



Before

Wilby Village Hall New double-glazed windows



After

Locality Awards 2024/25

End of Year Impact Report

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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.

2024-2025

£242,366.95 of Locality Award funding was spent on community projects and facilities across Mid Suffolk.



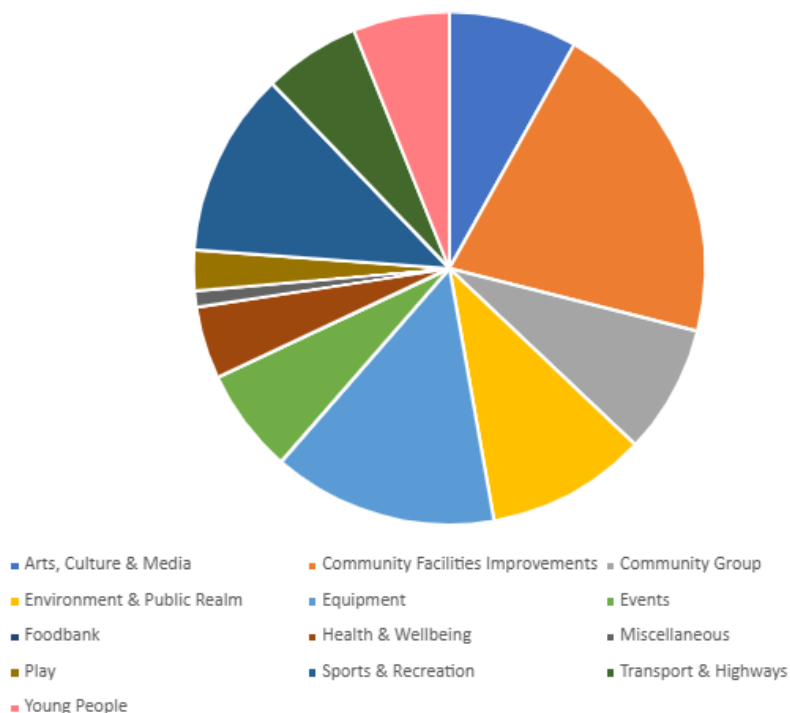
PROJECT TYPES FUNDED

Mid Suffolk's Locality Awards funded a total of 197 projects. Including:



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 have appeared the most popular in 2024/25, with 35% of funding contributing to both the purchase of equipment for community groups and the improvement of facilities. Equipment accounting to 14% of the total funding, and 21% of the total funding going towards Community Facilities improvement.

Types of Projects Supported by Locality Awards Across Mid Suffolk



IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES

Wilby Village Hall – Double-glazed Window Installation

- Awarded funding in March 2025 towards replacing the existing single-glazed windows for double-glazed, with the intention of improving the building's efficiency and heat retention.

“The hall will no longer suffer from condensation on the windows and the double-glazed windows will hopefully make the hall warmer in the colder months meaning more people will come along to events in the colder months of the year. The hall also looks much improved with two new windows”

Haughley Amateur Theatrical Society

– Annual Pantomime

- Awarded funding in January 2025 towards resources required for Haughley's annual pantomime, such as running and equipment costs.

“The show was performed to over 230 audience members across the 4 performances. The attendance at the Saturday matinee was the highest the group has seen with all seats sold for the performance. We were able to reach local and those further afield with family and friends travelling from as far as London to see the show. By being able to stage this show, H.A.T.S continues to grow and establish itself as a group within the community of Haughley.”



WeCan Suffolk – The Junction, Stowmarket

- Awarded funding in November 2024 to purchase new resources, games, and sensory items.

“The new resources helped to provide new sensory experiences for our service users and new learning experiences in a fun way. We were also able to restock our arts and crafts supplies; these are things that are used daily at the Junction.”