

WTF321 Appendix 2: Town Forum Small Grants Feedback 2022/2023

Winchester Pregnancy Crisis Centre

The grant helped to provide 33 hours of additional free, non-directive counselling for ten local women. "Without this grant we could not have supported local women facing an unplanned pregnancy or pregnancy loss. Thank you for enabling us to be there for these women when they needed it most."

Dentaid



The funding was used to provide four dental clinics at Trinity Winchester and a total of 27 patients benefitted with 156 specific treatments carried out. These included 30 tooth extractions under local anaesthetic, 27 cancer screenings, 29 x-rays and one fluoride varnish. Each patient also received oral health education and a free toothbrush and toothpaste pack to assist in their daily oral hygiene.

Weeke Community Centre

The grant enabled the purchase of children's tables and chairs suitable for the age range attending, and additional storage for this growing children's club which started in 2022.

"This grant has meant we are able to offer a larger range of activities for Weeke Kids Club and open it up for more children in the wider community. We are also able to make the space an area that the children can see as their own and feel comfortable."

Cycle Winchester



"Cycle Winchester was delighted to secure funding from the Town Forum Grant to support the set up and running of Bike Buses. These are regular supported rides to / from places such as schools that act to build confidence and enhance rider safety. This is especially valuable in the absence of dedicated cycle infrastructure. Funds were used to purchase equipment such as puncture repair kits, bells, hi-vis vests, locks, trailers and signage. This is being used to support existing rides and to help publicise the concept more widely."

The kit has enabled existing bike buses to Winchester schools to run more smoothly and safely. It is also facilitating a potential new route in Weeke to the primary school, a pilot for which is planned for the start of the Autumn term using the kit.

St Paul's Preschool



“St Paul's Pre-School is so grateful for the grant we have received to fund a beautiful new mud kitchen for the children. The mud kitchen has transformed the outdoor space and created a beautiful imaginative play environment that will be enjoyed by many children for years to come. We cannot thank WCC enough!”

Many children from the local community have also been able to benefit since the mud kitchen is available for children to enjoy at community open days and during holiday club sessions for local children.

Highcliffe Community Forum for Action

“The grant has enabled Highcliffe Forum to purchase equipment to be able to provide an opportunity for members of the community to volunteer and come together in an outdoor activity to help improve the local environment and enhance biodiversity in the Highcliffe area.”

Munch CIC



Funding contributed towards a Christmas event for Winchester Go LD members where members and volunteers came to make and prepare the food, as well as decorate the venue, laying tables and helping to host the event. About 70 people benefited, not just from the event itself but through the development of food preparation and cooking skills.

“The grant from Winchester City Council has helped us to involve and include isolated members of the community, helping them feel a sense of belonging and enormously improving their sense of wellbeing.”