

Newsletter

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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 July period Fuel Grants:

Thursday 12 June 2025

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Relieving Hardship Event 26 March

On Wednesday 26th March we met with colleagues at The Exchange in Twickenham for our **Relieving Hardship** event. The event was attended by 60 partners from across the borough and provided an invaluable platform to discuss and share information on local issues as they relate to our new focus areas of financial, physical and emotional hardship. The event also provided an excellent opportunity to highlight the work of the great local organisations we support.



Some reflections from participants:

"I think it was good to have such a wide selection of representatives from different organisations, voluntary sector, council and community to be able to represent the children, people and families that we support. This enabled us to be able to ensure their voices are heard and we can support their needs with Hampton Fund."

"It was a really open discussion and everyone had their opportunity to give their input."



We were delighted that Munira Wilson MP was able to take time out of her busy schedule to visit us and talk with participants, before returning to the Houses of Parliament for an important session. Richard Barron and Chair of Trustees, Adele Kimber, presented an update on the changes we are making

to our funding priorities as a result of our new [three-year strategy](#) and our research partners, [Rocket Science](#), presented early insights into research we have commissioned on need within the community. They also facilitated discussions amongst the guests that will feed into their final recommendations. These will then be used to guide our funding priorities over the next couple of years.



We were very grateful to Desirée Shepherd from Shepherd's Star and her team from the Shine Barista Training programme, who welcomed guests and served delicious coffee, all of which contributed to a relaxed atmosphere for networking before the event.

Click [here](#) to see a short video which gives a snapshot of the event, capturing the vibrant atmosphere and engaging debate created by our guests. Our thanks to all those that attended. Click [here](#) to see a video recording of the presentations.



We are delighted to share our first [video](#) which gives an insight into the history of Hampton Fund and our vision for the future.

It also showcases the work of three of our funded partners and their invaluable work in our community, addressing financial, emotional and physical hardship:

- [The Real Junk Food Project](#),
- [Whitton Network](#)
- [Integrated Neurological Services](#)

Huge thanks to Penny Vegting from TRJFP, Ana Cavilla from Whitton Network and Sarah Vines from INS who took part and demonstrated how they are helping local people in need.



Welcome!



Ian Scott – we were delighted to welcome Ian to our Board of Trustees in March. Ian will play a vital role in the stewardship of our investments and finances in the future.

Ian spent most of his career working as an investment strategist for various banks and pension funds in the City. Before retiring in 2024, he was Head of Investment Strategy and Liquid Portfolio Management at the Pension Protection Fund. Ian has lived in the Hampton / Teddington area with his wife Jane for 30 years. They have two children. Ian has also been a member of the Investment Committee of the RNLI since 2020.

Sameen Alemayehu – in March we also welcomed Sameen who joined our staff team in the role of Grants Administrator. Sameen graduated from Nottingham Trent University in 2023 with a BA in Economics and went on to study for a Master's in International Development. Sameen has a passion for supporting people in the community. He volunteered as a coach at Castelnau Community Centre in Barnes and continues to be involved in their adult and youth programme. He has already settled into the role and is busy working on School Uniform Grants for children joining secondary school for the first time in September and School Journey Grants for children in Year 6 to support participation in their residential trip.



Commissioned Research Project

In December we commissioned Rocket Science to undertake a research project to update the evidence base on need within the community and produce recommendations for future grant making. As part of this research, Rocket Science have conducted an analysis of publicly available data and mapped it against Hampton Fund's giving through individual and community grants. This has been complemented with stakeholder interviews, a grantee survey and phone interviews with individual grantees. We will publish results from the research soon.



Anna Johnson from Rocket Science, presenting at the Relieving Hardship Event

Community Grants awarded in March 2025

At our Community Grants meeting on 11th March 2025, Trustees approved 10 grants with a total value of £356,625 to the following community organisations:

<u>Age UK Richmond</u>	£75,000 towards the running costs of the welfare benefits service and core costs for older people in the Hampton Fund area.
<u>Citizens Advice Richmond</u>	£50,000 towards core costs to support clients in the Hampton Fund area.
<u>Middlesex Association for the Blind</u>	£13,250 towards the running costs of the Home Visiting Service, Rapid Response Counselling sessions and Mobile Resource Unit.
<u>Momentum</u>	£20,000 towards core costs – general administration (Finance, HR, IT).
<u>Mulberry Centre</u>	£40,000 towards core salary costs.
<u>Multicultural Richmond</u>	£7,000 towards the Project Officer's salary and core activities – supporting isolated people in the Heathfield community.
<u>Park Lane Stables RDA</u>	£20,000 towards core costs.
<u>Richmond AID (RAID)</u>	£66,000 towards core costs and Money Advice service.
<u>Richmond and Kingston Accessible Transport (RAKAT)</u>	£15,015 towards the costs of the CEO, Deputy CEO & Operations Manager.
<u>Skylarks</u>	£50,000 towards core costs, including staffing, programme delivery and infrastructure.

Individual Grants awarded in March 2025

At our Individual Grants meeting on 6th March 2025, Trustees approved the following grants to single people, couples and families:

