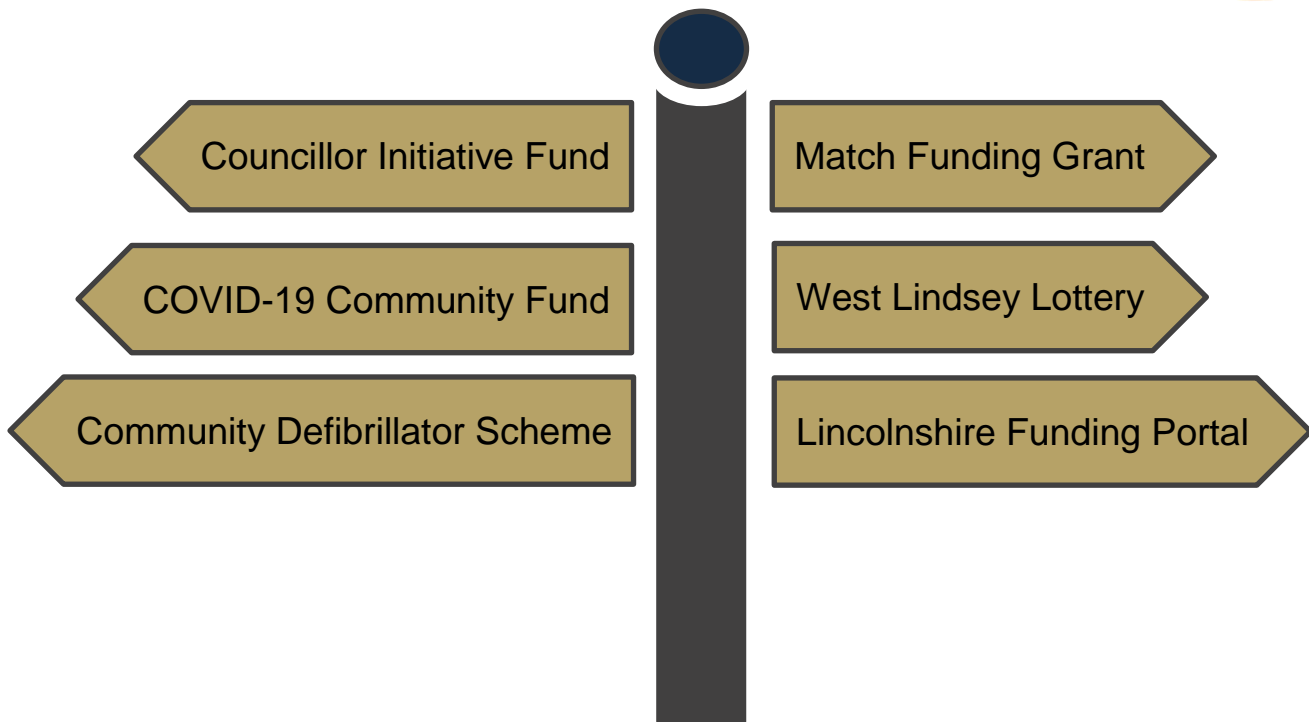


West Lindsey Community Grants



Impact Report 2020-2021



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1. Introduction

Welcome to our 2020-2021 Impact Report. This report will provide an insight into our grant giving activity over the last financial year and share with you details of grant amounts awarded and match funding secured.

Grant funding from local authorities plays an important role in the wider availability of funding, especially for the community and voluntary sector. Small grants help local projects and activities to take place with a range of benefits. Larger grants help support bigger projects such as capital works and can directly influence other funders to achieve match or levered funding into West Lindsey.

In a year which the sector has had to adapt and react to ever changing laws and guidance, I am proud of all community groups across West Lindsey with their ability to deliver projects and services against the odds.

All of our grant activity is strongly aligned to our Corporate Plan themes and wider aims. Each scheme also has a strong focus on achieving the following core outcomes:

- Benefit the wider community
- Support volunteer led activity
- Secure match funding into West Lindsey
- Lever external funding into West Lindsey

This report provides details of our grant giving activity over the last financial year including amounts awarded, match funding secured and community benefits. For details on funding awarded from our COVID-19 Community Fund, please visit <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/my-community/grants-and-funding/west-lindsey-covid-19-community-fund/>

I hope you enjoy reading about our grant activity, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Councillors, Officers and partners who have helped deliver an extremely busy year of community grants. If you have any queries about this report please feel free to contact me via e-mail or telephone.



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2. Overview of 2020-2021 grant schemes

During the 2020-2021 financial year the following grant schemes were delivered:

Councillor Initiative Fund (Suspended 08.04.2021- 29.06.2020)

Total budget for 2019-2023: **£128,000** (£4,000 per Councillor)

Maximum grant: **£4,000** Minimum grant: **£50**

Match funding criteria: **Councillor Discretion**

Each Councillor has a set allocation of funding and is able to make awards to local projects and organisations in their ward areas. This fund enhances each Councillors ability to engage with and support the communities they represent. A quick delivery time enables funding to be awarded within weeks to an organisation.

Match Funding Grant (Suspended 08.04.2021- 29.06.2020)

Maximum grant: **£8,000** (up to £20,000 by exception) Minimum grant: **£500**

Match funding criteria: **Up to 50% of project costs**

Match funding grants provide targeted funding to directly attract or secure external funding into the district. Grants can also be used to support council led activity that will secure further external funding.

COVID-19 Community Fund

Maximum grant: **£5,000** Minimum grant: **£500**

Match funding criteria: **Up to 100% of project costs**

The COVID-19 Community Fund was created to help communities as they responded to exceptional challenges during the pandemic, supporting local charities and community organisations that delivered essential services to vulnerable residents.

