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THE VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR **MAKING A DIFFERENCE FUND**

Community Grant Scheme Annual Summary Report 2023/24



Coronation Grant Funding



Ratby Cooperative Band





Summary Report 2023 / 24

Overview

This report presents the findings from the Community Volunteering Fund and Making a Difference grant programme between April 2023 to March 2024. It highlights how these small grants have big impacts on local Volunteer and Community Sector (VCS) groups across Hinckley and Bosworth, either through volunteering or benefitting residents of the Borough

VCS MEMBERS

Number of community groups based in Hinckley and Bosworth signed up as members to the VCS network as of March 2024

273

PROJECTS DELIVERED

Number of projects, events or activities successfully delivered through grants from Making a Difference

81

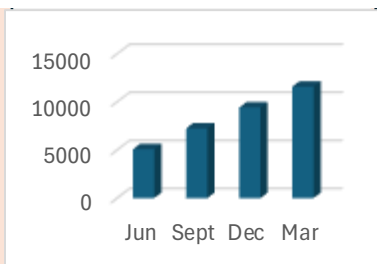
LOCAL VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Number of volunteers helping on projects and events funded by Making a Difference community grant schemes

719

BENEFICIARIES

Cumulative numbers of local residents who have benefited from the activities of voluntary and community sector groups funded by Making a Difference



ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

Chart Title



- Children Young People
- Vulnerable People
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Community Buildings
- Other

Types of activity supported with VCS funding provided by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED

Total amount of grants approved for VCS Groups in Hinckley and Bosworth between April 2023 and March 2024

£86,244



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



King Charles III
CORONATION GRANT

UK VETERANS HEARING FOUNDATION

Spreading Coronation Joy Around Hinckley Town Centre

Grant Awarded: £500

May 2023

The UKVHF is a Leicestershire Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CiO), registered with the Charity Commission in 2020. Its aim is to provide appropriate equipment and specialist care for ex-servicemen and women of all 3 services suffering from hearing loss, which is outside the care offered by the NHS.

UKVHF is the only charity in the UK that specifically deals with hearing loss for former members of the Armed Forces.

Grant Funding for the coronation was used to purchase stick flags, Union jacks and stickers to promote and spread the joy of King Charles 111 Coronation.

‘It was a great joy for the charity to put smiles on people’s faces for this event, handing out cupcakes with King Charles III on, along with flags and stickers these small gestures went such a long way to involve people in celebrating this memorable time’.

Miss Chloe Johnston



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<p>Markfield Community Library Decorating the grounds and inside the library as our village contribution. Solar lighting to illuminate decorations red, white and blue. The Coronation pins purchased have been very well received and distributed to users of the library.</p>	£500	<p>It has been a talking point in the village Greater footfall for the library and new joiners as a result Outside sockets provided which will have a legacy for future events The red, white and blue solar lights have been remarked upon at night</p>	34	200	4
<p>Hinckley Bowling Club Celebration event of the Kings coronation for the bowlers and local residents. It included decorations, live music, food, creative hat/crown competition and the planting of a tree in honor of the New King.</p>	£500	<p>Forged better links with the local community Increase participants and use of the club facilities We have a lasting reminder of the special day with our tree and plaque which is commemorating the coronation.</p>	5	70	15
<p>Gwendoline Community House Celebration Open Day event including free refreshments, crafts, games and a community raffle</p>	£120	<p>Forged better links with the local community</p>	6	35	4

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<p>Thornton Community Centre Live screening of the Coronation Event, decorating venue and providing free British Cream Tea during the event and 2 Wednesdays mornings</p>	£500	<p>Different elements of the village (both commercial and non-commercial) came together to provide a weekend of celebration. By utilising the Community Centre, we were able to provide a safe, dry, comfortable environment for the event.</p>	10	70	5
<p>Barton-in-the-Beans Resident Group Village fun day with tractor/trailer float for children in fancy dress. Maypole dancing, crafting activities with local DJ playing music throughout event.</p>	£480	<p>Greater community cohesion with various age groups, bought together to enjoy a hugely successful event.</p>	6	150	8
<p>Carlton Volunteer Group Decorate and hire marquee with coronation banners and balloons. We were also able to decorate the tables and buy ingredients to make a coronation cake.</p>	£500	<p>Allowed older residents to enjoy the Coronation along with Carlton residents. New residents also attended to meet new people and make new friends. The children also loved the freedom of being able to play safely outside as the road was closed off.</p>	48	250	12

