



Growing Communities Fund

Helping Communities to Build Resilience

Devon Communities Together

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1. Introduction/context

£59,950:00 of grant funding was made available to Devon Communities Together (DCT) for the provision increasing community resilience support via a DCT administered Growing Communities grant scheme, as part of the larger Devon County Council administered Growing Communities grant scheme 2022/23.

Overall Grant Fund Outcomes

- Community capacity, capability and outcome realisation will be raised or improved by communities working together on similar areas of resilience.
- DCC and Partners will be better informed on what works well and what could work better in terms of investing in community resilience building and realising the associated outcomes.
- Thematic and geographical gaps in community resilience building activities will be identified.
- Greater connection between, and visibility of , various and related funding streams will be increased for community resilience building activists/activities.

DCT Growing Communities Grant Objectives

To support development of proactive, effective, innovative, measurable, and sustainable actions, which are joined up where appropriate, to enable individuals and communities to build greater degrees of self-reliance and community resilience (to maximise capacity and capability to respond to issues impacting on them).Initiatives such as but not limited to tackling loneliness, building self-esteem and confidence, practical skills from job clubs, digital inclusion, access, and skills as well as other learning and development opportunities. To ensure the right and appropriate solutions that add value to and/or re-design what is currently delivered.

2. Methodology

DCT supports the Devon Community Resilience Forum (DCRF), working in partnership with local communities and District and Local Councils to support the development of community emergency plans, including the distribution of grants to communities to assist with the purchase of relevant resources and equipment. DCT has also begun working alongside the Devon, Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Local Resilience Forum colleagues to look

at a local response to the National Resilience Strategy and Civil Contingencies Act Review and the National Preparedness Commission government commitment to strengthening Whole of Society Resilience (WSR) and enhancing cross-sector working. This opportunity to administer and evaluate a community resilience grant scheme with a broader, whole-of-society scope provided a valuable opportunity to both add value to the asset-based community development work and grant schemes that DCT already administers, but also and more importantly to test and learn from this method of supporting communities to optimise their capacity and capability to respond to issues impacting on them and to actively contribute towards the 6 priorities of the Devon County Council Strategic Plan 2021 – 25.

DCT's involvement in a part of the Growing Communities Fund provided an excellent opportunity to extend available support to develop and expand broader community resilience support alongside DCRF work already carried out by DCT. DCRF focuses on a more traditional understanding of resilience. DCT will adopt a test and learn approach, to capture intelligence & insight to learn from local communities and grant recipients and to inform the co-design and co-production of future community grant fund schemes.

DCT administered the Growing Communities Resilience grant fund on behalf of Devon County Council between May 2022 and March 2023 , promoting the grant fund to rural community organisations across Devon. We focused our promotional activities on our existing well-established networks, including the Devon Community Resilience Forum members, the Devon village hall network, town and parish councils and rural community groups.

Grant applications were assessed by DCT and grants awarded across a wide range of provision across the county. In total, we awarded £49,016.77 of grant funding to 20 not for profit rural community groups and organisations between July and December 2022.

Each grant recipient was supported to provide both quantitative and qualitative evidence to demonstrate the impact of their local grant funded activities and this report is based on that evidence.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

WINTER 2022-23

19

households provided with warm packs



530+

people attended community sessions, clubs and warm hubs, bringing communities together, in safe, warm spaces to socialise, get information and learn new skills



2

community buildings made more accessible and inclusive

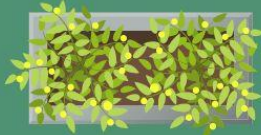


128

diverse new members of local rugby club, enjoying fitness and socialising opportunities

1

community planter established to provide food and encourage growing produce in small spaces



6

community warm spaces supported, allowing people to save money on their own heating and access food and support



22

young people supported each week to cook healthy food and access youth support services



1

Community Shops Network established, to support Devon's 40+ shops to continue serving their communities



20

bikes restored and sold by volunteers at a community bike hub

12

children's mental health sessions delivered to two school year groups, staff and parents in a primary school



3. The impact of the grant funds

We requested reports and case studies from all the grant recipients.

Here is a snapshot of the achievements of the community groups and organisations we funded.

On the following pages are more details of the individual initiatives, their outcomes and impact.

I. HELPING VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS STAY WARM OVER THE WINTER



Who? All Together Okehampton

Why? Families in Okehampton are suffering from fuel poverty.

