



Community Chest Grant

Reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB) and addressing safety concerns associated with the Handford Hall Pathway- Applications now open

Amount: A total funding pot of £3,000 is available for this theme/area. This may be awarded as a single grant or divided among multiple successful applicants.

You may apply for anything up to £3,000.

Area: Westgate

Issue or emerging need: Reducing anti-social behaviour and addressing safety concerns.

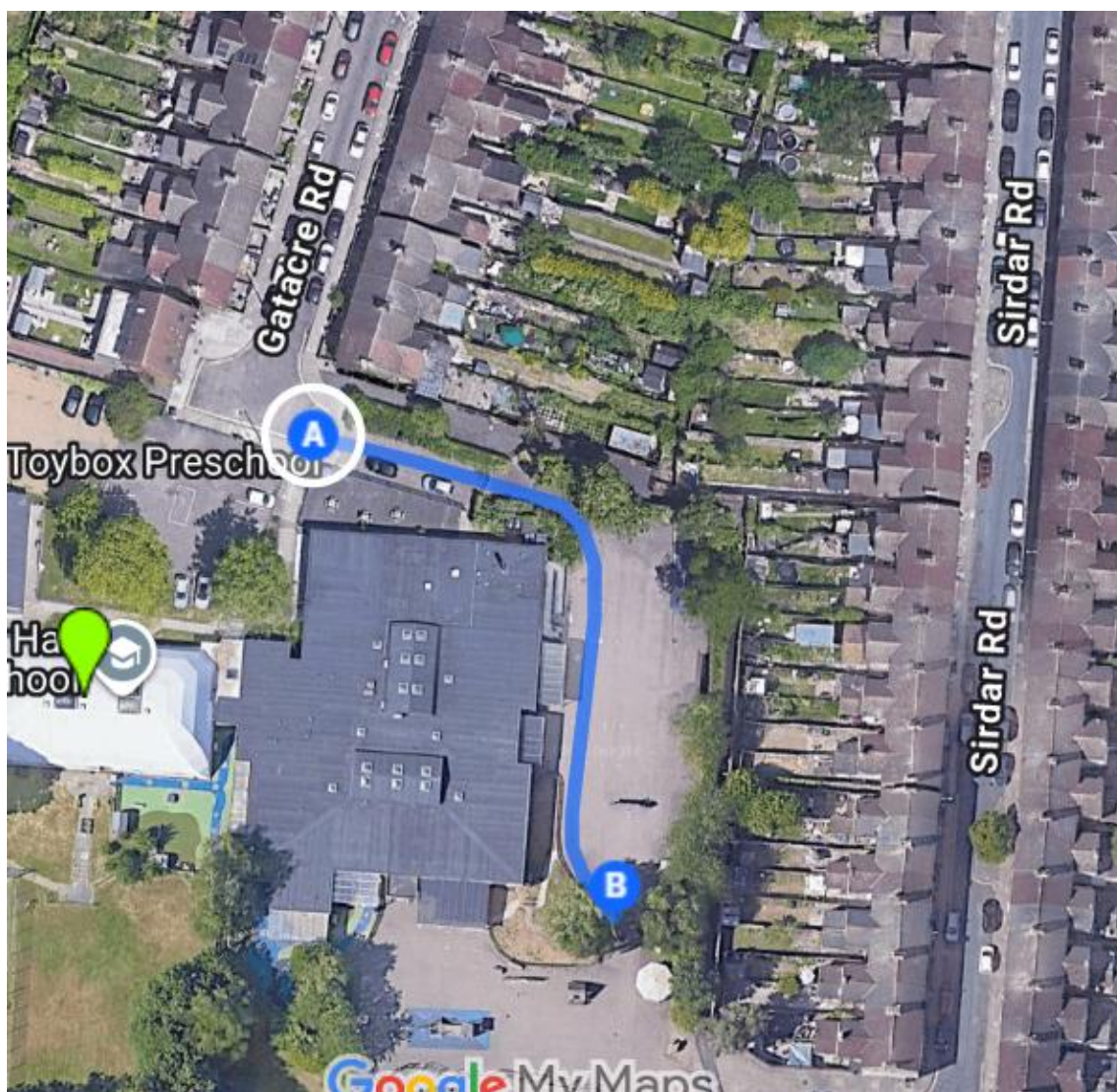
Closing date: Friday 23rd October by 5pm.

