

# IGAS COMMUNITY FUND

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## NORTH WEST

### IGAS LOCATIONS

Ellesmere Port, Cheshire

Upton Heath, Cheshire

Doe Green, Cheshire

Barton Moss, Salford

#### **Barton Athletic Club** - weight-lifting equipment

Awarded a grant of £4,000 towards the cost of weight-lifting equipment for the club's brand new multi-sports facility in Barton.

#### **Brookhouse Residents' Association** (Barton) - heating system for youth centre

Awarded a grant of £10,000 towards the cost of installing a heating system for the Brookhouse Community Youth Centre, allowing it to be used all year round for a range of activities including sports, sexual health workshops, craft sessions, cooking, drama and games.

#### **Cleavleys Allotment Association** (Barton) - construction of community education facility

Awarded a grant of £7,000 towards the construction of a new community cabin to be used to deliver workshops such as the 'Eat it Fresh' cooking classes for vulnerable community members encouraging them to cook healthy, nutritious meals for themselves and their families.

#### **Great Sankey Parish Council** (Doe Green) - refurbishment of community centre

Awarded a grant of £4,000 towards the refurbishment of the Bewsey Barn Community Centre which is widely used by local community groups. IGas funding will go towards new doors, the replacement of fluorescent lighting with LED lighting and the purchase of a new boiler – all measures to improve energy efficiency.

#### **Healthbox CIC** (Ellesmere Port) - Ellesmere Port health and well-being project

Awarded a grant of £5,996 to purchase equipment, materials and health education resources needed for the delivery of a series of health and well-being sessions in Ellesmere Port.

#### **Irlam Football Club** (Barton) - pitch drainage

Awarded a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of remedial drainage work on the club's football pitches.

#### **Oasis Centre for Young People** (Ellesmere Port) - equipment for youth club activities

Awarded a grant of £3,000 for the purchase of a range of sports equipment, including table tennis tables and equipment, gym mats and weight-lifting equipment, as well as a new TV.

**Penketh Bowling Club** (Doe Green) - new toilet facilities

Awarded a grant of £4,000 towards the refitting of ladies' and gents' toilets, the installation of new disabled facilities and construction of an access ramp.

**Tindall Street Allotment Group** (Barton) - remedial work to communal facilities

Awarded a grant of £3,352 for the repair and improvement of fencing and community buildings on the allotment site which provides social, education and recreational activities for allotment holders and groups within the local community.

**Wirral Community Police Boxing Club** (Ellesmere Port) - equipment for boxing club

Awarded a grant of £4,000 towards the renewal of training equipment, gloves and safety helmets for use by the club's 200+ members.

## EAST MIDLANDS

### IGAS LOCATIONS

Bothamsall, Notts

Cold Hanworth, Lincs

Corringham, Lincs

Egmanton, Notts

Gainborough / Beckingham, Lincs

Glentworth, Lincs

Long Clawson, Leics

Lound, Notts

Nettleham, Lincs

Scampton, Lincs

South Leverton, Notts

Stainton, Lincs

Welton, Lincs

### **ACIS Group** (Gainsborough) - Growing Together project

Awarded a grant of £4,590 for the purchase of tools and equipment for the '*Growing Together*' project which will see young people from the Gainsborough Academy School, under the supervision of expert tradesmen from the ACIS Group, building and helping to maintain raised allotment beds for elderly and disabled residents of two sheltered housing estates.

### **Barnby Moor Parish Council** (near Lound) - village hall refurbishment

Awarded a grant of £2,000 towards major improvements planned for the village hall at Barnby Moor.

### **Brookside Primary School** (near Rempstone) - wildlife garden

Awarded a grant of £3,685 to fund the creation a wildlife garden and outdoor classroom. Plans include the construction of a composting area, fire pit and seating area, the clearance of a pond, bulb planting and the building of mini beast towers to encourage wildlife. Most of the work will be carried out by the parents, teachers, schoolchildren (under supervision) and other members of the local community.

**Egmanton Village Hall** - refurbishment project

Awarded a grant of £5,000 towards the costs of replacing some of the windows and doors in the village hall and repairing others which fall under listed status. The grant will also enable safety improvements to be made.

**Queensway Old Dalby Community** (near Long Clawson) - defibrillator

Awarded a grant of £1,000 to enable the installation of a defibrillator in a former telephone box in this rural community.

**South Leverton Memorial Institute** - projector and screen

Awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the purchase of a new screen and projector. The building is widely used by community groups and it is hoped that the new equipment will increase lettings, especially for training sessions.

**Welton & Dunholme Methodist Church** - table tennis tables

Awarded a grant of £690 for two new table tennis tables for a recently established table tennis club that is attracting members aged 10 to 75.

**Welton Patients & Doctors Association** - storage shed

Awarded a grant of £1,330 to buy a much-needed shed to store equipment and donations of bric-a-brac etc. to be sold at fund-raising events. Association volunteers provide transport to medical appointments for those in need across a wide area of rural Lincolnshire.