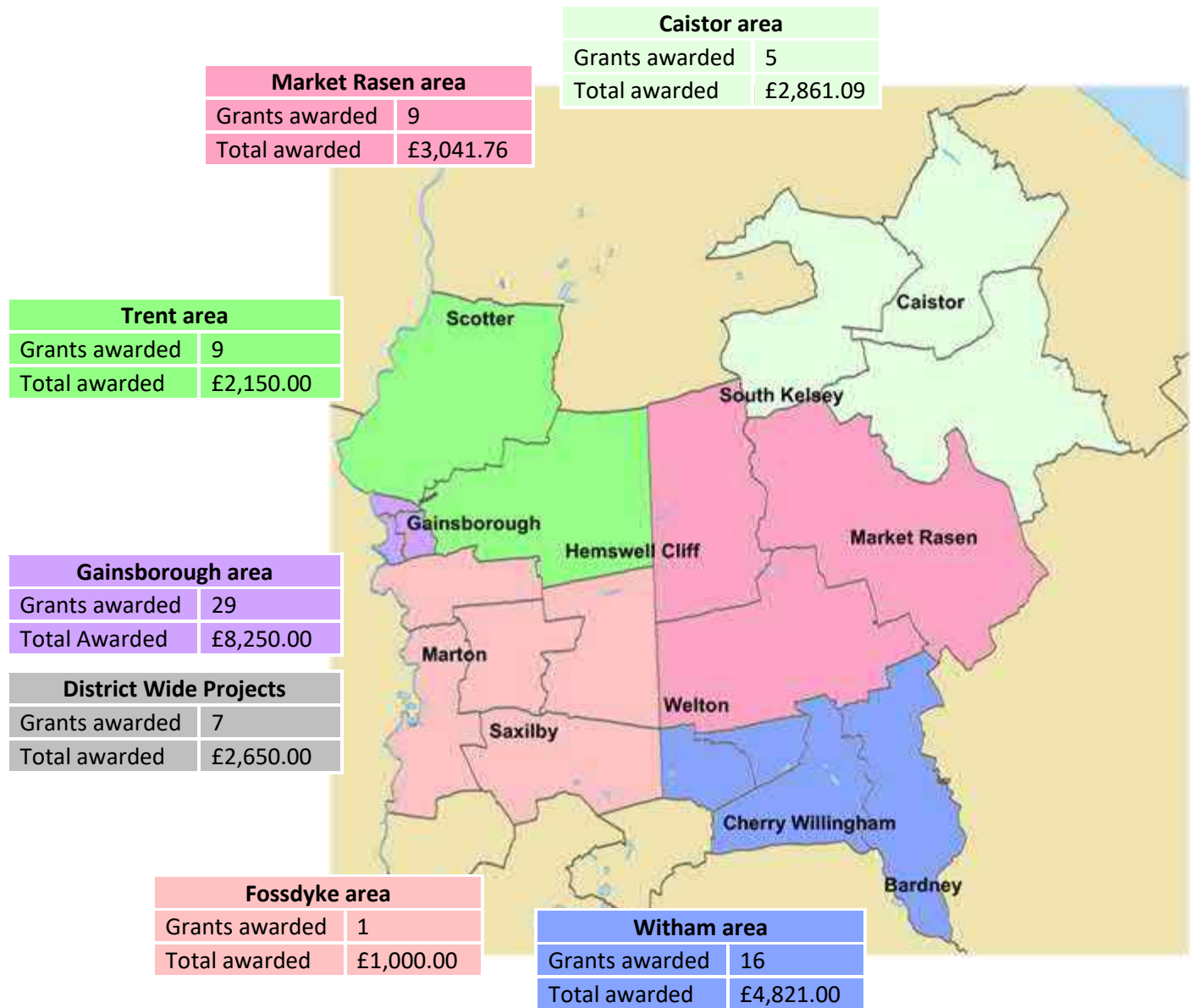
A separate Impact Report is available for the COVID-19 Community Fund at <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/my-community/grants-and-funding/west-lindsey-covid-19-community-fund/>



3. Councillor Initiative Fund

Grant map

Our grant map below shows where this scheme has made awards in the district. All figures are for 2020-2021.



