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Our Community Grants programme

At Nationwide, we think a place to call home is one of the most important things you can have.

That's why our members and colleagues come together on our Community Boards: to choose which housing projects to help in their area. Every project supports one of our three social priorities: Helping people into a home, Preventing people from losing a home and Supporting people to thrive at home. By making little differences in local communities, they're helping tackle the housing crisis throughout the UK.

See the difference in your local area >



Our Community Grants programme in numbers

This year, we're celebrating:

supporting **94** local projects



awarding over **£4 million**



helping **23,907** People



Since 2017, our Community Grants programme has:



supported **444** local projects



awarded **£17.7 million** and by 2023, this will be **£22 million**

All local projects support one of our three social priorities:



Supporting **10,297** people to thrive at home



Preventing **9,299** people from losing their home



Helping **4,311** people into a home

The projects we're helping:

32 projects support people to thrive at home

29 projects prevent people from losing their home

33 projects help people into a home



This year, the majority of our local projects support people who are homeless, followed by children and young people and women who have experienced domestic abuse.

Our branches are at the heart of local communities



Our branches aren't just building amazing relationships with members - they're building them with charities too. Because every time we give a Community Grant to a charity, we match them with a local branch who give them ongoing support like volunteering or fundraising.

Watch our video to see how our Swansea branch has been supporting Matthew's House



What a difference it's going to make!

Listen to **Yellow Brick Road Project's** reaction when they found out they'd been awarded a Community Grant of £50,000.



Listen to the audio



Who we're helping

Our Community Boards help all kinds of housing projects and charities. While some are the kind of thing you might expect – like hostels and places that provide food – others are more surprising.

Some provide training and qualifications, while others support refugees, people experiencing domestic abuse or LGBTQIA+ people who are facing life without somewhere to live. But all the projects have one focus in common: for everyone to have a place fit to call home. Every project that receives a Community Grant supports one of our three social priorities and helps all kinds of different people.

People who are homeless

- People living in poverty
- Children and young people
- Men
- Ex-offenders
- People in care or suffering serious illness
- Older people
- Victims of crime, violence and abuse
- Care leavers
- Sex workers
- LGBTQIA+
- Ex-rough sleepers
- Military veterans
- People with multiple disabilities
- Women experiencing domestic abuse
- Families, parents and lone-parents
- Refugee, asylum seekers, immigrants



See how we're meeting our three social priorities:

1



Helping people into a home



2



Preventing people from losing a home



3



Supporting people to thrive at home



We couldn't have done it without you



271

Community Board members recruited

Thank you to all of our Community Board members. Together, you've helped to change lives in your local community.



220

Community Grant applications reviewed

If you're passionate about making a positive difference in your area, or have a lived experience of housing issues, why not join our volunteers and have your say?

For more information, please visit: nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk



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Regional Community Boards

Having had first-hand experience of homelessness, Robin wanted to help others in the same position. That's why he joined our Community Board.



Watch his story



A truly inspiring, moving day and so amazing to know you've helped changed lives.

Jennie, East Community Board member



It was such a wonderful experience being part of the Community Board. There were so many good causes and it's humbling to hear how the charities are working so hard to support the communities we live in.

Najma, West Community Board member



What a fantastic experience. I've come away today with a spring in my step knowing I've played a part in helping people turn their lives around.