What? 19 households were identified by the local schools, churches and other community groups as those most in need of support. They were each provided with a warm pack containing a door draft excluder, two machine washable electric heated blankets

(low energy use) and a microwave heat pack.

Outcomes and Impact:

“Being able to really help and support vulnerable families in our community is one of the main aims of Altogether Okehampton. We know that 19 households are now going to not have to choose between putting the heating on and eating, due to having these heat packs.” Michelle Farrelly, All Together Okehampton

“Thank you to Devon Communities Together for the kind heat packs distributed recently. How fantastic to create bespoke smaller heating items which takes the emphasis from running costly central heating throughout the house. Already we have been able to turn down the heating temperature and reduce the length of running in the evenings due to having heat packs and blankets for the family to use. Having other energy saving devices such a draft excluder has also contributed to savings overall.” C. Williams and family

ii. BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN BRIDGETOWN

Who? Be Buckfastleigh

Why? Buckfastleigh lies in an area of economic deprivation and has challenges such as lack of access to services and the associated challenges of rural isolation, compounded by a lack of investment and local transport issues. It also has a large amount of poor quality housing, leading to fuel insecurity and cold homes and workspaces. Be Buckfastleigh has engaged with the community in multiple ways for the past few years and the need for this project was established from requests from the local people.

What? 40 Bridgetown Community Hall sessions, including Makaton, TEFL English for refugees, repair cafés, repair your own clothes sessions, various arts and craft sessions, back to work or study sessions, basic computer skills and Spanish story time for younger children.

Outcomes and Impact: 100 individuals attended the sessions, with 200 attendances overall.

“Especially enjoyed the conversation whilst making. We laughed, we cried, we learnt, we shared. It was AMAZING. I got so much out of coming.”

“That was an amazing session. Huge conversations around health, isolation, grief, fear stopping you, community, etc... Also ended in a new friendship and offer of help that will actually change someone’s life. Simple human connections making the world better.”

Case Study

C had been out of work for more than 20 years after taking a break during motherhood and then suffering with depression and poor physical health. We offered CV writing sessions and mindful making, Living Well with pain sessions and yoga all of which C attended. C reported an increased feeling of confidence, help with dealing with her back pain, lighter mood after the sessions. After writing her first CV with our specialist, she had the confidence to apply for a part time job, which she was successful in getting.

“I have got so much out attending these sessions. Its made me feel that we can get our community going again after COVID, helped with my low mood and on a personal level

iii. SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN BUCKFASTLEIGH

Who? Buckfastleigh Community Development Project (Trust)

Why? Buckfastleigh Bungalow Youth Project, required funds to enable the organisation to continue its service for young people, to keep them safe and warm over the winter.

What? A warm space was created for young people five nights per week, with a hot meal provided. Each evening consisted of a unique collaborative session between youth workers and young people who engaged and designed one targeted activity in which young people can freely engage.

“We encouraged all young people to become involved in the purchasing of food from our local supermarket, helping to prepare meals for all those attending and the sharing of

meals cooked. We exposed young people to foods unknown to them. We shared skills and knowledge. We shared youth worker training with our young people. Our staff are seen as trusted adults for young people in Buckfastleigh. A highlight was our ability to create a Christmas meal for all young people.” Fanny Jackson, Buckfastleigh Community Development Project (Trust)

Outcomes and Impact: An average of 22 young people between the ages of 11-17 were engaged at every session.

“Proving that a known and trusted space for young people with youth workers is vital in a community. Giving young people agency in a community helps them to have an increased awareness in decision making and a sense of belonging.

“There is strong evidence that direct work with young people has the most positive impact on outcomes, for example; young people attending our sessions benefited from more intensive, in-depth support and were more open about their own risky behaviours and wanted to explore better ways of enjoying being a young person. They did this because they attended more than one session per week and were exposed to youth workers who were consistently available to listen to their stories, concerns as well as the moments when they wanted to share their successes.” Fanny Jackson

iv. INCREASING DIVERSITY IN LOCAL RUGBY



Who? CREDITON RFC

Why? The club wanted to attract new players to Walking Rugby, Girls, Women’s and Junior squads to develop CREDITON as a community club, as well as help individuals with fitness, companionship and belonging.

What? Six women’s team taster sessions were held, where participants joined a training session, completed team building and fitness activities, and socialised.

