Community Foundation for Surrey

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Hambledon Community Fund
IMPACT REPORT



Fund Summary

The Hambledon Community Fund is helping to strengthen community life across Hambledon and the surrounding area, supporting local organisations and residents to deliver projects, services and improvements that respond to local needs.

Through its grants, the Fund is enabling community groups and charities to develop existing services, introduce new initiatives and invest in equipment and facilities – creating opportunities, supporting local connections and making a positive difference to people living in the area.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

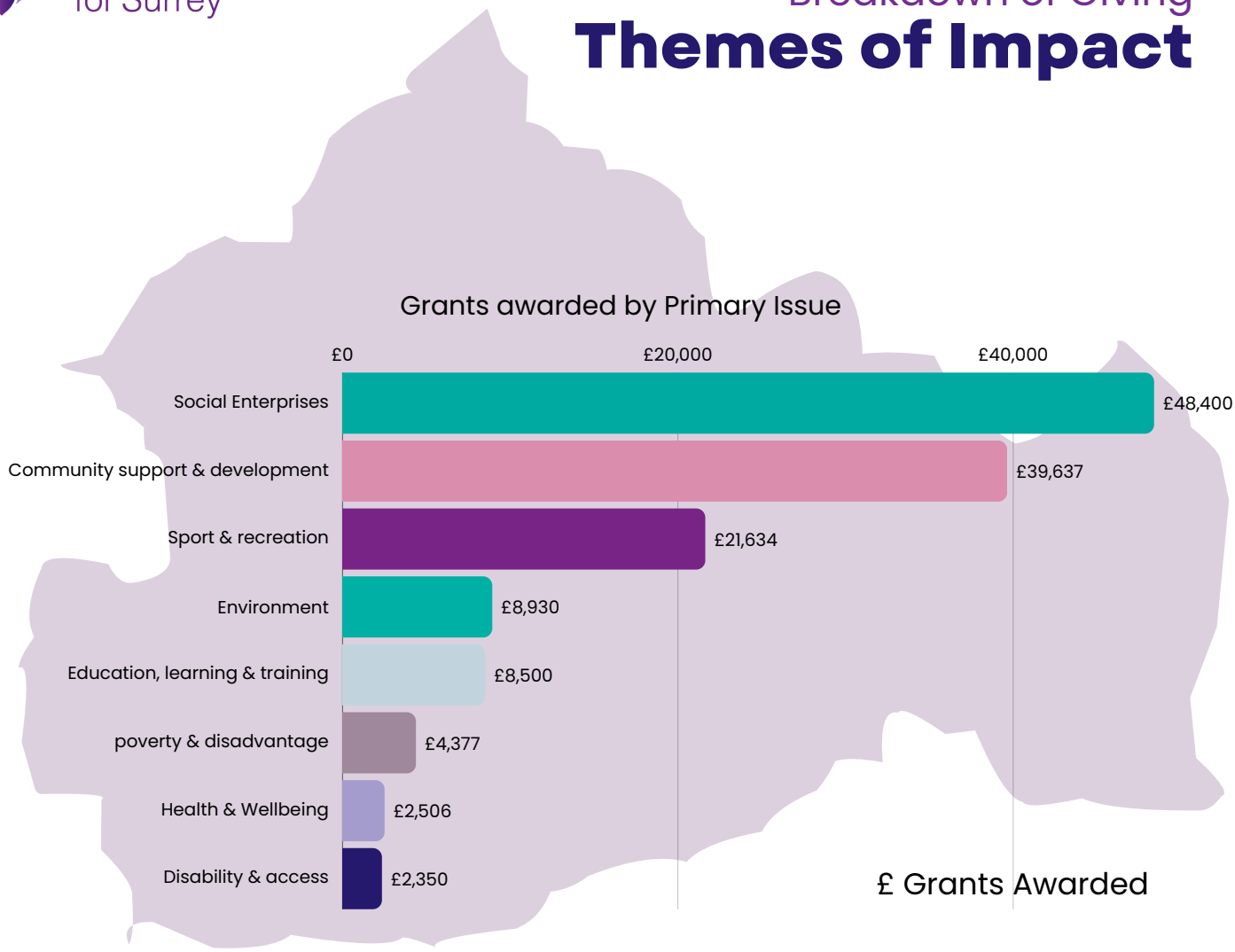
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Total Donations