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<p>Ratby Cooperative Band Band performance during bring your own picnic and chair event for the coronation.</p>	£300	<p>Good time enjoyed by participants, some of whom had never enjoyed brass band music. Enhanced community feeling of togetherness.</p>	4	800	50
<p>Burbage Patient Surgery Group Coffee mornings held to tackle isolation and mental health issues raised by covid shielding rules. Providing a friendly, warm space for people to come and meet people. Guest speakers commissioned to give talks to them i.e. Leicestershire fire service and warm homes.</p>	£500	<p>Bringing people together, helping with their mental health. The Burbage Surgery Social Prescribing Team were able to help a number of people in the area.</p>	4	70	6
<p>Barwell United Football Club We hosted our first Tournament in honour of King Charles' Coronation. Teams participated from Groby, Stoke Golding and surrounding areas.</p>	£400	<p>A great day bringing local community together, whilst also help raising additional funds to purchase club logoed coats for the team.</p>	8	250	20

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<p>UK Veterans Hearing Foundation</p> <p>With this funding we wanted to celebrate King Charles III as a charity who dedicates our aims to the Royals/ Armed Forces. Our project funds to be utilized by purchasing: Stand Flags Union Jack flags Stick flags/stickers These are to be used to decorate the charities office in Hinckley, as well as involving the community by handing out stick flags/stickers to celebrate with us.</p>	£500	<p>We decorated our whole building to represent King Charles III, whilst involving the community by handing out cupcakes and stick flags and stickers.</p>	37	75	2
<p>Twycross Village Hall</p> <p>Held a family Coronation quiz and buy coronation cupcakes and bunting for the night.</p>	£339.84	<p>The quiz was great and enjoyed by all who attended and was a real community event. There seems to be more people supporting the village hall now and attending the coffee mornings that we put on for people.</p>	10	80	15

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<p>Earl Shilton Social Institute Purchasing of a bench with a plaque to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III</p>	<p>£500</p>	<p>We wanted to have a bench in place so anyone passing or visiting could sit down outside and take a few minutes to rest or sit and chat with a neighbour or friend. Seeing a couple of younger people sitting on it yesterday as I arrived at work was really heartwarming.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>50</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>St Peter's Church Market Bosworth Installation of community bench to commemorate Kings Coronation</p>	<p>£500</p>	<p>We feel that the grant has benefited the many people who will use the bench, but also has allowed us to support a worthwhile charity, so thank you very much for your support.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>100</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Norton Village Institute Televised Coronation event with attendees provided a glass of prosecco and celebratory cake. Children (16 and under) participated in a best crown competition receiving a commemorative coin.</p>	<p>£200</p>	<p>Community intergenerational, cohesion, Community spirit and Forging new connections (we have quite a lot of new families who have moved to the village over, during or just after the covid period).</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>95</p>	<p>6</p>

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<p>All Saints Church Sheepy Magna Traditional English garden party with brass band. Decorations and refreshments provided.</p>	£450	Local community came together to celebrate. The event allowed both young and old to mingle developing better relations.	2.5	150	18
<p>DCC of Orton on the Hill / St Edith's Church Street party with refreshments and tree planting to commemorate coronation.</p>	£500	Improve community cohesion, the community have a memento of the day so it can be remembered and shown to future generations. Recruited additional volunteers	40	70	15
<p>Friends of St. Giles Coronation party event inc. refreshments picnic and commemorative gift</p>	£250	Supported community togetherness and additional volunteers recruited	4	200	15
<p>St Catherine's Church, Burbage Tree planting and litter picking event</p>	£92.95	The environment of the churchyard and wildlife area were enhanced. Different generations came together to work to achieve a specific purpose.	2	50	40

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St Peter's Church, Higham on the Hill Community picnic event with live entertainment	£500	There was a large attendance with people from all parts of the village and beyond. There was plenty of opportunity for social mixing. There has been a lot of positive messages – on the day and after.	5	250	20
Dadlington Village Hall Picnic on the Village Green for all residents of Dadlington and their friends.	£500	A community event where local residents willingly became involved in the setting up of the event. A large proportion of the village attended the picnic, and people were able to meet new residents as well as enjoy the company of Neighbours they already knew. People have asked for it to become an annual event!	6	150	20
St Philip and St James Church, Ratby Live screen coronation event and craft morning	£483.69	Helped create a sense of community cohesion and togetherness.	3.5	100	12
Stanton Under Bardon Village Fete Village fete held	£500	Community cohesion as all age groups attended and mingled. Monies made from the event were reinvested in providing a Community Xmas Dinner event.	5.5	500	15

