of care homes and local community residents. Grant funding provided food, glass hire and free raffle prizes.

Kelly Grehan

**Dartford Science and Technology College (23-DA-3) – Multi Member Application**

**Community Day 2023**

**£500 (Total Award - £1,000)**

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**Home-Start North West Kent (23-DA-5)**

**Autistic Spectrum Support Group**

**£900**

This weekly support group is held for parents feeling isolated and in need of peer support in a local church. Grant funding contributed to the cost of venue hire.

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### **All Directions CIC (23-DA-6)**

#### **End of summer prom**

**£450**

All Directions provide daytime activities and opportunities for adults with learning disabilities and an end of year prom was held for all students. It was also an opportunity to celebrate All Directions' 12th birthday. Grant funding contributed to decorations, corsages, good bags, food, drink and entertainment.

### **River Mill Primary School PTA (23-DA-7)**

#### **Events and fundraising:**

**£1,637.51**

The River Mill PTA Committee was established in December 2021. To enable them to raise funds for school resources, they hold a number of events. Grant funding contributed to the purchase of a gala tent gazebo, folding tables and chairs.

### **Oasis Domestic Abuse Service (23-DA-8)**

#### **Weekly Support Group for Dartford and Gravesham Residents**

**£500**

Grant funding contributed to refreshments and sessional materials so that the service could offer a weekly support group for young women living in Dartford and Gravesend who are vulnerable to abuse, exploitation and homelessness, who are receiving or have received support from Oasis Domestic Abuse Service and have an ongoing support need around isolation and loneliness.

### **All Directions (Kent) CIC (23-DA-9)**

#### **Christmas Celebrations**

**£500**

The Christmas Project gives learners, friends, volunteers and people in the community the chance to come together and celebrate Christmas by having a Christmas dinner and party, so they won't be alone over Christmas. Grant funding contributed to hall hire, band hire, Christmas gifts, food and refreshments.

### **We Are Beams (23-DA-10) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Sensory Cabin Update**

**£300 (Total Award - £1800)**

The sensory room in the respite centre needed investment and required an upgrade to the equipment. The room is a crucial space for children with disabilities to relax and explore their senses, the room is also used by local schools. Grant funding contributed to the cost of new equipment.

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### **Dartford Science and Technology College (23-DA-11) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea 2023**

**£500 (Total Award - £1000)**

153 senior citizens attended for an afternoon tea, with raffle and entertainment from a mixture of care homes and local community residents. Grant funding provided food, glass hire and free raffle prizes.

### **Healthy Living Centre Dartford (23-DA-15)**

#### **Walking Netball Sessions**

**£360**

The Centre wanted to start walking netball sessions for people with reduced mobility and older residents. Grant funding contributed to equipment such as balls and bibs.

### **Peter Harman**

#### **Mary's Child (23-DA-1)**

#### **Summer 'Food and Fun' Project**

**£900**

Mary's Child ran nine sessions in local schools and venues where families could come along, to take part in a variety of games and craft activities and receive a healthy and nutritious lunch. The sessions were aimed at primary school children. Grant funding provided food, refreshments, tableware, craft resources and games/outdoor equipment.

### **St Peter and St Paul Church (23-DA-2)**

#### **Church Centre Car Park**

**£500**

The Church Centre is used on a daily basis by Church groups and local community groups. The only access to the centre is through the car park, which was in a very poor state of repair and needed resurfacing. Grant funding contributed to the cost of the tarmac.

### **We Are Beams (23-DA-10) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Sensory Cabin Update**

**£500 (Total Award - £1800)**

The sensory room in the respite centre needed investment and required an upgrade to the equipment. The room is a crucial space for children with disabilities to relax and explore their senses, the room is also used by local schools. Grant funding contributed to the cost of new equipment.

### **Ebbsfleet Baptist Church (23-DA-12)**

#### **Pop up Community Carols**

**£500**

The Church took a short carol service to four different locations on the afternoon of 10 December 2023 and invited the community out to celebrate Christmas together. Grant funding contributed to the cost of an LED screen van.

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**Empire Bowls Club (23-DA-13)**

**Demolishment of Old Clubhouse Building and Clearance of the Site Debris**

**£1,300**

A newly constructed Clubhouse meant the demolition of the old building and clearing of the site to provide additional parking spaces as a condition of the planning permission. Grant funding contributed to the demolition costs.

**St Peter & St Paul Church Swanscombe (23-DA-14)**

**Defibrillator Installation**

**£320**

Following the donation of a defibrillator by the British Heart Foundation, the Church required grant funding to assist with installation costs.

[Jeremy Kite, MBE](#)

**Longfield Hill Community Hall Trustees (23-DA-4)**

**Replacement Cooker**

**£500**

The existing cooker in the hall was very old and considered unsafe for hall users to use. The hall was offered an 18-month-old double oven cooker for a donation of £200. Grant funding contributed to the cost of the cooker and an electrician to fit and PAT test the appliance.

[Avtar Sandhu, MBE](#)

**Joydens Wood Residents Community Association (23-DA-16)**

**Tree Removal**

**£700**

Some trees to the rear of the community centre were causing the neighbouring school fence to be pushed over, grant funding enabled the ground clearing in preparation for hedge planting.

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## Dover Member Grant Funding – Breakdown of Spend

In total 35 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Dover Members. Of which:

- 12 grants were awarded to charities
- 5 grants were awarded to Church/Faith Groups
- 5 grants were awarded to community groups
- 3 grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 9 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 1 grant was awarded to a sports organisation

21 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 14 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Dover Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **David Beaney – Dover West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £6,500 with a £6,635.08 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Trevor Bond – Deal & Walmer (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,269.90 with a £10,332.78 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Sue Chandler - Sandwich**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,600 with a £3,332.64 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Nigel Collor – Dover Town (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £7,450 with a £4,250 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Steve Manion – Dover North**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,500 with a £2,324.64 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Derek Murphy – Deal & Walmer (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £5,999.90 with a £7,556.10 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Oliver Richardson – Dover Town (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £8,875 with a £9,646.33 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Dover Member Spend for 2023/24 - £37,194.80

- £1,000 for social care initiatives
- £400 for assistive equipment and technology projects
- £500 for community development projects
- £10,250 for community safety initiatives
- £11,770 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £2,825 for family support services projects
- £1,500 for mental health support projects
- £8,949.80 for sport and recreation projects

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## Community Grants

David Beaney

### **Dover District Council (23-DO-4) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Youth Conference Roadshow**

**£1000 (Total Award - £7,000)**

Now in its fifth year, the theme of the 2023 youth conference was a focus on drugs, gangs and social media. 10 schools within the district were visited targeting mainly year 8 students to address issues in the area. Grant funding contributed to speaker/entertainment costs, merchandise and promotional materials.

### **Heartstone (23-DO-13) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Kosovo +25**

**£150 (Total Award - £1,500)**

Heartstone delivered the staging of 'Kosovo+25', an exhibition event to mark the 25th anniversary of the Kosovo Force (KFOR) intervention in Kosovo, at Dover Castle in February/March 2024. The exhibition was centred on an original photodocumentary produced by Heartstone in 2000/01 which included the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment who were a partner on this project. Grant funding contributed to exhibition costs including large format prints and mounting.

### **Head in the Game (23-DO-16) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Football Sessions**

**£300 (Total Award -£1,700)**

Head in the Game offers an invaluable opportunity for men in the local community to unite and indulge in the sport they love. The weekly sessions, provided free of charge, cater to men between the ages of 18-55, regardless of their footballing ability. Grant funded contributed to pitch hire and equipment costs.

### **Denton Village Hall (23-DO-23)**

#### **Disabled Toilet Facilities**

**£500**

Work was required to make the toilet facilities accessible, grant funding contributed to planning fees.

### **Denton with Wootton Parish Council (23-DO-27)**

#### **Defibrillators and Litter Picking Equipment for Denton and Wootton Villages**

**£1750**

The old defibrillators were near the end of their useful life, were not regularly serviced and not accessible 24/7 so the Parish Council wanted to replace them for its parishioners and visitors. Additionally, the Council wanted to provide the community with litter picking equipment to help encourage community engagement and cohesion. Grant funding contributed to both.

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**Alkham Parish Council (23-DO-33)**

**Community Speedwatch Personal Bodycams**

**£300**

The Parish Council had already purchased a speed gun for the Speedwatch volunteers but wanted buy two personal bodycams for the safety and protection of the volunteers. Grant funding provided the bodycams.

**Alkham Parish Council (23-DO-34)**

**Playground Equipment**

**£2000**

Grant funding contributed to the replacement of several items within the children's playground on the local Village Green.

**Model Boat Association Dover (MBAD) (23-DO-35) – Multi Member Application**

**Secure garage door for unit**

**£500 (Total Award - £1,000)**

Having recently moved units, further security was required. Grant funding contributed to the purchase of a new garage door.

**Trevor Bond**

**Dover District Council (23-DO-4) – Multi Member Application**

**Youth Conference Roadshow**

**£500 (Total Award - £7,000)**

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**St Andrew's Church (23-DO-12)**

**Defibrillator**

**£300**

Grant funding contributed to the purchase and installation of a defibrillator to be mounted on the outside of St Andrew's Church Hall for the use of residents and visitors to North Deal.

**Walmer Town Council (23-DO-20)**

**Carols on the Green**

**£600**

The Carols on the Green is an open-to-all, free-to-attend family event on Walmer Green during the Christmas holidays. Grant funding contributed to marquee and chairs hire, as well as musicians.

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**2235 Deal RAF Air Cadets (23-DO-21) – Multi Member Application**

**Camping Equipment**

**£499.90 (Total Award - £999.80)**

Grant funding contributed to the purchase of new camping equipment to enable participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Cadet camps.

**Martha Trust (23-DO-28)**

**Music on the farm - Community Festival**

**£1370**

Music on the Farm is an annual community music event held in the fields of Solley's Ice Cream in Ripple, Deal. It promotes inclusivity and raises awareness of disability. It offers volunteering opportunities, highlights local bands, entertainers and food and drinks vendors, whilst raising funds for Martha Trust, a local charity based in Deal. Grant funding provided a PA sound system.

**Sue Chandler**

**Dover District Council (23-DO-4) – Multi Member Application**

**Youth Conference Roadshow**

**£2,000 (Total Award - £7,000)**

Now in its fifth year, the theme of the 2023 youth conference was a focus on drugs, gangs and social media. 10 schools within the district were visited targeting mainly year 8 students to address issues in the area. Grant funding contributed to speaker/entertainment costs, merchandise and promotional materials.

**Sandwich Town Council (23-DO-15)**

**War Memorial Restoration Project**

**£500**

Sandwich's War Memorial required restoration so the names of the fallen could be clearly seen again. The structure itself also required professional examination and possible repair, which grant funding contributed to.

**East Kent Football Club (23-DO-18) – Multi Member Application**

**Dover District U11 Girls**

**£250 (Total Award - £2,250)**

The football club wished to assemble a squad of Y5/Y6 girls from primary schools across the Dover & Deal to represent the district in competitive matches against other districts in Kent. Grant funding contributed to pitch hire, official fees, equipment and kit.

**Stourmouth Parish Council (23-DO-36)**

**Further Improvements to Stourmouth Cemetery**

**£850**

Following the parish council taking over the cemetery, a renovation project was undertaken. Grant funding contributed towards new gates which completed the project and allowed the formal opening of the cemetery.

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Nigel Collor

**Clarendon and Westbury Community Association (23-DO-2)**

**Improving Digital Accessibility**

**£400**

Grant funding was provided for installation of broadband and computers for the community to use.

**Dover District Council (23-DO-4) – Multi Member Application**

**Youth Conference Roadshow**

**£1,000 (Total Award - £7,000)**

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**Samphire (23-DO-5)**

**Multicultural Festival**

**£1,000**

Samphire's annual multicultural festival is the highlight of their events programme and brings people from all Dover communities together. Grant funding contributed to free to the public festival workshops.

**Dover Smart Project (23-DO-6) – Multi Member Application**

**Young Carers Art Club**

**£800 (Total Award - £1,100)**

Dover Smart Project runs two weekly groups for young carers across the district, aged 5 to 18 years old. The groups provide carers respite through creativity. Grant funding contributed to art materials, food and refreshments.

**Dover Vineyard Church (23-DO-10)**

**The Beehive Dover**

**£750**

The Beehive is a high-end second-hand women's clothing shop, cafe and workshop space. Through referrals, women can receive clothing free of charge. Grant funding contributed to building and decoration costs.