**Welton Village Hall Trust** - community kitchen refurbishment

Awarded a grant of £8,000 towards a major refit of the community kitchen in Welton Village Hall.

**Willoughby Community Park** (near Rempstone) - play equipment

Awarded a grant of £5,000 towards the cost of installing a set of outdoor fitness equipment in the Community Park in Willoughby-on-the-Wolds. The aim is to encourage a more active lifestyle among older teenagers, to give parents of young children something to do while their children play and to offer a safe place to exercise for older members of the community who wish to remain fit and active.

## SOUTH

### IGAS LOCATIONS

Albury, Surrey

Avington, Hampshire

Bletchingley, Surrey

Godstone, Surrey

Goodworth Clatford, Hampshire

Holybourne, Hampshire

Horndean, Hampshire

Singleton, West Sussex

Stockbridge, Hampshire

Storrington, West Sussex

#### **Albury Parish Council** - disabled toilet for library

Awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of installing a disabled toilet at the village library and parish meeting room.

#### **Alton Community Centre** (near Holybourne) - new flooring

Awarded a grant of £2,000 to improve the flooring in certain areas of the centre where it has become worn and hazardous to the many visitors who use this community facility on a regular basis.

#### **Alton Men's Shed** (near Holybourne) - tools and equipment

Awarded a grant of £7,500 for the purchase of tools and equipment to help get this new Men's Shed off the ground. The group aims to help mainly older members of the community to stay active and in touch, as well as giving them a sense of purpose as they use their skills and talents in projects undertaken for the benefit of the community.

#### **Bletchingley Church House Charity** - kitchen fit-out

Awarded a grant of £5,000 for the fitting out of the kitchen in Bletchingley Church House – part of a major refurbishment project that will provide a new community building right in the centre of the village.

#### **Crawley Parish Council** (near Stockbridge) - playground equipment

Awarded a grant of £4,000 towards the purchase of a new play tower to replace aging playground fixtures in the small village of Crawley's only recreation area.

**Food Up Front: Elderfield** (near Stockbridge) - Community food enterprise

Awarded a grant of £2,500 towards the cost of purchasing and refurbishing polytunnels for this community food enterprise project which aims to produce fresh food for sale to local residents, to provide volunteering opportunities and horticultural therapy programmes for people recovering from alcohol and drug addiction and to offer traineeships to local people.

**Friends of Nore Barn Woods** (near Horndean) – shoreline conservation

Awarded a grant of £2,500 to help protect a popular area of public open space from coastal erosion. This group of volunteers aims to conserve and make the coastline and woods, which are situated within the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, more pleasant for the general public to enjoy.

**Goodworth Clatford Environmental Group** - replacement handrails

Awarded a grant of £1,000 for the replacement of safety railings along the riverside walk in the centre of the village.

**Kingsley Organisation** (near Holybourne) - disabled access and car park resurfacing

Awarded a grant of £6,000 towards the costs of providing better access for the many disabled and infirm visitors to the Kingsley Centre, which is a social hub for the community.

**Longparish Community Association** (near Goodworth Clatford) – defibrillator project

Awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the purchase of defibrillators for the rural community of Longparish in Hampshire.

**Osborne Special School** (near Stockbridge) - play equipment for disabled youngsters

Awarded a grant of £5,000 for the purchase of outdoor play equipment specially designed for disabled children, enabling them to join in the fun with their able-bodied friends.

**Singleton Flood Action Group** - flood defences

Awarded a grant of £4,588 to cover the cost of sandbags, a deployable boom, sack trucks, road cones, lights, hi-viz jackets and a shed in which to store this equipment. Singleton has been badly hit by flooding in recent years and it is hoped that this grant from IGas will help the community to deal effectively with any future occurrences.

**South Godstone Sports & Community Association** (near Bletchingley) - mobile stage and trolley

Awarded a grant of £2,000 to purchase a mobile stage and a trolley to transport it. It is hoped this additional amenity will enhance the venue's appeal for social functions.

**Storrington Conservation Society** - restoration of Fryern Dell

Awarded a grant of £1,000 to help with conservation work at Fryern Dell, a community open space –

once a Victorian pleasure garden – close to the village of Storrington, and with improved access to the area along a riverside walk.

**Wey & Arun Canal Trust** (near Albury) - new visitor centre

Awarded a grant of £2,500 towards the costs of constructing a new visitor centre on the edge of Hunt Nature Park, a new wetlands wildlife reserve being developed by the Trust at Shalford in Surrey.



## SCOTLAND

### IGAS LOCATION

Lybster, Caithness

#### **Lybster Golf Club** - replacement fairway mower

Awarded a grant of £4,000 towards the cost of a new fairway mower.

#### **North Lands Creative Glass** - creation of celebratory glass installation

Awarded a grant of £4,435 towards an innovative project involving the whole community in the creation of an art installation – made up entirely of fused glass tiles – to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lybster Gala and to celebrate the long history of glass-making in the Caithness area. Each leaf or seed will be made by a different person and workshops will be run in the North Lands studio, local schools and community spaces to enable community-wide participation.