Outcomes and Impact: An average of 22 young people between the ages of 11-17 were engaged at every session. Membership numbers increased: four new Women’s team

members; 44 new Girl’s members; 76 new Boy’s members; 2 new family memberships; and six new Walking Rugby members.

“I was introduced to Walking Rugby at Crediton by a member of the Tedburn St Mary Community Choir who told me about a taster session at the club. I had played Rugby and Wales and Essex before moving to Devon, I didn’t think could play again due to osteoporosis. However, after a couple of gentle introductory sessions I have really enjoyed being able to play the game again without the impact and risk of injury. It has given me a purpose to do a supervised fitness activity and has proved to be very social”. Mike, 69

v. A WARM SPACE FOR TOPSHAM

Who? Estuary League of Friends

Why? More people were requesting support through the Cost of Living Crisis, particularly vulnerable pensioners who have little to no options to increase their pension income.

What? A series of support services were established, including a community warm room, which opened on three afternoons a week throughout the winter months at Nancy Potter House in Topsham.

Outcomes and Impact: The new community warm room was open for 20 weeks between 1st November 2022 and 16th March 2023 to support vulnerable people through the coldest months of the Cost of Living crisis. It served free homemade soup and rolls from the café and puzzles and board games were provided for entertainment. The warm room was open for two hours a day, three days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

There were 327 visits to the warm room from an estimated 130 local people. A survey showed that 100% of respondents rated the service as “helpful” (21%) or “very helpful” (79%) and 100% of respondents wanted to see the service on offer again next winter. A secondary and unintended outcome of the warm room was providing a social space, with 43% of respondents citing, unprompted, socialising and being in company as an important features of the warm room experience,

“Thank you for providing a place to come and have a chat in the cold winter months”

“A lovely place to come for some company”



vi. GITTISHAM COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Who? Gittisham Parish Council

Why? To help people struggling with the Cost of Living Crisis and rural isolation.

What? A weekly simple hot meal has been provided by volunteers using the village hall as a cooking facility and warm space. Some food has been donated from the local Ottery Larder food bank and some by local businesses. Meals have also been delivered as takeaways to any parishioner who was unable to leave their house, especially during the cold weather.

Parish church leaders and Citizens Advice people have attended every week and passed on useful advice.

Outcomes and Impact:

30-50 people have attended each week and a team of five volunteers has cooked and served the meal. Recipients of the meal have varied from young families, older couples, retired residents and single people of all ages. The social aspect of this provision has been a



great benefit to the community. One pensioner is usually rarely seen out of their house during the winter and has since stated how much he enjoys socialising with all ages.

The project featured on BBC Radio 4's programme Farming Today, highlighting the rural nature of this project and its benefits to people feeling cut off from friends, especially during the winter.

vii. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

Who? Nurture in Nature Children and Families CIC

Why? There has been an increase in anxiety and social emotional mental health needs in children in recent years and a spike in numbers since Covid. Lack of social contact has meant children have not developed resilience and coping strategies, particularly in households with parental anxiety and mental health issues. Rural communities have limited access to support and services.

What? Paws B mindfulness in schools project (12 sessions each) was delivered across two year groups in Bluecoat School, Great Torrington, including four classes of children in years four and five, along with sessions for the staff and parents.

The children also led a parental session as part of wellbeing week in school, where they taught the parents what they had learn and shared practices with them.

10 1-2-1 sessions were also held with a family with three children not attending school, and five direct sessions were held with a child not able to access lessons due to anxiety.

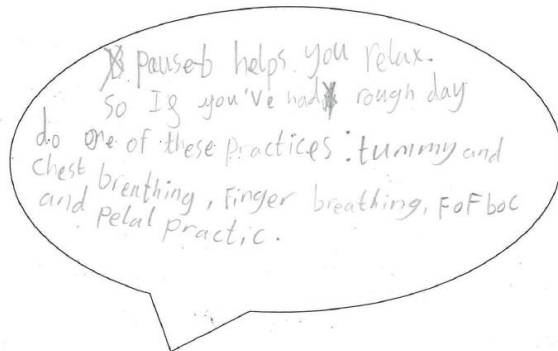
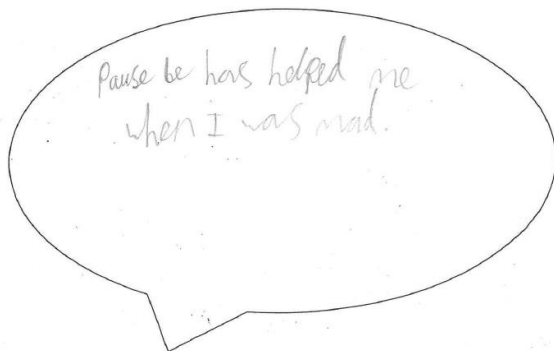
Outcomes and Impact: During the programme delivery, school attendances increased, with two of the three children in the family sessions now attending school, and the child receiving direct support now fully engaged in classes. Children and families are better equipped to be resilient in the face of future mental health challenges.

