



COMMUNITY GRANTS

# Annual report 2024/2025



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

Activities needed to:

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

Discretionary Rate Relief (DRR) was awarded to qualifying voluntary and community groups to reduce their business rates bills. This is in addition to the mandatory reliefs awarded by government. To be eligible, groups must show that the activities taking place at their premises meet our funding priorities and outcomes. The level of relief awarded is proportionate to the number of beneficiaries who are Cambridge residents.

In 2024 to 2025, a total of **£1,100,206** was awarded as follows:

- **£1,044,207** in Community Grants (over £2,000) to benefit all parts of Cambridge
- **£55,999** in Area Committee funding for activities in specific neighbourhoods
- **£14,925** in Small Community Grants (under £2,000)
- **81 groups** were funded
- **97 activities** were delivered
- More than **127,000** city residents benefited from Community Grant and Area Committee grant-funded events, activities and projects

On average every **£1** of grant funding awarded is combined with a further **£4 to £5** of income raised by the group through additional fundraising. This means that the total value of grant-funded activities is estimated to be in excess of

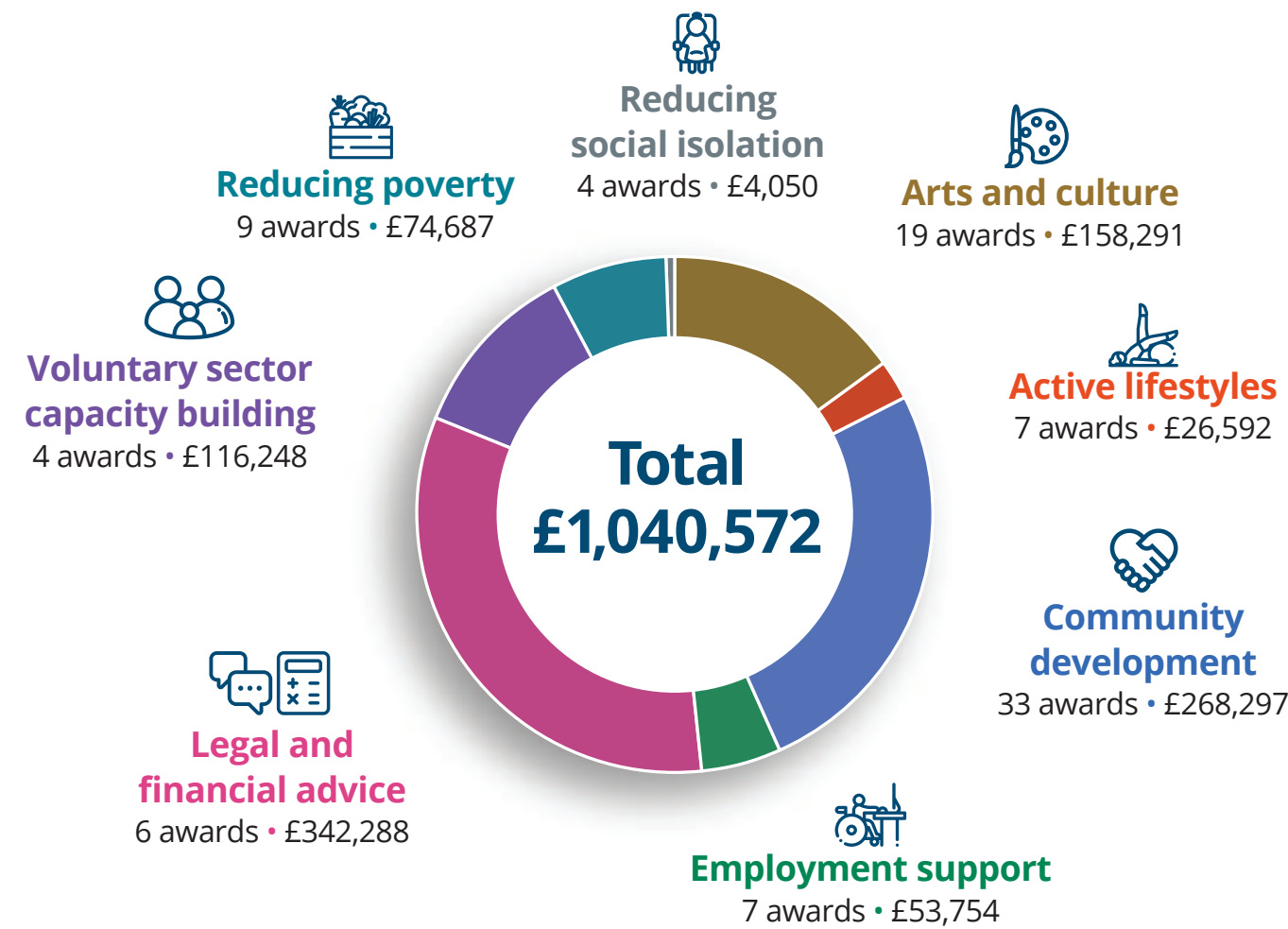
**£4.6 million**





Citywide activities were funded as follows:

For a breakdown of Area Committee funding see pages 21 to 24.



With thanks to the **558 trustees** and **1,626 volunteers**, who support the work of the organisations receiving funding.





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## Foreword

I am delighted to present the 2024 to 2025 Community Grants Annual Report which highlights some of the fantastic activities provided by more than 80 voluntary and community groups in Cambridge.

Supported by more than £1 million in council funding, a huge range of projects were delivered; from cultural and active lifestyles activities to family support programmes and employability initiatives.

At a time when our voluntary and community sector has never been more needed, there is increasing pressure on the resources of funders. Cambridge City Council remains committed to doing all we can to support the work of our partners in the sector.

Our work is a partnership, and that includes changing how we do things in response to what our partners are telling us. I'm therefore delighted to announce that we are moving towards a model of multi-year grants, in recognition of the significant potential for

