

WTF332 Appendix 1: Town Forum Small Grants/Project Grants Feedback 2023/2024

Platform 4



Winchester voices were heard by over 2,000 people for this project and we were even featured on Radio 4's Today programme - we are thrilled at its success."

With the small grant Platform 4 were able to purchase a computer which allowed the use of digital projections for their project TRIFFIDS! The equipment was also lent to Winnall Rock School so that they could create their own digital projections for shows and showcases in 2024.

The voices of Winchester Highcliffe Allotment holders were embedded in the TRIFFIDS! Show and the computer supported the creative delivery of this project.

Friends of St Giles Hill Park



The WCC grant enabled the purchase of tools, safety equipment and a store for the equipment used to make St Giles Hill Park more attractive to users and visitors. Routes, pathways and views have been improved along with the biodiversity by removing invasive planting and helping the more desired range of planting to thrive.



New planting undertaken by the volunteers and funded by WCC will add to the biodiversity. Habitat improvement have been made using arisings on site.

Winchester and District Allotment Holders

"The grant has enabled us to create a community space which has brought people together. "



The allotment Society decided to make improvements to their portacabin and transform it into a community hub. The grant was used to purchase solar panels, controller units, batteries, lighting and an inverter to power a kettle. The portakabin is now used for meetings and as a focal point for social events and work-parties, as well as informally by those simply wishing to have a cup of tea.

Clausementum Fen Conservation Group

This grant enabled the purchase of a tree popper, a tool used by conservation bodies to clear areas of unwanted tree saplings. Removal of invading tree growth from areas of Clausementum Fen keeps them clear and open for the benefit of the biodiversity and the enhancement of the environment for visitors.

Winchester GoLD



“The launch of our advocacy group has given Winchester Go LD members an important platform for their voices to be heard.

We talk about issues that matter to the learning disability community, where members are championed as experts having a wealth of lived experience.”

Winchester Poetry Festival

The grant enabled WPF to create an accessible and inclusive creative environment where people from different backgrounds and cultures within the local area were able to connect through poetry and wordplay.

“The grant gave Winchester Poetry Festival the opportunity to connect, engage with, and celebrate Winchester's diverse communities through poetry. It also enabled us to:

- foster new connections that we hope to build upon going forward
- maintain and broaden our ongoing commitment to accessibility and inclusion.
- ensure this event was free to attend and could be positioned in the most accessible venue Winchester has.”



Winchester Baptist Church

Purchase of laptop. It has enabled us to provide an improved quality of service to those in our community who need support in preparing a CV, searching for job opportunities and filling in application forms.

"It has made the writing of CVs so much faster that we can help with more people in one session."

The Carroll Centre

"The grant enabled the introduction of various long-term initiatives throughout the centre, resulting in an immediate improvement in our services and offerings, while also providing continuous benefits to our centre, community, and service users."

Items included a new hanging system launching at their Charity Art Exhibition this year, increasing the number of local individuals displaying their work while supporting the centre, and encouraging more local creatives.

WinACC (on behalf of Nature Recovery Teg Down)

“The Town Forum small grant enabled us to take a leap forward: to launch our community group and start building an exciting programme of nature and wildlife activities shaped by our local residents. We are particularly grateful to local councillors and the ecology team at WCC who backed our bid and supported this new initiative.”



St John’s Winchester – Fabric of Winchester

The grant funded an additional four free Community Sewing Days across Winchester and ensured a widespread digital, print and press marketing campaign so that the stories of Wintonians were shared across the community. The project culminated in a 4-day free public exhibition for people to view the finished quilts. Throughout the project, the grant supported documentation of the process through a photographer at all events and sessions. Overall more than 100 individuals participated in the Community Sewing Days. The project had a focus on inclusivity and accessibility meaning that many people reported they were able to participate fully in a way that best suited their needs, abilities, and level of interest.

Weeke Community Centre – Weeke Weekend

The grant enabled the purchase of equipment and enhanced marketing for the local festival, benefitting the local community of Weeke/ Harestock who attended the event. The event was inclusive and accessible to all, and the equipment purchased will enhance the sustainability of the event for future years. The event enabled the community centre to engage with local people who previously didn’t know about its services.

Following the event the community centre has received more booking enquiries, helping to ensure its longevity, and community groups have seen an increased number of people enquiring about classes and groups.