**Oasis Domestic Abuse Service (23-DO-11) – Multi Member Application**

**Domestic Abuse Support Group**

**£300 (Total Award - £600)**

Grant funding contributed to refreshment and sessional material costs for the establishment of a domestic abuse support group to provide survivors with an opportunity to momentarily forget about the trauma they have experienced whilst also forming a valuable support network.

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### **Heartstone (23-DO-13) – Multi Member Application**

**Kosovo +25**

**£350 (Total Award - £1,500)**

Heartstone delivered the staging of 'Kosovo+25', an exhibition event to mark the 25th anniversary of the Kosovo Force (KFOR) intervention in Kosovo, at Dover Castle in February/March 2024. The exhibition was centred on an original photodocumentary produced by Heartstone in 2000/01 which included the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment who were a partner on this project. Grant funding contributed to exhibition costs including large format prints and mounting.

### **Head in the Game (23-DO-16) – Multi Member Application**

**Football Sessions**

**£400 (Total Award -£1,700)**

Head in the Game offers an invaluable opportunity for men in the local community to unite and indulge in the sport they love. The weekly sessions, provided free of charge, cater to men between the ages of 18-55, regardless of their footballing ability. Grant funded contributed to pitch hire and equipment costs.

### **East Kent Football Club (23-DO-18) – Multi Member Application**

**Dover District U11 Girls**

**£750 (Total Award - £2,250)**

The football club wished to assemble a squad of Y5/Y6 girls from primary schools across the Dover & Deal to represent the district in competitive matches against other districts in Kent. Grant funding contributed to pitch hire, official fees, equipment and kit.

### **Soundwaves Choir (23-DO-26)**

**New Equipment**

**£1000**

Soundwaves Choir is an inclusive group of singers, dedicated to their music, enjoying themselves and bringing music to others. To continue their work, grant funding contributed to new music stands to use for practices and performances in the local area.

### **RBL Dover White Cliffs (23-DO-29)**

**Channel Dash Ceremony**

**£300**

Grant funding contributed to food for a service to remember those who took part in Operation Fuller (Channel Dash) during WW2.

### **Playground Proms (23-DO-32) – Multi Member Application**

**Playground Prom Kent Pilot – Dover and Folkestone & Hythe**

**£300 (Total Award - £1300)**

Grant funding contributed funding for musician fees to provide music workshops to schools in Kent with little or no access to live music.

### **Kent Farmers Market Association (23-DO-37) – Multi Member Application**

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### **Website Expansion**

**£100 (Total award - £1950)**

The Association proposed to extend the format of its website with a new section to enable customers to find local producers who do not necessarily attend Farmers Markets. These suppliers will be displayed on a map of Kent (by produce category) so viewers will be able to find them and link directly to their web sites/shop. Grant funding contributed to software and design costs.

### **Steve Manion**

**Sutton Parish Community Centre (23-DO-1)**

**Community Coronation Big Tea**

**£300**

Refreshments for a Coronation fun afternoon and tea party were provided by grant funding. The event was open to all households/families living within in the boundaries of the Sutton by Dover Parish, to come together to celebrate the coronation.

**Martha Trust (23-DO-3)**

**Music on the Farm Community Festival**

**£300**

Music on the Farm is an annual community music event held in the fields of Solley's Ice Cream in Ripple, Deal. It promotes inclusivity and raises awareness of disability. It offers volunteering opportunities, highlights local bands, entertainers and food and drinks vendors, whilst raising funds for Martha Trust, a local charity based in Deal. Grant funding provided a PA sound system. Grant funding provided portaloos.

**Dover Smart Project (23-DO-6) – Multi Member Application**

**Young Carers Art Club**

**£300 (Total Award - £1,100)**

Dover Smart Project runs two weekly groups for young carers across the district, aged 5 to 18 years old. The groups provide carers respite through creativity. Grant funding contributed to art materials, food and refreshments.

**Langdon Parish Council (23-DO-8)**

**Defibrillator**

**£300**

Grant funding contributed to a community project to install a defibrillator.

**Great Mongeham Society (GMS) (23-DO-19)**

**Conservation Areas Updating Review.**

**£300**

The Society wished to review and update the two conservation areas in Great Mongeham which were created in the early 1970s and for which the documentation has been lost. Grant funding contributed to the hiring of a conservation area expert to carry out research.

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Derek Murphy

**Dover District Council (23-DO-4) – Multi Member Application**

**Youth Conference Roadshow**

**£500 (Total Award - £7,000)**

Now in its fifth year, the theme of the 2023 youth conference was a focus on drugs, gangs and social media. 10 schools within the district were visited targeting mainly year 8 students to address issues in the area. Grant funding contributed to speaker/entertainment costs, merchandise and promotional materials.

**Deal Memorial Bandstand Trust (23-DO-7) – Multi Member Application**

**Royal Marines Band Concert on Walmer Green**

**£500 (£1200 Total Award)**

As part of its summer concert season, the Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines performed at the memorial concert and rededication service. Grant funding contributed to the costs of LED Screens.

**St Saviour's Community Garden Group (23-DO-17)**

**Garden Maintenance**

**£1,000**

The Group wished to cultivate and maintain the church garden for use by the local community, visitors to the area and community outreach projects. Grant funding contributed to garden tools, storage and a water butt.

**2235 Deal RAF Air Cadets (23-DO-21) – Multi Member Application**

**Camping Equipment**

**£499.90 (Total Award - £999.80)**

Grant funding contributed to the purchase of new camping equipment to enable participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Cadet camps.

**Deal Community Carnival Association (23-DO-24)**

**New Carnival Float**

**£1000**

The old float for the Carnival had to be scrapped as it was beyond repair. The group wished to begin building a new float for use at the next Carnival. Funding contributed to plans and material documents.

**Parish of Upper Deal and Great Mongeham (23-DO-30)**

**Community Friendship Lunch**

**£1000**

A lunch takes place on the first Thursday of every month for the community, especially for those who are older or live alone. It allows people to come together in friendship and enjoy a meal together. Grant funding provided food and catering and contributed to the cost of heating and lighting.

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### **The Living Well (23-DO-31)**

#### **Property Refurbishment**

**£1,500**

The Living Well supports people from all faiths who are struggling with life in some way. Their facilities needed refurbishment and grant funding contributed to a dishwasher, decoration costs and furniture.

#### **Oliver Richardson**

### **Dover District Council (23-DO-4) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Youth Conference Roadshow**

**£2,000 (Total Award - £7,000)**

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### **Military Grave Restorer CIC (23-DO-9)**

#### **St James Cemetery Grave Restoration**

**£800**

Grant funding was requested to provide materials to restore and clean three military graves and one Victoria Cross grave.

### **Oasis Domestic Abuse Service (23-DO-11) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Domestic Abuse Support Group**

**£300 (Total Award - £600)**

Grant funding contributed to refreshment and sessional material costs for the establishment of a domestic abuse support group to provide survivors with an opportunity to momentarily forget about the trauma they have experienced whilst also forming a valuable support network.

### **Heartstone (23-DO-13) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Kosovo +25**

**£1000 (Total Award - £1,500)**

Heartstone delivered the staging of 'Kosovo+25', an exhibition event to mark the 25th anniversary of the Kosovo Force (KFOR) intervention in Kosovo, at Dover Castle in February/March 2024. The exhibition was centred on an original photodocumentary produced by Heartstone in 2000/01 which included the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment who were a partner on this project. Grant funding contributed to exhibition costs including large format prints and mounting.

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**The Dover Society (23-DO-14)****Installation of blue plaque to Lord Lewin****£300**

The Society has produced a Blue Plaque Trail leaflet to enable both visitors and locals to become more aware of lesser-known Dover heritage. Grant funding contributed to the manufacture costs for the Lord Lewin plaque.

**Head in the Game (23-DO-16) – Multi Member Application****Football Sessions****£1000 (Total Award - £1,700)**

Head in the Game offers an invaluable opportunity for men in the local community to unite and indulge in the sport they love. The weekly sessions, provided free of charge, cater to men between the ages of 18-55, regardless of their footballing ability. Grant funded contributed to pitch hire and equipment costs.

**East Kent Football Club (23-DO-18) – Multi Member Application****Dover District U11 Girls****£1,250 (Total Award - £2,250)**

The football club wished to assemble a squad of Y5/Y6 girls from primary schools across the Dover & Deal to represent the district in competitive matches against other districts in Kent. Grant funding contributed to pitch hire, official fees, equipment and kit.

**Dover Big Local CIC (23-DO-22)****Science Week****£725**

A week of fun science activities were organised which included a coach trip to the Science Museum aimed at families from areas within Dover Town. Grant funding contributed to the coach hire costs.

**Royal Marines Association Club (23-DO-25)****Purchase of hot beverage machine****£1000**

The Club provides a much-needed social hub for military veterans and their families. Grant funding contributed to the purchase of a hot beverage machine for use by those who visit the club, including at the monthly military veterans' breakfast.

**Model Boat Association Dover (MBAD) (23-DO-35) – Multi Member Application****Secure garage door for unit****£500 (Total Award - £1,000)**

Having recently moved units, further security was required. Grant funding contributed to the purchase of a new garage door.

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## Folkestone & Hythe Member Grant Funding – Breakdown of Spend

In total 26 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Folkestone & Hythe Members. Of which:

- 9 grants were awarded to charities
- 2 grants were awarded to a Church/Faith Group
- 4 grants were awarded to community groups
- 1 grant was awarded to a KCC Service
- 1 grant was awarded to Kent Highways
- 2 grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 4 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 3 grants were awarded to schools

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 11 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 14 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Folkestone & Hythe Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **Susan Carey – Elham Valley**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £8,714.38 with a £946.55 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Jenni Hawkins – Hythe West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £11,106 with a £5,484 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Tony Hills – Romney Marsh**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £4,170 with a £701.06 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Dylan Jeffrey – Folkestone West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,500 with a £10,525 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Rory Love, OBE – Cheriton, Sandgate and Hythe East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £472 with a £9,741.30 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Jackie Meade – Folkestone East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,800 with a £15,056.30 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Folkestone & Hythe Member Spend for 2023/24 - £27,762.38

- £2,728.80 for social care initiatives
- £1,444.98 for community safety initiatives
- £9,123.60 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £5,367.80 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £250 for family support services projects
- £1,040 for mental health support projects
- £2,307.20 for open spaces initiatives
- £2,000 for primary school projects
- £1,500 for public health initiatives
- £1,000 for secondary school projects
- £500 for sport and recreation projects
- £500 for traffic management and road safety projects

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## Community Grants

Susan Carey

**1<sup>st</sup> Sellindge Scout Group (23-FH-6)**

**Storage Container**

**£500**

The Scout Group required extra storage and to centralise storage facilities, grant funding contributed to the cost of a new storage container.

**Elham Historical Society (23-FH-9)**

**Audrey Hepburn Blue Plaque**

**£500**

The grant provided the manufacture, installation and promotion of a plaque for the film and fashion icon, Audrey Hepburn. She lived in Elham as a child and the local area wished to recognise this and bring a boost to local tourism and businesses.

**PCC St Martins Church Acrise (23-FH-12)**

**New storage shed**

**£1500**

The Church wished to install a second storage shed to provide further storage for tables and chairs used in the church, including by the local school, and at community events. Grant funding contributed to the cost of the new shed.

**Plan Tree, Kent County Council (23-FH-16)**

**Elm Heritage Kent**

**£2,217.80**

Grant funding provided 260 1L whips and associated tree protection following the loss of many mature elms throughout the area. The project has seen the reintroduction of Dutch Elm Disease (DED) resistant Ulmus trees to Kent.

**The Folkestone Leas Lift Company CIO (23-FH-18)**

**Restoring Folkestone's Gem for the Community**

**£500**

A project is planned to see the Leas Lift Cliff Funicular Railway, closed since 2017, restored, repaired and re-opened with 21st century facilities. Alongside this there will be a programme of educational activities for the whole community. Grant funding contributed to repair and conservation works.

**Folkestone NCI (23-FH-21)**

**Provision of Electronic Land Based Chart Plotter**

**£472.98**

A chart plotter enables watchkeepers to take coordinates and plot them onto an exact position so that HM Coastguard, Lifeboats and other search & rescue organisations are kept fully apprised of casualty position when tasked. Paper charts, used at present, are to be discontinued and replaced

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with electronic versions. Grant funding provided an iPad, casing, plotting software, tidal atlas software and a tide planner.