long-term funding as a way to promote stability and increase resilience in the sector.

We will retain annual grants for new ideas and projects, and for smaller funding requests. We hope these changes will help groups to focus on the work they are doing to transform lives across our city.

This report showcases the real difference our funding makes. From training and legal advice to food hubs and inclusive arts, our grants programme supports many important and life-changing activities.



I would like to thank all of the voluntary and community groups working so tirelessly to serve our city. Together we really can make 'One Cambridge, Fair for All'.

**Cllr Anna Smith**

Cabinet Member for Communities

# Arts and cultural activities

19 awards  
**£158,291**



## Funded organisations

- > Cambridge 105 FM Radio
- > Cambridge Community Arts
- > Cambridge Film Trust
- > Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation for the Arts and Mental Health (Arts and Minds)
- > Over-50s Club for the Indian community
- > Junction CDC
- > Kettle's Yard
- > Museum of Cambridge
- > New International Encounter – NIE Theatre
- > The Pink Festival Group
- > Rowan Humberstone Ltd
- > Sew Positive
- > Strawberry Fair
- > The Sixth Sense Collective
- > University of Cambridge Museums



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### The Museum of Cambridge

Events and projects to improve access to arts and cultural activities

- **1,724** residents and visitors participated in the activities
- **10** new volunteers were recruited, giving over **175** hours of their time.
- **802** people attended free workshops
- **112** residents co-created *The Legacies of Windrush* workshops and exhibition
- *Museum on a Bike* programme took collections to localities with reduced access:
  - **97%** of participants felt 'more connected' to local history
  - **85%** said they benefitted from spending time working together

## Funded activities

- > Activities for at-risk children, young people and families facing barriers to arts engagement
- > Arts activities for disadvantaged and socially isolated people
- > Arts workshops for people with mild to moderate mental health issues
- > Cambridge Pride events
- > A cultural festival for the Indian community
- > Creative projects tackling social exclusion for young people with complex needs
- > Creative outreach in disadvantaged areas
- > Creative workshops for young adults with a learning disability
- > Film-making projects for disadvantaged young people
- > Museum-based interactive and inclusive activities
- > Storytelling, writing workshops and performances for children
- > Strawberry Fair



