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BUDGET

Stevenage Borough Council

Local Community Budget Scheme

The Local Community Budget scheme was launched by Stevenage Borough Council in 2011 to help community groups and organisations to develop an idea, support an existing initiative or deliver a local priority.

Stevenage Borough Council Councillors each have a budget of £2,500 and the Youth Mayor a budget of £3,300: a total of £100,800 to be allocated to support initiatives across the Borough. There is also a Neighbourhood Engagement Fund of £4,500.

Some examples of our community using this funding are below:

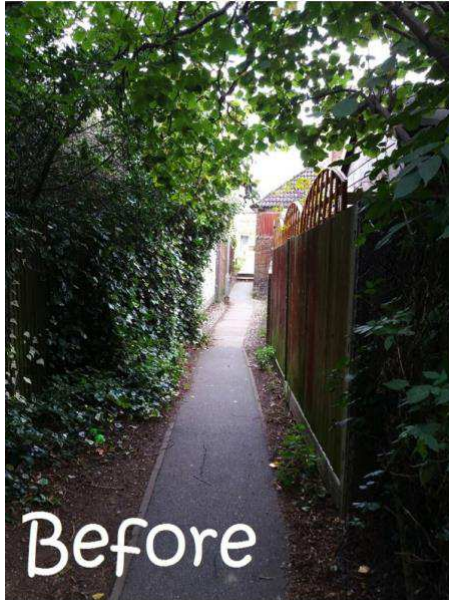
- **Peartree School - Alley Way Project**

Parents and pupils from the school and within the community have raised the issue of an alleyway close to the school which was neglected and felt unsafe. The school wanted to work with their local community to tidy up the alleyway and make it much more suitable for children and their parents to walk through. They planned a clean- up session with students, parents and Neighbourhood Wardens from Stevenage Borough Council. Money raised helped with costs to repair fencing purchase planters and bulbs and coloured tarmac and install a dog waste bin, making it a nicer environment for the students and community.



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- **Symonds Green Community Association Coffee Bar**

Symonds Green Community Centre invested in a new coffee shop with their centre. Their funding has helped to purchase equipment stock and staff costs for the first three months of them opening. The aim of the coffee shop is to bring a much-needed place of enjoyment to all of the voluntary group and other users of the centre but also as a meeting place for the wider community.

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