

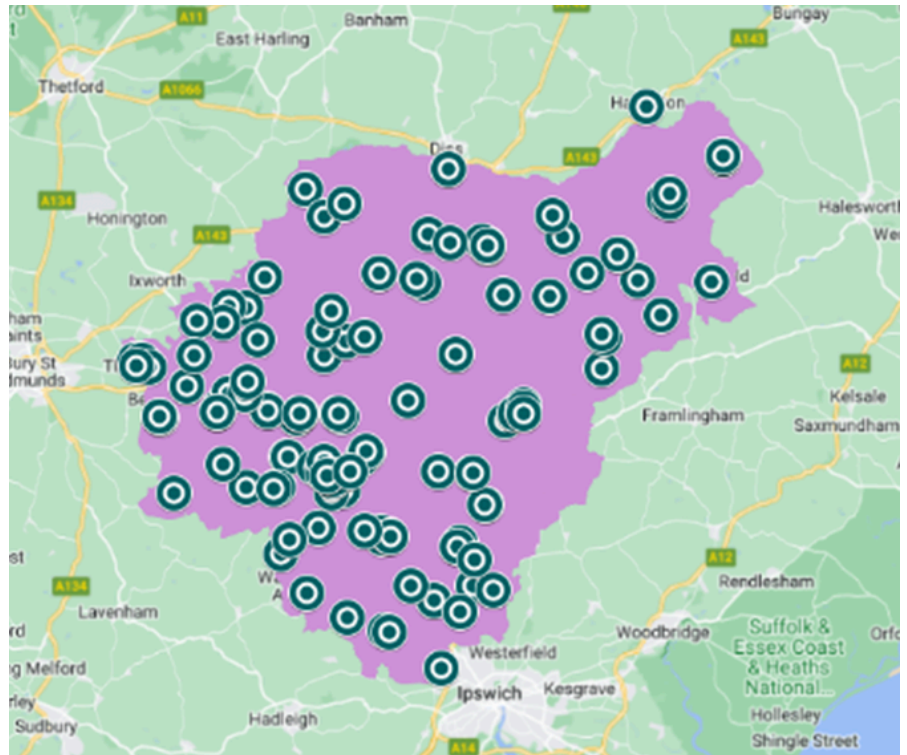
Locality Awards 2023/24 - End of Year Impact Report



Locality Awards are a 'light-touch' Community Grant which allow District Councillors in Mid Suffolk to support small-scale community groups and projects or contribute towards larger projects taking place in their local area. Each Councillor has a budget of £7,350 to allocate.

Purchase of Defibrillator at St Peter and St Mary's Pre School

2023/24 saw £245,011.92 of Locality Awards funding spent on community projects and facilities.



This included...

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Environmental and Public Realm projects

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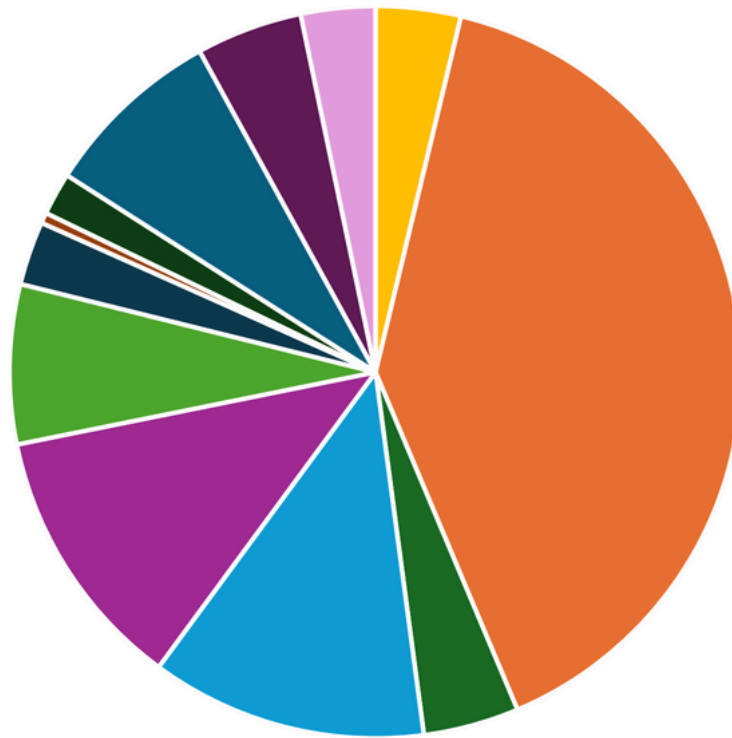
Community Facility Improvements

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Sports and Recreation Projects

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Types of Project supported by Locality Awards in
Mid Suffolk



- Arts Culture and media
- Community Facility improvements
- Community Group
- Environment and Public Realm
- Equipment
- Events
- Health and wellbeing
- Misc
- Play
- Sports and Rec
- Transport and Highways
- Young people

A variety of projects are eligible for Locality funding, including equipment purchase, projects involving young people and supporting one off events such as village fetes. Community Facility Improvements were the most popular in 2023/24, with 39% of funding contributing to Community Facility Improvement projects.

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Impact on our Communities

Buttercups Nursery, awarded funding in June 2023 to support building improvements

'We were turning away lots of families a week at our nursery as we purely didn't have the space to accommodate children, we had a long waiting list but with this extra space we have been able to offer more spaces for children in the local community.'

Thornhams Parish Hall, awarded funding in February 2024 for a new bike rack installation

'The bike rack has been used at every event since it was installed by people who otherwise would have driven their car. This has been great for the environment and also it is good exercise for the bike riders.'



Installation of a new bike rack
outside
Thornhams Parish Hall

Friends of Sir Robert Hitcham School - Summer Sizzler 2023 Event

'This event had not run since before Covid and we successfully got the event up and running again with a sub-committee group that will now be handed over to the next 'Year 6' parents to run.'

Our feedback shows that the allocation of Locality Awards has:

- helped **improve the capacity** of local social infrastructure
- encouraged **greener** and more **healthy** travel habits
- assisted in the **rejuvenation** of a **community event**