**Elham Village Hall Association Ltd (23-FH-24)**

**Elham Community Shed Project**

**£450**

The Elham Community Shed Project is primarily a project aimed at widows, widowers and single people in Elham and surrounding villages. The aim is to provide a place for people to talk, form friendships, make things together, share ideas and learn new skills. Grant funding provided new storage bins to assist in the provision of indoor furnishings.

**Elham Parish Council (23-FH-25)**

**Fireproof Filing Cabinet**

**£873.60**

The Parish Council requested grant funding to purchase a fireproof filing cabinet to store historical parish documents.

[Jenni Hawkins](#)

**The Harvey Academy (23-FH-3)**

**Literature Wall Murals Project**

**£1000**

Grant funding contributed to the design and materials for new murals to be installed on three sections of corridor in the Harvey Grammar School to promote reading and inspire students to engage with literature.

**Dymchurch Primary School (23-FH-4)**

**Sensory Garden**

**£1,500**

Dymchurch Primary School wished to renovate an unused area to provide a safe sensory space for children with special educational needs and a quiet space for other children and staff to support them with their mental health needs. Grant funding provided fencing, a gate, planting and furniture.

**Hythe Triangle Community Garden (23-FH-5)**

**Repair of Grade II listed Walls of "The Hythe Triangle"**

**£3,000**

The Hythe Triangle Community Garden has a responsibility to protect, maintain and preserve the Grade II listed animal pound. Wall repairs had been ongoing and grant funding enabled the completion of works to the two longer walls.

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**Pavement Pounders CIC (23-FH-7)**

**Archive Project**

**£750**

Grant funding contributed to an archiving course, audio file readiness and online storage costs to both secure the archive and make it freely available for other organisations and individuals to learn about the history of Folkestone.

**Romney Marsh Community Hub (23-FH-15)**

**Welcome Warm Space**

**£2,148.80**

Commencing in November 2023, the Community Hub launched a welcome warm hub accompanied by the free support services that are delivered from the Hub. Grant funding provided more chairs and a refrigerated display merchandiser.

**Lympne Parish Council (23-FH-19)**

**Permissive Footpath Construction**

**£1,450**

The Parish Council wished to construct a footpath linking Lympne playing fields to Castle Road to provide a safe route to the Church and castle for members of the community. Grant funding provided materials for construction.

**21 Together (23-FH-23) – Multi Member Application**

**Regional Hubs**

**£250 (Total Award - £1,750)**

The aim of the regional hubs is to provide local support for families, allowing them to meet regularly and receive emotional and physical support and advice. Grant funding contributed to room rental and resources.

**Playground Proms (23-FH-26) – Multi Member Application**

**Playground Prom Kent Pilot – Dover and Folkestone & Hythe**

**£700 (Total Award - £1300)**

Grant funding contributed funding for musician fees to provide music workshops to schools in Kent with little or no access to live music.

**Hythe Civic Society (23-FH-27)**

**Refurbishment of shrub bed on the corner of Seabrook Road/ Mill Road**

**£307.20**

The shrub bed was created in 2010, and many plants had reached the end of their natural lifespan. The project aimed to restore the bed to its former glory to provide a continuing, colourful, welcome to Hythe Town Centre. Grant funding provided plants for the display.

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Tony Hills

**New Romney Country Fayre (23-FH-1)**

**County Fayre 2023**

**£500**

An annual community event which has been running for over 25 years, the New Romney Country Fayre brings together residents, traders and visitors to the Town which increases the footfall to the High Street. Grant funding contributed to essential services such as first aid, toilets, rubbish disposal, security and PA System.

**Caring Altogether on Romney Marsh (23-FH-2) – Multi Member Application**

**Meeting Point Activity Grants**

**£580 (Total Award - £1160)**

The Meeting Point project works with older people who are socially isolated and looks to fund two trips each year for each project attendee. Grant funding contributed to trips in each Member's divisions.

**Light Up New Romney (23-FH-11)**

**Light Up New Romney Community Lantern Parade and Late-Night Shopping 2023.**

**£500**

A free annual community lantern parade, late night shopping and Christmas Market took place in December 2023. Free lantern making workshops for the public and representatives from voluntary and community organisations took place ahead of the event and grant funding contributed to the cost of materials.

**Hamstreet Primary Academy (23-FH-13) – Multi Member Application**

**Pool Cover Project**

**£500 (£1081 total award)**

Grant funding contributed to the purchase of a new swimming pool cover to ensure the water is kept at a reasonable temperature and clear of debris.

**Brenzett & Snargate PCC (23-FH-14)**

**Community Defibrillator**

**£500**

A church led project involving members of the community, funding contributions from a Member Grant and the Red Lion Pub provided a defibrillator for use by all in the community. A guardianship scheme has been established which will involve regular checks and training being delivered by a nurse.

**Brookland Church of England Primary School (23-FH-17)**

**Therapy Dog Training**

**£590**

The School has a therapy dog to support the needs of students. Grant funding provided accredited training to the therapy dog to enable it to provide assistance to SEN students

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**Ivychurch Parish Council (23-FH-20)**

**Highways Improvements Implementation of Speed Restriction Scheme.**

**£500**

Ivychurch residents had raised concerns about road safety on Ashford Road. Grant funding was requested to contribute to the cost of a speed restriction scheme.

**New Romney In Bloom Community Group (23-FH-29)**

**Enhancements to the Hedged Area on New Romney High Street**

**£500**

New Romney In Bloom aims to make the town and its environment a brighter and more welcoming place for its residents and visitors by creating and maintaining horticultural & floral displays around the town. Grant funding contributed to two planters.

[Dylan Jeffrey](#)

**SVP Conference Folkestone & Cheriton (23-FH-10)**

**Phase Three: Cost of living crisis**

**£1,500**

In its third phase of grant funding, the project sought to seek out and find those in need, to help them and to tackle the causes of poverty where possible. Grant funding for this phase provided food parcels, promotions and tea party produce.

[Rory Love](#)

**The Robert Thompson Charities at Saltwood Kent (23-FH-22)**

**Kitchen Shutter Replacement**

**£472**

The Saltwood Village Hall had a window shutter between the kitchen and a room for hire. It was recommended on its last fire risk assessment inspection that the shutter was replaced with a fireproof one. Grant funding contributed to the replacement shutter.

[Jackie Meade](#)

**Playground Proms (23-FH-26) – Multi Member Application**

**Playground Prom Kent Pilot – Dover and Folkestone & Hythe**

**£300 (Total Award - £1300)**

Grant funding contributed funding for musician fees to provide music workshops to schools in Kent with little or no access to live music.

**Folkestone Town Council (23-FH-28)**

**Folkestone Play Parks**

**£1500**

Eight parks were adopted by the Town Council from the District Council, as they wanted to provide good quality small green spaces. This required an ongoing commitment and grant funding contributed to general fixings and replacement equipment for Southern Way.

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## Highways Grants

Susan Carey

Highways (23-KHS-HF-8)

Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Hawkinge

£1,700

Grant funding contributed to local electric vehicle charging infrastructure to Hawkinge.

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## Gravesham Member Grant Funding – Breakdown of Spend

In total 14 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Gravesham Members. Of which:

- 5 grants were awarded to charities
- 1 grant was awarded to a church/faith group
- 5 grants were awarded to community groups
- 1 grant was provided to a KCC Service
- 1 grant was awarded to a not-for-profit organisation
- 1 grant was awarded to a District, Parish or Town Council

9 Grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 5 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Gravesham Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **Conrad Broadley – Northfleet and Gravesend West (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,683 with a £16,004.04 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Jordan Meade – Gravesend East (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,639 with a £4,083.51 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Alan Ridgers - Gravesend East (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,226 with a £374 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Dr Lauren Sullivan – Northfleet and Gravesend West (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £683 with a £17,820.58 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Bryan Sweetland – Gravesham Rural**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £5,407.20 with a £3,339.18 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Gravesham Member Spend for 2023/24 - £12,638.20

- £650 for community safety initiatives
- £4,632 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £2,000 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £2,757.20 for family support services
- £1,299 for public health initiatives
- £1,300 for sport and recreation projects

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## Community Grants

### Conrad Broadley

#### All Saints Church Parochial Church Council (23-GR-1)

##### War Memorial Restoration

£700

The war memorial had suffered damage from weather and traffic pollution. The memorial had last been cleaned around 20 years ago and grant funding contributed to the cleaning of the memorial.

#### We Are Beams (23-GR-7) – Multi Member Application

##### Sensory Cabin Update

£300 (Total Spend - £2100)

The sensory room in the respite centre needed investment and required an upgrade to the equipment. The room is a crucial space for children with disabilities to relax and explore their senses, the room is also used by local schools. Grant funding contributed to the cost of new equipment.

#### Henry Pinnock and Victoria & Albert Memorial Charity (23-GR-13)

##### 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plaque & Booklet – Multi Member Application

£350 (Total Spend - £1750)

To commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the charity, grant funding contributed to the commission and installation of a permanent plaque, outside the St Thomas's Almshouse Buildings, with an associated booklet produced.

#### Gravesham Network Development CIC (23-GR-14) – Multi Member Application

##### One Voice Community

£333 (Total Spend - £999)

Grant funding contributed to venue hire, musical equipment, refreshments and promotional materials to enable the Gravesham Network Development CIC to bring together individuals with little or no singing experience.

### Jordan Meade

#### Gravesend Art Group (23-GR-9)

##### 2024 Events Preparation

£700

Grant funding contributed to the replacement of broken tables and the purchase of equipment for the 2024 exhibition season. Due to recent expansion, the group are holding more exhibitions, as well as pop up events.

#### Safer Communities Alliance (23-GR-12)

##### Ukrainian Community Cohesion Event

£256 (Total Spend - £512)

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**Alan Ridgers**

**Chalk Village Gardeners Club (23-GR-3)**

**Let's Get Growing 2024**

**£300**

Chalk Village Gardeners Club requested funding for hall rental and speaker costs to encourage more attendance at the club, as well as inform current members.

**Shorne Woods Archaeology Group (23-GR-4)**

**Archaeology for All**

**£970**

Grant funding contributed to expanding the Group's open days to encourage the people of Kent to come and have a go at archaeology for free and to learn more about their local and county history. Funding provided archaeological tools, gardening equipment/tools and metal detecting equipment.

**Friends of the Memorial Hall (23-GR-6)**

**Replacement of external rear fire door**

**£350**

The Friends of the Memorial Hall requested grant funding to replace a badly weathered rear external door with a fire-resistant quality door with improved locking and release mechanism.

**Gravesend & District Sea Cadets (23-GR-10)**

**New Expedition Equipment for DofE Award Participation**

**£1000**

Grant funding contributed to additional equipment to enable cadets to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze qualification. Funding provided rucksacks and tents.

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[Lauren Sullivan](#)

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[Bryan Sweetland](#)

**St Barnabas Church (23-GR-2)**

**Friend's Café**

**£300**

The café provides a warm space that is open to all with hot and cold food available and financial assistance. Grant funding contributed to the cost of food products.

**Kent Country Parks - Kent County Council (23-GR-5)**

**Defibrillator at Trosley Country Park**

**£300**

Funding contributed to the installation of a defibrillator at Trosley Country Park visitor centre for the use of park visitors, staff and hirers of the facilities.

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**We Are Beams (23-GR-8)**

**Tenterden Railway Trip**

**£2457.20**

Grant funding provided a trip to Tenterden Railway on Santa's Special Steam Train for 13 young people with severe and complex needs.

**Cobham Parish Council (23-GR-11)**

**Resurfacing the Sports Ground Car Park**

**£2000**

The Parish Council wished to resurface the playing fields car park, used by local residents and visitors attending football and cricket matches. Funding contributed to the cleaning and preparation for resurfacing.