“It's great to connect with people through arts”

*Find Your Familiar participant*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### The Sixth Sense Collective

Production of a play by a neurodivergent company

“ I feel so confident, and it was such a self-esteem boost for me ”

*Cast member*

“ She absolutely bloomed – her confidence flourished, she learnt commitment and dedication. We got to share her joy at her wonderful performance ”

*Parent*

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Strawberry Fair

Annual Strawberry Fair on Midsummer Common. Free music and entertainment festival

- **30,000** attendees
- **11** stages with music and entertainment
- **60** community and voluntary group stalls
- **180** trader stalls
- **361** volunteers involved in delivering the event



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### New International Encounter (NIE) Theatre

Collaborative workshops and performances with pupils from Galfrid School

“It gives the children a real sense of their place in the community – and that they have one”

*Galfrid School headteacher*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Rowan Humberstone Ltd

**95** adult students with a learning disability were supported with courses in ceramics mixed media, textiles, drama, music and the Rowan Rangers Forest School

- **96%** said their health and wellbeing improved
- **93%** stated that they were more independent
- **96%** felt part of the group and wider community

“Rowan has made me happier, helped me make choices, make more friends and learn new things”

*Service user*

“It is a genuine privilege to be part of this community”

*Volunteer*

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Junction CDC

Inclusive arts projects for young people with complex needs

- Total Arts and Total Arts Mini Bytes: free, fortnightly accessible theatre and filmmaking sessions
- Total Arts Festival: a two-day film festival showcasing **16** films and music videos created by young people
- Contemporary Youth Choir: free sessions for underrepresented young people

“It makes me proud to be on stage and it also makes me care a lot more and I look out more for people and want to make sure they're OK. It also makes me realise how we're all the same and I think it's made me grow up and I feel more confident. I feel happy being part of this family and I don't want it to stop”

*Young participant*







## Funded organisations

- > Bangladesh Welfare & Cultural Association
- > Cambridge Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club
- > Cambridge Disabled Kids Swimming Club
- > Cambridge United Foundation
- > Groundworks EAST
- > Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre
- > Level Water

## Funded activities

- > Community sports facilities
- > Physical activities for families
- > Sport programmes for those with complex needs and disabilities
- > Swimming sessions for ethnic minority women
- > Swimming sessions for children with a disability

## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### Bangladesh Welfare & Cultural Association

Specialised swimming sessions for women from the Cambridge Bangladeshi community

- **85%** of participants reported feeling more physically active after attending the sessions
- **90%** reported improved mental wellbeing
- **75%** stated they had gained confidence in swimming and water safety

- **95%** expressed a desire to participate in similar activities in the future

**“As a Bengali woman, I never had the opportunity to learn to swim growing up. This programme has helped me break barriers and feel more confident in trying something new”**

*Participant*





## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Cambridge United Foundation**

Weekly inclusive football sessions for low-income, homeless and LGBTQ+ residents

- **91%** of participants felt their activity at Cambridge United Foundation (CUF) was positive or very positive for their physical wellbeing
- **89%** of participants felt their activity was positive or very positive for their sense of community
- **67%** agreed or strongly agreed that they made positive changes to their lives as a result of taking part

“It has given him something to look forward to every week. It has helped him feel positive and know that he has worthwhile days ahead of him”

*Family member*

## **SPOTLIGHT ON**



### **Cambridge Disabled Kids Swimming Club**

Specialist hydrotherapy swimming sessions for disabled children and their families

“My daughter has gained so much from swimming in the hydrotherapy pool. She is a full-time wheelchair user, and the pool offers her a chance to move around independently”

