#### **HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL - GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS JULY 2025-2026**

Please see 'The Good Exchange' The Good Exchange for details of the projects using the reference numbers as indicated below

### **Arts for Hungerford** – £250

Arts for Hungerford brings culture to our doorstep, offering film screenings and live performances that connect us to international and local talent. Its free Children's Arts Festival is a joyful celebration of creativity, providing workshops in everything from circus skills to storytelling, all run by volunteers. It's a shining example of how the arts can unite and inspire.

• for more information, click here.

### Bridge for Young People – £350

Bridge for Young People is opening Wessex House, a safe and supportive home for thirteen young people. Their trauma-informed, person-centred approach ensures that every individual is given the opportunity to thrive. We are proud to support its mission of hope and empowerment.

• for more information, click here.

#### Citizens Advice West Berkshire – £500

Citizens Advice West Berkshire continues to be a lifeline for many, expanding its services to meet the diverse needs of local residents. Its commitment to accessibility ensures that no one in Hungerford is left without guidance or support.

• for more information, click here.

### **Hungerford CHAIN** – £1,500

CHAIN provides essential community transport, helping residents – especially those with mobility challenges – get to medical appointments, go shopping and enjoy days out. The service is not just practical but also deeply caring.

• for more information, click here.

### Daisy's Dream - £200

Daisy's Dream offers therapeutic support to children and families dealing with bereavement. Its work is sensitive, vital and increasingly in-demand: we are grateful for its presence in West Berkshire.

• for more information, <u>click here</u>.

## **Eight Bells for Mental Health** – £250

Eight Bells for Mental Health provides a safe, welcoming space for those facing mental health challenges. The member-led sessions offer connection, understanding and healing – free of charge and open to all.

• for more information, click here.

### Hungerford Allotment Holders Association (HAHA) – £500

HAHA has brought back the Produce, Flower and Handicraft Show, a celebration of local talent and generosity. With donations going to the Foodbank and local charities, this event is a beautiful blend of community pride and compassion.

• for more information, click here.

#### Home-Start West Berkshire - £250

Home-Start West Berkshire is tackling child poverty through its Baby Bank Project, supplying essential items to families in need. The volunteer-led initiative is a testament to the power of kindness and community action.

• for more information, click here.

### **Hungerford Bowling Club** – £300

Hungerford Bowling Club maintains a cherished local space for sport and socialising. Its commitment to upkeep and fundraising ensures that the green remains a place of joy and connection for all ages.

• for more information, click here.

### **Hungerford Carnival** – £400

Hungerford Carnival is back, bringing colour, music, and celebration to our streets. It's a time for us to come together, honour our town and showcase the incredible work of our voluntary groups and charities.

• for more information, click here.

## **Hungerford Food Community** – £100

Hungerford Food Community is inspiring residents of all ages to cook, to eat well and to reduce waste. Through markets, workshops and interactive events, it is nurturing both bodies and minds.

• for more information, click here.

### **Hungerford Comedy Club – £100**

Hungerford Comedy Club, led by Graeme Coulam, is bringing laughter to our town with a Comedy Festival spanning Hungerford, Thatcham and Newbury. With seven shows over three days and profits supporting local charities, this initiative proves that comedy can be both entertaining and impactful.

• for more information, click here.

### **Hungerford Tennis Club** – £175

Hungerford Tennis Club is improving safety and accessibility by resurfacing the area in front of its clubhouse with astro turf. This environmentally friendly upgrade will benefit players of all ages and ensure the club remains a welcoming space for sport and recreation.

• for more information, click here.

### **HRFC Family and Friends** – £150

HRFC Family and Friends undertook a heartfelt charity walk from Hungerford RFC to Bath RFC in support of the Teenage Cancer Trust and one of its own members, Toby Gale. This

grassroots initiative shows the strength of community and the power of solidarity.

• for more information (on Hungerford RFC), click here.

### **Hungerford Community Theatre Group** – £250

Hungerford Community Theatre Group is preparing for a move to new premises, ensuring its creative work continues to flourish. Its commitment to the arts and to providing opportunities for performance and expression is deeply valued.

