

# Supporting Local Communities

Enriching local communities by providing new amenities and improving existing ones has been a particularly rewarding aspect of our grant-making.

Through 636 grants totalling over £28 million, we have helped recipient local groups to achieve their own goals, and have significantly improved the lives of thousands of people across the country.

## FERMYN WOODS PLAY AREA

At the beautiful Fermyn Woods Country Park in Northamptonshire, GrantScape has helped to enhance visitors' enjoyment by providing a grant of £20,000 for new outdoor play equipment.

Our funding has secured exciting new climbing frames, swings, and a play-sand area, all safely enclosed with perimeter fencing. The zip-wire has been particularly popular, with queues of children taking turns to speed along the 30m cable.

## GURU NANAK GURDWARA COMMUNITY HALL

This remarkable project has resulted in the conversion of an existing Sikh Gurdwara (temple) into a vibrant community centre for residents of Queens Park in Bedford. Alongside this, the temple's trustees raised £4 million for the construction of a magnificent new complex.

GrantScape's £50,000 award has funded a large community hall extension to the rear of the existing temple which local people can use for a variety of social and leisure activities.

## LLANELLI WATER VOLE PROJECT

GrantScape manages several grant programmes for third parties, including a community and environmental fund for CWM Environmental Ltd in Carmarthenshire.

One award from this fund has been £28,000 for a project near Llanelli which seeks to bring local people closer to nature. At one of Wales' most important sites for the endangered water vole, new footpaths, boardwalks, seating and interpretation panels are being installed for visitors to enjoy.

## KEMPSTON HAMMERS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Ranging from football, hockey, cricket, rugby, and bowls to tug-of-war, Kempston Hammers have been a shining example in their commitment to providing community sports facilities for both sexes and all ages.

GrantScape has helped the group achieve their aims with a grant of £40,000 towards a club-house extension providing new changing rooms. The project has enabled many new groups to join and to take part in sporting activities.



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