*Parent*



# Community development activities

33 awards  
**£268,297**



## Funded organisations

- > Abbey People
- > Age UK
- > Cambridge African Network
- > Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum
- > Cambridge Gateway Club
- > Cambridge Hindu Association
- > Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise (COPE)
- > Camsight
- > Centre 33
- > Christ the Redeemer Church
- > CoFarm Foundation
- > Home-Start Cambridgeshire
- > Kings Hedges Family Support Project
- > Lifecraft
- > Meadows Children & Family Wing
- > Romsey Mill Trust
- > Safe Soulmates
- > Student Community Action
- > The Kite Trust
- > The Red Hen Project
- > Trumpington Village Hall
- > Turkish Kurdish Speakers in Cambridge

## Funded activities

- > Activities to improve wellbeing
- > Activities for isolated adults with disabilities
- > Bi-monthly newsletter for older people
- > Black History Month events
- > Community events and activities
- > Community farm project
- > Drop-in support for young people with emotional and practical needs
- > Family Support programme
- > Information, advice and support for race equality issues
- > LGBTQ+ activities and 1:1 support for young people
- > 'Life After Abuse' support for women recovering from domestic violence
- > Monthly breakfast club for minority ethnic residents
- > Peer support for isolated mothers
- > Phone-based discussion groups for isolated older residents
- > Student-led volunteering programmes



### SPOTLIGHT ON

## Cambridge African Network

A weekend of Black History Month events including arts and craft activities, charity stalls, drum playing sessions and a talk on African collections in Cambridge University Museums.

“The evening event was nothing short of spectacular! This was a thoroughly entertaining event – especially the Brazilian band and the food. I have felt a sense of belonging here”

*Attendee*







## **SPOTLIGHT ON** **Abbey People**

Community charity improving the lives and wellbeing of Abbey residents through a variety of community projects, including a new Food Pantry offer

- **500** Abbey residents were supported
- **145** food hub sessions were delivered
- **5,857** visits were made to the Food Hub
- **1,121** pantry baskets were purchased
- **35** Junior Youth Club sessions supported **50** young people
- **105** drop-in support sessions offered support and signposting
- **358** visits to the coffee morning
- **220** volunteers contributed **1,564** volunteer hours
- **143** new volunteers were recruited
- **75%** of users said they 'couldn't afford to feed their families' without the Food Hub

“Volunteering at the Food Hub has shown me what need looks like – and that I can help to make my ward a better place, while also helping to reduce food waste”

*Volunteer*

## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Cambridge Hindu Association**

Over-50s Club: chair-based exercises, accessible transport and informative talks

“The session on the Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) was a real eye-opener for our community. We've since completed ours”

*Club member*







## SPOTLIGHT ON

### CoFarm Foundation

Community-based farming sessions where volunteers learn to grow fresh fruit and vegetables sustainably and manage the community market garden



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Centre 33

Someone to Talk To drop-in service supporting over **2,000** young people.

- young people received guidance on money and benefits
- **181** were referred for specialist support
- **130** received ongoing mental health support
- **34** were supported in employment pathways, with specialist training, job search and application guidance
- **51** were helped to address education concerns
- **690** enquiries from parents, carers and professionals responded to

“For the first time, I felt that I was understood and that somebody listened to me”

*Service user*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Home-Start Cambridgeshire

Peer support for socially isolated mothers with mental health issues, and a child under 5

- **50%** of attendees reported more than three areas of need
- **42%** were born outside the UK and had no local support network
- **54%** reported an improved ability to cope with their mental health
- **92%** showed an improvement or no deterioration in their mental health
- **38%** reported improved self-esteem and confidence
- **54%** reported an improved ability to cope with feelings of isolation





## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Lifecraft

“Lifecraft changed my life – I went from being housebound and isolated to being part of a group with like-minded people who made me feel welcome, with the realisation that I was not alone”

*Participant*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### The Kite Trust

Weekly youth groups for LGBTQ+, neurodiverse and disabled young people aged 13 to 25. Activities include one-to-one support, signposting, arts and cultural activities

- **95** young people attended the youth group sessions
- **21** participated in online support sessions
- **146** individual support sessions provided
- **94** wellbeing checks carried out

“It’s the place I can easily see my queer friends – where I feel safe to be myself without judgement or fear”

*Service user*

- 92% reported reduced feelings of anxiety and stress
- 98% feelings of increased safety
- 100% reported they have learnt how to protect themselves and their children from further harm
- 100% stated that they can now identify the warning signs of an abuser
- 100 % reported developing community support and safety networks
- 100% said that peer connection and professional support has reduced their isolation

“This was the most empowering, grounding support/event during the last few months. Although really sobering and raw at times, the weekly meetup allowed me to voice my past fears, my current concerns for child safety and wellbeing, and allowed me to feel grounded and validated. It helped me to be positive and optimistic. I am a more present parent”

*Course participant*

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Meadows Children and Family Wing

‘Life After Abuse’, ‘Freedom’ and ‘Freedom Forever’ programmes for women and their children, including 50 weekly specialist support sessions with free creche.

- 85% of course participants reported improvements in their health and wellbeing
- 90% reported improved self-esteem, confidence, and mental health
- 95% reported feeling better about themselves

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Romsey Mill Trust

Young Parents Programme – accessible courses for young parents aged up to 21

- Shine Self-Esteem course
- Eating Well on a Budget course
- Bronze Arts Award course

“Young parents participating in our programme experience a significant boost in confidence as a result of positive learning experiences, qualifications, volunteering opportunities, and various forms of support. By empowering young parents in this way, we aim to reduce the likelihood of them and their children falling into poverty, creating a more secure future for themselves and their families”

*Romsey Mill Trust team*

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Safe Soulmates

Training to support volunteers working with neurodivergent and disabled young adults

“The training made such a difference. It helped me feel included and I loved learning from the Soulmates themselves”

*Volunteering trainee*

“I was a bit nervous at first because I get quite anxious in group situations, but after my first session I felt super comfortable. I didn't think it would be that important to socialise with other young mums, but I found it really helpful”

*Young parent*







## Funded organisations

- > Allia
- > Cambridge Women's Resources Centre
- > Training and Apprenticeships in Construction Ltd

## Funded activities

- > Allia Future Business: support for social enterprises, charities and small businesses
- > Skills-development and work-experience programme for disadvantaged young people
- > Employability and wellbeing workshops for vulnerable women
- > Support for 79 young people to gain paid employment in the construction and built environment sectors



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Training and Apprenticeships Ltd (TRAC)

Support for 79 young people to gain entry to the construction and built environment sector. The programme enabled participants to:

- overcome barriers to employment
- access pre-employment support programmes
- gain entry to a 'job for life' and avoid low-wage, unskilled jobs.
- be supported in obtaining and maintaining employment
- build confidence and resilience
- try different areas of construction before committing to a particular pathway



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Cambridge Women's Resources Centre

Women's community space supporting 542 vulnerable residents with health, wellbeing, finance, domestic abuse and homelessness issues

- **328** women attended creative and wellbeing groups
- **361** received support for benefits, finances, education, training, employment readiness, health and wellbeing
- **152** used the free shop
- **350kg** of clothing and **287** packs of period products distributed through the shop
- **88** asylum-seeking or refugee women supported with eVisa processes, benefit and housing support, English classes, travel bursaries and household goods



“I like how we can speak about jobs and day-to-day things like regular people and not take it so extreme. This is really helpful.”