Total number of grants: 76

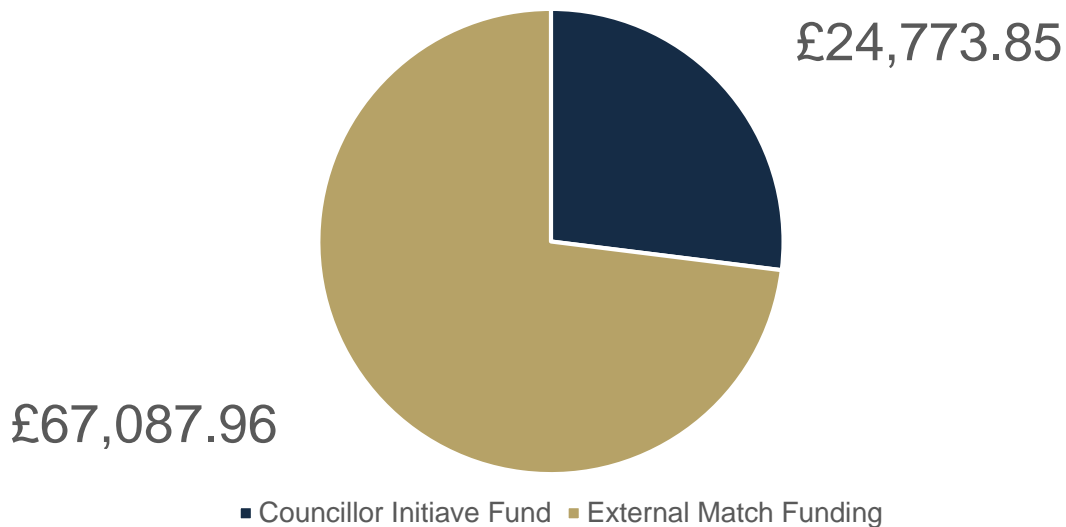
Total amount awarded: £24,773.85



3. Councillor Initiative Fund continued...

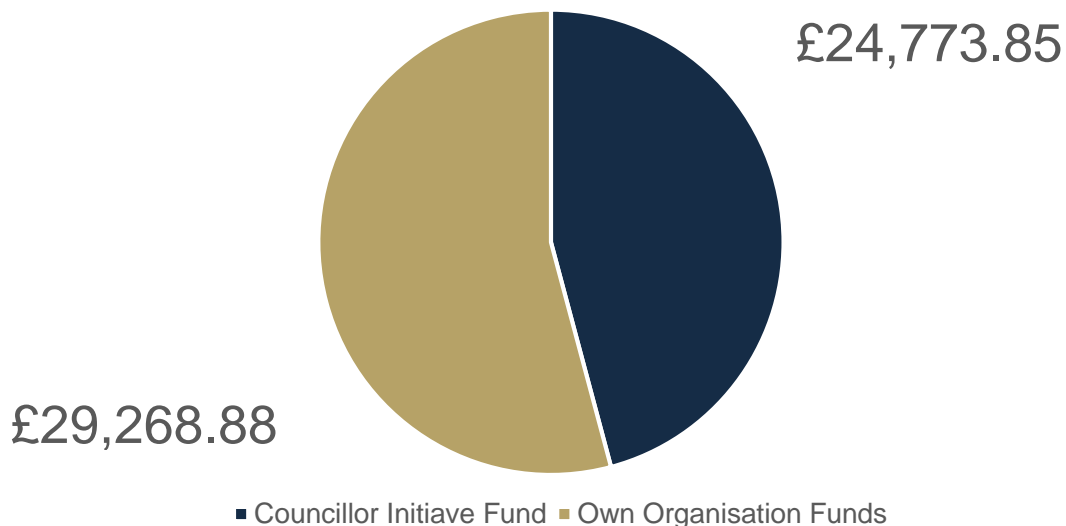
External Match Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following external match funding for projects. All figures are for 2020-2021.



Organisation Match Funding

This grant scheme helped secure the following investment from organisations delivering projects.

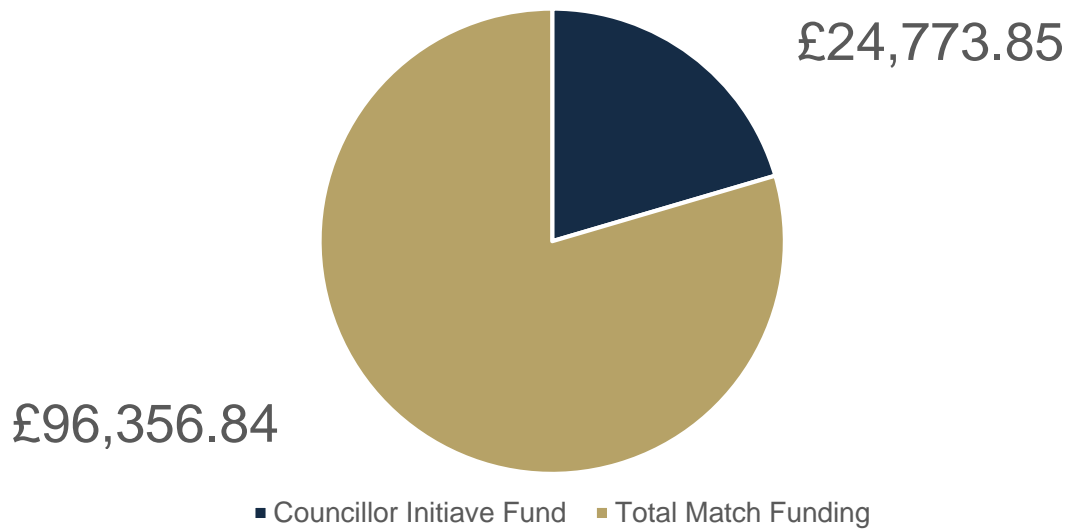




3. Councillor Initiative Fund continued...

TOTAL Match/Levered Funding

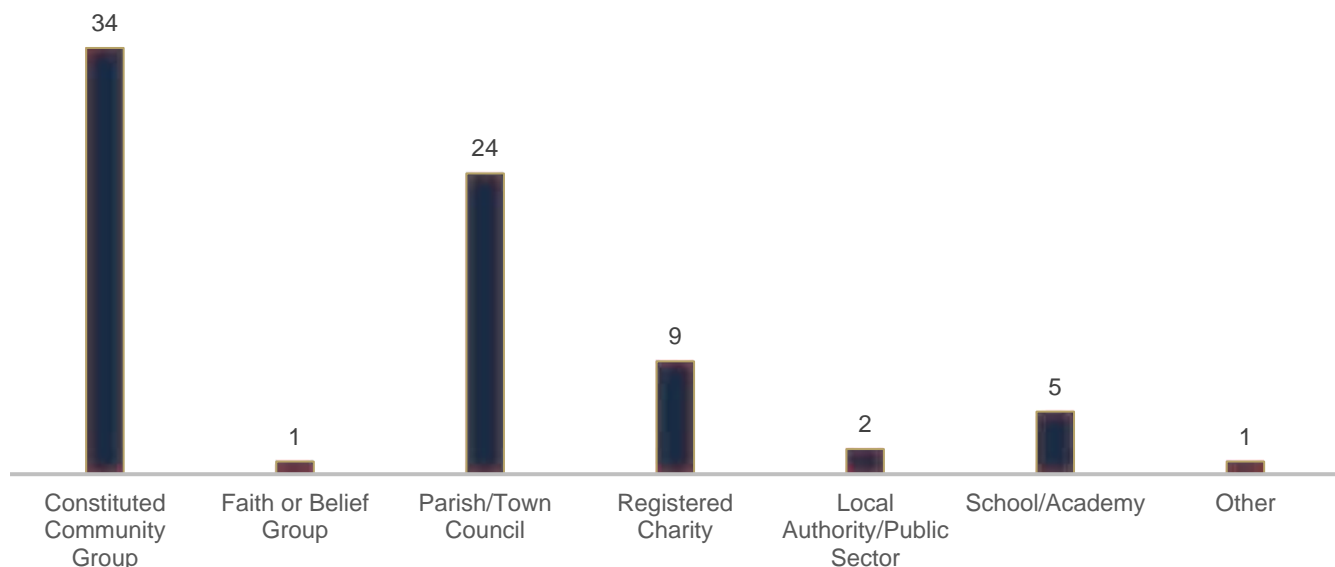
This grant scheme helped secure the following TOTAL Match/Levered funding.



