

2020/21



East Suffolk
Community
Partnerships


Bringing ideas to life

Felixstowe
Peninsula

Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership had £10,000 to allocate for the latter part of 2019/20, and £25,000 for 2020/21



The first allocated funding of £8,000 was directed to those organisations supporting people with the impact of C-19. Basic Life Charity were able to continue providing food to those in need and had the ability to give fuel vouchers to the most deprived, with a delivery service run by FACTS community transport.



With £2,000 carried over, the Community Partnership then allocated to a series of organisations and projects relating to their priorities; Community spaces and physical improvement, Tackling social isolation and loneliness, and Education – raising aspirations, ambitions and standards.

The Friends of Felixstowe Library

- £5000 towards the refurbishment of the Children's area. This allocation was match funding along with Felixstowe Town Council, SCC Locality Budget, East Suffolk Council ECB, Suffolk Libraries IPS Ltd and Friends of Felixstowe Library own fundraising.
- The project included new flooring, shelving and storage, a hideaway reading den and specialist display tables.
- The new facilities will be enjoyed by babies, toddlers, children and students, and will provide a super location for the many events such as the Summer Reading Challenge, which had 476 participants in 2019.

It looks fantastic! Can't wait to come back and start using it

Amazing can't wait to bring my girls! My eldest is desperate to visit the library! 💖

Looks amazing we can't wait to come and use it 😁

Love the new shelves, so much better than the metal ones xx

The kids will love this

It looks so lovely! What a lovely reading space! 😊





“The Friends of Felixstowe Library would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the Felixstowe Peninsular Community Partnership for their support. This project would not have been possible without the generosity of the organisations who have provided the funding package to enable this project to take place. We will be having an opening ceremony later in 2021, and look forward to inviting representatives from FPCP.”

-Sarah Wilson



Felixstowe School

- £5000 towards Felixstowe School library project. The grant has been spent on reading books as well as some specialist reading items, such as audio books and devices, headphones, large PC screens and new furniture.
- In addition to this, the grant has meant Felixstowe school will be laying on extra reading clubs and intervention programmes, which will target specific groups of students. 2 Learning Support Assistants will be paid for an additional 1 hour to support this.



Assistant Head Teacher, Darren Meitiner-Harvey said “We have been running reading intervention whilst in lockdown. I am also putting together a Literacy Google Site for parents and families, which will give tips on how to support young people in the home”

Another member of staff said “It is amazing that reading intervention on this scale is happening. I have never known a school to take it so seriously”



Community Directory

- £2,000 towards the creation of a community directory, hosted on the Felixstowe Town Councils website. This allocation is joint funding along with Felixstowe Town Council and District Council ECB.
- The money will be spent on an additional page which will deliver a customised directory of community groups, organisations, clubs and societies, displaying information about local events and generally enabling the public to know what's going on in their area of the Felixstowe Peninsula.
- Following the covid-19 outbreak, the need for this has only increased. Many people feel they can not pursue a hobby or join a club/group because they assume lockdown measures prohibit it. However, some organisations are adapting their practice to incorporate zoom calls and socially distanced meets to ensure they are accessible during this time. By promoting the revisions local clubs and groups are making, it will help alleviate social isolation and loneliness.

Digital Inclusion Fund



- £1500 allocated as a fund held by Felixstowe Salvation Army. The fund is to improve digital inclusion during and after projects such as 'Christmas in a box' and 'Gifts of Joy' run by Felixstowe Salvation Army, 'Mental Health packs' by Emmaus, and more recently 'EAST bags' by East Suffolk Council. These all have a digital element to them such as DVD's and CD's.
- The fund has been spent on small digital items for people that that will mean they have the ability to utilise everything provided to them, and perhaps already own. Examples include, DVD players, CD players, various cables, batteries, missing remotes, headphones, etc.
- "Without the Digital Inclusion grant we couldn't have provided to over 260 families so thank you so much" – Gemma Saxton

Langer Primary School

- £2530 allocated to provide half term activities for vulnerable children.
- The fund is to be spent on sports coaches, equipment, food and winter clothing items.
- Each child is offered to chose a friend to spend the day with, as this is not always an opportunity to do at home.
- Due to lockdown restrictions, the school were unable to run the first session in December 2020 but were able to run a small session in January 2021.