*Course participant*



## Funded organisations

- > Cambridge and District Citizens Advice
- > Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum
- > Disability Huntingdonshire

## Funded activities

- > Cambridgeshire Human Rights and Equality Support Service (CHESS)
- > Financial capability information and support
- > Advice and advocacy for ethnic minority residents
- > Free, legal, specialist debt and money advice
- > Training, campaigns, initiatives, debt and income maximisation service
- > Specialist caseworker support for disabled residents
- > Specialist welfare rights casework



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Cambridge and District Citizens Advice (CAB)

Free, independent financial and legal advice service

- **16,454** city residents received general advice and support for a total of **22,446** issues
- **18,340** residents accessed free legal advice
- **759** clients received specialist benefit advice
- **£4,567,319** in income was gained for clients receiving support
- **£172,540** in reimbursements obtained
- **£879,926** of debts written off
- **£243,673** worth of repayments rescheduled
- over **90%** of benefit appeals upheld
- **2,128** residents given financial advice and support, including maximising incomes and money management

“I just wanted to email one final time expressing my thanks. You kept me focused and put together my life to present it to the Tribunal a few weeks back. I don't think I can truly put into words how grateful I am. This has given me the opportunity to help myself and move on with my life”

*CAB client*



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum



A total of 66 people received support from the Cambridgeshire Human Rights and Equality Support Service (CHESS). Free advice, advocacy and representation on discrimination, equality, diversity, inclusion and human rights in education, employment, housing, policing, welfare benefits and others to individuals, families and organisations

“Without CHESS, this man would have forced me to pay over £800 for nothing. I was shocked he could not talk when the judge asked him the basis of his claims”

*CHESS client*





# Voluntary sector capacity building

4 awards  
**£116,248**



## Funded organisations

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

## Funded activities

- > Capacity building in the voluntary sector
- > Capacity building service for ethnic minority communities
- > Increasing volunteer recruitment
- > Promoting good practice and improving volunteer experience
- > Networking meetings for information, advice and guidance, education and training
- > Support for groups to set up, run and sustain services



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS)

Supporting individuals and groups to set up, run and sustain voluntary organisations

- **742** organisations supported, amounting to **462** hours of support
- **92** one-to-one advice sessions on income generation, finance and fundraising
- **60** instances of advice on starting new groups
- **91** occasions of advice on governance and policies
- **53** support sessions for volunteer management and recruitment
- **48** live training events and webinars, with **710** bookings
- **4** volunteer-management meetings
- **68** interviews with potential volunteers
- **50** advice sessions for practitioners
- **142** individuals attended CCVS events
- participated in **54** events to promote Volunteer Cambs
- **17** community groups and **7** funders attended CCVS's *Meet the Funders* event, resulting in several groups receiving grants totalling **£68,000**



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum

Capacity-building service for black and minoritised ethnic community groups, providing information, representation, organisational development and engagement. Groups supported included:

- African Caribbean Research Group
- Cambridge Ghanaian Association
- Chinese Families Together/Chinese Academy
- East and Southeast Asian Association
- East Timorese Association
- Makani Cambridge: Arab cultural society
- Women's Voice for Africa (WV4A)



# Reducing poverty activities

9 awards  
**£74,687**



## Funded organisations

- > Cambridge Dial-a-Ride
- > Cambridge Housing Society
- > Cambridge Online
- > Cambridge Re-use
- > Cambridge Sustainable Food
- > Cambridge Vineyard Church



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Cambridge Housing Society's Corona Community Project

Social, leisure and creative activities, and one-to-one support for vulnerable women in supported housing



## Funded activities

- > Community transport service
- > Creative, leisure and sports activities for vulnerable women
- > Digital inclusion projects
- > Free pre-loved clothes for children
- > Holiday lunch programme for low-income families
- > Peer support and signposting for low-income parents
- > Supporting food hubs transition to 'social supermarkets' and community shops
- > Support for the Cambridge Food Poverty Alliance

- **30** vulnerably housed women supported
- **15** women engaged in an allotment project
- **48** creative sessions held
- **4** women moved into independent accommodation
- **7** received support with finance and benefits claims

### Case study: M's story

M was referred to Corona House from the Women's Aid refuge and was supported to feel safe. She was keen to take up activities to support her wellbeing and mental health. She was helped to engage in a range of activities and was able to start making new friends. M has since moved into a Rough Sleepers Accommodation property and is now being supported by the city council before moving into her own tenancy.



## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Cambridge Vineyard Church**

Grow Kids. Low-income families were provided with pre-loved clothes and nappies, school uniforms, and signposting to additional support.



## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Cambridge Online**

Digital skills training, equipment and online access for digitally excluded residents.

- **2,200** hours of digital inclusion support sessions
- **669** individual support sessions
- **77** low-income residents provided with mobile data for six months
- **593** people aged over **60** supported
- **845** in-person basic IT support and job-skills training sessions delivered
- **160** devices and data packages provided to people working towards employment
- **277** individuals supplied with SIM cards and Mi-Fi devices
- A further **305** family members indirectly benefited within these households
- **£27,672** worth of devices and data support delivered



## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

### **Cambridge Sustainable Food**

Working with food hubs to establish 'social supermarkets' and community shop models – transitioning from an emergency food model to one of affordable provision for all

- enabled **4956** visits to social supermarkets.
- **20** volunteers involved in delivering food to the social supermarkets
- continued delivery of the holiday lunch programme to combat holiday hunger for low-income families, with **1,968** meals provided by Cambridge Sustainable Food



“I didn't know where to start with using the internet before coming to Cambridge Online. Now I can do so many things myself that I used to need help with”

*Service user*

# Reducing social isolation

4 awards  
**£4,050**



## Funded organisations

- > Boishakhi Cultural Association
- > Cambridge Artworks Ltd
- > Cambridgeshire Vietnamese Refugee Community
- > Make Do and Mend

## Funded activities

- > Arts outreach with the 'Black Creatives' group
- > Cultural event for the Cambridge Vietnamese community
- > Social and creative activities for mental wellbeing
- > Summer day trip for the city's Bangladeshi community



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Boishakhi Cultural Association

Summer day trip for Bangladeshi families

“I don't usually get a chance to meet other families because of my busy schedule. This trip allowed me to connect with new people and feel part of the community”



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Cambridgeshire Vietnamese Refugee Community

Lunar New Year celebration for the Cambridge Vietnamese community.

Children and young people were able to experience and learn about Vietnamese traditions and culture. Older people benefitted from having the opportunity to interact and meet with others, helping to tackle loneliness.



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Make Do and Mend

Creative and social activities for residents with mental health issues

“It made me look forward to going along to the activities. It gave me an aim at least once a week, something to look forward to”

*Participant*





# North Area Committee

7 awards  
**£24,633**



## Funded organisations

- > Arbury Carnival Committee
- > Bermuda Community Room
- > Chesterton Festival Committee
- > Church of The Good Shepherd
- > Meadows Children and Family Wing
- > Papworth Trust
- > The Red Hen Project

## Funded activities

- > A community 'Fun Day'
- > Arbury Carnival
- > Community living room and food hub with information and signposting
- > Employment programme for young people with physical and learning disabilities
- > School-holiday play and learning sessions for school-age children
- > Summer day trips and leisure activities for low-income families
- > Weekly winter afternoon teas and social suppers



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Church of the Good Shepherd

Weekly community living room sessions with signposting and a food hub for disadvantaged residents

- **155** residents supported
- **2,760** bags of food distributed
- **5,152** individual meal ingredients supplied
- **50** Christmas hampers distributed



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### Papworth Trust

*Routeway to Work* employment programme for young people aged 16 to 25 years with physical and learning disabilities. Provides practical work experience within a bike shop and workshop.

