

IGAS COMMUNITY FUND

Grants awarded for 2017

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NORTH WEST

IGAS LOCATIONS

Ellesmere Port, Cheshire

Ince Marshes, Cheshire

Barton Moss, Salford

Doe Green, Cheshire

Elton Primary & Nursery School – cage for Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)

Awarded a grant of £2,500 towards the installation of a MUGA cage and all-weather surface in the school playground for the benefit of the primary and nursery schools' 206 pupils and the wider community, who will be able to use the facility out of school hours.

Lady James Community Hall, Barton – funding for roof repairs

The Lady James Community Hall User Group was awarded a grant of £2,500 to cover the cost of repairs to a leaking roof which was causing damage to the main hall and restricting its use.

Elton Church Hall – new toilets

A grant of £2,000 was awarded towards the cost of renewing and enhancing the toilet facilities at the hall which serves the 5,000 population of Elton. The project includes a wheelchair-accessible unisex toilet, baby changing facilities and ladies' and gents' toilets – all with the benefit of heating.

Brain & Spinal Injury Centre, Barton – weatherproofing of roof

Awarded a grant of £2,000 to install a weatherproof coating to a flat roof at this well-established centre which provides valuable services to hundreds of people recovering from acquired brain and spinal injury, helping them rebuild their lives and return to work or meaningful activity.

Moss Vale Tenants & Residents Association – Playstreets project

Awarded a grant of £500 to cover the cost of materials for a range of volunteer-led activities to be offered to local children during school holidays. Activities include crafts, games, allotment gardening, workshops, multi-sport, face painting, breakfast clubs and outdoor adventure play, mainly targetted at 5 – 12 year-olds.

Wheels for All Cycling Projects – double-seated hand cycle

A grant of £500 was awarded towards the cost of a two-seater hand cycle to expand the fleet of adaptive cycles at Salford Wheels for All. This project delivers inclusive cycling for all ages and abilities, including those with a disability or differing need, for around 100 participants each week at the Cleavley Athletics Track in Winton.

EAST MIDLANDS

IGAS LOCATIONS

Bothamsall, Notts

Cold Hanworth, Lincs

Corringham, Lincs

Egmanton, Notts

Gainborough / Beckingham, Lincs

Glentworth, Lincs

Long Clawson, Leics

Nettleham, Lincs

Scampton, Lincs

South Leverton, Notts

Stainton, Lincs

Welton, Lincs

Benjamin Adlard Primary School – outdoor classroom

Awarded a grant of £6,000 towards the development of an outdoor classroom and wider learning / play area in fields adjacent to the school, where children can immerse themselves in nature and gain an appreciation of wildlife.

The White Unicorn Project CIC – environment and renewable energy project

Awarded a grant of £4,500 for improvements to the project site which provides a unique experience with horses and nature for children, young people and residents within Gainsborough and surrounding areas. The project needed funding to purchase outdoor clothing for young visitors; to enhance a woodland trail; to furnish a meeting area around a newly purchased tipi, funded by The People's Postcode Lottery; to create a sensory garden, to be designed and developed by young people and to purchase solar lighting, as the site is off grid – this will enable activities to take place after dark.

Dunholme Old School Community Centre – new committee room

£2,500 was awarded towards a project to convert an old utility room into a new, heated committee room.

Bothamsall Parish Council – speed reduction scheme

Awarded £2,000 towards the cost of installing Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS) at each end of the village to reduce the occurrence of speeding.

RAF Ingham Heritage Group – fencing and outdoor furniture

Awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of new timber fencing and outdoor furniture to enable visitors to the heritage centre to enjoy the nature, wildlife and natural features at the site.

Willoughby on the Wolds Village Hall – new curtains

An award of £1,000 was made towards the cost of new curtains at this recently refurbished community facility.

Hemswell Cliff Parish Council – maintenance equipment

Awarded £2,000 for the purchase of tools to enable the Ball Park committee to maintain the MUGA and astroturfed areas at the site.

SOUTH

IGAS LOCATIONS

Albury, Surrey

Avington, Hampshire

Bletchingley, Surrey

Godstone, Surrey

Goodworth Clatford, Hampshire

Holybourne, Hampshire

Horndean, Hampshire

Singleton, West Sussex

Stockbridge, Hampshire

Storrington, West Sussex

The Boaz Project – IT equipment for disabled

Awarded a grant of £4,900, towards tablet technology to facilitate communication for people who are on the autistic spectrum or have other learning difficulties. The Boaz Trust was set up more than ten years ago to provide therapeutic work and development opportunities for adults with learning disabilities.

Holybourne Theatre – structural improvements

Awarded a grant of £3,200 towards improvements to their single-walled theatre which include insulating the walls and bricking up redundant windows to reduce energy costs and improve the experience for both their members and audiences.

East Dean Village Hall – car park repairs

A grant of £3,180 was awarded to fund the resurfacing of the car park at this well-used community amenity. The grant covered the cost of removing the existing, uneven surface, reshaping the area to ensure efficient drainage, then resurfacing with compacted Type 1 sub-base material.

Bletchingley Village Hall – new tables and chairs

Awarded a grant of £3,000 for the purchase of new tables and chairs and a trolley to enable them to be moved safely. The hall's existing furniture dated back to the 1980s.

Cocking Village Hall – new storage room

Awarded £2,575 towards the construction of a small extension to the hall in which tables, chairs and other equipment can be stored, making space for a larger number of people in the hall as well as improving the security and safety of the equipment.

Storrington StART First Responders – replacement equipment

Awarded £2,000 towards the cost of replacing potentially life-saving equipment which was coming to the end of its shelf-life.

SCOTLAND

IGAS LOCATIONS

Lybster, Caithness

Lybster Parent Council – outdoor adventures

Awarded a grant of £3,500, this project is designed to enhance the land surrounding the village school football pitch and provide additional recreational space and activities. Plans include the planting of trees, shrubs and wild flowers and the creation of an obstacle course, imaginative play zones and outdoor structures such as a stage where the children can perform.

Clan Gunn Heritage Centre – interior refurbishment

Awarded a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of replacing the ceiling which was in danger of collapse at this popular visitor attraction housed in a building that is in itself of local historic significance.

Laidhay Preservation Trust – rethatching of museum

£2,000 was awarded towards the cost of rethatching the Laidhay Croft Museum, an authentic 200-year-old Caithness croft house with exhibits that demonstrate how life was lived and tools were used by local people.

Latheronwheel & Latheron Improvement Group – tools and equipment

A grant of £1,500 was awarded to purchase tools for use by volunteers engaged in maintaining local public areas. The Group aims to improve the visual appearance of the village, tackling unkempt roadside verges and clearing paths that are overgrown.