

Community Grants Awarded 2018/19

The Community Grant Scheme is specifically set up to support Community, Voluntary, Arts and Sporting groups that benefit the residents of Dacorum. The organisations below were awarded a community grant during the 2018/19 financial year. In total we awarded over £70,000 to 40 organisations.

Organisation	Amount	Project
Mediation Herts	£2850	'Supporting Young Lives in Dacorum' to train 48 young people in the life skill of conflict resolution. The training was delivered by professional mediators who are also experienced youth workers.
Wigginton Village Shop	£10,000	'Wigginton Village Shop' is a purpose built shop run by the community, for the benefit of the whole community, aims to combat isolation and enhance community cohesion. In addition to offering high quality, fresh local goods, it offers a cafe and community space for local groups of all ages to use. The overall project value is £228,050, and they secured match funding for the remainder of the project cost. Our grant was used towards the cost of fitting out the shop and café.
Dacorum Community Choir	£720	'Singing Out Together' - funding specifically for musical director and accompanist for four performances in Dacorum in community venues.
Druglink	£3000	'Oxygen Community Counselling Hub' - funding towards a readymade building which will be sited in the grounds of the Oxygen rehab in Hemel Hempstead.
Herts Vision Loss	£3000	'Sight Life Juniors' – funding to run two groups for young people who have a visual impairment and a range of disabilities. The sessions will be facilitated by a qualified vision loss advisor and a dedicated counsellor.
Herts Inclusive Theatre	£1,219.32	'Herts Inclusive Theatre' - funding to purchase portable PA Equipment to take mini productions around to fetes and schools to build awareness of their Saturday morning inclusive theatre group for children and young people, based at the Old Town Hall.
Bovingdon Parish Council	£500	'Bovingdon 10k run' – funding for signage for the Bovingdon 10k, 3k and fun run organised by the Parish Council.
OxJam Hemel Hempstead	£500	'Oxjam Hemel' – funding for sound and lighting equipment for the first OxJam Hemel music festival in October, bringing the community together and showcasing a range of local artists.

Ladybirds Club	£400	<i>'Microphone and soundbox project'</i> – funding for a microphone and sound box for use by guest speakers and presenters. This will enable members to hear presentations more clearly.
Dacorum First Credit Union	£500	<i>'Advertising Campaign'</i> To fund one advert in the Digest and for printing costs for posters to advertise their services.
Leverstock Green Football Club	£3,000	<i>'Leverstock Green Flat Roof' project:</i> To replace the flat roof that is used by spectators in all weathers, to watch games of football.
Parkrun Junior Berkhamsted	£2,000	<i>'Parkrun Junior Berkhamsted' project:</i> towards start-up costs including: football cone markers and waymarkers (poles and tape) to mark out the 2km course; scanning equipment (all registered runners 4 to 14 years are provided with a barcode that is scanned to provide a time); timing equipment; laptop for processing results; setting up a unique website page for Berkhamsted Junior Park Run as well as social media accounts; training for core volunteers. The event is a weekly, free 2km timed run for 4 to 14-year-olds. It will take place at 9 am on a Sunday morning at Ashlyns School, Berkhamsted.
Grovehill Xmas Lights	£1010.	<i>'Grovehill Xmas Lights' project:</i> Towards the cost of Christmas lights on Henry Wells Square which is part of a community Christmas event.
Kitcheners Bowls	£1500	<i>'Replacement of Paving' project:</i> Towards the cost of removing and replacing the paving stones surrounding the bowling green.
Dacorum Talking Newspaper	£1150	<i>'Dacorum Talking Newspaper' project:</i> Towards cost of new recording equipment including USB copy machine, replacement mixing desk, and flight case for mixing desk. The Dacorum Talking newspaper is over 40 years old and has been recording the Gazette and local news for sight impaired residents of Dacorum, almost 100 people each week.
Bennetts End Neighbourhood Association	£2764.00	<i>'Bennetts End Xmas Lights' project:</i> Towards cost of Christmas lights at Bennetts Gate shopping mall as a focus for the local community during the festive season.
Dacorum Community Dance	£500	<i>'Dacorum Community Dance' project:</i> To purchase specialist dance props and staff training. Dacorum Community Dance is a not for profit unincorporated constituted group. Their mission is to dance with people across Dacorum, improving life, health and wellbeing and inspire learning. Their work helps people of all ages across the community, and in a wide range of settings, access affordable and inclusive dance sessions.
Boho Boxmoor	£320	<i>'Boho Boxmoor' project:</i> Aiming to improve community life in the Boxmoor area of Hemel Hempstead by promoting and organising community initiatives. The grant is for lights and safety equipment (cable protector) that will be used at their Christmas event and other free community events throughout the year.

