

Melksham Area Board



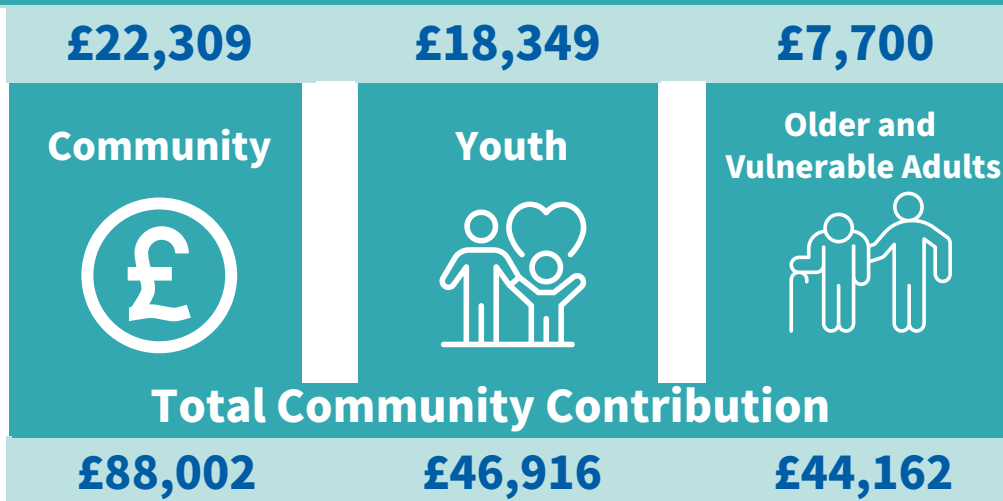
End of Year Report

April 2023 - March 2024

Area Board Investment

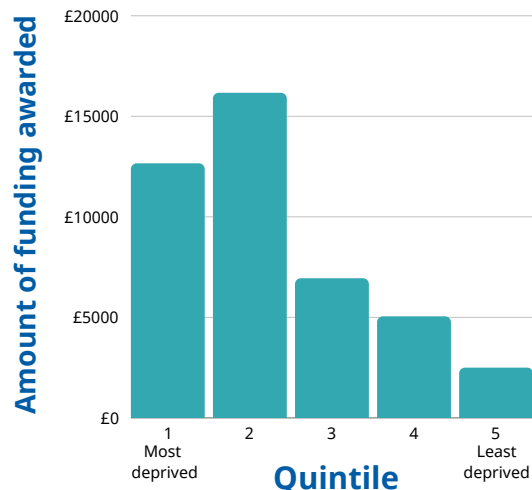
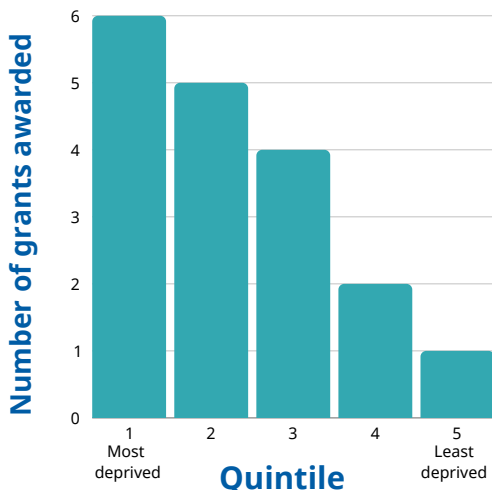
The Area Board invests in local community projects and initiatives that meet local priorities and deliver exceptional outcomes for residents. The Area Board aims to work in partnership to achieve maximum value for its investment.

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 Melksham 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:

Improving opportunities for all children and young people



We have established detached youth work in Melksham as well surrounding villages. A survey has now been completed to inform future actions. The Area Board has worked with partners to support a number of initiatives including providing positive activities for those with special needs, a skate park event, a self-harm support program and activities for those who have disabilities.

Strengthen local economy, protect the environment and tackle deprivation

We have supported the Wiltshire Council Woodland Officers to plant new trees and hedges to enhance our natural environment. We have focussed on supporting those on low income including cookery classes and supporting the foodbank to meet increased demand and to offer additional vouchers and cooking equipment.



Create safer communities and improve transport



The Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure Group has met regularly over the past year to find solutions to problems and lead on improvements. We organised for the cabinet member and senior officers of the highways team to come and take any questions you had.

Support older and vulnerable people

We have worked with the NHS and local surgeries to establish a clearer understanding of the estate required and future primary and secondary care. We have worked to offer more support for carers and young carers including running activities for them. We have helped establish a neighbourhood collaborative to focus upon falls prevention. We have worked with Age UK to offer more support to the most vulnerable offering a monthly drop-in support session and supported Celebrating Age.



Shape our community area whilst preserving and maximising heritage and environment



Following a special heritage meeting and well attended heritage walk, we have added Melksham to the Explore Wiltshire Heritage App and established group to take it forward. We have supported Great Hinton to explore and record their heritage and are looking to put display cabinets into the campus and Town Council.

Engagements

The Melksham Area Board works alongside other organisations to make things happen in the local community. These groups include the city council, 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.

Area Board
Business meetings

4



Attendances

1 4 1

Area Board
working groups

2



Attendances

3 5

Engagements/
events/ activities

2 4



Attendances

2 4 4

Local Highways and Footpath Infrastructure group

The LHFIFG is a sub group of the Melksham 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.

LHFIFG meetings

4



Attendances

3 6



£60,565
Investment

LHFIFG projects
completed

1 3