Gareth, Northern Ireland Community Board member

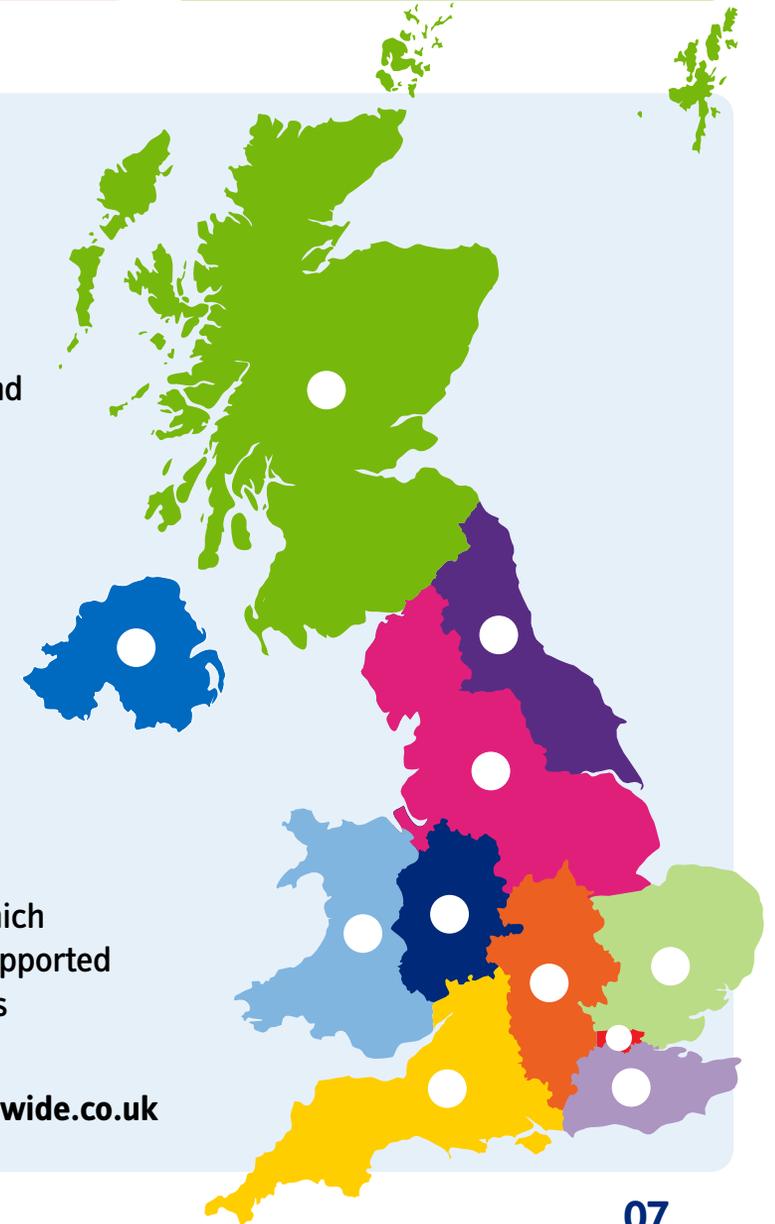


See how we're making a difference in your local area



Select a region to see how
we're helping build a better
society in your local area.

- Scotland
- North East
- North West & North Midlands
- Wales
- West
- South West
- Northern Ireland
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- East
- London
- South East



If you'd like more information about which
charities and housing projects we've supported
since the start of the Community Grants
programme, please contact:

NationwideCommunityGrants@nationwide.co.uk

South West

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
Alabare	£50,000	Andover
Bristol Refugee Rights	£49,862	Bristol
C.A.B Cornwall	£48,000	Liskeard
Faithworks Wessex	£49,134	Bournemouth
TTVS	£49,981	Bideford
Water Lily Project	£40,000	Christchurch
Wiltshire Law Centre	£50,000	Swindon
Yellow Brick Road Projects	£50,000	Andover

In the South West our Community Board members...



Supported
8 projects



Awarded
£386,977



Helped to change
1,362 lives

Who we've helped so far

In 2020-21, our South West Community Board members voted to award Age UK Gloucestershire £38,250 to help people into a home. The Homeshare project rethinks living arrangements for people across generations by matching older householders with young people. The benefit of intergenerational living helps those looking for economical and homely accommodation and creates an environment for companionship and support.

ageuk.org.uk/gloucestershire



“Home Sharing has been life changing for all of us, it's given me the companionship that I craved. I was thrilled to have Sophie and her dog move in! We just clicked and Sophie is here every night so I fell much more relaxed. I no longer suffer with panic attacks because Sophie is here. She's everything I could ask for in a Homeshare.”