**Henry Pinnock and Victoria & Albert Memorial Charity (23-GR-13)**

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## Maidstone Member Grant Funding - Breakdown of Spend

In total 37 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Maidstone Members. Of which:

- 11 grants were awarded to charities
- 2 grants were awarded to Church/Faith groups
- 7 grants were awarded to community groups
- 3 grants were awarded to Kent Highways
- 3 grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 9 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 2 grants were awarded to sports organisations

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 14 grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 20 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Maidstone Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **Tom Cannon – Maidstone Central (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £7,759.42 with a £14,343.14 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Sir Paul Carter, CBE – Maidstone Rural North**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £6,067.40 with a £4,182.60 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Ian Chittenden – Maidstone North East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,646.50 with a £3,787.17 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Gary Cooke – Maidstone South East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £6,865.45 with a £11,484.55 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Paul Cooper – Maidstone South**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,131 with a £12,134.48 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Lottie Parfitt – Maidstone Rural South**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £5,733 with a £5,217 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Chris Passmore – Maidstone Central (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £4,800 with a £4,110.85 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Shellina Prendergast – Maidstone Rural East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,999.99 with a £8,950.67 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Simon Webb – Maidstone Rural West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,907.98 with a £1,692.05 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Maidstone Member Spend for 2023/24 - £39,910.74

- £7,207.99 for community development projects
- £2,950 for community safety initiatives
- £1,150 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £900 for early year projects
- £300 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £6,065.45 for family support services projects
- £1,500 for mental health support projects

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£7,344.90 for open spaces initiatives  
£525 for public health initiatives  
£5,252.98 for sport and recreation projects  
£707.98 for traffic management and road safety projects  
£6,006.44 for winter service preparations

## Community Grants

### Tom Cannon

#### St Nicholas Church, Allington (23-MA-15)

##### RBLI Silhouettes

**£350**

To mark Remembrance, Grant funding provided two RBLI silhouettes: 'Tommy' and 'Women at War.'

#### Westborough Bowls Club (23-MA-23)

##### Replacement of Old Equipment

**£1,102.98**

Westborough Bowls Club is predominantly made up of local retired residents, some of whom have mobility issues, and playing bowls gives them the opportunity for gentle exercise in the fresh air and provides important social interaction with other club members. The equipment that is used to maintain the lawn is essential for keeping the surface playable and grant funding provided a new sprayer, lawn sweeper and spreader.

#### Kent Farmers Market Association (23-MA-40) – Multi Member Application

##### Website Expansion

**£300 (Total award - £1950)**

The Association proposed to extend the format of its website with a new section to enable customers to find local producers who do not necessarily attend Farmers Markets. These suppliers will be displayed on a map of Kent (by produce category) so viewers will be able to find them and link directly to their web sites/shop. Grant funding contributed to software and design costs.

### Sir Paul Carter, CBE

#### Bearsted Parish Council (23-MA-1)

##### Summer Play Scheme

**£1000**

Bearsted Parish Council ran a play scheme during the summer holiday at a local school. Funding contributed to entertainment costs.

#### Boxley Parish Council (23-MA-2)

##### New Storage Container for Walderslade Woodlands

**£2000**

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The woodland contributes to the rich biodiversity of the area and effective management is crucial to preserving this so that it continues to provide an environment for the community to enjoy. Grant funding contributed to the purchase of a timber clad storage container.

**Dandelion Time (23-MA-36)**

**New Storage Facility Installations**

**£3067.40**

Grant funding contributed to providing a secure commercial storage unit away from the main site buildings, next to the charity's woodland and woodwork area, to help make it a fully self-contained area for delivering sessions. This will be used to store the woodland-based tools and equipment.

[Ian Chittenden](#)

**Space 2 Be Me (23-MA-25)**

**Family Support and Training**

**£1000**

Grant funding provided a projector, urn, refreshments, general equipment and venue hire to enable family support services for the parents of disabled children and young people.

[Gary Cooke](#)

**Downswood Community Association (23-MA-16)**

**Community Centre Hall Flooring renovation**

**£2,000**

The hall flooring was last renovated in 2015 and required replacing. Grant funding contributed to the labour for sanding and finishings, as well as materials for the works.

**Crossroads Care Kent (23-MA-18)**

**Young Carers' Christmas**

**£2,000**

The Young Carers project support over 200 young carers who have a family caring role. Grant funding provided pantomime tickets and Christmas party contributions for young carers.

**Imago Community – Kent Young Carers (23-MA-20)**

**Maidstone Young Carers Christmas Event at Kent Life**

**£865.45**

Grant funding covered the entrance fee, lunch and transport for 18 young carers in Maidstone to visit Kent Life and take part in Christmas activities.

**Otham Village Hall Committee (23-MA-34)**

**Redecoration Costs**

**£2,000**

Grant funding contributed to redecoration costs for the main hall ceilings, walls and woodwork.

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Paul Cooper

**The Vine (23-MA-3)**

**New oven for Newday Youth club**

**£500**

The youth group provides safe space for young people to socialise, have food & drink and have fun. A new oven was required which grant funding contributed towards.

**North Loose Residents Association (23-MA-5)**

**Coronation Community Bench (Sevington Park)**

**£631**

Grant funding provided an additional community bench to enable walkers and residents to rest, contemplate the scenery and enjoy the green space.

Chris Passmore

**Maidstone Amateur Operatic Society (23-MA-10)**

**The Addams Family Project**

**£1,500**

Maidstone Amateur Operatic Society offers opportunities for young people and adults to develop theatre and performance skills through its rehearsals and performances. The Society had a licence to perform the musical The Addams Family at the Hazlitt Theatre in March 2024 and grant funding contributed to costumes, props, scenery, makeup and wig costs.

**Blackthorn Trust (23-MA-17)**

**Mental Health Support Essential Items**

**£1,500**

Blackthorn Trust requested funding towards items to support its 300+ service users to get well and become more resilient in managing their own health conditions and achieving their life goals. Grant funding provided a freezer, microwave, group support chairs and garden workshop display benches.

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### **Maidstone Climate Action Network (23-MA-21)**

#### **Public Liability Insurance for Maidstone Repair Cafe**

**£300**

A new repair cafe was established at Maidstone's Lockmeadow Market Hall and provides monthly volunteer repair events. Repair cafes help to maintain items and keep them working to save things being thrown away and causing landfill. Grant contributed to the cost of public liability insurance.

### **Maidstone Sea Cadets (23-MA-24)**

#### **Ready to Boat**

**£1,500**

Maidstone Sea Cadets offer training and life skills to young people to ensure they are resilient and ready for life. Boating is a key area in promoting confidence, psychological wellbeing, and outdoor skills. Grant funding contributed to repairs to trailers, stands, wood to replace decking, engine casing and seats in the training Viking boat, general materials and replacement seat for the Trinity 500 boat.

### [Lottie Parfitt](#)

#### **Cast A Thought CIC (23-MA-26)**

##### **Fish Fest**

**£1,000**

Cast A Thought CIC work in partnership with Kent Police to provide positive fishing activities for young people at risk of anti-social behaviour. Young people attend four theory-based sessions to learn new skills and then spend two days on the bank putting these skills into practice. Grant funding contributed to fishing equipment.

### **Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council (23-MA-27)**

#### **Disability Ramp**

**£1,000**

To make the new entrance accessible to all hall users at Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall, grant funding contributed to the construction of a concrete / brickwork ramp.

### **Chart Sutton Parish Council (23-MA-28)**

#### **Village Green CCTV**

**£700**

The community shop on the village green in Chart Sutton is non-profit making and entirely run by volunteers. The shop was raided some years ago and a CCTV system was put in place which covers the shop and village green area. Grant funding contributed to the purchase and installation of a new camera that had become faulty.

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**Chart Sutton Parish Council (23-MA-31)**

**D- Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

**£500**

The Parish Council along with the residents of Chart Sutton and Sutton Valence wanted to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. An event was held on 6 June 2024 and grant funding contributed to hall hire, food, entertainers and promotions.

**Sutton Valence Parish Council (23-MA-37)**

**Replacement Notice Board**

**£700**

Following the removal of noticeboard that was in a state of disrepair, grant funding contributed to the purchase of a new notice board.

**Staplehurst Emergency Help Team (SEHT) (23-MA-38)**

**Training and Protective Equipment**

**£1250**

Grant funding provided a certified training course and supplied personal protective equipment to enable volunteers to activate in case of an emergency as part of the Parish Resilience Team.

**Kathie Lamb Centre Management (23-MA-39)**

**Fire Door Retainers**

**£583**

Grant funding enabled the purchase of new fire door retainers following a fire risk assessment identifying that they needed renewing. This helped to ensure the Girlguiding building is safe for members as well as the local community who can hire the hall.

[Shellina Prendergast](#)

**Harrietsham and Lenham Parish Residents Association (23-MA-4)**

**Lenham Food Station**

**£525**

The station brings together the community, giving an opportunity for those in need to keep physically and emotionally well, play an active part in the community and become more connected. Grant funding provided food supplies.

**The Station at Hollingbourne CIC (23-MA-22)**

**Community Café Establishment**

**£624.99**

The Station is a community café for the local and broader communities in and around the North Downs. Grant funding provided worksurface units, basins, microwave oven, grills and toaster.

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## **21 Together (23-MA-30) – Multi Member Application**

### **Regional Hubs**

**£500 (Total Award - £1,750)**

The aim of the regional hubs is to provide local support for families, allowing them to meet regularly and receive emotional and physical support and advice. Grant funding contributed to room rental and resources.

## **Out to the Woods CIC (23-MA-33) – Multi Member Application**

### **Tree Safety in Forest School at Admiral Woods**

**£350 (Total Award - £1250)**

The community forest school offers free and paid for woodland sessions to all the members of the community. Grant funding contributed to the pruning and removal of dead wood or dangerous trees in the forest school area including the car park, woodland path and base camp area.

### **Simon Webb**

### **Yalding Parent and Toddler Group (23-MA-6)**

#### **General Improvements**

**£700**

The Group required the replacement and replenishment of equipment and furniture to accommodate growth and ensure their facilities were more accessible. Funding provided two new tables and twelve new chairs.

## **East Farleigh Parish Council (23-MA-7)**

### **Refurbishing the Local Playground**

**£1000**

The playground needed updating to give the children and residents of East Farleigh equipment to play in a safe environment. Grant funding contributed to the cost of refurbishment.

## **Hunton Wanderers Cricket Club (23-MA-8)**

### **End of Season Renovations 2023**

**£300**

Grant funding contributed to the labour costs for maintenance of the playing field in the autumn, so the surface is playable and safe for club members including Mote Colts U13's team during the following year.

## **Loose Parish Council (23-MA-9)**

### **Increasing safety in Loose, 20mph zone consultation**

**£407.98**

Grant funding contributed to the design, printing and delivery costs for a consultation on a 20mph zone in Loose village.

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**Yalding Youth and Community Centre (23-MA-13)**

**Front Door Replacement**

**£300**

The centre provides a hub for the community to engage in and enjoy learning and leisure activities. However, the entrance to the building was not accessible for those with limited mobility and grant funding contributed to an easy entry system.

**Hunton and Linton under 5s Pre School (23-MA-19)**

**New Garden Playhouse**

**£300**

Grant funding provided a new garden playhouse to replace the existing one which was no longer fit for purpose.

**Barming Parish Council (23-MA-29)**

**Bollards, A26 Tonbridge Road, Barming**

**£300**

Grant funding contributed to the replacement of fallen and damaged wooden bollards on a highway verge on the A26 Tonbridge Road, Barming to ensure the grass verge was protected from cars parking on it.

**Yalding Parent and Toddler Group (23-MA-35)**

**General Improvements**

**£600**

Grant funding contributed to the replacement of furniture and equipment that was old and broken and to provide the children with a safe learning environment and support to local parents.

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## Highways Grants

Tom Cannon

**Highways (23-KHS-MA-11)**

**13 Salt Bins – Allington Ward, Maidstone**

**£4,326.80**

13 salt bins were supplied, installed and filled to enable the community to use salt on the public highway during the winter period.

**Highways (23-KHS-MA-14)**

**5 Salt Bins – Allington Ward, Maidstone**

**£1,679.64**

5 salt bins were supplied, installed and filled to enable the community to use salt on the public highway during the winter period.

Ian Chittenden

**Highways (23-KHS-MA-32)**

**2 x Trees – Hampton Road, Maidstone**

**£646.50**

Two trees were funded to replace highway tree assets to bring added environmental and social benefit to the area.