Community Chest grants are designed to tackle an issue or address an emerging need within the community.

We are looking for a group or organisation to deliver a project or service which supports reducing anti-social behaviour and addressing safety concerns associated Handford Hall Pathway. A map of this area can be seen below. Applicants can apply for the grant to expand on an existing service, or to start a new project the area and we welcome partnership applications.

If you are considering starting a new project in the area, we ask you to consider the longer-term impact and potential sustainability beyond this grant wherever possible.

Projects must be delivered by **April 2027**.



(The map above highlights the area that will be the primary focus of this grant)

Supporting information

Following historical reports of issues relating to the Handford Hall Pathway, a consultation was carried out between Tuesday 3rd March 2026 and Tuesday 17th March 2026 and aimed to gather feedback from residents regarding their views, experiences, and any concerns associated with the pathway.

The purpose of the consultation was to better understand how the pathway is currently used, identify any issues impacting the local community, and capture residents' opinions on potential future actions.

The following information highlights the issues reported by local residents:

- Street drinking, drug use, fly-tipping, and litter/rubbish were the most commonly reported issues
- The pathway is associated with both nuisance and more serious forms of ASB.

- The findings indicate that the pathway experiences recurring issues that impact perceptions of safety, cleanliness, and community wellbeing.

What We Are Looking to Fund

We are looking for projects that help reduce anti-social behaviour along the Handford Hall Pathway, improve perceptions of safety, encourage positive use of the space, and strengthen relationships between local residents and community organisations. We are particularly interested in projects that combine physical improvements to the pathway and surrounding environment with community engagement and outreach activities that foster long-term community ownership and pride.

Activities could include:

- Community-led mural, artwork, and creative placemaking projects.
- Planting schemes, gardening initiatives, and other environmental improvements.
- Community clean-up events to tackle litter, graffiti, and fly-tipping.
- Projects that encourage community ownership and pride in the Handford Hall Pathway.
- Events and activities that promote positive use of the pathway and surrounding spaces.
- Community outreach and engagement with residents affected by, or at risk of, anti-social behaviour.
- Volunteering and community ambassador initiatives.
- Awareness campaigns that promote respect for shared spaces and community wellbeing.
- Innovative projects that use art, culture, or community action to improve safety and community cohesion.

This list is not exhaustive, and creative approaches are encouraged. We recognise that a single grant will not resolve all anti-social behaviour issues affecting the Handford Hall Pathway. However, we are looking for projects that can make a meaningful contribution to creating a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming environment, while strengthening community connections and encouraging residents to play an active role in the future of the area.

Eligibility criteria

This fund is for existing local groups or organisations, who must be constituted and be able to meet the following due diligence requirements:

- A committee with at least three members
- A bank account in the group's name, with two signatories for all withdrawals (living at two different addresses)
- Provision of a recent bank statement (within 30 days) with visible transactions (confidential details may be redacted, for example if an individual has paid a donation into the account)
- A Safeguarding Policy in place if they are working with children and/ or vulnerable people
- Any other policies or insurance which are deemed necessary or related to the activity

Community Chest Grants cannot be used for:

- Paid staff costs which are unrelated to the project
- Activities which are the statutory duty of any organisation, including IBC
- Paying for any activities retrospectively
- Political activities for any party
- Activities with a religious focus, or which may exclude residents based on faith (this does not exclude activities which are affiliated with a religious group provided they are open to all)

How to apply

Applications are to be made using the following form and must be received by **Friday 23rd October by 5pm.**

[Community Chest Application form 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Next Steps

Applications will be reviewed at the next Community Grants Recommendation working group on the 11th of November.

If your application is successful, we will request due diligence documents from you and make the required checks. Once complete, we will ask you to sign an agreement and make arrangements for payment.

We aim for the Community Chest Grant process to take no more than two- three months in total, inclusive of due diligence checks and processing payment.

If you require any further information or support, please contact communities@ipswich.gov.uk.