

Community Project Funding 2025-2026

The Community Project Fund aims to provide Voluntary and Community Groups with a flexible funding opportunity to support the delivery of projects and activities that benefit the local community.

Name of organisation	Registered charity no/company no	Description of project	Total funding awarded	Date awarded
Harpenden Mencap	1035252	The Allotment Project is a weekly club run by a member of staff and three volunteer helpers. Currently six adults with learning disabilities are members and attend the weekly sessions. Other adults with learning disabilities visit on an ad hoc basis to help water or enjoy the outdoor benefits. The sessions include planting, weeding, harvesting, watering and cutting back on the allotment site. There is always a tea break to provide an opportunity for conversation and socialising	£2000	August 2025
Hornbeam Wood Hedgehog Sanctuary	1190048	The Hedgehog Craft Circle is a weekly group that brings older people together to enjoy crafting, build friendships, and reduce social isolation in a welcoming and supportive environment. By using their skills to create items that support wildlife conservation, participants can stay active in their community, maintain a sense of purpose, and improve their wellbeing through meaningful and accessible volunteering opportunities.	£2000	August 2025

Impactful Lives	1203136	Queers & Peers St Albans: Wellbeing & Connection provides a safe, welcoming space for LGBTQ+ people to build friendships, reduce isolation, and improve their wellbeing through monthly peer support gatherings. The project offers activities such as mindfulness, creative workshops, cooking sessions, and financial wellbeing discussions, helping participants manage anxiety, boost confidence, and develop a stronger sense of belonging within their local community.	£1990	August 2025
Redbourn Rovers Youth Football Club	6384430	RRFC uses grassroots football to engage children and young people in positive, structured activities that promote teamwork, resilience, confidence and personal development. By creating a safe and welcoming environment, the club helps young people feel valued, develop a sense of belonging, and build important life skills, while also providing access to wider support services such as mentoring, mental health support and educational workshops through local partnerships.	£1708.44	August 2025
Sandridge Rd Allotment Association		The project uses gardening and food growing to support people of all ages who may be experiencing mental ill-health, loneliness or social isolation. As the largest allotment site in the district, it provides a welcoming community space where people can improve their wellbeing, maintain a sense of purpose, learn new skills and connect with others, while also promoting wildlife-friendly growing practices and accessibility for older and disabled gardeners. Funding will help complete a new accessible community cabin and site improvements, enabling the delivery of workshops, group activities and wellbeing sessions throughout the year, creating a sustainable hub that supports mental health, community connection and inclusion.	£500	August 2025

SASA's Youth Programme CIC	3366529	The October Half Term Performing Arts Workshops will provide free, high-quality performing arts activities for children aged 5 to 10 who receive free school meals, helping to remove financial barriers to participation. Through dance, singing and musical theatre, children will build confidence, develop communication skills, make new friendships and experience a sense of achievement by creating and sharing a performance with their families, supporting both their wellbeing and sense of belonging.	£2000	August 2025
Youth Talk	063572	Youth Talk provides free, confidential counselling and art therapy for young people aged 13 to 25 across St Albans, Harpenden and the surrounding villages, supporting around 120 young people each week and offering up to a year of support where needed. With increasing demand, a growing waiting list, and the loss of significant statutory funding, Youth Talk is seeking support to ensure local young people can continue to access vital mental health services, with every £50 funding a counselling session that helps improve wellbeing, resilience and life opportunities.	£2000	August 2025
Cruse Bereavement Support Hertfordshire	208078	The bereavement support walking groups provide a safe and welcoming space for people experiencing grief, anxiety, low mood, or the challenges associated with dementia to connect with others through gentle walks in local green spaces. By combining physical activity, peer support and time in nature, the project helps reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, build confidence and create meaningful social connections for people who may otherwise struggle to access support.	£1917	August 2025

Herts Inclusive Theatre	1180955	The Creative Wellbeing Holiday Activities project will provide inclusive drama workshops for Disabled children and young people during the Easter holidays, using performing arts to support wellbeing, confidence, communication and social connection. Participants will work together to create their own performance, exploring themes of emotions, self-expression and wellbeing, while benefiting from flexible, accessible support from experienced staff who are skilled in meeting a wide range of needs.	£1434.70	December 2025
RAFFA	1123089	Our project provides safe, inclusive spaces where children and young people in St Albans can build confidence, develop new skills, and express themselves creatively. Through activities such as cooking, music, dance, drama, creative arts, and Montessori-inspired learning, participants develop independence, resilience, teamwork, and communication skills while supporting their wellbeing and personal growth.	£2000	December 2025
St Albans City Youth	1089343	The City Youth FC Youth Council will give young people the opportunity to shape the future of their club, providing ideas, feedback, and support while developing an understanding of how the club operates. Through collaboration with staff, trustees, and club sponsors, members will gain valuable skills and experience in areas such as leadership, business, media, event management, sport, sustainability, and community engagement, with representation from the girls', boys', and inclusive	£1590	December 2025
St Albans Mencap	210073	The project will improve the accessibility of St Albans Mencap's information for children and adults with learning disabilities by	£1921	December 2025

		providing staff training on creating accessible written materials and converting existing resources into EasyReader format. This will increase the organisation's long-term capacity to produce inclusive content while ensuring people with learning disabilities can more easily access and understand important information about the support		
The Adda Club		Community Bridge will be a dedicated community magazine for South Asian and Muslim residents in St Albans, providing accessible information, local news, practical advice, and celebration of community achievements and culture. Building on the success of existing digital resources, the magazine will help connect residents of all ages, including those who are less active online, ensuring they feel informed, supported, and included in local life.	£2000	February 2026
Harpenden Mencap	1035252	This project will provide IT equipment, training, and support to adults with learning disabilities, helping them develop digital skills and confidence to access email, online services, healthcare information, shopping, banking, and benefits independently and safely. By improving digital inclusion, the project will increase independence, strengthen communication and social connections, and reduce social isolation, enabling participants to take a more active role in their daily lives.	£2000	February 2026