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## Sevenoaks Member Grant Funding - Breakdown of Spend

In total 11 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Sevenoaks Members. Of which:

- 2 grants were awarded to charities
- 1 grant was awarded to a community group
- 3 grants were awarded to Kent Highways
- 1 grant was awarded to a not-for-profit organisation
- 2 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 1 grant was awarded to a school
- 1 grant was awarded to a sports organisation

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 1 grant was awarded to an organisation that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 7 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Sevenoaks Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **David Brazier – Sevenoaks Rural North East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £9,000 with a £481.92 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Nick Chard – Sevenoaks West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,400 with a £20,960 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Perry Cole - Swanley**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £2,000 with a £7,947.48 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Roger Gough – Sevenoaks North and Darent Valley**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £0 with a £8,600.16 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Margot McArthur – Sevenoaks Rural South**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £829.26 with a £8,543.10 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Richard Streatfeild, MBE – Sevenoaks Town**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £5,061.26 with a £2,109.74 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Sevenoaks Member Spend for 2023/24 - £18,290.52

- £8,000 for community development projects
- £1,400 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £932 for family support services projects
- £2,000 for open spaces initiatives
- £3,000 for public health initiatives
- £1,300 for sport and recreation projects
- £1,658.52 for winter service preparations

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## Community Grants

David Brazier

**West Kingsdown Village Hall (23-SE-1)**

**Car Park Refurbishment**

**£3000**

Grant funding contributed to the excavation of the existing village hall car park to ensure that the surface was safe and even and that the inside of the hall was protected from outside abrasive materials being brought in.

**New Ash Green Junior Football Club (23-SE-6)**

**Soccer School & Team Equipment Fund**

**£1000**

Grant funding contributed to the costs of new goals for the soccer school to enable continued involvement in competitions and to contribute to the expansion of the club.

**Fawkham Parish Council (23-SE-10)**

**Fawkham Village Hall Repairs**

**£5000**

Fawkham Village Hall required an upgrade and grant funding contributed to kitchen, flooring, heating and electrics costs.

Nick Chard

**Dunton Green Primary School (23-SE-3)**

**Tree Works**

**£1400**

Following a number of complaints by residents that the trees in the school field were encroaching onto the footpath, grant funding was requested to contribute to essential works to trees and hedges.

Perry Cole

**Swanley Town Council (23-SE-4)**

**Benches for Swanley Park**

**£2000**

The Town Council wished to install additional seating in the park so that visiting the park could sit away from the main attractions. Grant funding provided the additional benches.

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Richard Streatfeild, MBE

**We Got You (23-SE-7)**

**We Got You**

**£932**

We Got You support families with children with ADHD, autism and challenging behaviour. Grant funding provided advertising and equipment to enable the charity to grow and have a wider community reach.

**D’Vine Singers (23-SE-8)**

**Participatory Workshops for Mental Health Choir**

**£300**

The D’Vine Singers wished to provide two workshops to enhance the wellbeing activities on offer and provide further opportunities for their members to learn from experts in their fields. Grant funding provided workshop event fees.

**West Kent Housing Association (23-SE-9)**

**Sevenoaks Town Health & Wellbeing Activities**

**£3000**

Grant funding provided health and wellbeing workshops and refreshments to assist in the delivery of activities to benefit young people in Sevenoaks Town.

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## Highways Grants

Margot McArthur

**Kent Highways (23-KHS-SE-11)**

**2 x Salt Bins – Blowes Hill, Cowden**

**£829.26**

2 salt bins were supplied, installed and filled to enable the community to use salt on the public highway during the winter period.

Richard Streatfeild, MBE

**Kent Highways (23-KHS-SE-2)**

**Salt Bin – The Dene, Sevenoaks**

**£414.63**

A salt bin was supplied, installed and filled to enable the community to use salt on the public highway during the winter period.

**Kent Highways (23-KHS-SE-5)**

**Salt Bin - Wickenden Road, Sevenoaks**

**£414.63**

A salt bin was supplied, installed and filled to enable the community to use salt on the public highway during the winter period.

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## Swale Member Grant Funding - Breakdown of Spend

In total 40 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Swale Members. Of which:

- 16 grants were awarded to charities
- 5 grants were awarded to community groups
- 3 grants were awarded to Kent Highways
- 2 grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 8 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 1 grant was awarded to a School
- 5 grants were awarded to sports organisations

With the exclusion of Kent Highways, 13 grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 24 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Swale Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **Mike Baldock – Swale West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £6,110 with a £5,966 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Andy Booth – Sheppey (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £2,150 with a £7,877.41 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Mike Dendor – Sittingbourne North**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,500 with a £10,988 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Antony Hook - Faversham**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £2,500 with a £18,884.96 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Rich Lehmann – Swale East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £8,548.41 with a £2,401.17 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Mike Whiting - Sheppey**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £9,844.73 with a £3,840.24 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **John Wright – Sittingbourne South (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,550 with a £6,074.01 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Swale Member Spend for 2023/24 - £36,203.14

- £2,500 for Adult Social Care Initiatives
- £2,510 for community development projects
- £1,500 for community safety initiatives
- £7,300 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £848 for early year projects
- £2,000 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £2,948.76 for family support services projects
- £1,000 for open spaces initiatives
- £300 for public health initiatives

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£7,497.97 for sport and recreation projects  
£7,448.41 for traffic management and road safety projects  
£350 for winter service preparations

## Community Grants

Mike Baldock

**Newington Parish Council (23-SW-8)**

**Summer Youth Activities**

**£300**

The Parish Council wished to provide a series of activities free of charge for the weekly Youth Club and grant funding contributed to the cost of events hosted by the Vibe Community Charity.

**Iwade Parish Council (23-SW-16)**

**Christmas Tree Extension**

**£350**

Iwade Parish Council required grant funding to extend the lighting on Iwade's Christmas Tree to ground level, to enhance its appearance but also prevent children from climbing under the tree.

**Hartlip Village Hall (23-SW-18)**

**Replacement Rear Window**

**£500**

Grant funding contributed to the removal and installation of a new window in the hall following a decline in its condition.

**Hartlip Village Hall (23-SW-27)**

**Water Damage Repairs**

**£1410**

The village hall suffered water damage in the school room due to a leaking central heating system. Grant funding contributed to the cost of accessing the ceiling and providing remedial works.

**Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and Sleigh Rounds (23-SW-28) – Multi Member Application**

**Christmas Celebrations**

**£500 (Total Spend - £1000)**

Grant funding was requested to contribute to the costs of the Christmas lights in Sittingbourne High Street to bring a festive atmosphere and encourage visitors to the local area.

**Iwade Parish Council (23-SW-29)**

**CCTV Project**

**£1500**

Due to anti-social behaviour, Iwade Parish Council requested grant funding to contribute to the costs of an extra CCTV camera at Ridham Dock.

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**Borden Parish Council (23-SW-32)**

**D-Day 80 Event**

**£350**

The Parish Council wished to organise a community event to commemorate D-Day in June 2024 and grant funding contributed to advertising, a choir and a sound system.

**Iwade Parish Council (23-SW-33)**

**Salt Bins**

**£350**

Grant funding contributed to the cost of two salt bins for the local area.

**Sittingbourne Orpheus Choral Society (23-SW-35) – Multi Member Application**

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert**

**£500 (£700 Total Award)**

The Choral Society planned an 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert to celebrate the formation of the society in 1944 and to remember the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. Grant funding provided folders, sleeve packs and promotional materials for the event.

**Swale Gloves Amateur Boxing Club (23-SW-38) – Multi Member Application**

**New Equipment**

**£350 (Total Spend - £850)**

The boxing club not only provides boxing skills but teaches self-confidence, communications skills and healthy living choices. Grant funding was requested to provide new equipment.

**Andy Booth**

**Eastchurch Parish Council (23-SW-6)**

**King's Coronation Picnic**

**£1500**

The Parish Council, as part of the Coronation celebrations, requested a grant to provide parishioners with medals and pins to commemorate the event locally.

**Minster (Sheppey) Cricket Club (23-SW-10) – Multi Member Application**

**Water Harvesting/Irrigation Installation**

**£500 (Total Spend - £1000)**

The Cricket Club requested grant funding to improve environmental processes and also cut water consumption demands for the green.

**Kent Community Rail Partnership (23-SW-25) – Multi Member Application**

**Sheppey Light Railway History Boards**

**£150 (Total Award - £300)**

The community members of the Rail partnership aimed to create history boards at Queenborough station where the Sheppey Light Railway connected to mainline services. Grant funding provided the boards and decorative planters.

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Mike Dendor

**Swale Borough Council (23-LBH-SW-11)**

**Double Yellow Lines Amendment – Various Locations**

**£3500**

Following a request from the Member, new double yellow lines were installed for improved highway safety by preventing sightline obstructions and improving vehicles movements in Vincent Road, Coleman Drive, Recreation Way, Milton High Street and the junctions of St Paul's Street and Kings Mill Close.

Antony Hook

**Community Heritage Events (23-SW-12)**

**Faversham Hop Festival**

**£1000**

The Faversham Hop Festival is a community-led free street festival celebrating the local hop picking heritage. Grant funding contributed to the infrastructure costs for the 2023 festival.

**GEM72 (23-SW-13)**

**GEM72 Mobile Youth Project**

**£500**

A mobile youth initiative, GEM72 requested grant funding for equipment and refreshments. This assisted with the growth of the project and the continuation of recreational and leisure time activity within Faversham and surrounding villages.

**The Arden Theatre Group (23-SW-34)**

**Arbeit Macht Frie (Works Sets You Free)**

**£1000**

The Theatre Group requested costume and flooring costs for their production of a short but powerful play about the persecution of Jews during World War Two on International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Rich Lehmann

**New Leaf Support Domestic Abuse Service (23-SW-14) – Multi Member Application**

**Promotional Materials**

**£400 (Total Spend - £950)**

New Leaf Support Domestic Abuse Service supports families throughout the year. Grant funding was requested to provide decorations, food, crafts, wrapping and gifts for a Christmas party that would bring some festive cheer for families impacted by abuse.

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**Magpie Preschool (23-SW-23)**

**Garden Shelter**

**£500**

The Preschool requested grant funding to contribute to two pergolas to enable a permanent shelter in their garden for outdoor access all year round for the children.

**Doddington Village Hall (23-SW-24)**

**Replacement Noticeboard**

**£600**

The Doddington Village Hall notice board had been repaired several times but no longer warranted any further repairs, grant funding contributed to a new aluminium notice board.

**SATEDA (23-SW-26) – Multi Member Application**

**Sharewear: Community clothes bank for Swale and Medway**

**£500 (Total Spend - £1000)**

Sharewear is a clothes bank for vulnerable women and children, ensuring they are not denied access to education, work or sports because of a lack of appropriate clothing. Grant funding provided new shelving and trolleys for transporting the clothes.

**Graveney & Goodnestone Village Hall Charity (23-SW-30)**

**Solar Energy Project**

**£1000**

Grant funding contributed to the installation of new solar panels to offset the cost of energy and reduce the impact of CO2 emissions.

**Sittingbourne Orpheus Choral Society (23-SW-35) – Multi Member Application**

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert**

**£200 (Total Award - £700)**

The Choral Society planned an 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert to celebrate the formation of the society in 1944 and to remember the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. Grant funding provided folders, sleeve packs and promotional materials for the event.

**Boughton under Blean Parish Council (23-SW-40)**

**Warm Hubs**

**£300**

The Parish Council wished to provide a safe and warm environment where parishioners could go and have refreshments. Grant funding contributed to hall hire and catering equipment.

**Launch It Trust (23-SW-41)**

**Vinyl Frosting to Windows of Masters House**

**£600**

Grant funding contributed to vinyl frosting on the front windows of Masters House to provide privacy and security for the young entrepreneurs on the Trust's programme.

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**Out to the Woods CIC (23-SW-45) – Multi Member Application**

**Tree Safety in Forest School at Admiral Woods**

**£500 (Total Award - £1250)**

The community forest school offers free and paid for woodland sessions to all the members of the community. Grant funding contributed to the pruning and removal of dead wood or dangerous trees in the forest school area including the car park, woodland path and base camp area.

**Mike Whiting**

**Island Allstars Baton Twirling Academy (23-SW-2)**

**Tracksuits**

**£500**

Grant funding contributed to 18 new tracksuits for the Academy.

**East Kent Mencap (23-SW-3)**

**Moving to Adulthood**

**£520**

East Kent Mencap wished to host a 'moving to adulthood' event in Sheppey to support parents and carers of children with disabilities at leaving school age. Grant funding contributed to staff costs, marketing materials and venue hire.

**Sheppey Sea Cadets (23-SW-4)**

**Replacement Boating Equipment**

**£341**

The Sea Cadets requested grant funding to contribute to the costs of replacement oars for their trinity rowing boats.