Anne

Central

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
Berkshire County Blind Society	£23,769	Reading
Berkshire Women's Aid	£49,987	Reading
Home-Start Northampton	£42,819	Northampton
Leicestershire Cares Limited	£46,935	Leicester
New Dawn New Day Ltd	£45,050	Leicester
Southern Domestic Abuse Service	£50,000	Basingstoke
The Dash Charity	£50,000	Maidenhead
The Noah Enterprise	£42,960	Luton
Youth Concern	£37,948	Aylesbury

In the Central region our Community Board members...



Supported
9 projects



Awarded
£389,468



Helped to change
1,219 lives

Who we've helped so far

In 2020-21, our Central Community Board members voted to award St Mungo's £50,000 to help people into a home. The Real Lettings Bristol housing project supports and helps vulnerable Bristol families who are already experiencing homelessness or at high risk of homelessness, into safe and high-quality accommodation.

mungos.org



Helping people into a home

St Mungo's
Ending homelessness
Rebuilding lives



My housing officers have been fantastic from start to finish. They have supported me emotionally and have always been there when I've needed someone to talk to. They've always been friendly and supportive and it's because of them I am where I am now. I'm finally moving into my own home.

Louise

East

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
Beacon House Ministries	£50,000	Colchester
Care Network Cambridgeshire	£50,000	Cambridge
Home-Start Mid & West Suffolk	£31,673	Stowmarket
Home-Start Norfolk	£47,402	Norwich
Ipswich Housing Action Group Limited	£29,000	Ipswich
Sanctus	£18,071	Chelmsford
Southend On Sea Guild of Help and Citizens Advice Bureau	£47,500	Southend-on-Sea
St Giles Trust	£44,042	Norwich
Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau	£49,859	Bury St Edmunds

In the East region our Community Board members...



Supported
9 projects



Awarded
£367,547



Helped to change
5,161 lives

Who we've helped so far

In 2020-21, our East Community Board members voted to award £20,000 to the Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation to help prevent people from losing their home. The project helps support young cancer patients experiencing financial hardship by paying priority bills.

tombowdidgefoundation.org

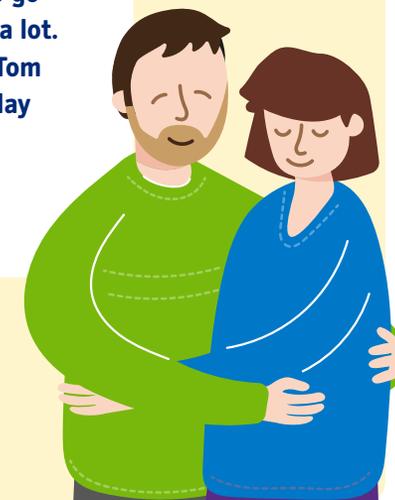


Preventing people from losing their home



I've had such an awful week with so much bad stuff thrown at us, especially regarding my health. This journey is hard enough to go through without worrying about money, which is what we do a lot. We're so grateful for the financial help we received from the Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation. They've made my day today and given some positivity back after what felt like one of the worst weeks of my life.

Louise



London

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
British Refugee Council	£50,000	London, Greater London
Citizens Advice Hillingdon Ltd	£45,000	Hillingdon, London
Harrow Carers	£49,500	Harrow, Greater London
Home-start Camden and Islington	£26,400	London, Greater London
New Horizon Youth Centre	£36,500	London, Greater London
New way Project	£49,683	London, Greater London
Room to Heal	£21,425	London, Greater London
Vision Care For Homeless People	£50,000	Spitalfields, Greater London
Yes Outdoors	£24,000	London, Greater London

In London our Community Board members...



