

Newsletter

December 2024



Hampton Fund

Relieving hardship, creating opportunities to live well

We have supported individuals and families in our local community since 1811. Our aim is to relieve the burden of financial, physical and emotional hardship and create opportunities to live well. We do this directly by helping with the costs of gas, electricity and other household essentials, but also through support to local voluntary sector organisations. Our vision is for an empowered, resilient and compassionate local community where everyone has an equal opportunity to thrive.



Upcoming Dates

Individual Grant deadline for March period Fuel Grants:

Thursday 20 February 2025

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Richard reflects on his first year at Hampton Fund

As we approach the holiday season, it is also the anniversary of my starting at Hampton Fund. It has been a wonderful first year, and a privilege to learn about, and play a role in such a vibrant and committed local social care sector.

The numbers in this newsletter show that, while Hampton Fund has gone through a very thorough [strategic review](#), we have again distributed funds to both individual and community organisations at a level significantly higher than before the pandemic. That achievement is down to the fantastic team here at Hampton Fund. It is also the anniversary of Zenaid Richard's start at the charity and I am hugely grateful to her, Sheila Pryde, Carole Swinburne and Joe Imber for working so hard to disperse these funds efficiently and effectively, while also embracing the work we have done together on the strategic review. They have helped make my first year so enjoyable.

Joe will leave us at Christmas to pursue his goal of becoming a chartered accountant, where he has secured a training position with a City firm. We will miss him a great deal, but delighted that he has achieved this through a highly competitive process. Our loss is the world of accountancy's gain!

My thanks also to our highly experienced and committed Board of Trustees, who have given so much of their time and knowledge this year.

I am very grateful to Martin Seymour, our outgoing Chair, for his wisdom and support as I have settled into the role, but also to Adele Kimber, our new Chair, for taking up the baton with so much energy.

Finally, we saw Kim Loxton and Dr Jim Brockbank complete their terms as trustees in November. We will miss their commitment to Hampton Fund, my thanks for the impact both have made on our work.

I am very excited about the year to come - we have set ourselves some ambitious goals to develop as a collaborative and agile grant maker, one willing to develop new and different approaches. I look forward to working with you all as we do this, so that together we can help relieve more of the burden of hardship for local individuals and families, and create opportunities for them to live well in our community.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Richard Barron, CEO



Back row: Adele Kimber, Dr Jim Brockbank
Front row: Kim Loxton, Martin Seymour

A Year of Grant Giving at a Glance

Our last financial year ended on 30 June 2024 and we are pleased to share highlights of our grant giving to both individuals and local community groups.



Individual Grants to single people, couples and families totalling
£ 1,248,482



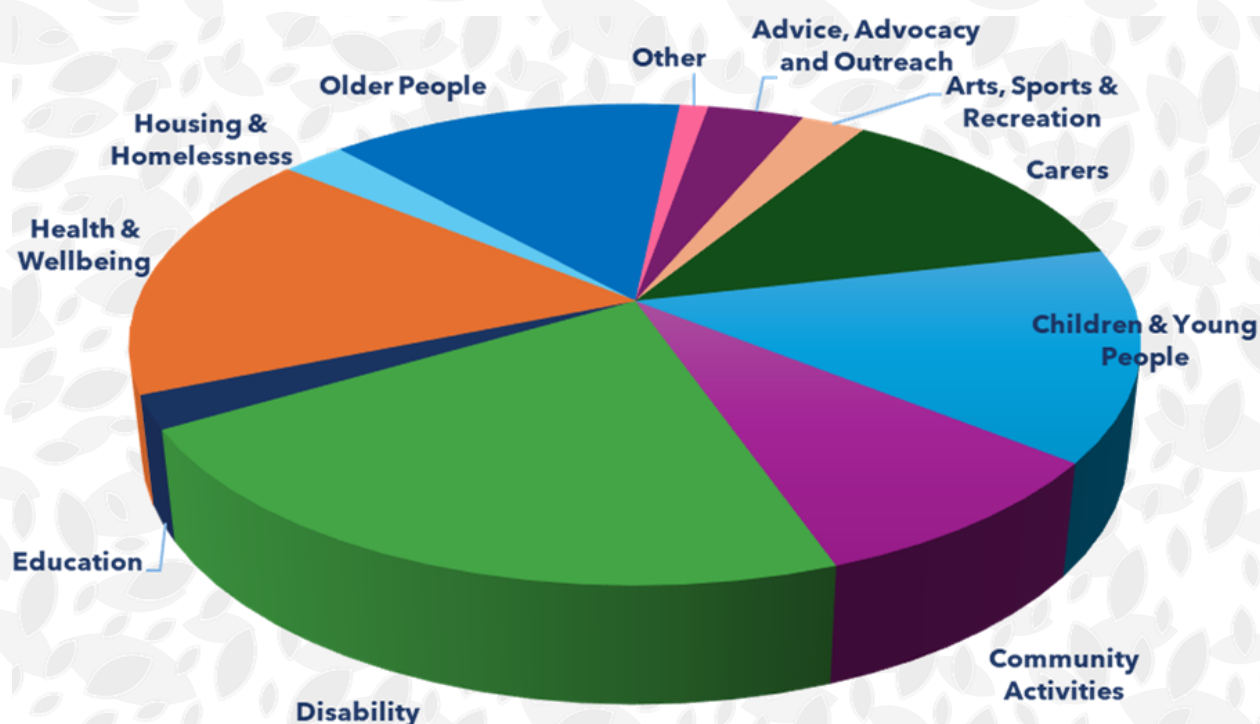
Community Grants to local charities and community groups
49 grants
£ 1,433,911

