

Kop Hill Climb fund review: Grants awarded 2018



Organisations funded by impact category

Reducing isolation and disadvantage, and access to local services (£23,944 awarded)

Aylesbury Foodbank

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group

Thames Valley Partnership

Chilterns Dial-a-ride

Citizen's Advice (High Wycombe)

Rape Crisis (Wyc, Chiltern & SB)

Wycombe Talking Newspaper

Risborough Area Partnership

Physical and mental health, wellbeing and safety (£69,956 awarded)

Aylesbury Vale & MK Sexual Assault & Abuse Support Service

Chilterns MS Centre

Relate - Mid Thames & Bucks

Pace Centre

Wheelpower

Youth Concern Uptown Coffee Bar

Lindengate

Bucks Search & Rescue

Prestwood Youth & Comm Action

Scannappeal

1st Longwick Scout Group

Bradenham Cricket Club

Thames Valley Air Ambulance

Princes Risborough Centre

Wycombe Child Contact Centre

Wycombe Rent Deposit Scheme

Wycombe Women's Aid

Youth Enquiry Service

Risborough Rangers Junior FC

Rennie Grove Hospice Care

Improving life skills, education & employability (£12,500 awarded)

Carers Bucks

Make A Special Kid Smile

Marlow Opportunity Playgroup

Oasis Partnership

Strengthening community cohesion (£3,600 awarded)

Ashendon Village Hall

Princes Risborough Youth Club

Impact from grants awarded in 2017

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group **Project: Housing support & advice** **Grant: £5,500**

This funding has enabled AHAG to continue to provide housing support and advice to any person with a housing need, including the provision of three drop-in centres which are located in key locations within the town centre. The funding has also enabled them to facilitate a Trussell Trust foodbank alongside their Wednesday drop-in.



Case study

Tom* was sofa surfing for seven years before being referred into AHAG's Winter Emergency Provision project. He had no local connection to Aylesbury but had a couple of friends in the town that he was staying with. He also spent time at his sisters in London.

Due to moving around so much Tom found it difficult to see a GP regularly meaning he would often run out of the medication he required for his mental health. This also had an impact on his benefits and due to missing a medical assessment his PIP was subsequently stopped.

After completing an initial assessment, AHAG supported Tom to register with a GP in Aylesbury in order to get his medication regularly and helped him with trying to get his PIP back in place. Tom admitted that he found it difficult to complete forms or speak on the telephone and this was one of the reasons it was stopped. AHAG managed to speak to DWP and requested a review of the decision.

Tom didn't have much of a routine to his day and spent most of it sleeping. He had little confidence or motivation and wanted to address this. AHAG gave him information on local support groups and put him in touch with Men In Sheds.

When talking with Tom about his options AHAG felt it was clear that he would benefit from supported accommodation as his housing situation had been unsettled for so long. They completed relevant referrals and he was offered an assessment. AHAG supported him with this and he was accepted the same day.

Tom said that "being in the emergency accommodation has made a massive difference. I finally felt safe and secure and felt like I was moving forward for the first time in years".

AHAG are still in regular contact with Tom who has said the supported accommodation is everything he wanted and more! He has recently attended a first aid course with AHAG which has improved his confidence. AHAG will continue to support Tom until he receives the outcome from his benefits.

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Chiltern Open Air Museum
Project: Museum Learning Programme
Grant: £900

This funding has enabled COAM to bring their innovative learning programme to 130 disadvantaged children who would not usually be able to afford the cost of visiting the Museum.

Bespoke outreach visits were made to three schools; Chepping View, Stoke Mandeville Combined and Princes Risborough Primary. All three have a significant proportion of children with special educational needs and/or from low income families.

COAM piloted three interactive workshops with links to the National Curriculum; orienteering, the Romans and the history of lighting.

"This outreach worked really well with the history curriculum – in particular the KS1 objective – to learn about changes within living memory. The Chiltern Open Air Museum workshops enabled our 5, 6 and 7 year olds to make personal connections to their own locality – giving them a sense of identity and belonging. Engaging with real, hands-on artefacts and replica objects brought the curriculum to life, especially when they were linked to the Museum's historic buildings and houses in the local area from different eras." - Feedback from Princes Risborough School

Thames Valley Air Ambulance
Project: Specialist blood box containers
Grant: £3,600

This grant enabled TVAA to purchase two blood boxes which thermally protect the integrity of valuable pharmaceutical samples and medical supplies, including blood and plasma, for 72 - 96 hours.

Blood transfusions are given to treat a multitude of illnesses as well as to replace blood loss in major trauma. The blood boxes are carried on board the helicopter and in Critical Care Response vehicles and enable doctors and paramedics to give blood transfusions to patients suffering from severe blood loss.

Thanks to this funding, TVAA doctors and paramedics can administer both red blood and plasma and significantly improve the chances of survival for the most critically ill and injured patients.

"Thank you very much for the funding received in January 2018, it has made a huge difference to the service we can provide for people living, working and travelling in Buckinghamshire."

- Ruth Dunkin,
Head of Community at TVAA



Chiltern Society

Project: Whiteleaf & Brush Hill car park & picnic site improvements

Grant: £2,000

This grant has enabled Chiltern Society to start making the Whiteleaf & Brush Hill nature reserve more accessible to all those who visit. The improvements to the facilities has also ensured a more welcoming environment for all. This funding was specifically used to install welcome signs for the site entrance and purchase a mower to help support their thriving volunteer group to maintain the picnic area.

"The support for our local volunteer team through the provision of tools and equipment has been hugely valued by them and helped improve their sense of ownership and pride in their local environment and facilitated them to maintain it to a higher standard for all to enjoy."

- Gavin Johnson, Head of Conservation & Development



Wycombe Women's Aid

Project: Course materials for You & Me, Mum groups

Grant: £1,050

This funding has enabled WWA to purchase 60 handbooks for the women attending their You & Me, Mum group, which focuses on how domestic violence can affect women and their children. During 2018, 36 women attended three You & Me, Mum groups and all received a handbook. The remaining 24 handbooks will be used for the groups running during 2019.

Case study

Claire* has children who were subject to a Child Protection Plan and so had numerous core groups and case conferences to attend with social care.

Through participating in this group, Claire was able to recognise that she had experienced trauma and that it was not just 'all in her head'. Claire said that she would like to be able to speak out in a core group to explain that she had experienced trauma and that this had an impact on her confidence and her thought-processes, but that she did not feel confident enough to do this.

In the group setting, the other women provided a huge amount of support and encouragement and supported Claire to practice what she would like to say in a core group. At her next core group meeting, she was able to explain the impact of the trauma and that it made it very difficult for her to speak out and to have her voice heard.

This information was heard and received well and also recorded in the meeting minutes which was a hugely positive outcome. Claire had a huge boost in self-confidence and was able to share this extremely positive outcome with the rest of the group. (*name changed)