



Wandsworth Council is proud of the amazing community spirit in our borough. Over the years, we know that many residents have expressed a desire to go further and do more to support their fellow residents and communities in Wandsworth. We are also proud of our record as a low tax council, with one of the lowest council tax in England. We firmly believe that the best way the council can help our residents is to keep tax low, but we also recognise that some are in a fortunate position where they may wish to contribute more financially to their local area.

That's why the council has supported the establishment of the **Borough of Wandsworth Community Trust**, following backing by a fantastic response to a consultation we ran last year.

The Community Trust is a registered charity (No.1197849), independent from the council, and overseen by a board of trustees.

I am delighted that the Deputy Lieutenant of Wandsworth Borough, Mrs Colleen Harris MVO DL, has agreed to Chair the Trust, and to introduce the Community Trust's first fundraising appeal. I am sure that the Trust will serve as a channel for the generosity and community spirit that is abundant within our borough and I urge all residents, where able, to support its efforts.

Cllr Ravi Govindia Leader of Wandsworth Council

The Borough of Wandsworth Community Trust is asking for your help to fund projects that will directly benefit communities and drive improvements within the borough.

In the consultation carried out in April last year, you told us that you would be most keen to fund measures which improve the lives of young people who live in Wandsworth. This is why the Trustees have chosen Children and Young People as our first priority area for the Trust. Within this priority area, Trustees have drawn upon council data and an assessment of the borough's needs carried out by the Public Health team to identify potential themes for support:

- **Enable Children to thrive in their education and support Young People into employment.** We know that the pandemic has caused disruption to children's education and made it harder to access traditional paths to employment like work experience and apprenticeships. Your donation could fund groups to provide measures such as mentoring and extra support programmes which help children and young people gain confidence and bounce back into education and/or the workplace.
- **Supporting Children and Young People's mental health.** Again, we know the burden of the pandemic has weighed on young people, and research has shown that the rate of children with mental health needs has increased by 25% during the pandemic. Your donation could help provide much needed counselling to a young person or activities for young carers. We would also be keen to fund measures which support and strengthen parents and carers' mental health, recognising the strain the pandemic has put on them.
- **Supporting Healthy Choices and Activities.** Being active is key to a child's wellbeing. Your donations could allow the Trust to support a range of groups which promote getting active, from football and boxing to cycling and dance!

BOROUGH OF WANDSWORTH COMMUNITY TRUST

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www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wandsworth-community-trust

Registered Charity Number: 1197849



Later in the year, we will be inviting groups and organisations to submit their ideas for projects which operate within one of these themes and apply for funding from the donations we receive. We will be looking for ambitious projects that aim to make a positive, lasting impact in the lives of our children and young people. The Trustees will review these applications on a case-by-case basis to ensure that every penny you give has the maximum impact on the lives of local residents.

Projects will be entirely local and focused on supporting the children and young people of Wandsworth. An annual report describing how your donation has been used and the impact it has had will be published on the Trust webpage.

Please consider making a gift, which will go directly towards helping local children and young people. Even a small gift can make a large impact. If every household in the borough was able to donate £5, the Trust could raise over half a million pounds to fund projects which improve the wellbeing of our children.

For more information about the Borough of Wandsworth Community Trust, the priority themes for this year, or to make a donation, go to: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wandsworth-community-trust

Donations can also be made via cheques made payable to The Borough of Wandsworth Community Trust sent to Wandsworth Community Trust, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU.

Thank you for considering donating to the Wandsworth Community Trust and supporting our mission to make a lasting difference to the lives of our children and young people.

Mrs Colleen Harris MVO DL Chair of Wandsworth Community Trust



Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to the Borough of Wandsworth Community Trust. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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Full home address <input type="text"/>		
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Please notify us if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

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