

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL FUND


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FOREWORD

Over the past year, the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund has once again demonstrated the remarkable impact that local ambition, creativity and collaboration can achieve.

The grants supported an inspiring range of projects, from initiatives improving access to greenspace to vibrant arts activities that bring people together.

What stands out across all these projects is their ability to deliver benefits that reach far beyond their immediate environmental goals. By helping residents to develop new skills, reduce waste, connect with nature, and participate in creative expression, these initiatives are strengthening wellbeing and deepening community pride.

This report brings together feedback from projects completed throughout 2025, highlighting the difference they are making across our borough. We hope it encourages even more local organisations to take part and continue shaping a greener, more sustainable Rushmoor.

Farnborough Airport pays a levy of £2 or £5 for every take-off or landing, depending on aircraft type and weight. This money gets paid into a funding pot, which is awarded to community environmental projects located within a 5km radius of the middle point of the runway.

CRITERIA



Project must be located within 5km (3 miles) of the centre of the airport.



The area must be demonstrably & regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport.



It must have public access to be able to be enjoyed by community as a whole.



It must include an environmental improvement, such as a reduction of the environmental impact of the local area. For example, this could be by planting, reducing carbon or demonstrating climate change action.

(Projects cannot be retrospective)

WHO CAN APPLY

The fund is available to Charitable Organisations & Community Groups under the following criteria:



Groups must be a properly constituted not-for-profit and have a bank account.



Must have an appropriate Safeguarding Policy if working with children, young people or vulnerable adults.

In exceptional circumstances, we may support other organisations where a project will improve the environment and can demonstrate it is a not-for-profit activity