For every **£1** invested from this scheme we matched/levered: **£3.89**

Types of organisations funded

This grant scheme supported the following types of organisations.

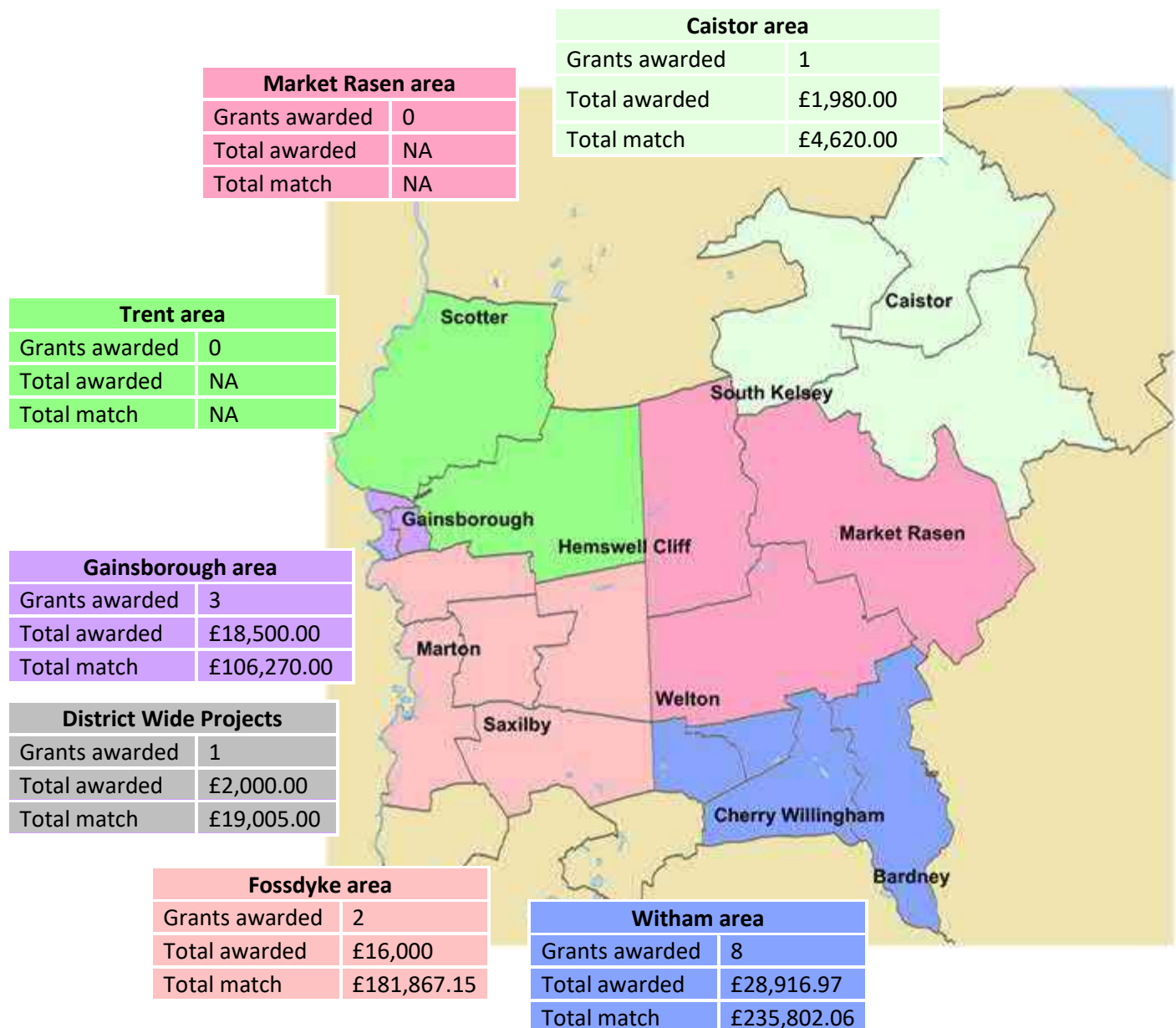




4. Match Funding Grant

Grant map

Our grant map below shows where this scheme has made awards in the district. All figures are for 2020-2021.



Total number of grants: 15

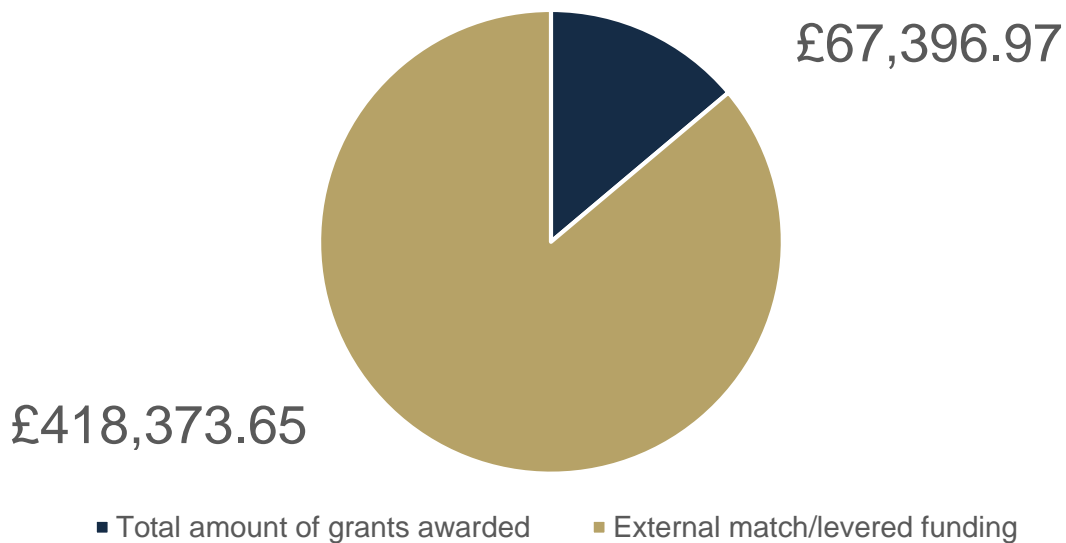
Total amount awarded: £67,396.97



4. Match Funding Grant continued...

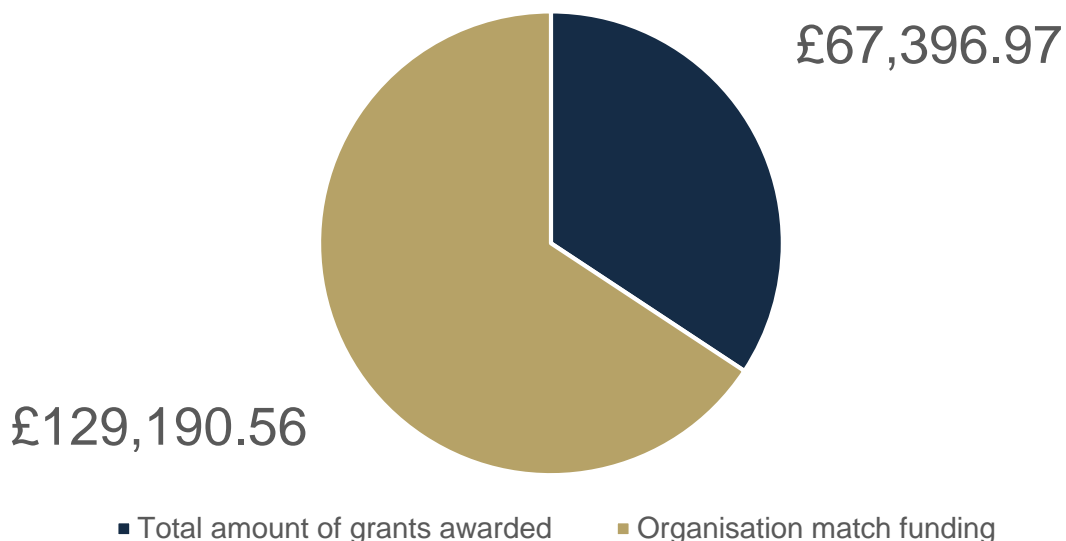
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Organisation Match Funding

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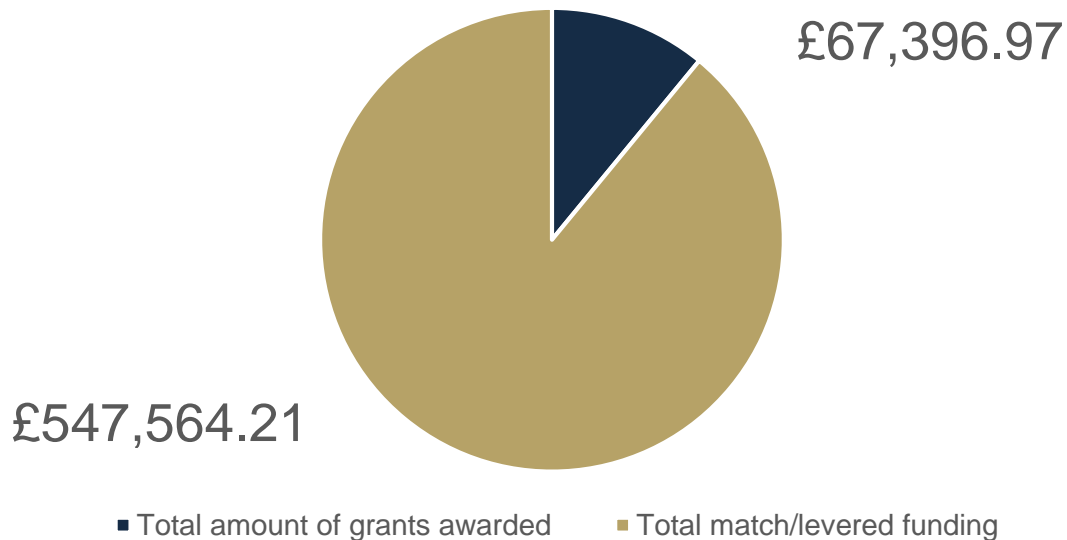




4. Match Funding Grant continued...

TOTAL Match/Levered Funding

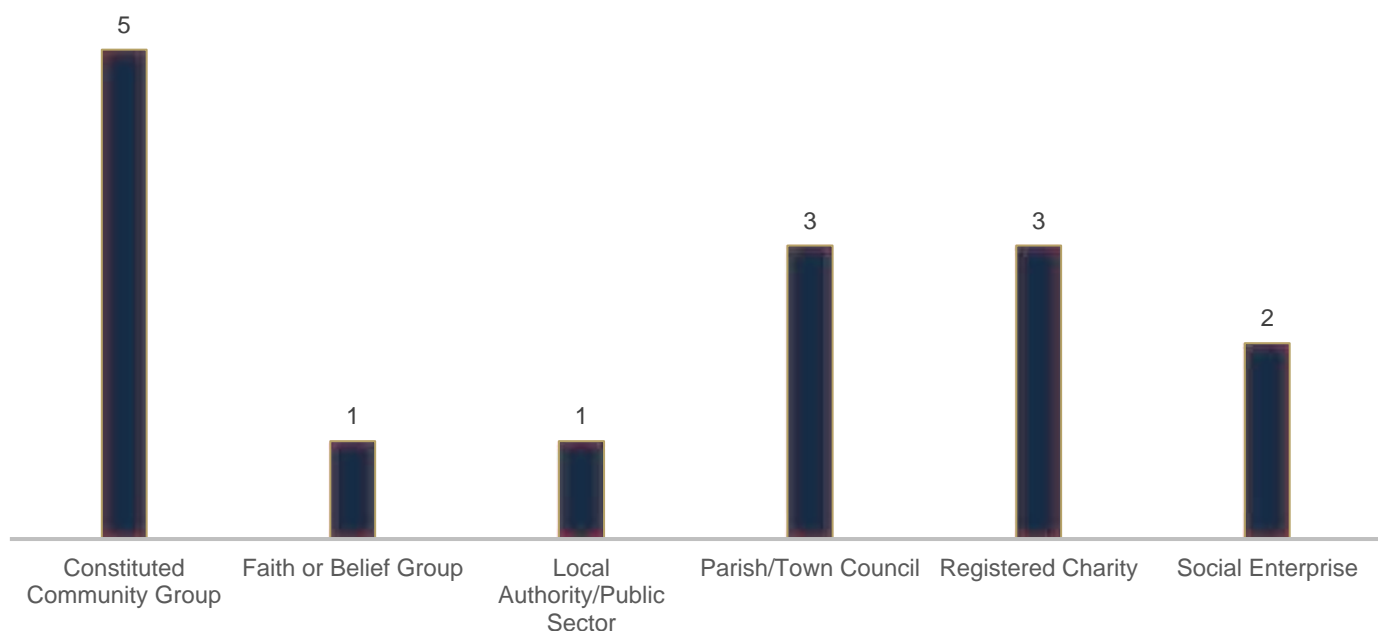
This grant scheme helped secure the following TOTAL Match/Levered funding.



For every **£1** invested from this scheme we matched/levered: **£8.12**

Types of organisations funded

This grant scheme supported the following types of organisations.

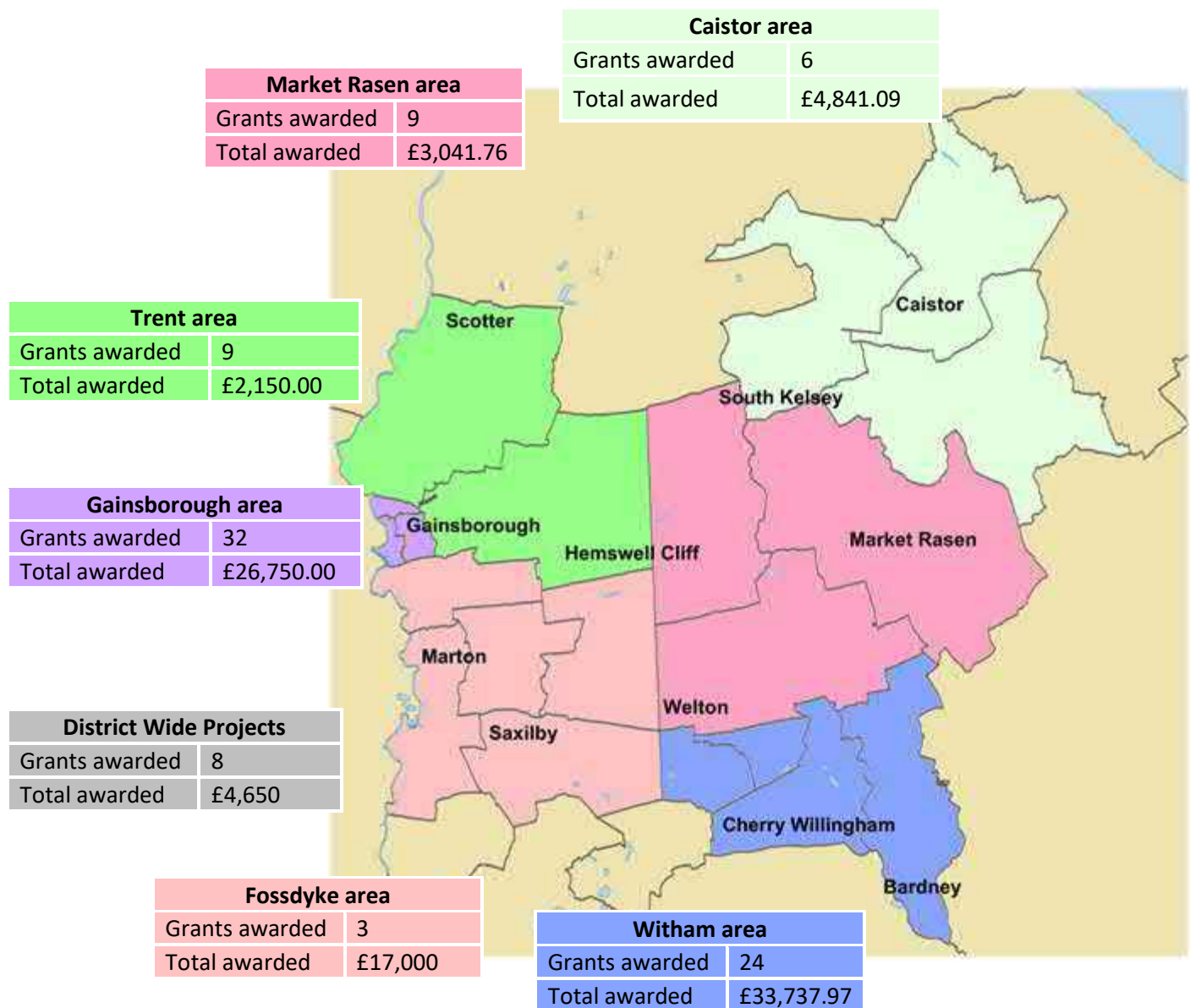




5. All Grant Scheme Totals

Grant map

Our grant map below shows where all awards were made in the district. All figures are for 2020-2021.



