



Norfolk
Community
Foundation

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Victory Housing Community Fund

Together, Norfolk shines brighter

Together with Norfolk Community Foundation, you helped us award over £3.3million of grants in 2017, supporting 584 community groups and charities and 279 individuals.

The Victory Housing Community Fund awarded 14 grants totalling £37,164. This report provides an overview of just some of the great projects that could only happen with your help.



LATCHED ON

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN NORTH NORFOLK TO BREAST FEED



KEEP
CALM
AND
LATCH
ON

£1,000 grant helped to launch a new breast feeding café in Holt called Latched On.

“ Having Latched On by our side throughout our breastfeeding journey has made so much difference to our lives. The support and encouragement from the team and other ladies is second to none. We laugh, we share stories and we cry! But we do it together in a calm, non-judgmental space. ”

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Families have already
attended the group

Merchants' Place - £3,000 awarded



The project supported 15 vulnerable adults to improve their basic literacy, self-confidence, self-esteem and social skills. All the group members have joined in with activities they haven't tried before including Tai Chi and singing in a group. The group members have formed firm friendships and have learned to support each other and solve problems as a group.

“ I like learning without the pressure of exams. It reinforces what I've learnt in previous courses at a pace suitable for me. We have time to explore different topics. There are no alternative courses if you are not suitable to do exams. ”

£5,000 awarded to support Cromer & District Foodbank

During the last 12 months:

- 33,888kg of food distributed
- 3,240 clients assisted with food
- A fuel bank scheme has assisted 317 clients



Sing Your Heart Out North Norfolk

A grant of £3,000 helped a new Sing Your Heart Out group in North Norfolk to provide 30 tutor-led singing workshops.



More than 100 people took part in the project and a third of singers self-identified as facing mental health challenges.

- ⇒ Over 95% reported an improvement in mood during and after the sessions.
- ⇒ 82% said SYHO had changed their life for the better
- ⇒ 79% have made friends at sessions.
- ⇒ 98% found the sessions fun and enjoyable
- ⇒ Many commented on improvements in breathing, sleeping, and overall emotional and social well-being.

Awards benefiting older people:

Age UK Norfolk – a £5,000 award contributed towards the Dementia Friendly Communities work in North Norfolk.

North Walsham Bowls & Snooker Club – an £800 grant enabled the club to purchase 12 replacement chairs.

Mardler–North Norfolk Talking Newspaper – a £2,500 award assisted the charity to purchase a laptop and listening devices to enable the group's 200 members to continue to receive the weekly recorded newsletter.

“ On behalf of everyone involved in the Mardler Talking Newspaper, please thank your committee for such a generous donation ”

Awards benefiting younger people:

EP Youth – a £4,998 grant funded an outreach project working with 16 young people aged 11-18 in Briston, Melton Constable and Hindolveston.

Stiffkey Parish Council – a £2,000 award assisted the parish council to install fencing around a play area to improve safety.

Other awards

Norfolk Community Law Service – a £2,000 grant helped to provide weekly free legal advice sessions in Cromer. 145 people received advice over the 12 month grant period including at least 14 Victory Housing tenants.

Felmingham Village Hall – a £2,000 grant is assisting with a range of repairs and improvements to the village hall.

Lighthouse Charity Trust (Sheringham) - £1,500 helped to furnish a new extension. The building is used by a wide range of groups benefiting people of all ages.

The Magdalene Group Norfolk –a £2,366 award helped to equip a house to provide a supported home for female care leavers.

“ I am writing to express my personal gratitude to the panel of the Victory Housing Trust Community Fund for awarding us £2,366 towards our project. This grant is very much appreciated and will help us to set up accommodation for young female care leavers who are victims of, or at risk of sexual exploitation. ” Suzi Heybourne, Chief Executive



Neatishead Parish Council – £2,000 towards a project to install new play equipment. Victory Housing has 15 homes in the village.

“On behalf of Neatishead Parish Council and the children and families of Neatishead I would like to thank you for the very generous award you have made towards our Playground Equipment Fund. The award when added to the money we have already raised means that we are now in a position to order the first pieces of equipment.”
Parish Councillor November 2017