• for more information, click here.

### **Hungerford Town Band** – £800

Hungerford Town Band is rebuilding and growing, offering musical opportunities for all ages and supporting local events with its performances. The training band is a wonderful way to nurture talent and bring people together through music.

• for more information, click here.

## **Hungerford Town Football Club** – £200

Hungerford Town FC is enhancing the matchday experience by installing mobile toilet units near the East End stand. This practical improvement will make attending games more comfortable for supporters and reflects the club's commitment to its fans.

• for more information, click here.

### **Hungerford Twinning Association – £250**

Hungerford Twinning Association is strengthening international ties with Ligueil in France, promoting cultural exchange and community pride. Their efforts to make the monthly French conversation sessions free and accessible are a great step toward inclusion and connection.

• for more information, click here.

### John O'Gaunt School PSA - £250

John O'Gaunt School PSA is investing in an outdoor fitness suite to support students' physical and mental wellbeing. This initiative will help improve focus, mood, and overall health—benefiting every student in the school.

• for more information, click here.

## NWN Over-80s Parcel Fund – £300

NWN Over-80s Parcel Fund is spreading festive cheer by delivering Christmas food parcels to residents over 80 in Hungerford, Newbury and surrounding areas. It's a beautiful gesture of care and respect for our elders.

• for more information, click here.

## Parkinson's UK, Newbury – £100

Parkinson's UK, Newbury offers subsidised exercise therapies to help people living with Parkinson's manage daily life and stay socially connected. From yoga to singing, these sessions are life-enhancing and deeply appreciated.

• for more information, click here.

### Recovery in Mind – £200

Recovery in Mind offers free mental health support to adults without the need for referral or diagnosis. Its "Welcome to Recovery" course and over 30 annual workshops empower individuals to take back control of their lives, guided by hope and personal aspiration.

• for more information, click here.

### Swings and Smiles – £300

Swings and Smiles continues to be a lifeline for children with disabilities and their families. With funding for a full-time play leader and specialised sessions for children unable to attend school full-time, it provides essential support, joy, and respite.

• for more information, click here.

### The Tuesday Burchett Club – £350

The Tuesday Burchett Club is planning holidays for members with disabilities, offering muchneeded rest and adventure for those who use walking aids or wheelchairs. These trips are a source of happiness and inclusion.

• for more information, click here.

#### Time to Talk West Berkshire – £200

Time to Talk West Berkshire is expanding its counselling services for young people aged 11–25, with additional sessions based at the Hungerford Surgery. Its work is vital in supporting the mental health of our youth.

Newbury.

• for more information, click here.

#### West Berkshire Foodbank – £800

West Berkshire Foodbank is responding to food crises with compassion and innovation, providing nutritious parcels, cooking tools, fuel top-ups, and warm throws to those in need. Its work ensures no one is left behind during difficult times.

• for more information, click here.

### Ben East - £200

Ben East, a local athlete and the UK's number-one javelin thrower in both the Under 23 and Senior Men's categories, continues to represent our community on national and international stages. Balancing his studies with elite training, Ben's dedication is inspiring and we're proud to support his journey.

• for more information, click here.

### **Hungerford & Camburn Education Trust** – £1,000

Hungerford & Camburn Education Trust is the only local charity offering financial help to students pursuing further education. As requests for support grow, its work becomes even more essential in helping young people achieve their academic goals.

• for more information, click here.

### **Hungerford Library & Community Trust** – £10,500

Hungerford Library & Community Trust operates The Hub, a vital space for education, recreation and community events. Its commitment to inclusivity and support for local groups

makes The Hub a cornerstone of our town.

• for more information, click here.

# **Hungerford Youth & Community Centre** – £5,350

Hungerford Youth & Community Centre is investing in youth workers to continue providing youth club sessions, day trips and holiday clubs. Its work creates a safe, engaging space for young people to grow, connect and thrive.

• for more information, click here.