

# Community Development - Funding and Place

In the Community Grants team we take an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach to our work. ABCD means identifying existing social infrastructure in our communities, such as facilities, local groups and services, and collaborating with these local assets to help support and strengthen them to operate successfully within their communities.

This helps us align with a key element of our Communities Strategy, to ensure that **'our communities are resilient and connected places for people to live and work'** - highlighting how helping create a sense of place is a key part of our community development and funding work.

Some examples...

## Assington Village Charity

**Funding:** £10,000 of Capital Grant funding

**Project:** Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment

The funding has supported the village hall to provide an improved kitchen facility and upgraded community asset at Assington Village Hall.

The improvements have been promoted to increase the number of organisations using the village hall measured against the same period in the previous year.

The village hall has consequently seen an increase in venue bookings for parties and events such as weddings, **helping generate valuable income** to support the hall running costs, alongside **kickstarting other projects to benefit the community** at the village hall such as improving their renewable energy provision. This includes the potential installation of solar panels on the village hall roof and the installation of EV charging points for use by the community.