AREA COVERED BY FUND

LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

- Guildford
- Hart
- Rushmoor
- Surrey Heath
- Waverley



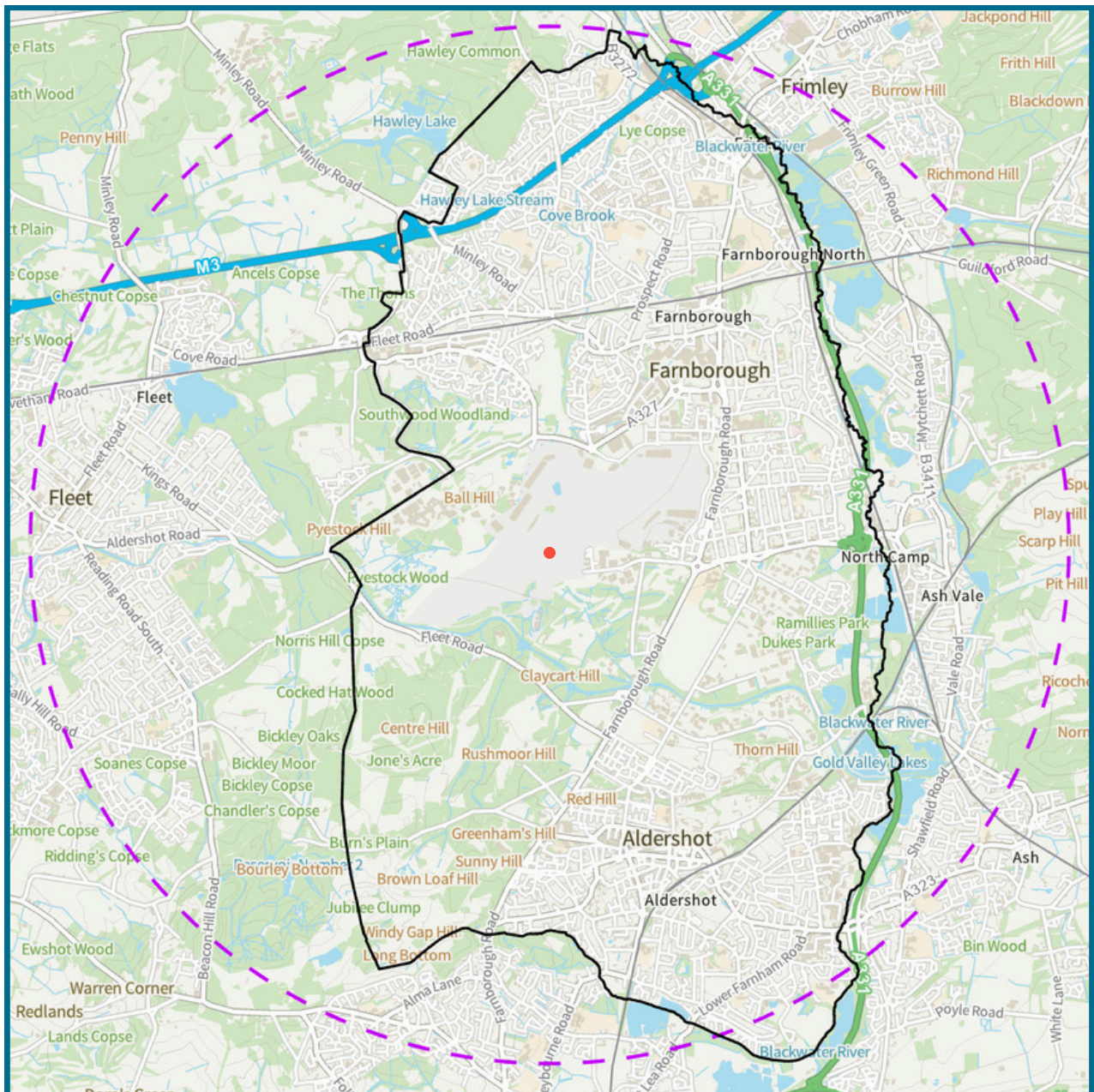
Rushmoor Boundary



5km Radius



Centre of the main runway



GRANTS AWARDED IN 2025

SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED

Aldershot Civic Society - £10,850

New Community Garden*^

Bohunt School - £674

Recycling Project

Shademakers - £10,000

Wonderful Water Community Carnival Workshops

Parkside - £450

Hot Composters

The Source Young People's Charity -

£7,500

V-Team: Recycling & Employability Project^

Chloe's & Sophie's Special Ears Fund -

£8,941

The Bloom Space*^

14th Aldershot Pegasus Scout Group -

£10,098

Landscaping and Outdoor Development^

Wonderseekers - £15,000

Caterpillar Champions School Scheme*^

Fleet Pond Society - £8,000

Wellington Reedbed Viewing Platform^

Hartland Men's Shed - £1,000

Community Garden Improvements*^

* PROJECTS STILL UNDERWAY

^ AWAITING FEEDBACK

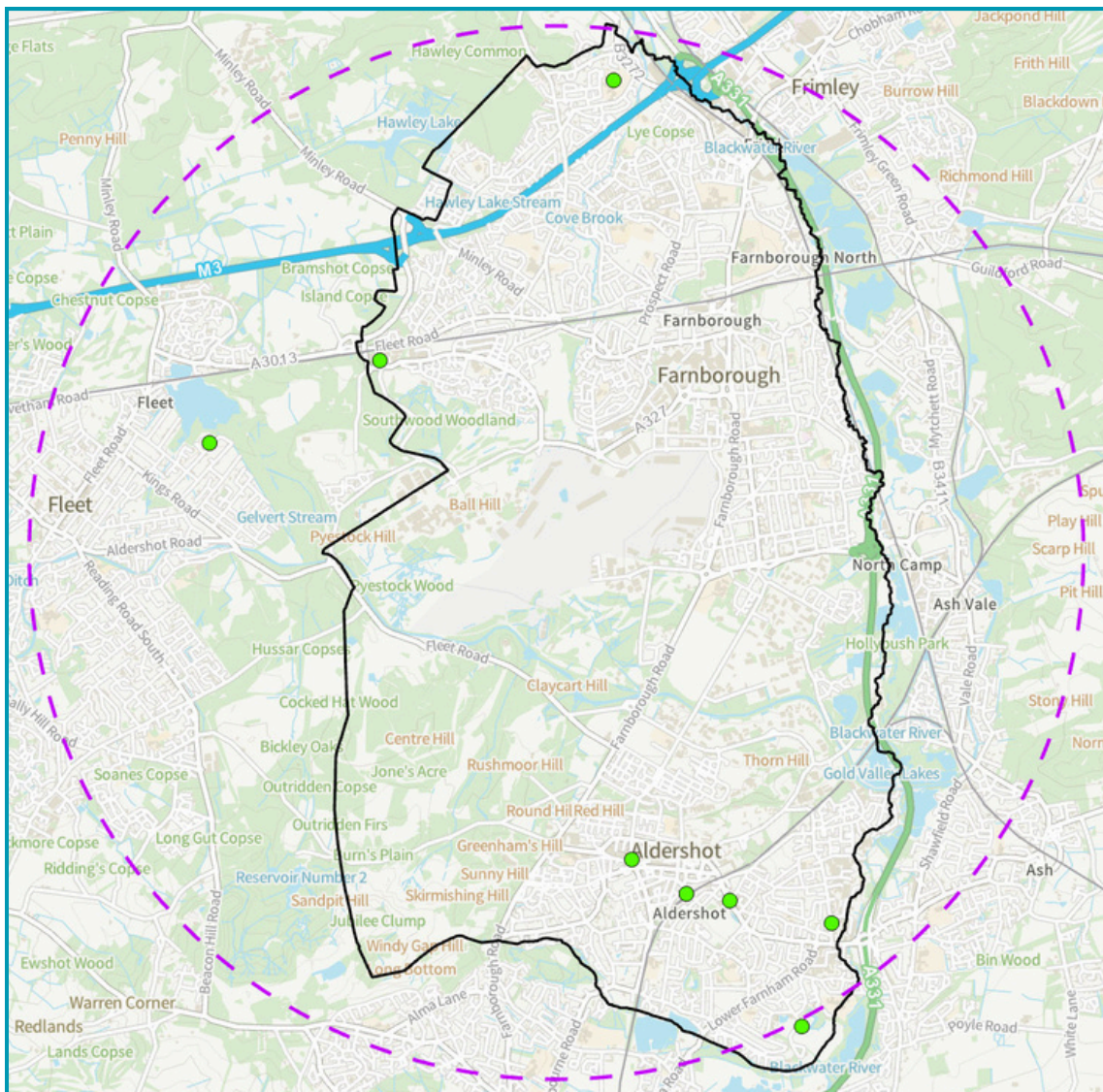
TOTAL AWARDED


FOR 2025:

£72,513

AWARDS 2025

Throughout 2025 the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund has awarded £72,513 to 10 projects.



 Rushmoor Boundary

 Awards *

 5km Radius

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FEEDBACK FROM PROJECTS AWARDED IN 2025

Bohunt School

£674

Recycling Project

To make their school more sustainable, Bohunt students introduced a whole-school recycling scheme whereby all waste paper, card, plastic bottles and cans are separated from the normal rubbish at source within each classroom.

The students in the Conservation Club have decorated them to represent their school values and make them look more personal.

This initiative extends their ethos of "Keep Bohunt Beautiful" into a broader community effort, fostering a collective mindset of environmental responsibility, ensuring that sustainable practices are embraced beyond their school gates.



“The Bins do look really cool now”
- Bohunt Student



“ I’ve started recycling more at home now”
- Bohunt Student

Shademakers UK

£10,000

Wonderful Water Community Carnival Workshops

This grant enabled Shademakers to deliver climate-themed carnival workshops with children, young people and community groups inspired by the 2025 Victoria Day's 'water' theme. This also supported local participation in the event's carnival parade. Feedback showed that everyone felt empowered to create, perform, learn, and share ideas throughout the project.

Across schools and community groups, more than 730 participants, including children and young people took part in creative sessions exploring environmental ideas through costume-making and performance, with over 1,000 people supported to join the Victoria Day Carnival Parade.

The project had a strong community impact, engaging under-represented groups, increasing volunteering, and strengthening partnerships. The project also collaborated with seven local organisations and Aldershot Garrison, supporting them to get involved in Victoria Day. Collaborations with Tice's Meadow and Wellesley Woodlands helped connect creativity with the natural environment.

