

Our impact 2022-23

£735k

committed in grant funding

75%

of grants to our community partners
supported local children and families

439

local people used our
community green spaces

143

people were housed
in our properties

13

local charities used our office
space and community buildings



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Building a thriving Elmbridge community



Alleviating financial poverty and hardship

19 community grants helped more than 6,000 local people facing financial hardship or struggling with rising living costs.

Over **£43,000** of delegated and direct grants helped local families with everyday essentials like food, clothing and utility bills.

Walton & Hershaw Foodbank formally joined Walton Charity and together we distributed food parcels to **4,323** local people, including **2,098** children.

We also launched The Bridge, a new community space providing food and practical support to local families.

Local volunteers gave over **4,500** hours of time to the Foodbank and The Bridge

“ Families have commented on how welcome and unjudged they feel at The Bridge. They can choose food that’s right for their family and come out feeling much better.”

Carol Hodges, Home-Start Elmbridge

Poverty



Promoting personal health and wellbeing

405 plot holders regularly used our allotments. Local residents also benefitted from social prescribing activities at our Tree Canopy Project.

“ I love that I have a space I can relax amongst nature and wildlife, away from the hustle and bustle.”

Plot holder, Rydens Road Allotment

8 community grants, totalling more than **£50,000**, supported physical and mental health projects including football sessions for young people and wellbeing activities for refugees living in Elmbridge.

80% of health and wellbeing grants benefitted children and young people.

“If someone asked me if they should take on an allotment, I would say go for it! It gives me such a lot of pleasure. It’s really satisfying. I love it!”
Terrace Road Plot Holder



Health



Addressing isolation and loneliness

34 people took part in our weekly community allotment project.

92% of participants said they enjoyed being out in the fresh air, and 50% saw an improvement in their mental health.

£10,000 of community grants were awarded to local organisations tackling loneliness and isolation. Around 150 local people benefitted from these grants.



Our community allotment volunteers take part in a variety of gardening projects, including an award-winning entry to the Hampton Court Garden Festival!

Loneliness



Promoting affordable housing for all ages

35 people were housed in our social housing properties.

108 people were housed in our independent living schemes.

Our residents said they feel safe and secure in our housing, and don't feel alone.

“The best bit about living here is the warmth and social life. You are never really on your own.”

Independent living resident

Our new research report 'Under the Radar' found high housing costs were a key driver of poverty in Elmbridge.

80% of local residents we surveyed said there wasn't enough affordable housing available.

30% felt this was the biggest social issue facing Elmbridge.

Housing



Improving educational attainment

£47,000 of community grants helped disadvantaged pupils across Elmbridge access catch up programmes, mental health workshops and emotional support when moving to secondary school.

“Walton Charity makes a significant difference to our school community and the lives of the children. Without their generosity we would struggle to provide additional support for our children.”

Local Head Teacher

20 local schools were awarded opportunities funds to support low-income families with uniform, school trips and activities.

“The opportunities fund has been fantastic this year. The flexibility allows us to support our children in a variety of ways; and help families who are struggling but don’t know where else to turn.”

Pastoral Coordinator, Walton Oak School

Education



Community support

A huge thank you to all our corporate and community supporters who contributed to our projects and fundraising appeals.

Local companies gave **700** hours of volunteer time to help develop our green spaces.

593 presents for children across Elmbridge were funded through our Santa Stork Christmas appeal.

“These gifts bring joy to our children and young people at a time when they need it the most. Christmas magic at its finest!”

Family Support Worker



Community