**The Big Fish Band Ltd (23-SW-5)**

**Sheerness Lantern Parade**

**£500**

In readiness for the Sheerness Lantern Parade, The Big Fish Band Ltd requested grant funding to hold 15 workshops including three workshop leaders' time, a samba band and promotional material.

**2316 (Sheppey) Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets (23-SW-7)**

**BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Teamwork & Professional Development**

**£920**

The Squadron requested grant funding for 10 BTEC Level 1 qualifications via the Cadet Vocational College. This qualification will assist cadets with college applications and towards gaining their Level 2 awards when they reach 16 years of age.

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**Minster (Sheppey) Cricket Club (23-SW-10) – Multi Member Application**

**Water Harvesting/Irrigation Installation**

**£500 (Total Spend - £1000)**

The Cricket Club requested grant funding to improve environmental processes and also cut water consumption demands for the green.

**Sheerness Swimming Club & Lifeguard Corp (23-SW-17)**

**Teaching & Coaching Courses Project**

**£1000**

To meet the requirements of Swim England, all club volunteers require a DBS check and to undertake a three-hour safeguarding course. Grant funding contributed to the costs of the training.

**Shurland Meadow Trust (23-SW-20)**

**Junior and Walking Netball**

**£686.97**

The Trust wished to provide netball for juniors and walking netball for ladies over 50. Grant funding provided equipment such as goal posts, bibs, netballs and bag.

**Kent Community Rail Partnership (23-SW-25) – Multi Member Application**

**Sheppey Light Railway History Boards**

**£150 (Total Award - £300)**

The community members of the Rail partnership aimed to create history boards at Queenborough station where the Sheppey Light Railway connected to mainline services. Grant funding provided the boards and decorative planters.

**The Autism Apprentice CIC (23-SW-31)**

**Storage Equipment**

**£478.76**

Grant funding was required to provide storage and trolley facilities to aid the transportation of equipment when travelling to different venues.

**Warden Bay Playgroup (23-SW-37)**

**New Hand Wash Station**

**£348**

The Playgroup required a new portable hand wash station so that children can wash their hand independently without adult supervision.

**Out to the Woods CIC (23-SW-39) – Multi Member Application**

**Tree Safety in Forest School at Admiral Woods**

**£400 (Total Award - £1250)**

The community forest school offers free and paid for woodland sessions to all the members of the community. Grant funding contributed to the pruning and removal of dead wood or dangerous trees in the forest school area including the car park, woodland path and base camp area.

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### **Age UK Sheppey (23-SW-43)**

#### **Dementia Provision**

**£2500**

Age UK Sheppey wished to add extra support for local residents who are diagnosed with Dementia and uplift a room for this purpose. Grant funding contributed to chairs and new bathroom hand driers.

### **Sheppey Light Railway Greenway (23-SW-44)**

#### **SLR Greenway Route Planning**

**£1000**

Sheppey Light Railway Greenway wished to establish a walking/cycling route across the Isle of Sheppey from Queenborough to Leysdown. Grant funding contributed to the preparatory mapping work for such planning.

### **John Wright**

#### **New Leaf Support Domestic Abuse Service (23-SW-15) – Multi Member Application**

##### **Promotional Materials**

**£550 (Total Spend - £950)**

New Leaf Support Domestic Abuse Service supports families throughout the year. Grant funding was requested to provide decorations, food, crafts, wrapping and gifts for a Christmas party that would bring some festive cheer for families impacted by abuse.

### **Sittingbourne Football Club (23-SW-21)**

#### **Working with the Community to Improve Mental Health**

**£1000**

The football club wished to provide free coaching to the community to improve mental health, as well as provide training sessions to SEND Schools. Grant funding provided the cost of the coaching costs.

### **Sittingbourne and District Carnival Association (23-SW-22)**

#### **Sittingbourne Carnival 2024**

**£500**

The Association's project involved the revival and organisation of the Sittingbourne Carnival in 2024 after a hiatus since 2016. Grant funding contributed to performer costs.

### **SATEDA (23-SW-26) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Sharewear: Community clothes bank for Swale and Medway**

**£500 (Total Spend - £1000)**

Sharewear is a clothes bank for vulnerable women and children, ensuring they are not denied access to education, work or sports because of a lack of appropriate clothing. Grant funding provided new shelving and trolleys for transporting the clothes.

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### **Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and Sleigh Rounds (23-SW-28) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Christmas Celebrations**

**£500 (Total Spend - £1000)**

Grant funding was requested to contribute to the costs of the Christmas lights in Sittingbourne High Street to bring a festive atmosphere and encourage visitors to the local area.

### **Swale Gloves Amateur Boxing Club (23-SW-38) – Multi Member Application**

#### **New Equipment**

**£500 (Total Spend - £850)**

The boxing club not only provides boxing skills but teaches self-confidence, communications skills and healthy living choices. Grant funding was requested to provide new equipment.

## **Highways Grants**

### **Rich Lehmann**

#### **Kent Highways (23-KHS-SW-1)**

##### **30mph Scheme – Selling Village**

**£1250**

In conjunction with the Parish Council, KCC Road Safety and Active Travel Team and Kent Highways, grant funding was sought following a request to the Member regarding concerns of speeding vehicles in Selling Village and a need to reduce the current derestricted speed limit to 30mph.

#### **Kent Highways (23-KHS-SW-9 & 23-KHS-SW-19)**

##### **30mph Scheme – Hernhill Village**

**£1500 & £698.41**

Hernhill Parish Council approached the Member to express concerns regarding the speeds of vehicles in Hernhill Village with a wish to reduce the current derestricted speed limit to 30mph. Funding was contributed by the Parish Council, KCC Road Safety and Active Travel Team, as well as the Member.

#### **Kent Highways (23-KHS-SW-36)**

##### **40mph Scheme – Canterbury Road, Dunkirk**

**£500**

Dunkirk Parish Council, KCC Road Safety and Active Travel Team and the Member contributed to the second part of a scheme to reduce the speed of vehicles in Canterbury Road, Dunkirk to 40mph.

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## Thanet Member Grant Funding - Breakdown of Spend

In total 37 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Thanet Members. Of which:

- 13 grants were awarded to charities
- 9 grants were awarded to community groups
- 1 grant was awarded to a KCC Service
- 5 grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations
- 6 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 3 grants were awarded to sports organisations

26 grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 11 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Thanet Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **Rosalind Binks - Broadstairs**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £9,350 with a £4,658 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Karen Constantine – Ramsgate (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £9,763.68 with a £0 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Derek Crow-Brown – Birchington & Rural (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £6,462.61 with a £1,576.45 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Lesley Game - Cliftonville**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £8,410.48 with a £6,182.52 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Barry Lewis - Margate**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,833 with a £0.76 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Trevor Shonk – Ramsgate (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £2,000 with a £8,397 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Linda Wright – Birchington & Rural (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,250 with a £9,600 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Thanet Member Spend for 2023/24 - £43,657.77

- £512.61 for Adult Social Care Initiatives
- £1,163.68 for Assistive Equipment and Technology Projects
- £2,100 for community development projects
- £19,133 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £1,210.48 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £6,550 for family support services projects
- £1,500 for mental health support projects
- £300 for open spaces initiatives
- £10,600 for sport and recreation projects

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## Community Grants

### Rosalind Binks

#### **Broadstairs and St. Peters Tennis Club (23-TH-2)**

##### **Upgrade to tennis courts 4-6**

**£2000**

The tennis club wanted to improve their courts so that they could continue to grow their junior coaching programme. Grant funding contributed to the cost of the new clay courts.

#### **Broadstairs Information Kiosk (23-TH-6)**

##### **Information Kiosk**

**£1000**

The Information Kiosk on Broadstairs seafront has been established to provide a warm welcome and useful information to visitors and residents in Broadstairs and St Peters. Grant funding contributed to the cost of a new kiosk.

#### **Mama to Mama (23-TH-7) – Multi Member Application**

##### **Rebranding Project**

**£300 (Total Spend - £3800)**

Mama to Mama are Thanet's only baby bank who support vulnerable pregnant women in Thanet by gifting 0–6-month baby clothing, hygiene products and other essentials. Grant funding contributed to logo redesign, social media templates/content plans and website redesign.

#### **Oasis Domestic Abuse Charity (23-TH-11) – Multi Member Application**

##### **Furniture**

**£750 (Total Spend - £2350)**

Grant funding was requested for the furniture and set up of a one-bedroom apartment to accommodate one adult and one young child for up to four months.

#### **Pavement Pounders (23-TH-12) – Multi Member Application**

##### **Our Thanet Archive Project**

**£1000 (Total Spend - £1300)**

Grant funding provided Pavement Pounders with the ability to make their audio files archive ready and provide adequate storage. This helped secure an archive of spoken memories about WW2 childhoods.

#### **Ramsgate International Film & TV Festival (23-TH-15) – Multi Member Application**

##### **Festival Funding**

**£500 (Total Spend - £4,500)**

The festival is for professional freelancers to show off their talents which is significant for the area culturally, economically, and socially. Grant funding contributed to staffing costs, promotional materials, venue costs, catering and screening fees.

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**The Sarah Thorne Theatre CIC (23-TH-22)**

**Urgent Repairs to support columns**

**£2000**

Existing support columns to an outside lighting box required urgent renewal and maintenance. Grant funding contributed to the costs of renewed bases.

**The RAF Manston Spitfire & Hurricane Memorial Museum (23-TH-23) – Multi Member Application**

**New Chairs**

**£300 (Total Spend - £900)**

Grant funding contributed to the purchase of 25 chairs and a trolley which stack easily and provide a flexible space for visitors for meetings and classes.

**Broadstairs Folk Week (23-TH-30)**

**Design of Souvenir Programme**

**£1500**

Folk Week produces a souvenir programme each year, which is an important part of the marketing of the festival and grant funding contributed to the costs of design and proof work.

**Karen Constantine**

**Mama to Mama (23-TH-7) – Multi Member Application**

**Rebranding Project**

**£2100 (Total Spend - £3800)**

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**Ramsgate Festival of Sound (23-TH-14)**

**Festival Costs**

**£2500**

Grant funding was requested to support the community music event held in Ramsgate. The five-day festival partners with locally based community facing arts & culture organisations, schools, and colleges to programme a diverse and stimulating range of activities to bring the community together. Funding was provided for artist fees, security and production costs.

**Ramsgate International Film & TV Festival (23-TH-15) – Multi Member Application**

**Festival Funding**

**£2000 (Total Spend - £4,500)**

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### **6<sup>th</sup> Ramsgate Royal Harbour Sea Scouts Group (23-TH-20)**

#### **Kayak Replacement**

**£1000**

6th Ramsgate Sea Scouts has a long-standing commitment to providing educational, recreational, and character-building experiences to young people aged 6 to 18. Using kayaking as an essential part of their programme to teach teamwork, leadership, self-confidence, and respect for the environment, grant funding was requested for two additional kayaks.

### **Residents Association of Paradise (23-TH-21)**

#### **Ramsgate Historic Quarter Mural and Website**

**£1500**

The Residents Association wished to launch a historic area regeneration project and commissioned a hand-painted wall sign to demarcate the area and launch their online presence. Grant funding contributed to signwriter and material costs, preparatory work and scaffolding.

### **Foreland Fields Charity (23-TH-38)**

#### **The Hive – Hand tools for SEN use**

**£663.68**

Foreland Fields Charity offer support, education, and life opportunities to young people living with profound, severe, and complex needs. Grant funding contributed to providing hand tools that have been adapted for SEN use.

### **Derek Crow-Brown**

#### **Youth Resilience UK (23-TH-1)**

#### **Youth Wellbeing in Thanet**

**£500**

The social enterprise was set up to help young people of Thanet who are struggling with mental or emotional health. Grant funding contributed to wellbeing resources including books and materials.

### **Westgate on Sea Town Council (23-TH-3)**

#### **Skate Jam**

**£400**

The Town Council requested grant funding to contribute to the costs of skate school fees to increase participation in sport for young people and raise awareness and ability to safely access local sports facilities in the community.

### **Mama to Mama (23-TH-7) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Rebranding Project**

**£300 (Total Spend - £3800)**

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**Scripture Union (23-TH-9) – Multi Member Application**

**Scripture Union Minnis Bay Holiday Club**

**£300 (£600 – Total Spend)**

Grant funding contributed to equipment for Holiday Club. The Club provide activities for children, young people, and their parent/carers. All the activities are free, open to all and age appropriate.