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<p>Peckleton Village Hall Village fund day event with live screening of coronation</p>	£500	More recent residents had an opportunity to meet and get to know their new Neighbour's and other residents improving community cohesion. New volunteers came forward to help organize and put the day together. As a village this should have considerable benefits for future events.	9	60	15
<p>Hastings High School parkrun Parkrun held with refreshments, music and decorations around course</p>	£450	The number of first-time runners that joined us on the day, and there was a high percentage of people willing to give up their time to volunteer.	2.5	167	26
<p>Friends of Dove Bank Children's time capsule event and coronation party</p>	£340	Educational benefits for children who participated and a great sense of community togetherness.	2	220	8
<p>Ratcliffe Culey Church DCC Commemorative bench and plaque</p>	£500	The bench has become a place where the community meet and alleviate issues made prominent by Covid-19 such as isolation.	2	200	20

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Hinckley Bowls Club



Carlton



Burbage PPG



Ratcliffe



Market Bosworth



Barton-in-the-Beans



Ratby Cooperative Band



Dadlington Village



Dovebank Time Capsules



Orton-on-the-Hill



Twycross



Sheepy Magna



Veterans United



Earl Shilton

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Burbage PPG Weekly coffee morning to tackle	£500	Bringing people together, helping with their mental health. The Burbage Surgery Social Prescribing Team were able to help a number of people in the area.	8	25	6
Ambion Art Group Landscape art classes for residents' group	£500	Brought residents together and provided an educational activity re landscape drawing	8	10	1
Barwell & Hollycroft Befriending Group Xmas lunch	£180	Giving lonely people an opportunity to share experiences with each other and other Strengthen links between volunteers.	4	6	6
Markfield Community Library Community hoover purchase	£379.99	Library can be hoovered regularly by volunteers providing clean, safe space for residents	10	50	4



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Hinckley and District Museum Electrical repair work	£500	The replacement water boiler ensures smooth tearoom operation . Safety for all users with the installation of new sockets, fire exit meets regulations. Improved lighting in reception and main gallery because all lights are functioning correctly. Improves visitor experience and the Garage is now lit and safely accessible	24	100	2
Time Out Carers Mindfulness sessions	£500	Respite time out for members. Light meals for members Group support .	18	68	7
Hinckley Town Tennis Club Ukrainian Refugees provided tennis sessions	£500	Improved community cohesion by introducing local refugees to the wider community, where they have made friends and built lasting relationships	6	30	10
Green Towers Badminton and Short Tennis	£500	New equipment purchased. Session advertised, resulting in some new players coming forward.	10	6	0

Bowls Buddies



Hinckley Bowling Club

Free bowling sessions provided for local children

Grant Awarded: £500

February – May 2023



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A quick stretch of the arms and legs to warm up, gets the blood pumping and muscles fuelled ready to be the best you can!

Watch what your bowls do, they react differently on different surfaces.....

.....and encourage them to do a bit more; shout at them, wave your

arms.... lots of people do it and it seems to work!!!

When you send down a 'worldie' a quiet subdued celebration is the best way to celebrate, so as not to upset your opposition or appear big headed!!!

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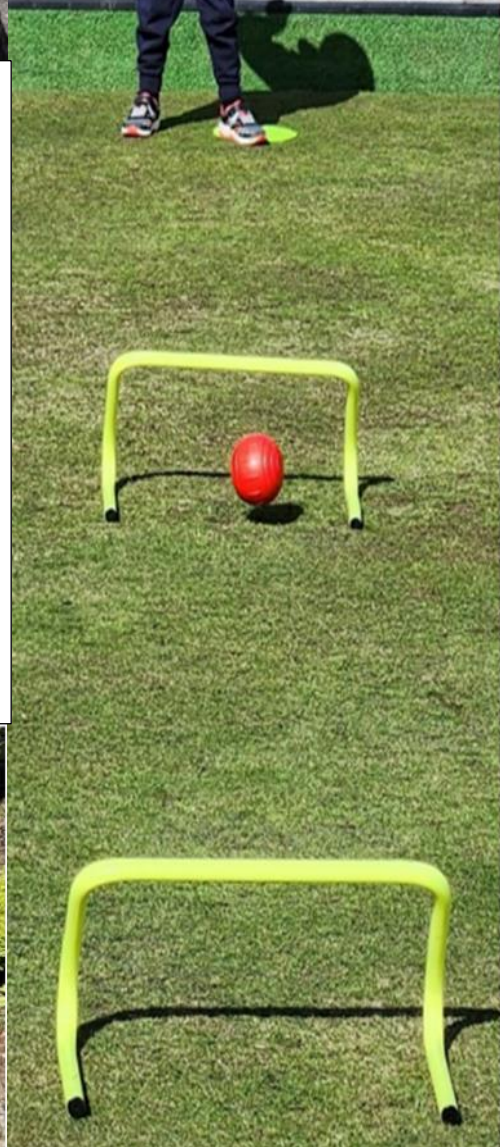
Stephen Beamish

Mr Beamish has utilised the grant funding award to buy suitable bowling equipment for local children to be offered free sessions at the bowling club.