Supported
9 projects



Awarded
£352,508



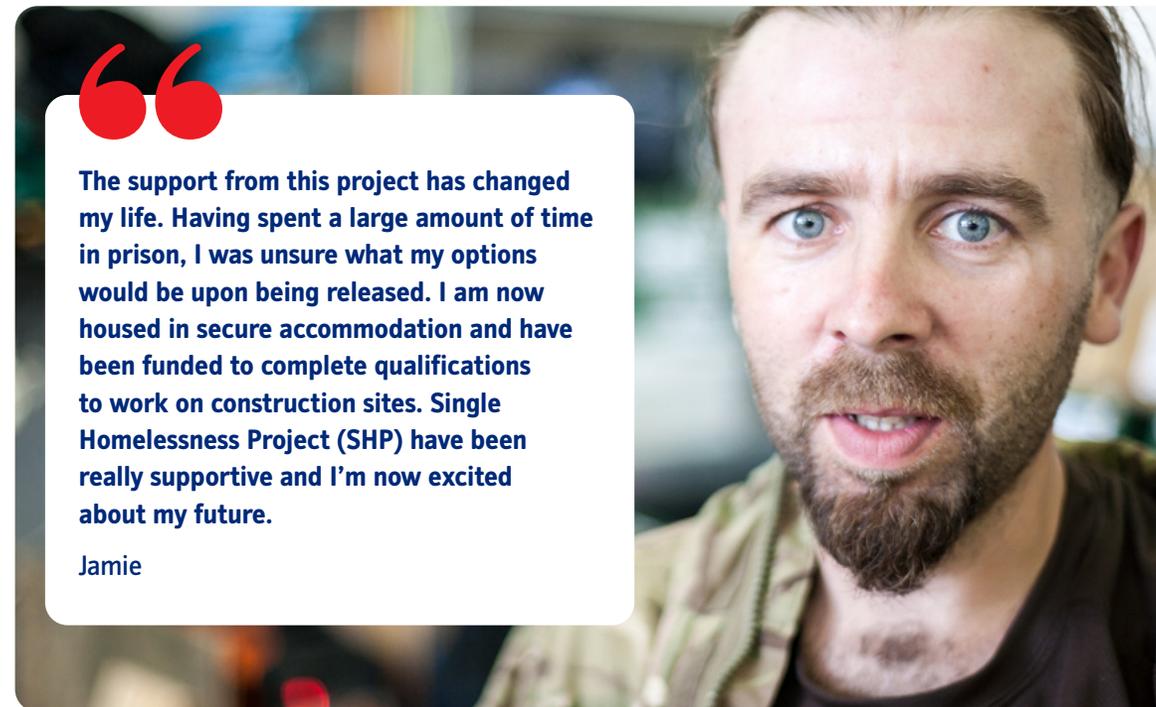
Helped to change
2,540 lives

Who we've helped so far



In 2020-21, our London Community Board members voted to award £43,493 to the Single Homelessness Project to help people into a home. It supports people under the age of 35 who are leaving prison without a job or a home, into accommodation and employment.

shp.org.uk



The support from this project has changed my life. Having spent a large amount of time in prison, I was unsure what my options would be upon being released. I am now housed in secure accommodation and have been funded to complete qualifications to work on construction sites. Single Homelessness Project (SHP) have been really supportive and I'm now excited about my future.

Jamie

North East

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
Af&v Launchpad Limited	£46,384	Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear
Hull Fc Rugby Community Sports & Education Foundation	£40,200	Kingston upon Hull, East Riding of Yorkshire
Jpc Community Farm	£18,120	Busby, North Yorkshire
Shiney Advice And Resource Project	£50,000	Sunderland, Tyne and Wear
South Tyneside Churches Key Project	£48,699	South Shields, Tyne and Wear
St Michaels Youth Project	£42,000	Kingston upon Hull, East Riding of Yorkshire
The Moses Project	£47,200	Stockton-on-Tees, Durham
Tyne Housing Association	£49,961	Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear

In the North East our Community Board members...



Supported
8 projects



Awarded
£342,564



Helped to change
1,565 lives

Who we've helped so far

In 2020-21, our North East Community Board members voted to award £34,857 to Safe and Sound Homes (SASH). The project helps people into a home and prepares young people aged 16-25 with intensive support. Young people are able to gain the skills needed to have the best chance at managing a successful transition from homelessness to independent living.

sash-uk.org.uk



“I love Safe and Sound Homes (SASH) and the support I've received. My support worker Nick is great and helped me so much. He supported me into independent living and when I started university, SASH helped me source a grant to get the equipment I needed. I know SASH are always there if I need them.”
Ben

North West and North Midlands

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
Age UK Lindsey	£50,000	Skegness, Lincolnshire
Calderdale Smartmove Limited	£49,760	Halifax, West Yorkshire
Canopy Housing Project	£50,000	Leeds
Manchester Care and Repair	£38,985	Greater Manchester
Salford Foundation Limited	£39,868	Salford
Shiloh (Rotherham)	£32,520	Rotherham, South Yorkshire
The Foxton Centre	£48,950	Preston
The Manchester Youth Zone	£24,679	Greater Manchester
West Lancashire Women's Refuge Limited	£30,960	Skelmersdale

In the North East our Community Board members...



