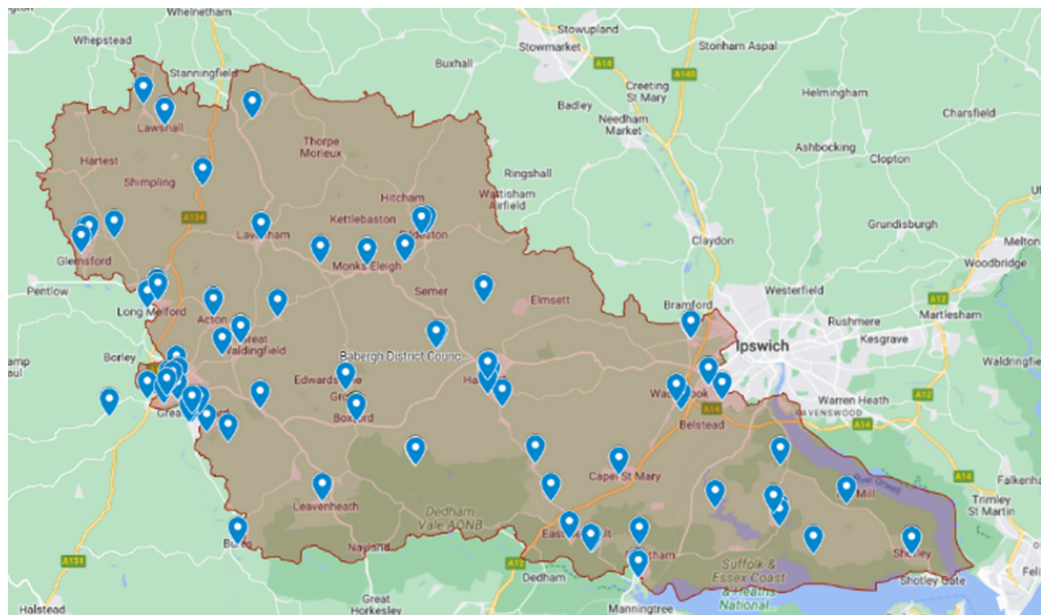


Locality Awards 2023/24 - End of Year Impact Report



Locality Awards are a 'light-touch' Community Grant which allow District Councillors in Babergh 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 £2,000 to allocate.

2023/24 saw £59,235.60 of Locality Awards funding spent on community projects and facilities.



This included...

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Environmental and Public Realm projects

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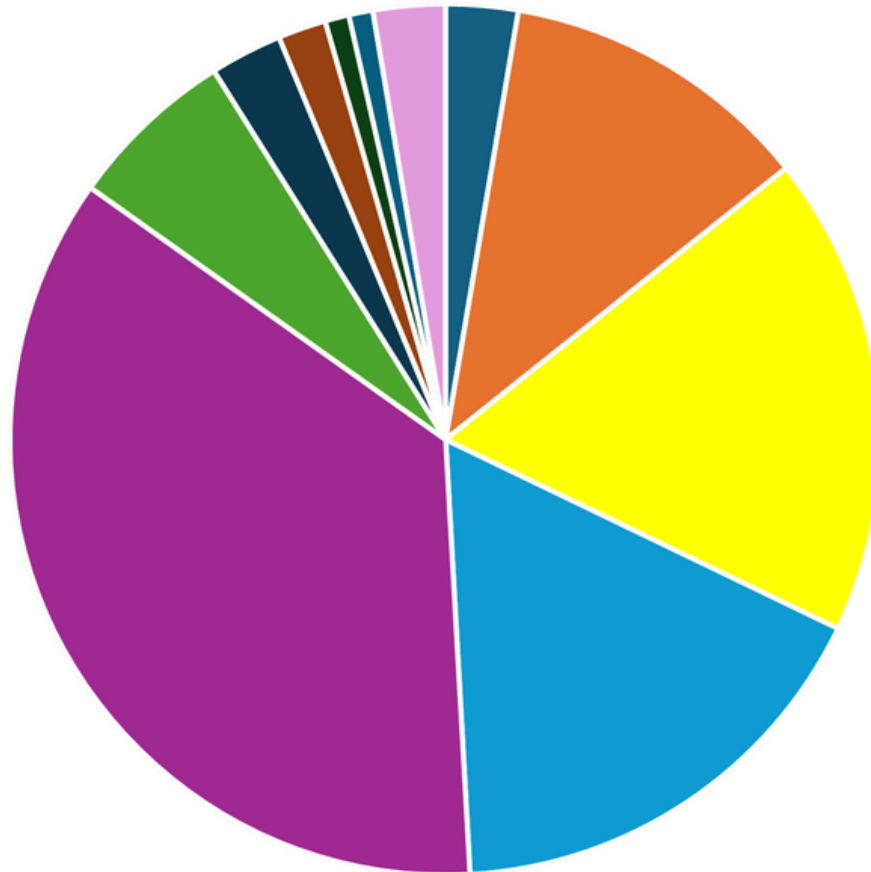
purchases of equipment

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Community Facility Improvements

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Type of Project supported by Locality Awards in Babergh



- Arts Culture and media
- Environment and Public Realm
- Health and wellbeing
- Transport and Highways
- Community Facility improvements
- Equipment
- Misc
- Young people
- Community Group
- Events
- Sports and Rec

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 2023/24, with 35% of funding contributing to the purchase of equipment for community groups and facilities.

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Impact on our Communities



New Life Church, Great Cornard - awarded funding in October 2023 for new toys and equipment for the weekly 'Stay and Play' Toddler group

[The funding has provided] 'an enhanced environment for young children, with additional options for imaginative and interactive play, sensory exploration, craft activities etc. The children have lots of fun, and opportunities for sensory and social development. The vibrant and supportive environment also encourages some mums who may struggle with hands-on, positive engagement with their child.'

Kersey Parish Council - awarded funding in November 2023 towards the purchase of a defibrillator

'It means that Kersey now has a defibrillator available in the event of a cardiac emergency in relatively easy reach of almost all properties in the parish. It has been registered with the ambulance service and is regularly monitored by the Parish Council to ensure it is always ready and available.'

Lavenham Community Council - awarded funding in January 2024 towards the purchase of a new coffee machine to assist with regular coffee mornings and events

'In the past we had been borrowing equipment from the church, but this facility has recently been withdrawn. We can now offer better quality refreshments to all our regular users. This equipment will also help to increase the numbers attending each session – which has already started happening.'

Our feedback shows that the allocation of Locality Awards has:

- helped **enhance** local groups for families
- **equip communities** to look after their community's health
- **increase the capacity** of what local social groups can deliver