Total number of grants: 91

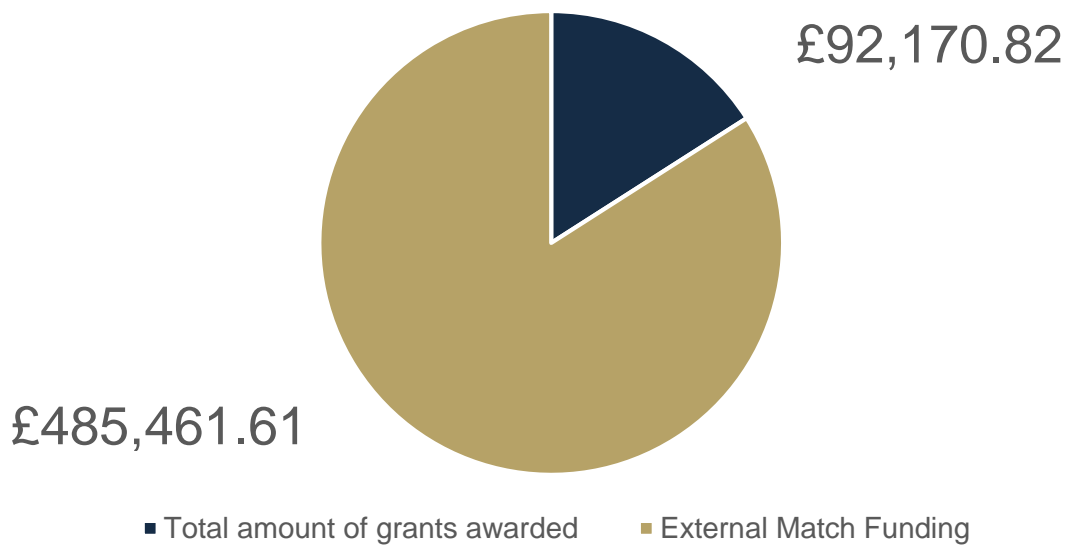
Total amount awarded: £92,170.82



6. All Grant Scheme Totals continued...

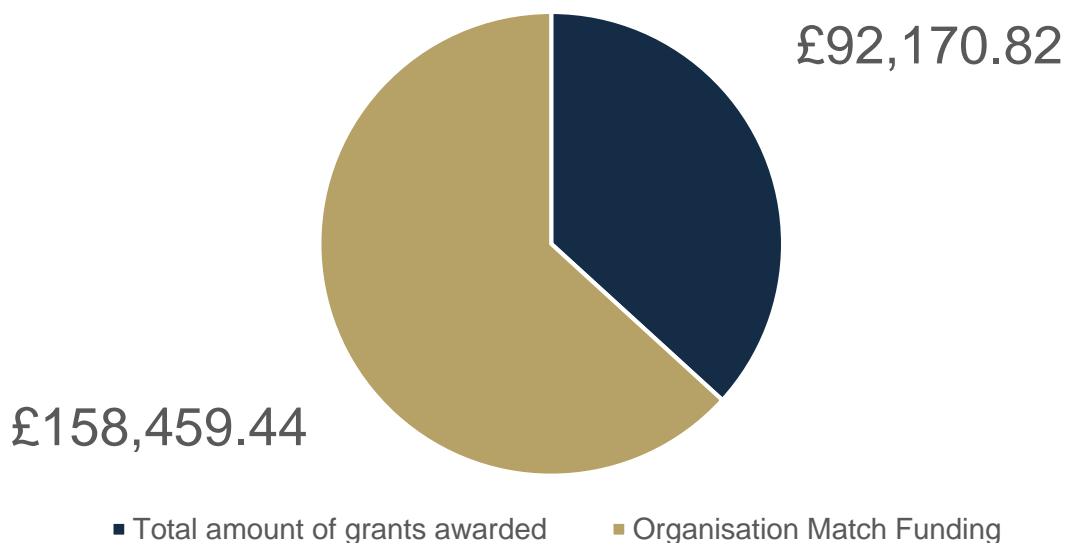
External Match Funding

All our schemes helped secure the following external match funding for projects. All figures are for 2019-2020.



Organisation Match Funding

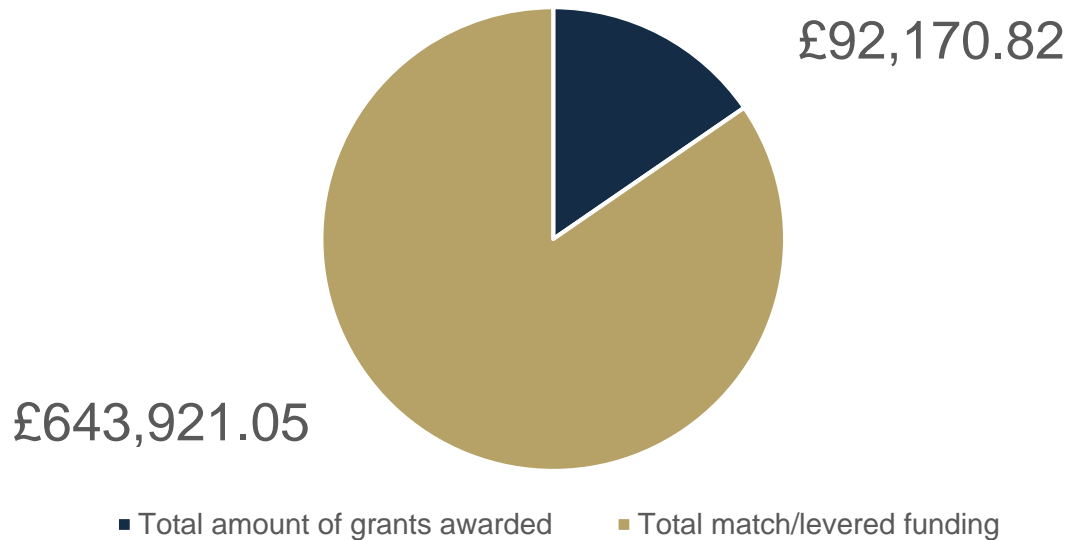
All our schemes helped secure the following investment from organisations.