**Oasis Domestic Abuse Charity (23-TH-11) – Multi Member Application**

**Furniture**

**£300 (Total Spend - £2350)**

Grant funding was requested for the furniture and set up of a one-bedroom apartment to accommodate one adult and one young child for up to four months.

**Minster FC (23-TH-13)**

**Storage Container**

**£1000**

Funding for a new storage unit for the Minster Football Club was requested to assist with storing equipment in a central location, rather than by individual coaches.

**The RAF Manston Spitfire & Hurricane Memorial Museum (23-TH-23) – Multi Member Application**

**New Chairs**

**£300 (Total Spend - £900)**

Grant funding contributed to the purchase of 25 chairs and a trolley which stack easily and provide a flexible space for visitors for meetings and classes.

**Thanet Countryside Trust Management Committee (23-TH-26) – Multi Member Application**

**Expanding café/hospitality area**

**£250 (Total Spend - £500)**

The Committee wanted to increase the floorspace of their café by creating a patio area adjacent to the existing Cabin Café. Grant funding assisted with the provision of a ramp for full accessibility to all users who visit the Monkton Nature Reserve.

**Deaf Friends Supporters (23-TH-27)**

**Saturday Group equipment**

**£512.61**

Deaf Friend Supporters organise group activities for Deaf adults who have additional needs in the Westgate/Birchington area. Funding provided visual and audio equipment, as well as printing supplies for the Saturday Group.

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### **Acol Parish Council (23-TH-29)**

#### **Park Bench**

**£300**

Acol has a small but very well used recreation ground and children's play area. There is limited seating available for the parents to watch their children while they play, therefore the Parish Council requested a grant funding contribution to install a picnic bench.

### **Quarterdeck Youth Centre, Margate (23-TH-33)**

#### **Kitchen Equipment**

**£2000**

The Quarterdeck Youth Centre offers free and healthy meals as part of its youth offer. The oven and kitchen equipment needed upgrading and grant funding provided a double oven, induction hob and some additional kitchen equipment.

### **Kent Farmers Market Association (23-TH-37) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Website Expansion**

**£300 (Total award - £1950)**

The Association proposed to extend the format of its website with a new section to enable customers to find local producers who do not necessarily attend Farmers Markets. These suppliers will be displayed on a map of Kent (by produce category) so viewers will be able to find them and link directly to their web sites/shop. Grant funding contributed to software and design costs.

### **Lesley Game**

#### **Walpole Bay Bowls Club (23-TH-4)**

#### **Clubhouse Improvement Funding**

**£1300**

To encourage the uptake of green bowls, the Bowls Club wished to improve their Clubhouse. Grant funding contributed to new doors, lighting and fixing materials.

### **Mama to Mama (23-TH-7) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Rebranding Project**

**£300 (Total Spend - £3800)**

Mama to Mama are Thanet's only baby bank who support vulnerable pregnant women in Thanet by gifting 0–6-month baby clothing, hygiene products and other essentials. Grant funding contributed to logo redesign, social media templates/content plans and website redesign.

### **Arts Education Exchange (23-TH-10)**

#### **Creative Wellness**

**£1000**

The Exchange work with young people facing challenging circumstances to create positive learning experiences that lead to personal, educational, and professional progression. Grant funding was requested for food and promotional materials for creative wellness sessions.

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**Oasis Domestic Abuse Charity (23-TH-11) – Multi Member Application**

**Furniture**

**£1000 (Total Spend - £2350)**

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**Margate Women's Institute (23-TH-16)**

**Litter Picking in Margate**

**£1210.48**

Margate Women's Institute undertake litter picks in parks and play areas in the Margate area. They previously borrowed equipment or joined up with other local community groups to facilitate this. To ensure greater flexibility and to run more litter picks, they requested grant funding for safety and litter pick equipment.

**GRASS Cliftonville CIC (23-TH-17)**

**Oval Connect**

**£2000**

Fostering community resilience through music and engagement events, GRASS Cliftonville CIC required grant funding for band costs and promotional materials.

**ARK – Cliftonville's Cultural Space (23-TH-19) – Multi Member Application**

**Creating Wonderland**

**£600 (Total Award - £1000)**

This project brought dance company, Jasmin Vardimon Dance (JVD) to Cliftonville. Following two days of work with Hartsdown Academy, the company opened the project to young people and their families from the neighbourhood. Grant funding contributed to the company's fees.

**The Zone Youth Club, Broadstairs (23-TH-28)**

**Easter Holiday Activities**

**£500**

Grant funding was requested for contributions to art and craft resources and trips out, to provide fun activities for young people during the Easter holidays.

**GRASS Cliftonville CIC (23-TH-35)**

**Bandstand Wellness Workouts**

**£500**

"Bandstand Wellness Workouts" aimed to transform The Oval Bandstand into a vibrant hub for fitness and wellbeing activities, leveraging the expertise of local fitness trainers and the community knowledge of GRASS Cliftonville CIC. Grant funding provided fitness equipment.

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Barry Lewis

**Margate Carnival Group (23-TH-5)**

**Margate Carnival**

**£800**

The Carnival is an important annual event in the life of the town. Grant funding contributed to artist, workshop and general event running costs.

**Mama to Mama (23-TH-7) – Multi Member Application**

**Rebranding Project**

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**The Margate School (23-TH-8)**

**Margate Festival of Design 2023**

**£1000**

Grant funding contributed to marketing and workshop costs for an arts festival for the community. The School wished to harness the imaginative potential of the young and direct their energies towards developing their creative skillsets and personal resilience, broadening both their own horizons and those of Margate and its surrounding areas.

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**Pavement Pounders (23-TH-12) – Multi Member Application**

**Our Thanet Archive Project**

**£300 (Total Spend - £1300)**

Grant funding provided Pavement Pounders with the ability to make their audio files archive ready and provide adequate storage. This helped secure an archive of spoken memories about WW2 childhoods.

**The Margate Bookie (23-TH-18)**

**The Margate Bookie Literary Festival**

**£433**

Created in 2015, the festival attracts authors, writers, teachers, and publishers to Margate. Grant funding provided the fees for a children's author to attend and entertain.

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**Thanet Virtual High Street (23-TH-25)**

**Margate Christmas Lights and Market**

**£300**

Grant funding contributed to the community stage and Christmas Tree for the Margate Christmas Lights and Market festivities.

[Trevor Shonk](#)

**Ramsgate International Film & TV Festival (23-TH-15) – Multi Member Application**

**Festival Funding**

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[Linda Wright](#)

**Mama to Mama (23-TH-7) – Multi Member Application**

**Rebranding Project**

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**New Chairs**

**£300 (Total Spend - £900)**

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**Minster Parish Council (23-TH-24)**

**Chairs for Parish Council Meetings**

**£300**

The Parish Council requested grant funding to contribute to the cost of 16 new meeting chairs for members of the public to attend and listen to the parish council meetings.

**Thanet Countryside Trust Management Committee (23-TH-26) – Multi Member Application**

**Expanding café/hospitality area**

**£250 (Total Spend - £500)**

The Committee wanted to increase the floorspace of their café by creating a patio area adjacent to the existing Cabin Café. Grant funding assisted with the provision of a ramp for full accessibility to all users who visit the Monkton Nature Reserve.

**Monkton Parish Council (23-TH-31)**

**Car Park Upgrade**

**£500**

The car park at the recreation ground is separated from the main grassed field by wooden safety posts which had become rotten and required replacement. Grant funding contributed to new safety posts.

**St Nicholas at Wade with Sarre Parish Council (23-TH-32)**

**Bell Meadow Pavilion Facility Upgrade**

**£300**

The Pavilion is used as a warm hub to residents, providing a warm welcoming space with refreshments at no charge. The Parish Council wished to improve the aesthetics of the building to make it more functional and hospitable for users. Grant funding provided a new fridge.

**Thanet Big Sing Community Choir (23-TH-34)**

**Summer Concert 2024**

**£500**

The Summer Concert is the highlight activity of the annual calendar and a big event for the Choir. The event attracts an audience of over 225 people from across Thanet and beyond. Grant funding was requested for venue hire, promotional materials, refreshments and raffle prizes.

**Manston Parish Council (23-TH-36)**

**D-Day 80 Beacon Lighting**

**£500**

The Parish Council wanted to commemorate D-Day and light their beacon by holding an event. Grant funding contributed to safety items including a fire safety extinguisher bundle, barriers and beacon safety checks.

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## Tonbridge & Malling Member Grant Funding - Breakdown of Spend

In total 30 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Tonbridge & Malling Members. Of which:

- 11 grants were awarded to charities
- 2 grants were awarded to Church/Faith groups
- 2 grants were awarded to community groups
- 3 Grants were awarded to Kent Highways
- 1 grant was awarded to a not-for-profit organisation
- 6 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils
- 2 grants were awarded to schools
- 3 grants were awarded to sports organisations

Excluding Kent Highways, 10 grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 17 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Tonbridge & Malling Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **Trudy Dean, MBE – Malling Central**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,980 with a £12,520 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Sarah Hohler – Malling North**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £4,100 with a £13,211.38 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Mark Hood – Tonbridge (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £500 with a £12,045.75 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Sarah Hudson – Malling Rural East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,750 with a £1,399.56 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Andrew Kennedy – Malling North East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £4,850 with a £1,673.67 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Harry Rayner – Malling West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £4,400 with a £9,745 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Paul Stepto – Tonbridge (2 Member Division)**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,370 with a £10,723.13 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Tonbridge & Malling Member Spend for 2023/24 - £22,950

- £1,100 for adult social care initiatives
- £2,000 for community development projects
- £2,300 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £3,600 for early year projects
- £500 for environmental, highway and routine maintenance initiatives
- £2,470 for family support services projects
- £750 for mental health support projects
- £2,600 for public health initiatives
- £2,800 for sport and recreation projects
- £4,830 for traffic management and road safety projects

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## Community Grants

Sarah Hohler

**Snodland Food Assist CIC (23-TM-11)**

**Food Support for Winter 2023/24**

**£600**

Grant funding contributed to food costs for local residents who are experiencing financial difficulties.

**The Mortimer Society (23-TM-15)**

**Wheelchair Accessible Garden Shed**

**£500**

The Mortimer Society sought grant funding to contribute to a wheelchair accessible garden shed in their new sensory garden at Birling House Care Home in Snodland which supports 23 adults living with complex neurological conditions.

**Snodland Chess Club (23-TM-21)**

**Equipment Renewal and Upgrade**

**£1500**

To improve facilities and expand the reach of the club into the local community, grant funding was requested to provide replacement chess sets, clocks, laptop and coaching software and projector for interactive demonstrations.

**Trottscliffe Parish Council (23-TM-31)**

**Replacement Noticeboard**

**£1500**

The old noticeboard in Pinesfield Lane was beyond repair and was very old. With support from the local community, the Parish Council requested a contribution to the cost of a new noticeboard.

Mark Hood

**Kent Farmers Market Association (23-TM-32) – Multi Member Application**

**Website Expansion**

**£500 (Total award - £1950)**

The Association proposed to extend the format of its website with a new section to enable customers to find local producers who do not necessarily attend Farmers Markets. These suppliers will be displayed on a map of Kent (by produce category) so viewers will be able to find them and link directly to their web sites/shop. Grant funding contributed to software and design costs.

Sarah Hudson

**East Peckham Salvation Army (23-TM-16)**

**Christmas Toy Appeal**

**£300**

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The Salvation Army wished to provide Christmas gifts for families that were struggling in East Peckham and surrounding communities. Grant funding contributed to the cost of toys for the gifts.

**Hadlow Parish Council (23-TM-19)**

**Senior Christmas Lunch**

**£300**

Hadlow Parish Council held a Seniors Christmas Lunch for local parishioners including carols, light entertainment and a Christmas Dinner. The aim was to provide a lunch for the elderly to ensure they were not alone and to reduce isolation and loneliness. Grant funding provided some food for the lunch.

**Kings Hill Parish Council (23-TM-25)**

**SEN Christmas Event**

**£300**

The Parish Council had been facilitating SEN activity sessions in Kings Hill for families in the surrounding area. To help provide a Christmas event, grant funding was requested for a face painter, catering, entertainers, Father Christmas and a grotto.