"It helped me notice how my body felt more. I learnt how to notice the signals my body was giving me and embodiment. I was feeling sad, worried, anxious and shaky. It really, really helped knowing how to train my brain to suddenly go to a happy place of my choice and calm down so I wouldn't overthink. After it I also felt more confident and share things and worries with others around me. I loved it " Child

Case Study

One of the school's high level needs children was very dysregulated - angry, throwing and destroying books and not responding to calming strategies. Having been asked to intervene, a teacher asked the support member of staff what was coming up next for him in class and was told there was a mindfulness session.

"The child immediately calmed and I was able to talk to him about the session. He told me that he really liked the sessions and that they helped him get rid of his angry feelings. He went straight into class and continued to engage well with the whole session." Teacher



viii. IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY TO CHURCH



Who? St Swithun's Parochial Church Council

Why? Steep steps into the church prevented easy access for walking disabled and was impossible for motorised wheelchairs and challenging for self-propelled wheelchairs without a lot of help.

What? Shallower steps with handrails were installed at the main entrance, along with a permanent steel ramp at the West door which is wide enough for easy wheelchair access.

Outcomes and Impact: People are no longer physically excluded from accessing the Church building.

"We have 2 regular churchgoers who can now make a much easier access to the body of the church in their wheelchairs. It is the 500th anniversary of the present building this year and we are planning several events to celebrate the centenary. The ramps will improve access to the wider community and non-churchgoers." Sir Stephen Miller, Treasurer Sandford & Upton Hellions PCC

ix. COMMUNITY SHOPS NETWORK FOR DEVON

Who? Spreyton Community Shop

Why? There are nearly 40 community shops in Devon (among the highest in the country) and they often feel isolated. Research with Devon Communities Together had highlighted a need for this network.



What? Devon was divided into four areas (North, Mid, East and South Devon). And meetings were organised for each area. Sessions concentrated on how the Cost of Living crisis is affecting the shops and how they are working to continue to provide for their communities and overcome price rises. What'sApp groups were set up so shops could stay in touch and help each other until the next meeting in the autumn.

Outcomes and Impact: The overall uptake to the meeting invitations was high, with 30 shops being represented, and some of those that were unavailable to attend have since joined the groups. By providing support for community shops to help each other with problems and difficulties, sharing best practice and providing wellbeing techniques for staff and their volunteers, the shops are in a better place to be able to survive and keep serving their communities.



x. TACKLING LONELINESS

Who? Stowford Parish Hall

Why? With no other meeting places in the parish, they wanted to create a meeting place to break down the barriers for people to meet and enjoy one another's company and to make new friendships.

What? Following a new safeguarding policy and training, along with the installation of new toilet facilities, two new meeting clubs have been established: 'The

Stowford Coffee Morning' and 'The Stowford Quiz Night', both of which started with the support of the community. A wellness and keep-fit club is planned for summer 2023.

Outcomes and Impact: Both clubs regularly average over 34 people in attendance, plus helpers. They are also used as a fundraiser for local charities, with the Quiz Club recently donating £141.78 to 'The Huggs Foundation'.

The new clubs and groups have managed to help create new friendships with members of the community. The Church and existing clubs and groups have also started to use the hall more regularly. Other than the Church, the hall is providing a space to build on existing friendships whilst also forging new relationships.

xi. GROWING FRESH FOOD IN SMALL SPACES

Who? Tavistock Community Gardening

Why? With rising food costs, they wanted to show how fresh food can be grown in small spaces, sufficient to make a worthwhile contribution to family budgets.

What? Demonstration potager planters were installed adjacent to the Community Fridge at Tavistock Library. Plants for the planters were raised from seeds and crops that are ready to harvest will be indicated with "Pick Me" labels, so people can help themselves.