6. All Grant Scheme Totals continued...

TOTAL Match/Levered Funding

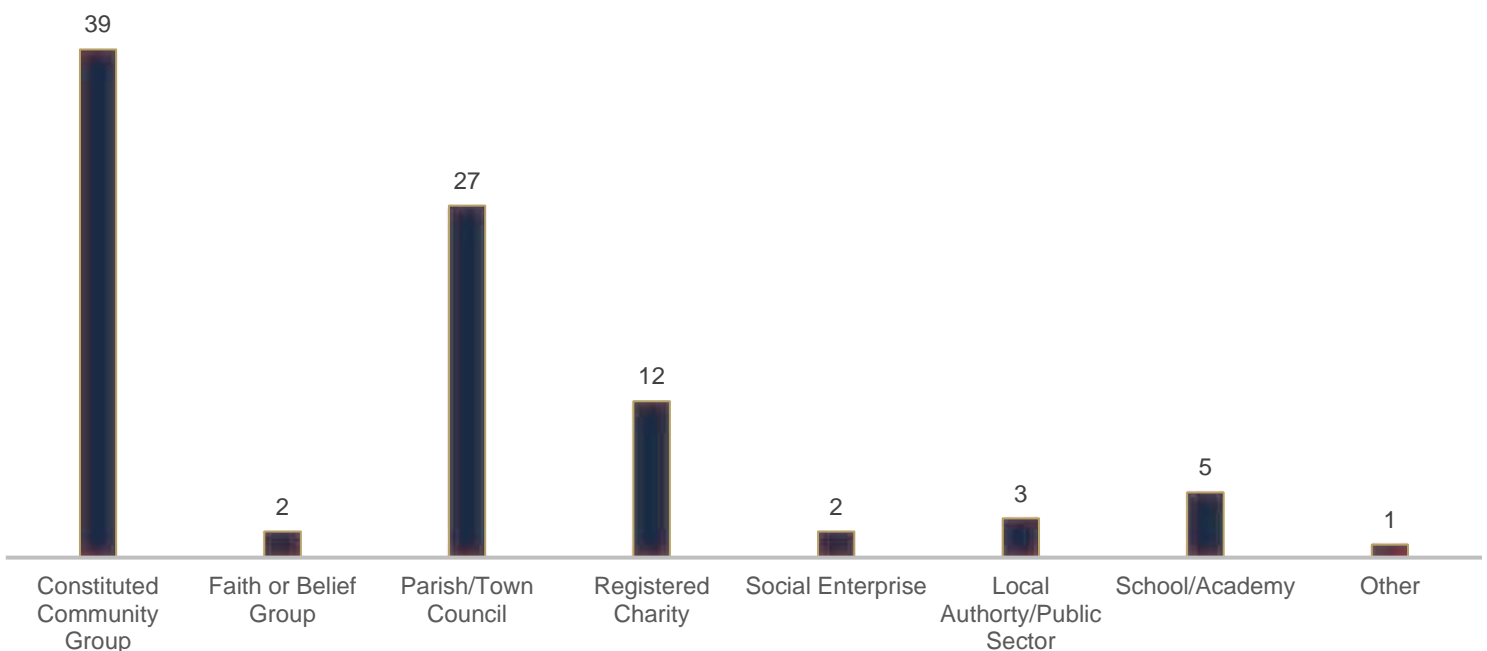
All our schemes helped secure the following TOTAL Match/Levered funding.



For every **£1** invested from all our schemes we matched/levered: **£6.98**

Types of organisations funded

All our schemes supported the following types of organisations.





6. The year ahead 2021-2022

Grant Schemes

The previous financial year saw the Councillor Initiative Fund and Match Funding Grant suspended temporarily whilst the COVID-19 Community Fund became the sole focus. The COVID-19 Community Fund has now closed, and at this time there are no plans to reopen it.

We aim to continue to deliver the following grant schemes:

- Councillor Initiative Fund
- Match Funding Grant

In addition to the above we shall continue to deliver and develop the Community Defibrillator Service to include maintenance. The aim of the service is to enable defibrillators to remain deployable after use or expiration. Details of the Community Defibrillator Service are available at www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/defib

All of our grant giving activity will continue to align to the Council's Corporate Priorities and help us achieve match funding and volunteer involvement.

West Lindsey Lottery has now launched and is raising valuable funding for over 40 Good Causes. Funds are also generated to re-invest into our Community Funding Programme.

More information can be found at www.westlindseylottery.co.uk

Publicity and Communication

We will continue to promote the different schemes through our website, social media and positive news stories. Working with our Communications Team we will prepare and provide more press releases to highlight the impact of our grant funding.

Officers will attend funding events to promote the schemes and provide support to organisations seeking funding and delivering community projects.

We will use the following methods of publicity:

- Press releases
- Council website
- Posters and leaflets
- Funding events and networks
- Other websites (Parish Councils etc...)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter and YouTube).