6,871
Total Beneficiaries

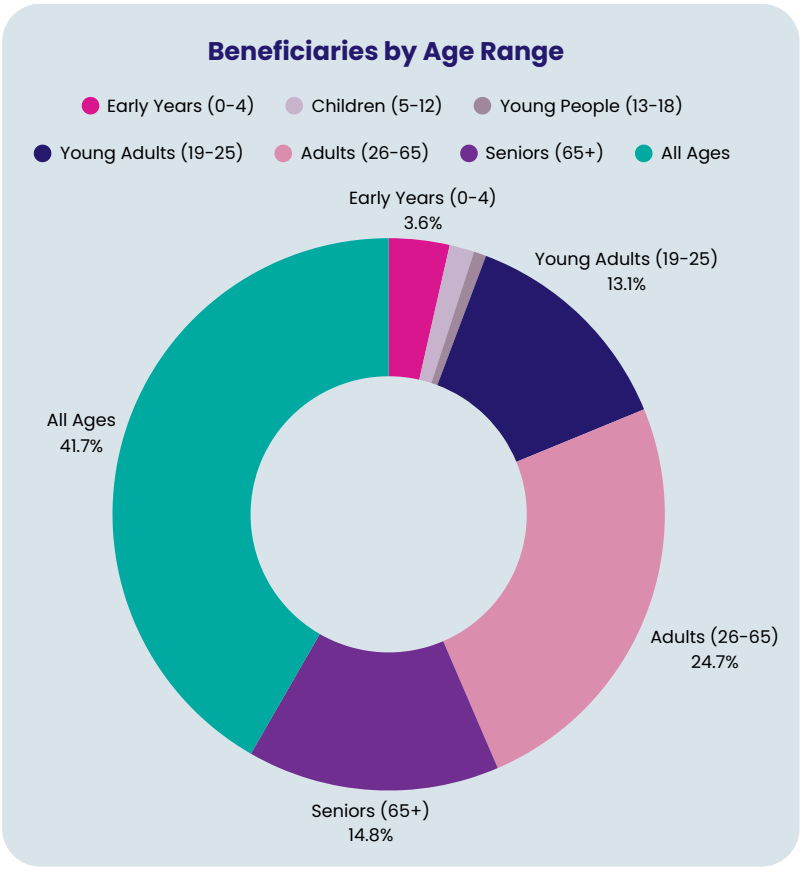
2014
Fund Established

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Breakdown of Giving
Themes of Impact







Hambledon Nursery School

£4,000 Funding to develop a sensory garden

The grant enabled the nursery to create a dedicated sensory area within its existing flower garden, providing children with additional needs, particularly those with sensory processing difficulties and autism, with a calm and supportive space where they can regulate themselves.

A new enclosed wooden sensory tunnel was created alongside a range of sensory resources, including rotating wind catchers, chimes, windmills and sensory mats containing moving coloured oils that respond to pressure. The funding also supported the installation of specialist playground equipment, including spinning and rocking equipment designed to provide movement-based sensory experiences.

Together, these improvements have created a more inclusive outdoor environment where children can explore sensory experiences at their own pace, helping them to feel calmer, more comfortable and better able to engage with nursery activities.

Hambledon Almshouses

£2,500 Funding for a new Air Source Heat Pump

The grant enabled the installation of a new Air Source Heat Pump at an almshouse property in Hambledon, helping to provide a warm, safe and comfortable home for people on limited incomes.

The almshouses provide some of the village's only affordable housing and have supported local residents for hundreds of years. While the number of people benefiting at any one time is small, currently two residents, the impact on their lives is significant. By helping to improve the warmth and energy efficiency of the property, the project supports residents to live in a secure and affordable home, providing stability and peace of mind to people who might otherwise be unable to afford to live in Hambledon.



Hambledon Football Club

£2,500 Funding for entrance remodelling

The grant supported improvements to the entrance of the Badger Park site, helping to create a safer and more accessible environment for visitors and neighbouring residents. The improvements form part of the wider development of a new football pitch, which will double the site's capacity.

The project included installing a bonded surface from the road to the site entrance, replacing the existing muddy access, as well as widening the entrance and creating a passing area. These improvements will make it easier and safer for vehicles to enter and leave the site, while improving visibility and reducing the risk of congestion.