The planters have a surface that has been painted with blackboard paint, so that information can be added using chalk pens.

The volunteers will save seeds and package these in recycled paper packets. These will be offered to the public at the Tavistock Garden Festival in May.

Outcomes and Impact: It is too early to evaluate the project, as the plants are not yet mature, but the aim is to provide fresh, healthy food as well as encourage people to do the same in their own outside spaces.

xii. ADDRESSING FOOD AND FUEL INSECURITY

Who? Totnes with Bridgetown Parochial Church Council

Why? The Cost of Living crisis has forced many local people to reduce their heating and also to cut back on good food, with evidence coming from the Cost of Living Consortium in Totnes requests from users of the weekly Community Café for hot meals.

What? The Hot Potato Café was established at St. John's Church, Totnes. A commercial hot potato oven was purchased and basic food hygiene training was undertaken by 17 volunteers (between 18 and 89 years old), with all passing and seven now accredited.

Outcomes and Impact: 10 hot potato events have been held, including five cafes, three open days and two working lunches. Over 300 meals have been served, providing nutritious food and a warm, safe space for people to gather.

Basic skills in food preparation and serving have enhanced employability for some of the volunteers.

"This activity will enable people to become resilient with dignity and fellowship." Dr Diana Walters





“Coming here gets me out of my house and into a warm and friendly space. The idea of hot potatoes was really good and I think they are also very tasty!”
David, a regular aged 90

“It’s lovely in here, and people are so friendly. I can stay as long as I like and there’s always a friendly face. It can really help, especially with such bad weather.” Sarah

Case Study

One of the volunteers, Daniel, decided to join when he saw flyers asking for help to start the café going. Daniel is in his 30s and has been in the area for just over a year. Volunteering has given him many things, including friendship, new skills, a sense of community, the opportunity to give something locally, new connections (especially a poetry group) and a sense of increased pride and purpose.

“I particularly love the intergenerational part of the café, and the opportunity to hear wonderful life stories from older people, many of whom are now friends. I really think that churches should be open and welcoming, and we have worked to ensure that everyone feels included – and gets a good lunch.”

xiii. PREVENTING ISOLATION AND REDUCING LANDFILL

Who? Totnes Bike Hub CIC

Why? During winter and the Cost of Living crisis, they wanted to offer a welcoming space for people to come together and learn a new skill, which would also help to address the problems of social isolation and unwanted bikes ending up in landfill.

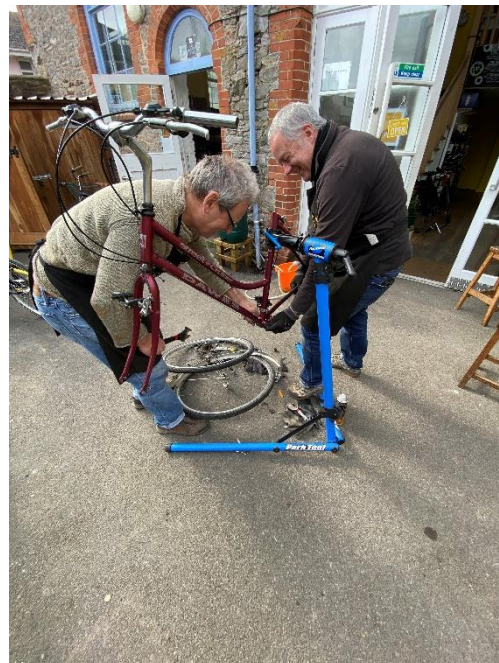
What? The pre-loved bike project involves a weekly volunteer day facilitated by an experienced teacher of mechanics. Participants work on donated bikes and refurbish them. Bikes are stripped back and re-used for other bikes, and then sold or donated.

Weekly, on a Wednesday, they also have a community cycle club led by a ride leader.

Outcomes and Impact: More than 10 workshops have been delivered, along with 10 guided bike rides with average of 4-5 regular participants. 20 bikes have been sold and four new volunteers have been recruited (now totalling nine). A total of 220 hours of volunteer time has been given to the project.