“We have used £532 of the money you gave us to purchase a skipping rope for each child at school because it's a small piece of sports equipment that they can get loads of use out of during this time, We are setting them sports challenges several times a week to improve their skills and fitness and running competitions for skipping too.

We are looking to reschedule our sessions for the original plan for Easter as it currently looks likely that schools will be expected to open across half-term as last year for keyworker and vulnerable children”

- Martha Hughes
Head teacher of Langer Primary School



Small Grants Scheme

- The Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership allocated £10,000 of their budget to run a small grant scheme focusing on these priorities;
 1. Isolation and Loneliness
 2. Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing
 3. Physical Health
 4. Financial Hardship
 5. Educational attainment
- Round 1 panel was held January 2021, approved 4 projects totaling £5,230

Small Grants Scheme

Grange Community Primary School

- £1,580 awarded.
- To raise the reading of attainment of Key Stage 2 pupils (age 7-11) via an accelerated reading programme.
- The grant will be spent on purchasing the online tool and start up reading resources.
- Research conducted by Education Endowment Fund shows that the Accelerated Reader programme has significant impact on children's reading outcomes; particularly those of disadvantaged boys.
- Approximately 110 pupils at Grange will benefit which will, in turn, benefit their progress as they enter High School.

Small Grants Scheme

Bucklesham Bumps Babies and Toddler Group

- £1,650 awarded to set up a social group for preschool children and their parents/adults in Bucklesham
- The project relates to 3 of the Felixstowe Community Partnerships priorities; Social Isolation and Loneliness, Physical Health and Mental Health and Wellbeing. Benefitting both children and their parents.
- This grant covers the initial cost of the hire of the hall for the first few months allowing the group to establish a sustainable number of members. It also provided funds to purchase shelving, storage boxes, cleaning, toys and equipment for children aged 0-5 years.

“This year has been extremely hard for many young Bucklesham villagers. The toddler group organisers were ready to start their new group back in the Spring, and then the Summer but the project had to be put on hold again during the second lockdown. They were granted permission to meet as they are exempt under tier 2 rules as they are a support group for young children and parents, but as things worsened in January they did not feel safe to meet. As soon as things settle down they will finally be able to launch the group and then fulfil the commitment to the project. Thanks to your grant, we have enough money to support the toddlers for a whole year and provide essential toys and equipment to enable them to start. We hope that once the Village Hall is reopened to everyone, and the toddler group is thriving, we will be able to contact you to show you just what a difference your contribution has made.”

Ruth Johnson

Small Grants Scheme

Felixstowe Cricket Club

- £1,000 awarded for refurbishment materials, and part of a bigger re-location project.
- The grant will be spent on new floor boards and wooden cladding in the new Groundsman's Hut.
- The current restrictions and poor weather has meant the Cricket Club have not been able to commence refurbishing the Groundman's Hut yet, but they look forward to updating us with their progress in the Spring.
- Ultimately, the re-location will enable the Cricket Club to enhance their offer to the residents of Felixstowe and the surrounding areas.

Small Grants Scheme

The Federation of Fairfield and Colneis

- £1,000 awarded to enable the students to create their 'Community Connections' project.
- The fund is to be spent on materials needed (mostly stamps!) to write and send letters to those most at risk of isolation and loneliness in the community.
- By using a coded system, the school are working with Felixstowe Helping Hands to identify recipients, whilst keeping within GDPR.
- Due to most of the students currently learning from home, they are hopeful to start this project on their return to school.

Congratulations on a
successful year of partnership