The project will enhance safety for everyone using the site and help to minimise disruption for the surrounding community, supporting the successful expansion of local football provision.

Hambledon Shop

£2,500 Funding for a new industrial freezer

The grant enabled the purchase of two commercial upright freezers and additional shelving, replacing an existing chest freezer that had become difficult for both customers and staff to use.

The new freezers have significantly improved the shopping experience, particularly for elderly and less mobile customers. The well-lit, easily accessible units make it simpler for customers to view and select products, while also enabling the organisation to offer a wider range of frozen goods.

For staff and volunteers, the new freezers have made it easier to display products, check dates, rotate stock, monitor stock levels and replenish supplies when new deliveries arrive. The new equipment has proved a huge success, improving both the customer experience and the day-to-day management of the shop.



Hambledon Village Shop

Funding for two projects

The Hambledon Community Fund supported two projects that have helped to maintain and improve the shop and its services for the local community.

A grant of £1,430 enabled the shop maintenance team to purchase a battery-operated mower and strimmer after the previous grass maintenance contract came to an end. With the cost of a new contract expected to exceed the Parish Council's budget, the maintenance team took on responsibility for keeping the grassed areas around the shop tidy and well maintained. The new equipment has enabled them to continue this work efficiently, helping to keep the shop surroundings attractive and welcoming.

The Fund also awarded £2,500 towards a new commercial-grade sanitising dishwasher, following the failure of the shop's existing dishwasher. The new equipment is essential for maintaining high standards of food safety and enables the shop's café to operate efficiently. The café provides an important community space where local people can meet, socialise and connect, as well as offering a valuable service to residents and visitors. By supporting the café to remain open and operate effectively, the grant is helping to sustain a welcoming hub at the heart of the community.



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Hambledon Village Trust

Funding for two surveys

The Hambledon Community Fund supported essential surveys to help safeguard the village shop building and enable planned improvement works to go ahead.

During repair work, a possible indication of asbestos was discovered in a previously inaccessible area of the building. The Fund awarded the Village Trust £460 to cover the cost of an asbestos survey. The survey confirmed that there was no asbestos present, providing reassurance and allowing the necessary repair works to continue safely.
The Fund also awarded £1,150 towards an initial bat survey required ahead of major roof works. The survey enabled the necessary clearance to be obtained, allowing the planned works to proceed.

Together, these grants have helped the Village Trust meet important safety and environmental requirements, removing potential barriers to essential maintenance and ensuring the village shop can continue to provide its valued services to the community.

Hambledon Village Hall

£2,500 Funding for floor refurbishment

The Hambledon Community Fund awarded the Village Hall £2,500 towards the £4,140 cost of restoring the wooden floor in the main hall. Frequent use had caused the flooring to deteriorate, making it increasingly difficult to clean effectively and creating particular challenges for exercise classes where participants are barefoot and the mother and toddler group, whose children play on the floor.

The grant enabled the floor to be stripped, sanded and re-sealed, providing a clean, hygienic and more pleasant surface for the community groups that use the hall. The improved floor particularly benefits exercise class participants and young children, while making the hall easier to maintain for those who run activities there. This has helped ensure the hall remains a welcoming and practical space for regular activities that bring local residents together, from exercise and children's groups to wider community events.





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Hambledon Village Hall
Hambledon Cricket Club

Hambledon Cricket Club

£1,280 Funding for cricket pitch drainage

The Hambledon Community Fund awarded £1,280 to improve drainage on the cricket club's outfield, which had become heavily compacted and prone to waterlogging. Poor drainage was regularly causing training sessions and fixtures to be cancelled, affecting players' enjoyment and participation and creating a particular risk of younger players moving to clubs with better facilities.

Following specialist advice, the grant funded tractor-mounted Verti Quake linear aeration to relieve compaction and improve the condition and drainage of the outfield. This will help the club make better use of the pitch throughout the season, reducing disruption to cricket training and matches and supporting the continued participation of its junior members.

The improved outfield also benefits other community activities, including fitness classes, allowing more local people to make use of the space. By helping to keep the ground playable and accessible, the project supports the cricket club as an important facility for local sport and community activity.

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