Local children have been taught and instructed in the game of bowls being able to use an actual bowling green at a local club.

Hinckley Parks School have also been invited to attend weekly sessions in instruction.

Feedback has been positive and most of all lots of smiling faces learning to play a new game.



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Ratby Library and Community Group New hoover & carpet cleaning	£500	Volunteers can spend less time cleaning at the end of each session. Easier to use and more efficient in the cleaning process.	8	1000	24
Hinckley Bowling Club Bowling tuition for local school children	£500	Local children able to sample the joy of learning to bowl whilst enjoy fresh air	14	6	1
Elohim Christian Church Replacement chair purchase	£2600	65 community chairs purchased and trialled with all groups attending the community facility utilising them.	100+	1000+	10
St. John Ambulance Hinckley Matched funding re annual summer camp	£2544	Summer camp for local children addressing local poverty issues.	20	24	6

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Ratby Library & Community Group Outdoor garden development	£2860	Communal community space where residents attending the library can sit enjoying the new garden facility.	25	1000	24
Hinckley RFC Summer Camp	£1800	Attendees develop socially over the camp. I believe this was to do with their increased confidence levels as the camp went on. As well as them being back into a daily routine.	80	30	3
Burbage & Stoke Golding Cricket Club Train 12 new community cricket coaches	£3000	New community cricket coaches, trained with ability to teach 60 children in additional sessions.	30	100	18

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Hinckley Club for Young People Summer club local children	£3000	To give the children a very special time, like a holiday they never had because of the cost of living.	45	600	8
Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge Club Promote and teach Bridge	£500	Local people bought together and taught new activity and skill. New members recruited.	7	57	6
Desford Tapestry Purchase bespoke lighting and provide educational workshops re Tapestry	£1780	Ladies learning the art of layer and stitch to name a few skills taught at the sessions.	20	13	1
Earl Shilton Cricket Club Develop girl's women's game in the area	£3000	The growth of our Junior Section can be seen by the increase in numbers between the ages of 6 and 12. The introduction of children from the district and not only locally. The building of the Junior squad and side and entering League cricket at Under 11 ages group, along with several children who are now ready for the Under 13 age group.	60	50	20

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First Hinckley Boys Brigade Camp Jamboree and equipment purchase	£1630	Camp Jamboree a success with purchased equipment able to be used for next camp.	50	50	4
Earl Shilton Community Allotment Purchase fruit cage and new tools	£1920	The fruit cage has been a highly successful endeavour with fruit grown on the allotments picked and made available for locals to take free of charge easing the cost-of-living crisis a little locally.	50	56	28
First Hinckley Explorers Leadership training re D&E	£3000	Additional leaders trained to lead the troop with educational skills learned in addition to equipment purchased for leader activities.	130	100	8
Higham Way Baptist Church Improvements to coffee morning facilities	£2000	Improved facilities have increased people using the facility and socialising in the space.	24	100	6

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<p><i>Feed the Hungry UK</i> Providing food parcels for those in need</p>	<p>£3000</p>	<p>This project supported a whole range of people who were being particularly exposed to the cost-of-living crisis. The Hinckley team have been overwhelmed with requests, particularly with this funding period falling over the winter months. We have supported people who have found themselves in a range of circumstances, such as those facing poor health, refugees, those with mental health issues etc.</p> <p>We have had people explain this service as a “lifeline” or “help at a crucial time”.</p>	<p>100</p>	<p>260</p>	<p>2</p>

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Ambion Court Residents Group Community garden planting	£1200	Community cohesion as all residents helped and created a lovely space.	15	150	12
Hinckley Club for Young People Climbing wall training and wellbeing sessions for local children	£2000	Climbing wall training, Mental well-being of the children and Physical wellbeing of the children	450	2000	15
Hinckley Tennis Club Monthly tennis sessions for Ukrainian children	£1825	Continuation of tennis sessions whilst offering free membership to local children	10.5	70	14