Digitally Yours Berkhamsted	£342.62	<i>'DigitallyYours – Girls Empowerment project'</i> – Targeted at 10-14 year olds, the project aims to empower young women to consciously create content online. The grant will go towards the cost of materials for printing and laminating Mindfulness boxes - 10 per project; refreshment costs, arts and crafts materials, project laminator, printer ink, marketing materials such as business cards, flyers and stickers to be used in the mindfulness boxes, also website updating.
BEEE Creative CIC	£1500	<i>'Dance Re:ignite' project:</i> Dance Re:Ignite is a project to enhance and develop dance practice and infrastructure for 50+ year olds. Funding was given specifically towards the following; Artist to lead performance and workshop at 6 Dacorum events; Contribution towards performers travel to 3 Dacorum venues; Venue hire for training day for volunteers at The Old Town Hall; Contribution towards volunteer and dance artist training.
The Hospice of St Francis	£1641.22	<i>'Enhancing wellbeing by increasing access to nature' project:</i> Enhancing the wellbeing of patients, families, visitors and staff by livestreaming images of wildlife and bird species from their garden and woodlands into communal hospice areas through wireless bird boxes and strategically placed trail cameras, providing IPU patients with images in their rooms. Funding specifically towards equipment costs.
The Puffins Sports Club	£838.51	<i>'Puffins Disability Club' project:</i> To increase membership of the Puffins club by targeting non-users of Hemel sports centre through new promotional activities and advertising, including open days offering taster sessions to attract people who have disabilities, including both physical and mental to participate in a wide range of sports and activities, without prejudice or judgement. The project will also aim to increase the number of volunteers supporting and facilitating the club and its sessions. Funding specifically for marketing and sports equipment.
Aylesbury Opera Group	£2000	<i>'Staged production of Saint-Saëns' opera 'Samson et Dalila' project:</i> Three performances at the Court Theatre, Tring in early March 2019. Local secondary school children from Tring, Berkhamsted and Hemel will be offered free tickets to the dress rehearsal. Funding towards production costs.
Age UK Dacorum	£3000	<i>'Daytime Walking Football' project:</i> The walking football project in partnership with Hemel Hempstead Football Club on Thursday evenings has been very successful with over 50 people getting involved, matches with other boroughs and even reaching the national finals. They are now aiming to target a new audience and attract people who were unable to attend the evening sessions, by offering walking football on a Monday afternoon. Funding specifically for coaches for the project, equipment and advertising
Little Gaddesden Parish Council	£3000	<i>'Little Gaddesden Outdoor Fitness Equipment for all ages' project:</i> To purchase and install an outdoor fitness area suitable for all ages to include gym equipment and a basketball net and

		hard standing. The equipment is to be located on the Church Road Playing Field (owned and managed by Little Gaddesden Parish Council).
Hertfordshire Community Learning	£2900	<i>'Preventing Isolation through Digital Skills' project:</i> The course trains older people how to use tablets and laptops and gain useful IT skills. It has been successfully running for several years however the equipment requires updating. They will be continuing to work closely with the Housing Department to ensure they reach those in most need as well as other local charities. Funding specifically towards tablets and iPad minis.
Electric Umbrella	3000	<i>'Spring Tour' project:</i> The Electric Umbrella Spring Tour will take all members with learning disabilities on a musical tour of day centres, schools, colleges and other local groups. Over a period of 3/4 weeks they will perform to 1000 people with learning disabilities and other health problems that might not otherwise have the opportunity to access live music or come and see a live theatre/festival performance. Funding for travel, marketing, administration and professional musician fees.
Boxmoor Preschool,	£3000	<i>'Bike Track Project' project:</i> Funding towards the cost of repairing the bike track in the play area so that the 70 children that attend the preschool can keep active. The current surface has become cracked and uneven, and is in need of repair.
Hertfordshire And Middlesex Wildlife Trust,	£1410	<i>'Wild Trax: Engaging Young People with Nature' project:</i> The project will address the current disconnect between young people and nature by creating opportunities for at least 50 young people (aged 11 to 18) to become engaged with their local natural environment both in local schools and off site in local nature reserves. Funding for equipment, tools and publicity.
St Albans StEPs	£3000	<i>'StEPS CIC' project:</i> To run a series of 'drop in' wellbeing cafes aimed at young girls and women between 17 and 30 and also to run 2 x 6 week courses for women on self-esteem, wellbeing, protective behaviours and aspirational success, including life skills.
Markyate Scouts	£500	<i>'Upgrade plumbing of toilets and kitchen including modernising the stopcock' project:</i> To make improvements to the plumbing at Markyate Scout hut to benefit hall users.
Aeolian Singers	£500	<i>'Campaign to end loneliness concert with Age UK Dacorum' project:</i> Funding towards the cost of Hiring the music scores.
Micklem PTA	£500	<i>'Defibrillator' project:</i> Towards the purchase of a defibrillator. The school premises is used by community groups throughout the week and weekend. The defibrillator will be available in a case of emergency to these groups and the school. It will also be available to members of the public if an incident occurred outside the school.
Kings Langley Carnival	£500	<i>'Kings Langley Carnival' project:</i> Towards the cost of marketing, programme printing and insurance for the event.

Tring in Transition	£400	<i>'Community garden' project</i> : Improving the space at Duckmore allotments in Tring to create a sustainable community garden.
Friends Of Parkwood Surgery	£500	<i>'Community health talks'</i> funding towards six health related talks organised by FOPS. The talks are free and open to everyone, not just patients of the Practice. The grant is for the costs of running these talks - hall hire, purchase of essential equipment and the costs of printing and publishing associated publicity material and guest speakers by health professionals.
Leverstock Green Playgroup	£419	<i>'Easel' project</i> – funding to purchase a six sided easel for the children to be creative using a range of mark making materials paints, chalks, pens and pencils.
The Human Milk Foundation	£500	<i>'Espresso Café'</i> – funding will support the set up costs for the Espresso Club. Espresso Clubs are community groups that enable mothers to be recruited as milk donors. They will provide a one-stop-shop for donors to receive training on how to express milk safely, and to complete and ask any questions about their screening questionnaire. Espresso Clubs would also provide an opportunity for mothers to meet and socialise.
Victoria School PTA	£500	<i>'Community allotment improvements'</i> – funding towards log seats for pupils and visitors, equipment for the cultivation of crops and plants, new beds and path. The School leases their allotment from Berkhamsted Town Council at Butts Meadow recreation ground.
Long Marston Tennis club	£5000	<i>'Project Tiger'</i> - funding towards the cost of resurfacing two tennis courts by 1 st Surface. Their project has an overall value of £43,694. They have secured match funding and a loan for the remainder of the project cost.