

Building a thriving Elmbridge community



Walton Charity is a local charitable foundation. We have a long history of working with our community and our partners to tackle issues of poverty and inequality, homelessness and isolation across Elmbridge.

We focus on five priority areas



Poverty

Alleviating financial poverty and hardship



Health

Promoting personal health and wellbeing



Loneliness

Addressing isolation and loneliness



Housing

Promoting affordable housing for all ages



Education

Improving educational attainment



Alleviating financial poverty and hardship

We offer grants to individuals and families in Elmbridge who are facing financial hardship. We also fund local charities, schools and organisations who are tackling poverty and inequality in Elmbridge.

We are committed to tackling both the symptoms and causes of child poverty in our local area and will continue to support children and young people worst affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 12% of children in Elmbridge were living in poverty



Poverty



Promoting personal health and wellbeing

We want everyone in Elmbridge to have the same opportunity to live an independent, healthy life.

We fund local projects that support healthy eating, exercise and mental health, and make our allotments and green spaces available for local people and community groups to enjoy.

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The allotments are a fabulous part of our community, helping us to grow healthy food and providing gentle exercise”

Health



Addressing isolation and loneliness

We support projects that encourage social interaction and help people feel more connected to their community.

Our Community Allotment enables people who feel isolated due to physical or mental health conditions to take part in regular activities. Many of our community grants address social isolation among older people in Elmbridge.



The Community Allotment got me out of the house, doing things, achieving things and socialising again”

Loneliness



Promoting affordable housing for all ages

We believe everyone should be able to afford a safe, comfortable place to live.

Working with local partners, we provide housing for people at risk of homelessness. We also offer independent living for people aged over 55 through our sheltered housing schemes.

The average cost of rent in Elmbridge is almost double that for England as a whole



Housing



Improving educational attainment

We know that education is one of the best routes out of poverty, but often children who grow up in low-income families face extra challenges in reaching their potential at school.

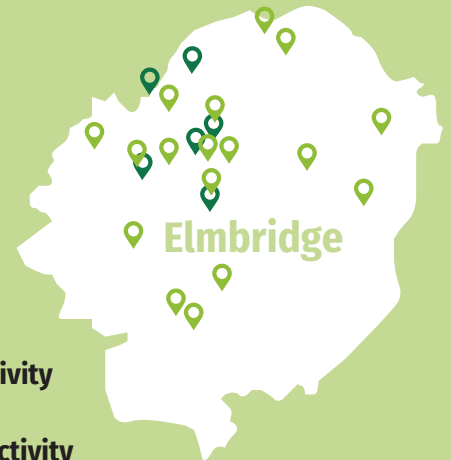
We fund learning programmes, IT equipment and mental health support in local schools, and provide grants to help with the cost of school uniforms, school trips and extra-curricular activities. We also fund learning and development costs for adults who want to get back into work.

More than 1,600 children in Elmbridge receive pupil premium funding and free school meals



Education

Working in partnership



 **Our direct activity**

 **Partnership activity**

Only by working together can we achieve our vision of a thriving Elmbridge community which is free from poverty.

As well as providing grants and funding to local schools, charities and community organisations, we fund overheads for key local services such as the Walton & Hershaw Foodbank. We also offer affordable office space for local charities and organisations at Charities House in Walton on Thames and provide buildings and land for community use across Elmbridge.

We work with local organisations to raise awareness of the causes of poverty in our borough, and its impact on people's lives.

Elmbridge is one of the most financially unequal boroughs in England. Working together, we want to build a local community free from poverty, where we can all thrive.



Walton Charity was there to support our family when we needed it, without judgement. Everyone should know they are there to help”



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