Supported
9 projects



Awarded
£365,722



Helped to change
2,291 lives



Who we've helped so far

In 2020-21, our Northwest and North Midlands Community Board members voted to award £30,000 to Walking With The Wounded to help people into a home. The Care Coordination and Quick Reaction Fund provides intensive support to previously homeless ex-servicemen and women. They are supported into a home of their own and to transition smoothly into employment.

walkingwiththewounded.org.uk



I'm still adjusting to my new life. Last year I was homeless, living on the streets of Manchester and I had no job. As soon as I reached out for help, it was there. In a week I was off the streets and living in a hostel. My support worker Dave got behind me straight away. He helped me prepare to get back into work and to find a job. I was given money for suitable interview clothes and had my food and travel subsidised. I've now got a job and my own home.

James



Northern Ireland

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
Action for Children	£50,000	Enniskillen County Fermanagh
Compass Advocacy Network	£49,677	Ballymoney, County Antrim
Crossfire Trust	£26,000	Darkley, County Armagh
Life Change Changes Lives	£50,000	Downpatrick, County Down
Mid-Ulster Women's Aid	£48,406	Cookstown, County Tyrone
Northern Ireland Hospice	£29,325	Belfast, County Antrim
Street Soccer NI	£50,000	Belfast, County Antrim
Women's Aid Balleymena, Carrickfergus, Larne and Newtownabbey	£50,000	Ballymoney, County Antrim

In Northern Ireland our Community Board members...



