Marlborough Area Board

End of Year Report April 2023 - March 2024



Area Board Investment

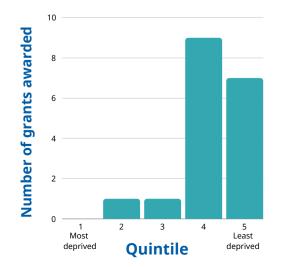
The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment.

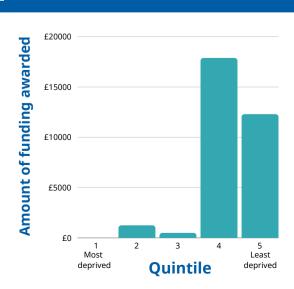
Total Area Board Investment



The total amount invested in projects through additional community contribution, from fundraising, grants, services in kind or volunteering

Investment by deprivation quintile





Local Priorities

The Marlborough Area Board reviewed available local data and evidence and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree the following local priority themes. The Area Board has undertaken a series of more specific local actions to positively address them, including the key achievements below:

Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities



The area board has re-established the Local Youth Network which brings together youth organisations and schools to meet and share ideas. Through its grant funding Marlborough Area Board has invested in local youth clubs, sports teams and uniform groups to help provide positive activities for young people. This includes funding for a new youth worker for Aldbourne Youth Council and Marlborough Area Youth Forum.

Marlborough Sports Forum, along with support from other members of the LYN put on a successful Sports Festival which gave young people the chance to try out a wide range of activities and sports. The Area board supported MantonFest which gave young people the chance to learn new skills within the entertainment sector.

Supporting positive mental health, wellbeing and reducing social isolation

Marlborough Health & Wellbeing Group continues to develop connections and build networks between professionals and the community. In June '23 it hosted a pilot for the Five To Thrive community workshops to enhanced relational working within the community. In December the group held a networking event where local groups came together to meet, share information, best practise and hear from a range of local and county-wide speakers. Both these events were well attended and proved successful. The Health & Wellbeing Groups is already working to build on this and has its first public open day in July when St Peter's will be filled with activities, things to do and ways to find out more about the services that are available to older people from across the area.

Road Safety



Marlborough Area Board's work towards road safety is all focused through the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG). Successful projects delivered by LHFIG over the last year include supporting Marlborough residents via restricting parking at Cardigan Road, increasing safety, for rugby players in particular, at Free's Avenue by lowering speed past The Common and traffic calming on the A4 at Manton and the approach to Marlborough. The LHFIG also works in the parishes protecting properties at Chilton Foliat with clearer road markings and improved safety through Savernake Forest by clearer signage. The area board has also worked in partnership with Wiltshire Highways and Marlborough Town Council to develop a new flow survey for the town on how traffic moves. This will show possible changes that will ease congestion and allow traffic to flow better through the town.

Engagements

The Marlborough Area Board works alongside other organisations to make things happen in the local community. These groups include the town and parish councils, voluntary and community groups, youth organisations, sports clubs and local charities.

The Area Board wouldn't be able to achieve what they do without these partners working on the ground with them. The Area Board hosts regular business meetings, engagement activities, events, surveys and working groups to stimulate and support local community action.







Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The LHFIG is a sub group of the Marlborough Area Board, which deals specifically with highway issues. They aim to find solutions for local transport issues, such as road repairs, traffic problems, road layouts and parking. The amount allocated is dependent on the geographical size and population for the community area and the funding allocation is for capital expenditure and can be used to provide new and improved highway infrastructure.







