

Farnborough Airport Fund Annual Report

Grants awarded in 2021

Summary of grants awarded

Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School - £7,500
Resurfacing the 'Mound'

Church Crookham Junior School PTA - £5,000
Play equipment ^

Hale PTA - £7,000
Hale Academy Trim Trail *

Prospect Estate Big Local (PEBL) - £4,505
PEBL green spaces community seating ^

Tower Hill Primary School - £5,000
Quiet Zone *

Total awarded for 2021: £29,005

* projects still to be completed

^ awaiting feedback

Feedback from the projects

Friends of Ancells Farm - £8,496

'A secure and beautiful play area for Ancells Farm Park'

The grant was used for a wildlife trail, bridges and planting of hedges and bulbs at entrance areas.



“Our park is much more environmentally friendly and colourful due to the plants that we have planted. Accessibility is improved due to the bridges that have been installed. Exploration of the park is improved due to the wildlife trail.

The plants are thriving, and people have commented on how beautiful they are. We have had positive comments on Facebook and enthusiastic volunteers helping with planting and maintenance of the planted areas.”

The Land Trust - £2,500

Go Wild Family Challenge

“The Go Wild packs have been a great new resource for engaging the community at Wellesley Woodlands.

We have been able to use them when working with schools visiting the site, and they are included in the Nature Explorer Backpacks used for Key Stages 1 and 2.

We have also used opportunities at community events to distribute the sheets to a wide range of local residents and site users, for example, at a Butterfly Count Day, we also distributed the Go Wild sheets to all participants and to others who passed by the stand.

The Go Wild sheets are promoted on the Wellesley Woodlands Facebook and Twitter pages and are available to download as PDF's from the Wellesley Woodlands website.

As with so many green spaces, Wellesley Woodlands has seen significant increased use throughout the Covid pandemic, being an essential local green space for thousands of residents to use for exercise and fresh air during lockdowns.



The Go Wild activity sheets have given families a safe and easy activity to do while out walking, while also helping to teach people about the habitats and wildlife on the site.

The Community Project Officer at Wellesley Woodlands has distributed the Go Wild sheets at all activities and events and within the community, as well as through more formalised groups including schools. It has been well received and used by a wide range of people of all ages, but particularly children.



While the types and number of events we can hold on site have been limited due to Covid, this has meant that the Go Wild sheets were more useful and provided a great resource, allowing people to do self-guided walks and activities within family groups or social bubbles.

We request feedback via forms following events, online via social media platforms and we have also introduced a QR code leading to online

feedback/consultation about the site in general and what people want to see and value. All responses have been positive, and the sheets are a useful, informal learning tool and provide a fun activity.”

“The kids enjoyed it thank you for doing this xx”

“Loved it thank you”

“We had a great time doing this today thank you!”

The Wavell School - £12,387

Community / Year 7 garden

“The funding has made a huge difference to the school, more than we could have ever imagined when we submitted the bid. Not only has it given us an attractive area for Year 7 to congregate and socialise whilst feeling ‘nurtured’, it has contributed enormously to our ability to keep our Year groups in ‘Bubbles’. This has not only kept them as safe as possible from the spread of COVID but has also contributed significantly to their education by avoiding the need to self-isolate due to contact with other Year groups.

The area is used daily at breaktime and lunchtime to allow students to eat packed lunches outside and therefore promote social distancing. It has even been used as a location for our flu vaccination programme.



The space will be used extensively by our community users after school hours once we are allowed to permit visitors to the school again as it is located adjacent to several rooms hired by our local community.

Whilst the fund did not directly pay for the canopy, it facilitated the purchase of it by offsetting other expenditure originally scheduled from the school budget. The project could not have been completed without this funding.

Our students love the garden and the nurses conducting the Year 7 flu vaccination programme were delighted at being offered an attractive area to work out of that was sheltered yet enabled them to work safely with maximum ventilation.”

Parkside - £1,200
Garden project

“We wanted to make better use of our outside space and create an area that our clients could enjoy that was wheelchair accessible but also provided shade. We now have a lovely set up on a larger patio area (we moved a Wendy house) and now have table and chairs and a large parasol that offers flexible shade. Once we have better weather the clients will be able to enjoy outside activities that the equipment will offer them and in comfortable surroundings. By having this funding, it has meant we’ve been able to buy new items and to make it look lovely rather than having second-hand equipment that we generally have.

After struggling to obtain the items needed as Covid lead-times were so long we finally took delivery. Once we found a dry spell, we had two volunteers put it all together for us! Everyone that has seen the new set up is really happy that we have such lovely outside furniture.

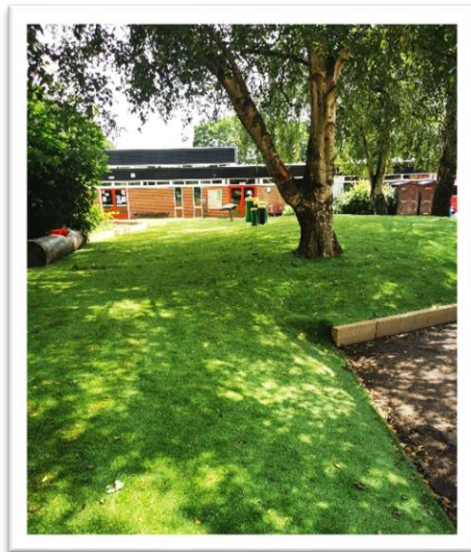


There were two unexpected outcomes from this project – we had originally thought a pergola would meet our needs but with stock issues and more research we realised a large parasol would better meet our needs with the flexible shade aspect. We also moved a Wendy house and needed some slabs donated by a local neighbour who did not really understand what we did and has since offered to help us. Just brilliant!”

Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School - £7,500
Resurfacing the 'Mound'

"Part of our field, known as the "Mound" that our children like to play on, had become threadbare and just a mass of roots and dirt which made it only available to play on in certain weather conditions and a safety issue. We have had this area resurfaced with artificial grass, which has turned it into an all-weather play area and an area where children can sit and work outdoors.

The children are now able to use this large part of our grounds all the time, regardless of the weather, for play time, outdoor learning, PE, and picnic lunches.



The teachers are happy as the children are no longer coming in from play with messy clothes and shoes.

This project will last for many years to come and will enhance the lives of future generations of Parsonage Farm Nursery and Infant School children.

We have received positive feedback from staff and at drop off and collection the parents can be heard saying how fabulous it now looks."

"Being able to use the Mound all year round will have a huge impact on our outdoor learning. The children are already loving the extra space available to them".

"The children are absolutely loving having more space to play. It will be great in the winter having more space."

"Love it, especially the neat edging, the children love being able to roll down it, which they couldn't before."