

Our impact

2021-22

£561,000 committed in grant funding

66% of grants supported local children and families

436 local people used our community green spaces

142 people were housed in our properties

15 local charities used our office space and community buildings



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Building a thriving Elmbridge community



Alleviating financial poverty and hardship

10 community grants helped more than **2,500** local people access debt advice, free transport and other financial support.

Over **£53,000** of delegated and direct grants helped local families with everyday essentials like food, clothing, utility bills and transport costs to get to work.

225 vulnerable households received support through the government's Household Support Fund.

1,347 food parcels were distributed to 3,645 local people (including 1,712 children) in partnership with Walton & Hershaw Foodbank.

“ Families are not only having to cope with coming out of COVID restrictions, but also rising living costs. The number of families struggling has increased, so this support is invaluable.”

Carol Hodges, Home-Start Elmbridge

Poverty



Promoting personal health and wellbeing

395 local people used our allotments for exercise and to grow fruit and vegetables.

“ The allotment has become my favourite hobby. I have suffered from anxiety and this is a lot better now.” Allotment tenant

10 community grants, totalling £110,000, supported mental health courses and wellbeing workshops in schools, telephone counselling services and emotional support for families and new parents.

70% of health and wellbeing grants benefitted children and young people across Elmbridge.



A three-year grant to Home-Start will help to provide practical and emotional support for parents across Elmbridge.

Health



Addressing isolation and loneliness

41 people took part in our community allotment and woodland projects.

47% said their physical and mental health had improved, and 75% enjoyed the sense of achievement.

6 community grants and delegated funds were awarded to local organisations tackling loneliness and isolation; these funded respite breaks for older carers, support for new refugees and a weekly community café.

Around **400** local people benefitted from our isolation and loneliness grants.

Before Katie joined the Community Allotment she spent most of her time at home on her own. Now she loves being outdoors and around other people on the allotment. "There's nothing here I don't like."



Loneliness



Promoting affordable housing for all ages

33 people were housed in our social housing properties.

109 people were housed in our independent living schemes.

80% of residents say they really like living there.

“Walton Charity is a marvellous charity because it’s so unique. Mayfield is not like other housing schemes.” *Mayfield resident*

Through our direct and delegated grants, we helped **45 people** to buy essential items including washing machines, beds and flooring, and provided ‘starter packs’ for people on low incomes moving to new properties.

“The difference affordable and secure housing can make to someone’s life is huge. It’s so much more than just a roof over your head.”

Rob Mills, Walton Charity Vice Chair of Trustees

Housing



Improving educational attainment

9 community grants helped almost 3,000 disadvantaged pupils across Elmbridge access online learning, art and drama sessions, and IT equipment.

11 local schools were awarded opportunities funds to support low-income families with equipment, activities and trips.

42% of children supported were not eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

“ Although we get Pupil Premium funding from the Government to support the most vulnerable children at our school, there is a whole band of children who don't quite meet the criteria but need support. Funding from Walton Charity helps to plug this gap and make sure no one is left behind.”

Lynn Williams, Headteacher Chandlers Field School

Education



Our fundraising appeals

Thanks to all our corporate and community supporters who donated to our appeals.

We funded **687** Christmas presents for children across Elmbridge through the Santa Stork Appeal.

We raised more than **£20,000** through our Back to School Appeal to help local families with school uniform and shoes.

“ Finding the money to buy new school uniform is such a worry for many families and this support comes as a huge relief, really helping to take the pressure off.” Home School Link Worker, Walton Oak Primary School



Fundraising