Supported
8 projects



Awarded
£353,408



Helped to change
840 lives



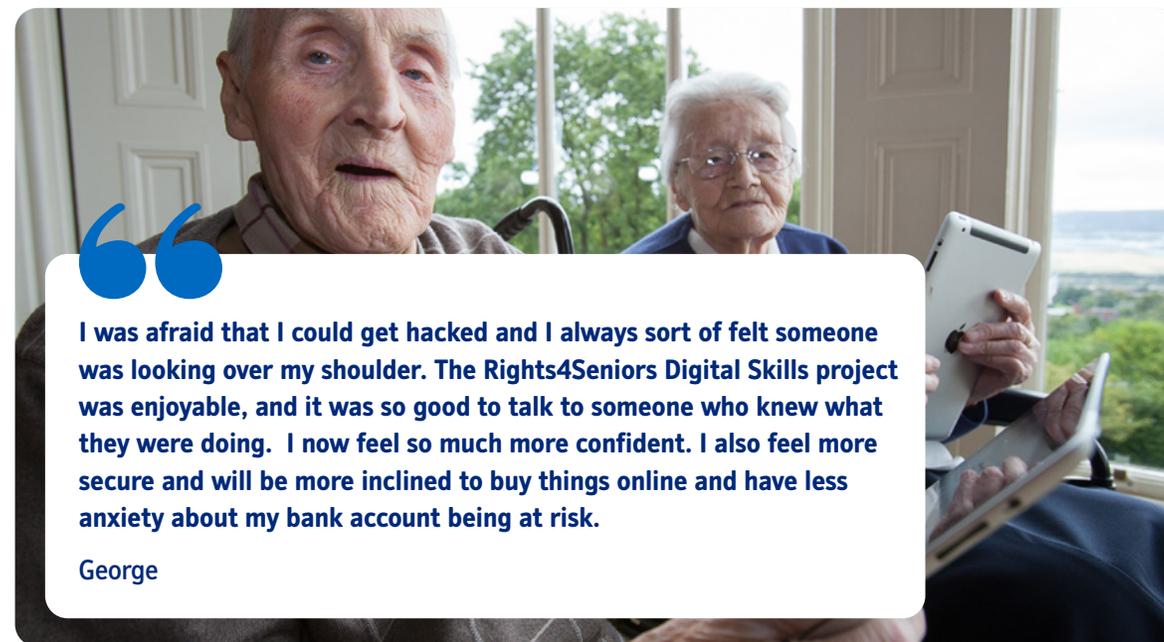
Who we've helped so far

In 2020-21, our Northern Ireland Community Board members voted to award £47,604 to Advice NI to help people thrive at home. The Rights4Seniors Digital Skills project supports older people living in sheltered housing to develop skills to navigate the internet with confidence. Residents are empowered to engage with online services to help them improve the quality of their life.

adviceni.net



Helping people to thrive at home



I was afraid that I could get hacked and I always sort of felt someone was looking over my shoulder. The Rights4Seniors Digital Skills project was enjoyable, and it was so good to talk to someone who knew what they were doing. I now feel so much more confident. I also feel more secure and will be more inclined to buy things online and have less anxiety about my bank account being at risk.

George

Scotland

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
Aberdeen Foyer	£50,000	Aberdeen
Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity	£50,000	Glasgow
Home Start Glasgow South	£49,832	Glasgow
Inverness Badenoch and Strathspey Citizens Advice Bureau	£41,911	Inverness
Kibble Education and Care Centre	£34,586	Paisley, Renfrewshire
Mull and Iona Community Trust	£47,400	Craignure, Argyll and Bute
Refugee Survival Trust	£48,924	Glasgow
SHAX	£42,234	Dumfries

In Scotland our Community Board members...



Supported
8 projects



Awarded
£364,887



Helped to change
3,999 lives



Who we've helped so far



Helping people into a home

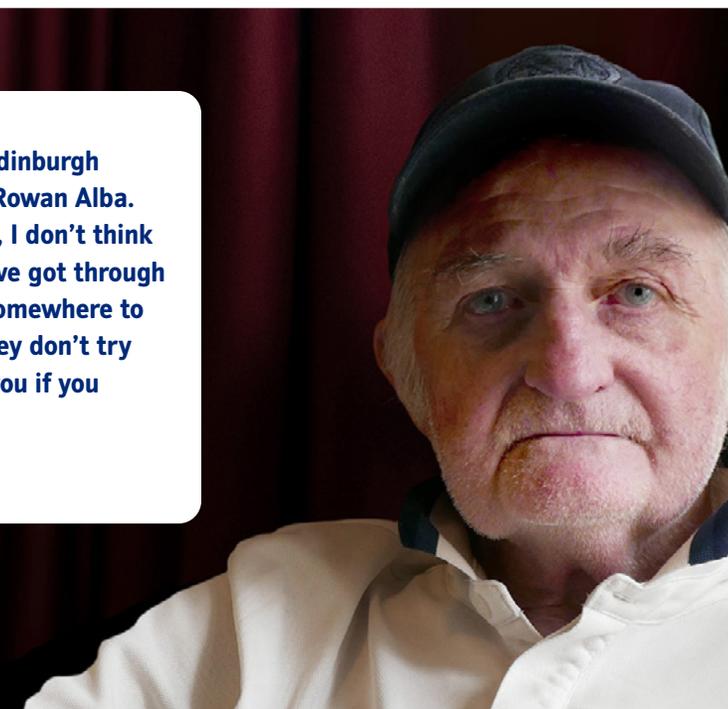
In 2020-21, our Scotland Community Board members voted to award £49,900 to Rowan Alba to help people into a home. The Home for Life project has supported the refurbishment of nine permanent homes, specifically designed for men who are rough sleeping with complex support needs.

rowanalba.org



I was sleeping on a bench in Edinburgh when I was put in touch with Rowan Alba. If it hadn't been for this place, I don't think I would be here. I wouldn't have got through many more winters. I've got somewhere to call home and my own key. They don't try to change you, but they help you if you want. It's changed my life."