[Andrew Kennedy](#)

**Wouldham Rainbows and Brownies (23-TM-1)**

**Funding towards the Girlguiding youth group**

**£300**

Grant funding contributed to new supplies and equipment for the Girlguiding youth group. The supplies enabled the purchase of flags, flag poles, cases and belt carriers.

**Burham Parish Council (23-TM-2)**

**Defibrillator**

**£300**

The Parish Council requested grant funding to purchase a second defibrillator for the village to ensure there is extra equipment if needed.

**Eccles Preschool Playgroup (23-TM-4)**

**New Play Equipment**

**£300**

Grant funding provided a new playhouse, climbing tower and water table which enabled the Playgroup to update and replace the play equipment in the garden.

**Eccles Community Group (23-TM-7)**

**Defibrillator**

**£400**

Grant funding was requested to update parts on the existing defibrillator to ensure that it continued to function safely.

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**Aylesford Village Community Centre (23-TM-9)**

**Air Conditioning System Upgrade**

**£500**

Grant funding was required to contribute to the supply, installation and commission of a new cooling system for the Community Centre.

**Burham Pre-School Playgroup (23-TM-14)**

**Development of natural resources/Equipment**

**£300**

The playgroup wanted to use natural materials and resource to enhance children's sensory development and creativity. Grant funding provided pipe connectors, walking planks and natural basket set.

**Magdelene Ministry Community Food Project (23-TM-17)**

**Community Food Project**

**£300**

The Food Project provide support to 600 people a month via food parcels & personal hygiene products. Grant funding contributed to food products.

**Aylesford Primary School Association (23-TM-18)**

**Buddy Benches**

**£750**

Aylesford Primary School Association requested grant funding buddy benches for each of the 3 playgrounds at Valley Invicta Primary School at Aylesford to help encourage empathy, friendliness and kindness towards each other.

**St Peter's Church of England Primary School Aylesford (23-TM-22)**

**Year 5/6 Residential to Hardelet France**

**£500**

The school took Year 5/6 pupils on a four-day trip to Hardelet, France to expand their cultural knowledge and support their personal development. Grant funding contributed to visits whilst in France.

**60+ Club Christmas Lunch (23-TM-23)**

**Christmas Social and Lunch**

**£300**

The club provides a sociable Christmas Lunch to its members, the majority of whom live alone. Grant funding contributed to the cost of a 3-course lunch for 25 members.

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### **St Peter & St Pauls Church (23-TM-27)**

#### **Monthly Dementia Cafe**

**£300**

A monthly dementia cafe running as part of the community hub facility, provides a space for clients and their carers and family member to meet other people, enjoy appropriate activities and access further help & advice, as necessary. Grant funding provided crafts, dementia friendly crockery, table covers and activity sets.

### **1st Wouldham Rainbows, 2nd Wouldham Brownies & 1st Wouldham Guides (23-TM-29)**

#### **Girlguiding UK Expansion**

**£300**

Grant funding was required to help with the unit's expansion by funding a flag, flag pole, case and carrier, as well as badges. The flag will be used for parades, district events, pack holidays, promise ceremonies, fundraising events and advertising.

### **Holcombe & Blue Bell Hill Cricket Club (23-TM-30)**

#### **Children's Play Area**

**£300**

The Cricket Club wanted to transform an unused area of the cricket ground between the clubhouse and changing rooms into a child friendly area where siblings and young visitors can play safely. Grant funding provided wood materials for fencing, a wooden gate, substrate and pathway tiles, guttering and general fixtures and fittings.

### [Harry Rayner](#)

### **Shipbourne Parish Council (23-TM-8)**

#### **Gazebos**

**£1000**

The Parish Council requested grant funding to provide the Shipbourne Outdoors Farmers Market with three new 3x3m gazebos.

### **Wrotham Parish Council (23-TM-20)**

#### **St George's Pre-School electrical connection**

**£3000**

Grant funding was requested to aid with a new electrical connection to enable the pre-school to stay in the same building.

### **Stocks Green Primary School (23-TM-28)**

#### **The OPAL Project**

**£400**

The Primary School required new outdoor play and activity equipment for their OPAL project which aimed to enable children to build on their social skills such as making friends in the local recreation grounds. Grant funding contributed to a new sand pit.

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## Paul Stepto

### **Tonbridge Child Contact Centre (23-TM-5)**

#### **Music Equipment**

**£370**

Tonbridge Child Contact Centre requested grant funding towards equipment to play music at their events reuniting families and estranged parents.

### **Tonbridge Welcomes Refugees (23-TM-6)**

#### **Refugee Children Activities**

**£1000**

Funding was provided to support refugee children with term time and school holiday activities which are designed to help them integrate into their new local community and help mitigate the trauma of their experience in escaping war-torn areas.

### **High Weald Swifts (23-TM-12)**

#### **Nest Boxes and Publicity Materials**

**£500**

The common swift is a well-known and much-loved summer visitor to Kent. High Weald Swifts requested grant funding for new nestboxes and plaques to encourage residents and other members of the community to install nest boxes to see an increase in Swifts.

### **Feast (23-TM-13)**

#### **Freezer Space**

**£1000**

Grant funding contributed to a new large two door industrial freezer which was required due to an increase in frozen food donations. Feast helps support 120 low-income households across Tonbridge every week.

### **21 Together (23-TM-26) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Regional Hubs**

**£500 (Total Award - £1,750)**

The aim of the regional hubs is to provide local support for families, allowing them to meet regularly and receive emotional and physical support and advice. Grant funding contributed to room rental and resources.

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## Highways Grants

Trudy Dean, MBE

**Kent Highways (23-KHS-TM-24)**

**20mph Scheme – West Malling**

**£1980**

Grant funding provided the design fee for a detailed design of the proposed 20pmh speed limit in West Malling to reduce vehicle speeds through the village.

Sarah Hudson

**Kent Highways (23-KHS-TM-10)**

**30mph Scheme – West Peckham**

**£2850**

Grant funding was requested to fund the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for a change in speed limit from the national speed limit on Mereworth Road, Forge Lane, Church Road and Stan Lane in West Peckham to a 30mph. This will reduce the speed of vehicles and allow pedestrians to walk along the road safely due to there not being a footpath.

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## Tunbridge Wells Member Grant Funding - Breakdown of Spend

In total 13 grants were awarded for the 2023/24 period by Tunbridge Wells Members. Of which:

- 6 grants were awarded to charities
- 3 grants were awarded to community groups
- 2 Grants were awarded to Kent Highways
- 2 grants were awarded to District, Parish or Town Councils

Excluding Kent Highways, 6 grants were awarded to organisations that had been supported in the past 3 years with the remaining 5 organisations being new recipients of a Combined Member Grant.

Tunbridge Wells Member's Annual Member Grant spend and roll forward for 2023/24 period:

- **Paul Barrington-King – Tunbridge Wells East**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £1,000 with a £8,537.05 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Becki Bruneau – Tunbridge Wells South**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £800 with a £21,300 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Sarah Hamilton – Tunbridge Wells Rural**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £4,882 with a £4,151 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Seán Holden - Cranbrook**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £866.95 with a £5,415.05 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **James McInroy – Tunbridge Wells West**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £500 with a £13,100 roll forward figure for 2024/25
- **Peter Oakford – Tunbridge Wells North**  
Spend in the 2023/24 period - £3,941 with a £11,164.51 roll forward figure for 2024/25

Total Tunbridge Wells Member Spend for 2023/24 - £11,989.95

- £1,150 for community development projects
- £2,491 for community safety initiatives
- £3,000 for culture and heritage initiatives
- £500 for family support services projects
- £1,682 for open spaces projects
- £1,300 for public health initiatives
- £1,500 for traffic management and road safety projects
- £366.95 for winter service preparations

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## Community Grants

Paul Barrington-King

**Kent High Weald Partnership (23-TW-3)**

**Celebrating Volunteers**

**£1000**

To recognise the efforts of the partnership's volunteers, grant funding was requested for new uniform and tools.

Becki Bruneau

**21 Together (23-TW-10) – Multi Member Application**

**Regional Hubs**

**£500 (Total Award - £1,750)**

The aim of the regional hubs is to provide local support for families, allowing them to meet regularly and receive emotional and physical support and advice. Grant funding contributed to room rental and resources.

**West Kent Community Radio (23-TW-13)**

**Office Printer/Scanner Purchase**

**£300**

Grant funding was provided to replace an existing printer/scanner in the radio studios. The printer/scanner is needed for a variety of office functions including the production of scripts and guides for presenters relating to the broadcasting of health and wellbeing messages.

Sarah Hamilton

**Paddock Wood & District Lions Club (23-TW-1)**

**Paddock Wood Carnival**

**£500**

The Paddock Wood and District Lions Club held a family day out for the local community that has been organised by the club for over 36 years. Grant funding contributed to infrastructure and entertainment costs.

**Horsmonden Parish Council (23-TW-2)**

**Wildflower Meadow – Fromandez Drive**

**£682**

The Parish Council wished to create a wild flower meadow on the green area at Fromandez Drive. Grant funding contributed to flower bulbs.

**Brenchley and Matfield Parish Council. (23-TW-5)**

**New signage for Brenchley Recreation Ground**

**£450**

Following the installation of a new play area at Porters Wood, new signage was required. Grant funding provided artwork and printing of the signage.

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### **The Royal Tunbridge Wells Festivals Limited (23-TW-6) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Royal Tunbridge Wells International Music Festival 2023**

**£500 (Total Spend - £1000)**

The aim of the Music Festival was to deliver an engaging, affordable and easily accessible annual programme of classical music, performed live in a range of venues across the town. Grant funding contributed to artist fees and venue hire.

### **Paddock Wood Lights Up Association (23-TW-8)**

#### **Paddock Wood Lights Up 2023**

**£1250**

A free community event with live entertainment, Christmas market and light switch on was held by the Paddock Wood Lights Up Association. A grant towards first aiders & security staff contributed to the event organisation.

### [Seán Holden](#)

#### **Benenden Allotment Association (23-TW-11)**

##### **Benenden Allotments-Launch**

**£500**

Following the signing of a tenancy agreement with the Parish Council, Benenden Allotment Association needed to undertake considerable work to enable it to access the site, mark-out and prepare plots, establish communal facilities, and be able to water and care for produce. Grant funding provided fencing, water standpipes and access to mains infrastructure.

### [James McInroy](#)

### **The Royal Tunbridge Wells Festivals Limited (23-TW-6) – Multi Member Application**

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### [Peter Oakford](#)

#### **St. Matt's Community Larder (23-TW-4)**

##### **Funding for a local food bank**

**£1000**

The Larder provided extra food for families during the summer holidays when there was no free school meals. They also provided extra 'packed lunch' type food for families to access for free in addition to their usual bag of shopping. Grant funding contributed to food costs.

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### **Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services (DAVSS) (23-TW-9)**

#### **Expand Awareness.**

**£1991**

To expand the awareness-raising programme for 2024, DAVSS wanted to prioritise the development of new, relevant marketing material, refresh its branding and appeal to a wider audience, which grant funding provided.

### **Tunbridge Wells Youth for Christ (23-TW-12)**

#### **The Noise 2024**

**£700**

The Noise is a 3-day social action project where young people (school year 6 – 13) from across the town gather to take part in projects such as litter picking, running children's clubs, helping with gardening, and serving at community larders. Grant funding contributed to food, refreshments and equipment.

### **Kent Farmers Market Association (23-TW-14) – Multi Member Application**

#### **Website Expansion**

**£250 (Total award - £1950)**

The Association proposed to extend the format of its website with a new section to enable customers to find local producers who do not necessarily attend Farmers Markets. These suppliers will be displayed on a map of Kent (by produce category) so viewers will be able to find them and link directly to their web sites/shop. Grant funding contributed to software and design costs.

## **Highways Grant**

### **Sarah Hamilton**

#### **Kent Highways (23-KHS-TW-7)**

##### **30mph Scheme on Furnace Lane & Chicanes on The Slade, Lamberhurst**

**£1500**

The Parish Council raised concerns about speeding along Furnace Lane and The Slade. A scheme was designed to improve the 30mph signage along Furnace Lane and enhance the chicanes on The Slade. The scheme was joint funded with the Parish Council.

### **Seán Holden**

#### **Kent Highways (23-KHS-TW-15)**

##### **Salt Bin – Frythe Close and The Hill, Cranbrook**

**£366.95**

A salt bin was supplied, installed and filled to enable the community to use salt on the public highway during the winter period.

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