

**Small Grants Fund 2018-19 Review**

**Case Studies of Successful Projects**

**Appendix 4**

**Case Study 1:**

**18-004 Watford Celebration**

Watford Celebration is an organisation that offers the Watford community the opportunity to learn about the rich diversity of their town. Every year, various ethnic and faith groups of Watford are invited to showcase their unique heritage through performances, the sharing of food and discussions on topics of common interest or concern. There are also activities for children.

The annual community event's purpose is to promote acceptance and appreciation of different groups. It gives everyone the chance to meet, share their heritage and break barriers. It offered the residents of Watford a wonderful afternoon of entertainment discovering each other's culture. By knowing more about their neighbour's background and heritage people feel more incline to relate in a positive way creating a more cohesive and friendly town.

The organisation was awarded £1000 towards hall hire, a sound system, hire of a bouncy castle and other items related to the annual celebration event.

**Quote from Watford Celebration – Francoise Murphy**

The Watford Celebration is an annual community event which brings together all the various communities of Watford in a day of celebration and friendship. There is a great number of people from different nations, cultures and faiths living closely together in our town. It is important for the prosperity of Watford and the wellbeing of its residents that all those groups live well together. Watford Celebration offers the opportunity to achieve this. Those who have attended the event have all commented how much they enjoyed it and how they learned to appreciate each other's backgrounds.

The event is organised by a team of volunteers from different organisations. None of us are paid and we depend very much on donations and sponsorships. Without the Small Grants Fund from the Watford Borough Council it would have been very difficult to maintain and host this annual event. We are most grateful not only for the grant but also for the support we received from the Commissioning Officers. Last year for the Watford Celebration 2018 we received £1,000 from the Small Grants Fund. We spent it on hall hire, sound system, First Aid and children's activities. Once again we would like to thank Watford Borough Council for their support and financial help which gave us the ability to organise this community event.

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**Case Study 2:**

**18-007 Sri Guru Singh Sabha Watford**

The Sikh Temple and Community Centre is a place for worship and congregation. It is a community-hub for Sikhs and for the local people of Watford whatever their faith. All are welcome to attend the services and the programme of community activities that are held.

The organisation offers a variety of different activities including religious music, ancient sikh martial art (Gatka), yoga, language classes, maths classes, guided tours and free community meals every Sunday as well as events and celebrations throughout the year.

The organisation was awarded £2000 towards the purchase of equipment including a hot plate, tea urn, tables and chairs, computer, printer and a dough making machine to be used to benefit the many different activities that take place.

**Quote from Sri Guru Singh Sabha Watford – Anjali Riat**

We applied for a small grant to purchase the equipment that was needed for the community kitchen. The community kitchen is used to make meals several times a week including different events that take place in the Gurudwara. The tea urn and the hot plate we purchased now provides hot food and hot tea rather than serving lukewarm meals and drinks. We purchased a table with wheels that has given us more working surface. We also use the table for storage of utensils.

We also purchased a dough making machine which we use for preparing chapatti flour. This now only takes a few minutes whereas before we use to knead the flour by hand which was very time consuming and messy.

A computer and a printer with accidental damage cover was also purchased so that we can produce a range of work like presentations, minutes of our meetings, posters and print leaflets for various programmes and meetings and it is also used for learning purposes. We had to purchase this as our old computer and old printer were not fit for purpose.

The total spent to purchase all this equipment was £2862.94. The total amount in grant that was given was £2000.00. The difference was raised by the community.

As you can see all the equipment purchased has benefited the community as a whole tremendously.

The community again thanks you for giving us a small grant. We are also very grateful to Kim Bloomfield in helping us in this project to obtain the grant.

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**Case Study 3:**

**18-018 Friends of Cassiobury Park**

The Friends of Cassiobury Park exist to protect the natural beauty of Cassiobury Park and to represent the interest of users. Activities include the preservation of habitat for diverse species of wildlife including trees, plants, insects and birds. Planting new trees, liaising with Council Officers and the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust and providing regular volunteer working parties to undertake litter clearance and to report problems such as acts of vandalism.

The organisation was awarded £1130 to purchase an external noticeboard at Cassiobury Park Hub building to inform the public of events and activities that take place within the park.

**Quote from Friends of Cassiobury Park – Steve Jakeman**

With the opening of the Hub building in the Park the “Friends of Cassiobury Park” group were provided with a storage facility in the new building so that the equipment we use for litter clearance and works around the Local Nature Reserve could be located in the centre of the Park. When we were installed in this new upgraded home we felt the need to share information with the public about our activities and encourage more people to volunteer and to maintain and improve our beautiful environment. With this aim we decided to apply for a grant for £1130 from the Small Grants Fund to enable us to erect a Noticeboard outside the Hub so that news and information on activities could be provided.

This was installed in early 2019 and it provides an external 24 hours facility for information about the Friends Group and entertainment and educational activities being organised by the Council to the users of the Park.