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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Royal Borough of Greenwich

Ward Budgets Scheme

The Royal Borough of Greenwich has recently completed its Ward Budget scheme. The scheme provided £510,000 in funding for communities, divided as an allocation of £30,000 for each of the 17 wards. The scheme has enabled ward councillors to respond more directly to local needs and the priorities of their communities. This has encouraged the Royal Borough to engage closely with community groups and other partners.

The scheme has enabled councillors to fund projects that matter most to residents, ranging from improving the local environment with planting projects, purchasing new equipment for volunteer groups, play groups, scout groups, sport groups; to running local events for the community.

It has also provided additional funding to existing community groups who have put great effort into their own fundraising activities to improve facilities and support community events. Each scheme has added local value and, where there has been cross-ward consensus, these projects have widened those benefits. Projects have been a range of sizes, and even smaller-scale projects have had a wide reach of benefits.

In total, 139 projects have been approved across the 17 wards.

Armada Community Centre - £900

Armada Community Centre has purchased a new cooker for the modest price of £900. This kitchen refurbishment has enabled the Centre to provide hot and nutritious meals to different groups in the community. This includes children playgroups, elderly lunches and other activities.

Stay and Play Start up - £1,239

This funding is helping with start-up costs of a Stay and Play area at Turning Pages Community Centre in Eltham West. This will support mothers with young children on the Page Estate.

Richmount Community Hall Reservations - £6,000

Richmount Community Hall has adapted and enhanced its Garden and Community Centre, so it is accessible for disabled people. This will help to increase usage of the Hall and Gardens for all residents.

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