**“Routeway to Work has given me hope, engagement and knowledge. It's helping me get used to the workplace and contribute to society in the future”**

*Course participant*



### SPOTLIGHT ON

#### The Red Hen Project

Summer day trips and a family fun day for low-income local families

- **100%** said they felt better after the trip
- **100%** said their children had benefited

**“It was so nice getting the kids out for the day – we couldn't have afforded it otherwise”**

*Parent*





## Funded organisations

- > Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise (COPE)
- > Cherry Hinton Residents Association
- > Denis Wilson Court Social Club
- > Oblique Arts
- > St James Church
- > Trumpington Community Drama Group
- > Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub
- > Trumpington Residents Association

## Funded activities

- > Art workshops for disadvantaged young people
- > Community Newsletters
- > Holiday lunch club with family activities
- > Inclusive drama sessions and performances for children and young people
- > Seasonal community events
- > Social and well-being activities for older residents
- > Summer seaside trips for low-income residents

### **SPOTLIGHT ON**

#### St James Church

Holiday lunches and children's activities for disadvantaged families. A total of 270 residents attended holiday lunches and children's activities

**“This has helped my granddaughter so much. She loves to make things, and without this she would not be spending time with other children”**

*Grandparent*

### **SPOTLIGHT ON**

#### Trumpington Community Drama Club

40 inclusive after-school drama sessions and four performances for children and young people

**“A big thank you for bringing out the best in our children”**

*Parent*

### **SPOTLIGHT ON**

#### Cherry Hinton Residents Association

Community Christmas lights event for local residents

**“It brings people from all parts of the community together”**

*Attendee*



### **SPOTLIGHT ON**

#### Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub

Monthly 'pick your own' clothes stalls offering free pre-loved children's clothes and school uniforms. A total of 631 city families were supported





## Funded organisations

- > Bangladesh Welfare & Cultural Association
- > C3 Church
- > Friends of Mill Road Cemetery
- > Hemingford & Romsey Roads Street Party Committee
- > Ironworks Residents Group
- > Mill Road Winter Fair
- > Oblique Arts
- > St Martin's Church

## Funded activities

- > Biodiversity Festival for local residents
- > Community events
- > Cookery classes for those on low incomes.
- > Day trips for low-income families
- > Music workshops for disadvantaged residents
- > Neighbourhood street parties
- > Volunteer maintenance of a green space
- > Weekly breakfast clubs



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### C3 Church

*Cooking on a Budget* courses for disadvantaged residents

- **73%** of participants said they learned a lot about cooking during the course
- **35%** learned a lot about budgeting
- **99%** said they would be highly likely to recommend the course to others



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Hemingford and Romsey Road Street Party

Neighbourhood event bringing the community together

- hula hooping demonstration and workshop
- live music performed by musicians from the street and local area
- face-painting
- craft activities, and a dress up photo booth
- seaside games and fun races
- wood-skills workshop
- a stall for swapping plants



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Bangladesh Welfare and Cultural Association Cambridge

Seaside summer trip for families from the Cambridge Bangladeshi community

**“This was the first time our family had been to the beach. It was such a beautiful day, and we are so grateful”**

*Parent*



## Funded organisations

- > Eddington Residents Association
- > Friends of Midsummer Common
- > Oblique Arts
- > St Giles Church

## Funded activities

- > Creative workshops and an exhibition for socially isolated older residents
- > Community film screenings
- > Hot meals and social meeting spaces for those in need
- > Volunteer activities and seasonal events on Midsummer Common



## Eddington Residents' Association

Four Community Film screenings held, attended by 190 city residents. 100% of attendees rated the events as good or very good.

“Please organise more of these screenings, we love them!”



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Friends of Midsummer Common

45 community volunteering sessions, events and activities to raise awareness of the community orchard and to increase biodiversity of the Common. Attended by around 300 city residents.

“Beautiful and soothing environment, very valuable in times of stress. A lifeline for the many people living in flats around here”

*City resident*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Oblique Arts

Arts activities to support wellbeing for older, isolated adults

“This is a very safe, nurturing group. Doing art helps you completely lose yourself in what you're doing. It's so important for the mind. After class I feel inspired and relaxed, and I see the world from a different perspective. I'm very grateful to Oblique Arts for this course”

*Workshop participant*