“The impact to our organisation is that we have been able to sell second hand bikes to the public and get more people in our town cycling. We have reduced the number of bikes and parts going to landfill. By selling 20 bikes, we are able to continue the project into the summer for the time being...The impact to the person [is that] our volunteers feel part of something and have made new connections. They have been able to learn a new skill or improve an existing one. Meaningful activity takes place, as well as laughter and enjoyment.” Lizzie Woodall, Totnes Bike Hub

“This gets me going on a Monday, gives me a reason to get up.” Volunteer who is recently retired from paid work



Case Study

Volunteer X says that volunteering makes him “feel good”. As soon as the project opened, he turned up and used to take a donated bike away to work on in his own shed at home. He was particularly quiet initially and wouldn’t stay that long. It wasn’t until we started the volunteer day that he started to open up. The workshops have given him a structure and a place to “fettle with bikes”. He retired over 10 years ago and has always been a keen cyclist. For him, he is able to continue his mechanical skills but in a space with others.

“It has been a delight to watch him gain confidence and engage with other people at the Hub “

xiv. CREATING COMMUNITY HUBS IN WEMBURY

Who? Wembury Parish Council

Why? To create friendly spaces and for people to connect with each other, especially those struggling with loneliness.

What? They created two community hubs for anyone in the community to use as a place to meet others, have a cup of tea and use as an information hub. They wanted the members of the community to decide what *they* wanted to do with their time at the hubs. Games, with tea, biscuits and a chat, became very popular for most sessions.



Speakers from the community have also been welcomed to the Hubs, to help educate people attending on local issues such as the environment.

Outcomes and Impact: The Hubs have welcomed over 200 attendees, with some being return visitors due to the hub's popularity. The impact has proven to be most seen with reducing loneliness for the older generation within the parish but it also challenged inequality by

allowing everyone in the parish somewhere to come be with other people.

“Many people who attended said that they struggled with loneliness and that they would not have anything to do with their day if it were not for the hub. Many are widows and have made friends through the hub. Whilst working in the parish, I have often been stopped by residents saying that they have heard of the success of the hubs and are glad that it exists.

“[The Hubs] challenged inequality by allowing everyone in the parish somewhere to come be with other people. We also had families attending and members of the community along with their carers in order to get out of the house.

“It has been so greatly received that the people who regularly attend would like it to continue and so we are looking into other grants to hopefully make the community hubs a permanent part of the community.” Ella Peters, Wembury Parish Council

“Always looking forward to Friday afternoon- a wonderful way to end the week and relax into the weekend. Good company and laughs!” Hub attendee

xv. COMMUNITY LUNCHESES IN HIGH BICKINGTON

Who? High Bickington CPT

Why? To provide hot food and a warm space for local residents who need it.

What? Weekly community lunches were established. Food is served in the Community Centre and takeaways made available in the local church for those unable to attend, or in need of an extra meal. There is also a warm room available at the centre for anyone who needs it.

Outcomes and Impact: 1,041 meals were served in total, with 445 meals served during the lunches and 596 meals boxed up for takeaways – almost all of which have been taken by local residents.

The use of the warm room as been lower than anticipated and very difficult to quantify as users come and go as they please. However, those who have used it have enjoyed the space as it is peaceful, and users can read the books in the library and take them home if they wish.

New residents in the area who have visited the centre for the first time have been impressed with the facilities and have enjoyed their time at the centre – not only attending the lunches, but also enjoying the library..

There are plans to continue monthly lunches in order to maintain the community spirit and help those who are lonely or isolated in the village. These will be funded through donations made by those who come along.



This is a remarkable achievement by the group of 18 volunteers who have assisted in the kitchen in the production of the meals. The team have felt quite humbled by the support we have received, and the feedback given by those who attend the lunches each week.

“A very welcoming and friendly atmosphere. The food is very well presented, varied and hot. Thank you for providing such a special place to enjoy company. Thank you to all the hard working volunteers.” Lunch customer

xvi. IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING AND MOBILITY DISABILITIES

Who? Lavington United Reformed Church

Why? To ensure that everyone in the community can access the Church Hall

What? A hearing loop system was installed throughout the hall, which is used by the Church as well as various hiring community groups.

The installation of a stair lift is still in progress, which will support those with mobility challenges to access the space easily.

Outcomes and Impact: Attendance on Sundays is usually around 25 which was boosted in January when they hosted a joint service with Bideford Methodist Church and around 45 people attended. This would not have been possible without the loop and microphone installation.