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Sheepy Magna History Society Preservation local archives and documents	£1750	Cabinets have been purchased to house and preserve the documents specified in the original application. Work is currently ongoing re archiving of the documents via volunteers within the group.	25	250+	6
Stanton Under Bardon Xmas community event	£200	Elder residents of the village invited to Xmas lunch ensuring not alone and isolated.	4	100	15
TKT Cheer CiC Heating repairs	£1483.20	Attendees are now warm with a safe space to train and learn	10	198	10

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<p>St James Church Twycross Installation of access ramp for disabled members</p>	<p>£3000</p>	<p>Project Delivery Due Autumn 2025</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>0</p>
<p>Hinckley Water Activities Club Replacement of floatation devices</p>	<p>£2839.46</p>	<p>Replacement floatation devices purchased and distributed to members whilst also attracting new members to the group making it more self-sufficient.</p>	<p>1000+ - used weekly during several sessions</p>	<p>50+</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>Thornton Community Centre Replacement of acoustic panels WORK STILL ONGOING</p>	<p>£3000</p>	<p>Benefit to local people – Saved the hall from closure thus benefiting the residents and visitors from a wider area. Promotion of the project – Details of the project were notified to the residents on the village website and Facebook and at various fund-raising events.</p>	<p>50</p>	<p>1000</p>	<p>9</p>

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Markfield Community Library Replacement carpet	£582.07	Replacement carpet fitted making space, safe, clean and welcoming to residents using the library	34	200	4
Congerstone Kickstart CiC Flood Light installation re All Weather sports pitch (matched funding bid)	£3000	Matched funding has been received with work on the floodlights to begin in September 24.	TBC when completed 50	TBC when completed 250+	0
Hinckley 198 Squadron Air Force Cadets Purchase radio communication equipment and training to use it	£500	With the funding 6 radios were purchased and training provided to cadets re usage. The funding has made a tremendous difference to the Air cadets and their ability to learn a crucial skill.	1000+	63	2



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Elohim Church Creation children's playgroup	£1000	The project was started in May and has been successful in aiding between 10 – 15 families on a weekly basis.	50	200	7
Burbage Cricket Club Container storage facility behind the pavilion.	£750	With many benefits for the whole club, but particularly for the children: we had nowhere to store all the equipment needed to run our programmes and it was, basically, a big pile in the pavilion. This was installed last year and has made a big difference.	100	110	50
Witherley Memorial Playing Fields Creation nature area	£500	Initial feedback flower bedding created and planted with tyre planters, large bug hotel and water butts. Further feedback to be provided as per application Mar25.	100 Subject to Change	50 Subject to Change	15 Subject to Change

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Barwell & Earl Shilton Lions Club Reinstatement memorial clock Earl Shilton	£1462.70	Project has saved the clock and refurbished the WW1 memorial .	750+	1000+	12
Botcheston Village Hall Replacement projector and hearing loop	£2000	The work has saved the Hall from closure with many events having been held since matched funding was also gained re further renovation works.	250	1000+	9
ACCEPT Replacement tool shed and wellbeing garden	£1500	Project due to be completed Nov 24	200+ Currently	45 Currently	9 Currently



Hinckley Club 4 Young People

Summer Club for Local Children

Grant Awarded: £3000

August 2023



Hinckley Club 4 Young People as a non-for-profit charity facilitates community projects, businesses, academic establishments, sports and recreational users during the day and evening.

It also provides evening Youth Sessions for Young People to participate in, allowing them to spend time with their friends.

The centre is operated by staff and volunteers, who give their own time, wishing to put something back into the community.

The Summer Club catered for children 8-19 years old for 3 weeks during August 2023 opening 09:00 – 12:00 hours. Every day we had lots of different activities for the children to do. GreenTowers also provided free breakfast and lunch to help with the cost-of-living crisis.

“Initially the project could only facilitate 60 places each day, however because we had the funding from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council’s Volunteer & Community Sector initiative, we could provide additional staff and were able to open up for an unlimited amount seeing 70-80 children each day.

The summer club was a huge success.

The children loved all the different activities, and the parents loved the fact the children could come for just £1.50 for the whole day, making the summer camp accessible to all.

We had animals, Zorbing, Inflatable assault course and at least 7 different activities each and every day. Each day we would make sure at least one activity was making something they could take home, We did make your own T shirts, dream catchers, bottle making, slim, crazy sand trinkets and much more, thanks to the additional funding”

Donna Cox – GreenTowers Hinckley Club 4 Young People