Jerry



South East

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
Citizens Advice Reigate And Banstead Limited	£50,000	Redhill, Surrey
East Surrey Domestic Abuse Services (Esdas)	£49,875	Redhill, Surrey
Home-start Medway Limited	£30,000	Gillingham, Kent
Justlife Foundation	£50,000	Brighton and Hove, East Sussex
Kent Refugee Action Network	£40,000	Canterbury, Kent
Medway District Citizens Advice Bureau Service	£12,000	Gillingham, Kent
Rubicon Cares	£33,698	Maidstone, Kent
Walking With The Wounded	£44,982	Reigate, Surrey
YMCA East Surrey	£36,288	Redhill, Surrey

In the South East region our Community Board members..



Supported
9 projects



Awarded
£346,843



Helped to change
1,534 lives

Who we've helped so far



Helping people to thrive at home

In 2020-21, our South East Community Board members voted to award Home Start East Sussex £50,000 to help people thrive at home. The project supports domestic and child-to-parent abuse. Both projects are focused on providing preventative education, tools and safe spaces to share struggles within a stigma-free group. Having the right support group helps peers to understand and encourage each other on their journeys.

hses.org.uk



I'm so grateful to Home Start East Sussex for helping me keep my family together. Having a safe space to share my struggles has improved my mental health and my daughter's behaviour is becoming more manageable. Everything is falling into place at home.

Sandra



Wales

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
<u>Cardiff YMCA Housing Association</u>	£50,000	Cardiff
<u>Cerebra – For Brain Injured Children and Young People</u>	£20,000	Swansea
<u>Domestic Abuse Safety Unit North Wales Ltd</u>	£50,000	Shotton
<u>Groundwork North Wales</u>	£42,858	Wrexham
<u>Port Talbot and Afan Women's Aid</u>	£50,000	Port Talbot
<u>Safer Merthyr Tydfil Limited</u>	£48,726	Merthyr Tydfil
<u>The Autism Directory</u>	£50,000	Caerphilly
<u>The Community Impact Initiative C.I.C</u>	£49,911	Treorchy

In Wales our Community Board members...



Supported
8 projects



Awarded
£361,495



Helped to change
1,237 lives



Who we've helped so far

In 2020-21, our Welsh Community Board members voted to award £36,000 to The CAE to help people into a home. The Refugee Housing & Tenancy Support project provides a service to find homes for vulnerable refugees living in Swansea who are at risk of being homeless.

www.caentr.org



Thank you so much to the CAE team for their support. My caseworker was able to provide help with aspects of my home life that I wasn't aware of, like saving money on my bills. She also helped me with my wellbeing at a time when I wasn't coping well. I can't thank the team enough and hope they continue the amazing work.

Sophia

West

Who we're celebrating awarding Community Grants to in 2022:

Charity name	Amount awarded	Project location
<u>Birmingham Young Men's Christian Association (Incorporated)</u>	£49,360	Birmingham
<u>Enterprise Homes Group Limited</u>	£40,000	Wolverhampton
<u>Gilgal Birmingham</u>	£42,934	Birmingham
<u>Newstarts</u>	£40,000	Birmingham
<u>Saltbox</u>	£39,930	Newcastle-under-Lyme
<u>Shropshire Peer Counselling and Advocacy</u>	£50,000	Shropshire
<u>Spring Housing Association Limited</u>	£50,000	Birmingham
<u>St Pauls Hostel</u>	£50,000	Worcester
<u>YMCA Wellington and District Telford</u>	£50,000	Telford

In the West region our Community Board members...



Supported
9 projects



Awarded
£412,224



Helped to change
2,159 lives

Who we've helped so far

In 2020-21, our West Community Board members voted to award Nishkam Civic Association £45,648 to help prevent people from losing their home. The Advocacy Support Empowerment PLUS (ASEP) project supports vulnerable people in crisis to maintain their tenancies, preventing homelessness and ensuring everyone is receiving the correct benefit entitlement.

www.ncauk.org



Preventing people from losing their home



I am 56 years old, disabled and have no family. I was struggling when I was directed to Nishkam Centre (NCA) by the job centre and was at risk of homelessness. They helped win my appeal and I was backdated £9,342.00 in housing benefit. I'm so grateful for their support in helping me to change my life and to give me my identity back.

Riya