The Pensioners' Club has seen an increase in attendance from 40 back up to 70 (which was the pre-Covid attendance). This will be attributable to many factors, but being able to hear presenters and entertainers clearly, is one such factor.

"Inclusion is the key word, many people rely on hearing aids to enable participation in activities and we want to offer inclusive activities to everyone. Likewise, having a stair lift will allow activities in our small meeting rooms to be more inclusive." Robert Weston, Lavington United Reformed Church

"Without the loop system working there is no point in me coming to church as I can't hear a thing. With the new system in place everything is much clearer." Richard, parishioner

4. Key learning

- More recognition of the contribution of community-led micro-local VCSE groups is needed– what they do and what support they need. There is a strong case for continuing formal recognition of their contribution through funding and other support that is tailored to their needs and the needs of their communities. The ongoing support of community and volunteer led local groups is vital to develop and maintain community resilience to future crises.
- Local groups will benefit from ongoing support and capacity building to become part of a county wide 'emergency response' system to provide crisis help to vulnerable individuals in need in periods of hardship or crisis. The learning from the last 2 years, is that effective emergency response starts at a micro community level and that what is needed is a more effective and timely communication process and route-map for VCSE and public sector to work effectively together, support best practice and enabling this to become widely accessible to enable VCSE organisations/ groups.
- Importance of close liaison between DCC & VCSE community micro/ local grant administrators to enable cross referring and switching of grant applications between grant funds where appropriate.
- Grant applicants appreciated the light touch application process and the responsiveness and support provided by DCT staff to facilitate the due diligence, application assessments and decisions within a short time frame.
- Local small or micro community grants can fully-fund or part-fund activities that help to create resilient and vibrant communities, bringing people together and supporting projects and activities which address local issues that are important to a community and which benefit local people. as well as helping local organisations to build their capability.

Appendix – Grant Fund Allocation

Organisation	Amount per Grant Agreement £	Paid £	Purpose of Grant	Date Paid
Exmouth Stroke Survivors Club	500.00	500.00	Warm space & 25 xmas meals provision	07/11/2022
PCC Sandford & Upton Hellions St Swithuns Church	3000.00	3000.00	Improve disability access to church hall	31/03/2023
Be Buckfastleigh	3000.00	3000.00	40 Bridgetown Community Hall Sessions for 100 people	11/04/2023
Sampford Courtenay Village Hall	3000.00	3000.00	Village Hall toilet refurbishment	28/12/2022
Lavington United Reformed Church	3000.00	2255.84	Improve disability access to church hall	28/03/2023
Tavistock Community Gardening	1000.00	1000.00	Creation of Community Garden	31/03/2023
The Estuary League of Friends	3000.00	3000.00	Weekly community warm room	28/03/2023
Gittisham Parish Council - for the Gittisham Community Kitchen	2142.45	2142.45	Warm space & 500 hot meal provision	28/03/2023
Crediton RFC	3000.00	3000.00	Diversification of rugby club membership	31/03/2023
Stowford Parish Hall	2814.27	2814.27	Establish Loneliness Club & implement safeguarding policy	28/03/2023
Teign Valley Larder	3000.00	3000.00	Teign Valley Larder – 600 hot meals provision	24/02/2023
Totnes with Bridgetown	2800.00	2800.00	Warm Church Hub – 250 hot meals provision	28/03/2023
High Bickington	3000.00	3000.00	Weekly warm room & 600 hot meals provision	28/03/2023
Buckfastleigh Bungalow	3000.00	3000.00	Young Peoples warm hub and food provision for 100 young people	31/03/2023
Nurture in Nature	3000.00	3000.00	Mental health support to 130 children & 60 school staff & parents	31/03/2023
Totnes Bike Hub	2990.00	2990.00	Cycle refurbishment and weekly community bike rides	31/03/2023
Spreyton Village Shop	1000.00	1000.00	Establish a village community shop network	27/01/2023
Strawpatch	2000.00	2000.10	4 networking/ development events	31/01/2023
Altogether Okehampton	1000.00	1000.00	Improving mental health & wellbeing outdoor ecotherapy club	27/01/2023
Wembury Parish Council	2250.00	2364.11	Provision of 19 warm heat packs to family homes	28/03/2023
	1500.00	1150.00	Provision of 24 warm hub sessions	11/04/2023
Total	49996.72	49016.77		
Grant Fund Available		50000.00		
Underspend		983.23		

