

Farnborough Airport Fund Annual Report

Grants awarded in 2019

Summary of grants awarded

Grange Community Junior School PTA - £2,505

'Grange's helpful hedges' – hedge to separate path from school field

Southwood Infant School - £7,000

All-weather outdoor play area

Cove Football Club - £1,500

Football and medical equipment for the Walking Football Club

Cherrywood Primary School - £10,000

Early Years outdoor area refurbishment

5th Farnborough Scout Group - £6,350

Transformation of the outside area to include a planting area, bike racks and disabled access

Friends of Aldershot Military Museum - £10,000

Aldershot heritage trails signage *

Hampshire Cultural Trust - £15,000

'Shared Spaces, Connected Communities' – installation of a World War II assault course replica *

The Land Trust - £2,500

'Go Wild Family Challenge' – activity sheets for trails around the Wellesley Woodlands ^

Friends of St Peter's Junior School - £13,140

Outdoor classroom and bike shelter *

Total awarded for 2019 : £67,995

* projects still to be completed

^ awaiting feedback

Feedback from the projects

Grange Community Junior School PTA - £2,505

'Grange's helpful hedges'

"We have managed to complete the majority of our project. We have planted all the hedging, which now looks fantastic. The remaining work, to build a gated fence alongside the hedging will be completed when funds allow.

The main reason for wanting to plant the hedge and fence was to prevent people from cutting across the school field from the pathway and ruining our field. This has now been achieved due to the planting of the hedge.

The project has, on a daily basis, impacted the 225 pupils of the school by protecting their school field and enabling the provision of ongoing sports events. It has also supported the pupils in our gardening society involved in the planting and maintaining of the hedge (approx. 19 pupils).

Going forward the project will support future pupils by giving them a field that is fit for purpose and all the local community that use our facilities for their own events.

The children who participated in the planting of the hedging loved being involved and regularly check up on how their hedge is growing and are willing waterers."



Southwood Infant School - £7,000

All-weather outdoor play area



"The new play equipment and safer impact surfacing was installed during the Easter holidays.

Children are able to increase their gross motor skills by using the climbing rope and wall and play imaginary games using the underneath as a den-play Minecraft. Physical activity and games have increased during playtimes.

The equipment has been used by all of our 120 children. It will also be enjoyed by those who attend our Breakfast/Afterschool/Holiday clubs.

The children use the climbing wall/turret and slide everyday and have commented – 'It's really fun' and 'I like playing on the slide'."

Cove Football Club - £1,500

Football and medical equipment for the Walking Football Club

“The project has moved at real pace, with over 75 members. We currently are running 2 sessions a week which attract between 15 and 30 participants per session, in the age group 55 to 75 years. From February we are increasing then number of sessions to 3 initially rising to 4 a week shortly after.

It has been almost a year since we were formed, so some of our equipment needed replacing, this is due to fair wear and tear and losses, plus upgrading and additional equipment.

The addition of a CWFC has been a huge boost to membership, plus a large group now come and support the 1st team at home games.”



Cherrywood Primary School - £10,000

Early Years outdoor area refurbishment

“We spent the funds on having new mulch surfacing installed, new planters for digging and new storage shed. We also had a new playhouse which is safer and more open.



It has provided a clean and easy to maintain area for our youngest children to develop their learning through play. Many arrive at our school without access to an outdoor area and this develops their gross motor skills to enhance their learning later in their education.

Our Reception class teacher has commented on how much easier the area is to maintain and it is easier for her to ensure that the children are safe.”

5th Farnborough Scout Group - £6,350

Transformation of the outside area to include a planting area, bike racks and disabled access

“The funding was used to transform the outside area of the scout hut. Before the work, the area was overgrown and completely unusable by the scout members. The overgrowth was also starting to impact the structural integrity of the hut.

Our new outside area is now a joy to use! We have planting areas and beds for the young people to grow plants. The astro-turf is dry and a great space to use with the edges of the planter boxes designed to be used as benches.

The entrance now has disabled access and there are 5 bike racks which encourages cycling to the hut.

Direct feedback from both parents and young people has been incredibly positive. It is our only outside space and now a favourite place for the kids to be.



Our current group of young people (around 60 boys and girls between the ages of 6-16) all benefit. It also gives more options to the leaders involved.

Now that the hut is more presentable, we also plan to rent the space to the wider community.

This area will be enjoyed by many years of Scout members to come. The kids LOVE it, it is their favourite space. Parents have also commented that it lifts the appearance of the whole hut.”