



Central England Co-op donates £12,700 to boost 13 charity and community projects in Leicestershire
Thirteen projects in Leicestershire are celebrating after sharing over £12,700 in the latest pay out from Central England Co-operative's Community Dividend Fund.

A wide range of groups, organisations and charities were handed grants, with a total of £45,000 handed out to 40 good causes across 16 counties.

Market Harborough Home-Start South will use £2,960 to buy a large HD screen and speakers to support the creation of a special facility to work with parents and young children who are facing challenging circumstances.

Stella Renwick, Business Development Manager at Home-Start, said: "We are delighted to have been awarded the grant from the Central England Co-Op Community Dividend Fund which will enable us to equip our training room with a fit for purpose large display screen and sound system.

"With the new screen we will be able to show presentations, films and pictures at key events and training sessions improving everyone's inclusion and participation."

Efforts to improve floral displays across the market town have also been boosted after £548 was donated to pay for new tools and equipment.

Foxton Primary School will use £360 to pay for a new PA system as part of a major refurbishment of its school hall.

Coping with Cancer in Leicestershire and Rutland will now be able to offer support to even more people thanks to a £800 grant from the Community Dividend Fund.

The money will be used to pay for a therapy chair, therapy roll and room dividers to allow the team to take its support and complementary therapies to even more people across the county.

Youngsters across the county will be taught about road safety after Warning Zone was given £1,500 to buy a new screen to use as part of demonstrations about road safety.

A support café organised by Hospice Hope to support people impacted by life-limiting conditions has been boosted with a £700 grant.

Vulnerable people and their families in Coalville will also be boosted by a grant of £1,000 to MRC Community Action for new equipment to enhance its ongoing work to allow people to meet and interact in a safe environment.

Grants have also been handed to churches, community groups and organisations supporting children across Leicestershire.

Market Harborough store manager Sean Clothier said: “We are delighted that these great projects and good causes have been handed a grant for the great work they do in the community.

“Community Dividend Fund grants like this showcase how being a member and continuing to support Central England Co-op helps us as a Society continue to invest and fund vital projects in the local area.”

Grants of between £100 and £5,000 are handed out every three months to a wide range of applicants.

The fund guarantees that at least one per cent of the Society’s trading profit is reinvested in local communities in a bid to help projects to thrive across its trading area of 16 counties from the Midlands to the east coast.

People can apply for funding by visiting <https://communities.centralengland.coop/>

Becoming a member of Central England Co-operative offers a whole host of benefits ranging from collecting points every time you spend in store to earn a share of the profits, access to members activities and community initiatives including the Community Dividend Fund, which hands out grants of up to £5,000 to charities and good causes across the Society’s trading estate.

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