Individual Grants comprised the following, awarded to people in the Hampton, Hampton Hill, Hampton Wick, Twickenham, Teddington and Whitton areas:

- 2,121 Fuel Grants to the value of £1,138,269
- Essential items & furniture to the value of £88,798
- 70 School Journey Grants to the value of £13,945
- 72 School Uniform Grants to the value of £7,200
- A Disability Grant to the value of £270



Community Grants - the average grant value was £29,263. A summary of the Community Grants by theme is shown in the chart below.



Current Half Year in Focus

During the half year from July to December, the following grants were awarded to community organisations:

MTV Youth Hampton	£31,250 towards key staff salary costs
Home-Start	£36,750 towards core salary and running costs.
Hampton & Hampton Hill Voluntary Care Group (Greenwood Centre)	£30,000 towards staff salary costs.
Learn English at Home - LEAH	£22,500 towards the delivery costs.
Real Junk Food Project	£28,937 towards staffing costs to deliver in Hampton Fund area of benefit.
SEEN	£5,000 towards the Director's salary costs.
Richmond EAL Friendship Group Centre	£10,000 towards the costs of delivery in Hampton Fund area of benefit.
Richmond Carers Centre	£49,500 towards the salaries of Adult Carers Support Workers.
Cooking Up	£18,868 towards the cost of running cookery courses for people in challenging circumstances in the Hampton Fund area.
Riverbank Trust	£22,278 towards running costs of supporting vulnerable families in Whitton.
Churches Together in Teddington	£700 towards the costs of providing a Christmas Day lunch for vulnerable people from the Hampton Fund area of benefit.
Room For Work	£15,336 towards running employability courses to support unemployed people living in the Hampton Fund area.
Dose of Nature	£33,483 towards the salary costs of a psychologist.
Linden Hall Community Centre	£35,000 towards salary costs for the Centre Manager and running costs of the Centre.
LVA Trust	£28,000 towards salary and running costs for delivery in the Hampton Fund area of benefit.
MiD Mediation & Counselling	£16,500 towards core costs including family mediation/counselling, child inclusive mediation and adult counselling.
Off The Record	£24,000 towards core running costs.
OK Music Trust	£25,000 towards core costs including the salaries of the Director and Operations Coordinator.
Richmond Furniture Scheme	£28,000 towards core running costs.
Richmond Upon Thames Crossroads Care	£68,000 towards the core costs of providing the respite service and the running costs of the Saturday Club.
RUILS Independent Living	£32,000 towards salaries and operating costs for the Family Matters Service supporting families with children with disabilities and additional needs in the Hampton Fund area of benefit.
SPEAR	£35,000 towards the running costs of the Twickenham Hub providing support, advice and services for homeless people in the Borough of Richmond.
TAG Youth Club for the Disabled	£15,000 towards core salaries and running costs: to deliver activities for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs.
VISOR Visually Impaired Society of Richmond	£2,500 towards core costs.
Whitton Network	£7,000 towards the salary costs of the part time Co-ordinator

Individual Grants – July to October 2024

During the first 4 months of our current financial year, our Trustees agreed grants to the value of **£468,403** for single people, couples and families:

**Essential Items
to the value of
£32,624**

**774
Fuel grants
£417,510**

**55
School Uniform
grants
£5,500**

**86
School Journey
grants
£12,769**



**Our office will be closed from 23rd December,
re-opening on Monday 6th January
We wish all our colleagues and partners a very
Merry (and restful) Christmas**