By bringing people from different backgrounds together and giving them shared activities to take part in, it helped break down social barriers and makes it easier for everyone to feel included. The project created spaces where people can talk openly, understand each other better, and build trust - especially those who might not normally have the chance to connect.

Schools involved have now embedded workshops for Victoria Day into their annual plans. Participants reported increased confidence, enjoyment, and pride in contributing to a major local event.



Parkside (Aldershot & District Learning Disability)

£450

Hot Composters

The project involved the installation of two hot composters to enable on-site processing of food and organic waste. Because the equipment would be used with those with a learning disability time was spent implementing the kit. But as a result, we have reduced the amount of waste sent to landfill and created a practical, visible system for managing organic waste sustainably. The composters are now in regular use and starting to produce usable compost.



“ I like putting the food in the compost. It makes me feel helpful”
- Service User

“ It’s lovely to see service users so involved in something meaningful”



FEEDBACK FROM PROJECTS AWARDED IN PREVIOUS YEARS

Cove Brook Greenway Group

£15,400

Resurfacing the Greenway

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This funding enabled the Cove Brook Greenway route to be resurfaced in its entirety alongside Blunden Green. Edged and resurfaced with drainage 'built in', this major conduit through the greenspace, between urban areas of Farnborough and Cove, has had a huge impact on local people.

It has enabled the Cove Brook Greenway Group to live up to its promise to keep the Greenway a pleasant and welcoming area for people, plants and wildlife.

All members of the local community have benefited from this project from babies in prams and buggies to older people and the disabled using wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

The new surface finish to the path also benefits those on foot (walkers and runners) and cyclists.

This is a particularly important short cut to local schools avoiding the locally congested roads, providing access to cleaner air in a more rural environment. Cyclists also regularly use the route.



Tower Hill Primary School

£1,000

Eco Hub

Tower Hill Primary School have repaired their timber bedding planters in their Eco Hub. Before this project started, the Eco Hub was closed due to being unsafe and therefore the space was not able to be used.

The Eco Hub now provides a space where pupils can access a quieter space, as well as being used for outdoor learning, gardening and for sensory needs. This includes planting flowers, fruits and vegetables and learning to take care of them. When planted this space attracts wildlife, which the school will continue to encourage. They are also hoping to establish a gardening club for children to attend.

As many pupils live in flats, without access to a garden, this spaces offers access to green space and the opportunity to take part in gardening activities that they may not be able to otherwise experience.

In the past this area has been used as part of street party celebrations for national events, which has included inviting parents and members of the community in to celebrate with them. In the warmer months, this space will be utilised for these events again, such as parent coffee mornings, teddy bears picnics, as well as others throughout the year.

The project has received positive feedback from staff, pupils and parents, who have highlighted the positive impact on learning, wellbeing and to the community.



Creative Response Arts

£3,132

Art Outside the Gallery

The project helped more than 100 people experiencing mental ill health, and with other vulnerabilities get out into local green spaces, to be inspired in nature be active and make and create art outside the gallery.


The projects takes a three tier approach, following MIND guidelines on gradually building up challenge. This reflects many members struggling with poor physical and mental health, causing them to struggle with new places and people.

PHASE 1: Participants walk with artists and work with them to find or identify objects in nature for inspiration and exploring biodiversity for artwork back at studios or site location.

PHASE 2: Participants go to a local green space that is more expansive, offering benefits of time in forest and woodland for wellbeing.


PHASE 3: Support participants to be active in green spaces that are further afield. To build confidence to keep exploring new opportunities to be active and explore new places.

The funding has benefited, and continues to benefit through the new enthusiasms it inspired, more than 100 vulnerable adults involved with Creative Response (around 85% of our participants face multiple disadvantages) as well as their families, friends and carers.



“ I enjoyed the butterfly walk”

- Service User



“I can still see and feel it with my eyes shut”

- Service User

CELEBRATION EVENT APRIL 2025

Celebration Event for 2024 awardees

April 2025

Farnborough Airport

Farnborough Airport hosted a celebration event for those who received funding in 2024, to showcase the impact that the fund has had.

The event included presentations from the following organisations & projects:

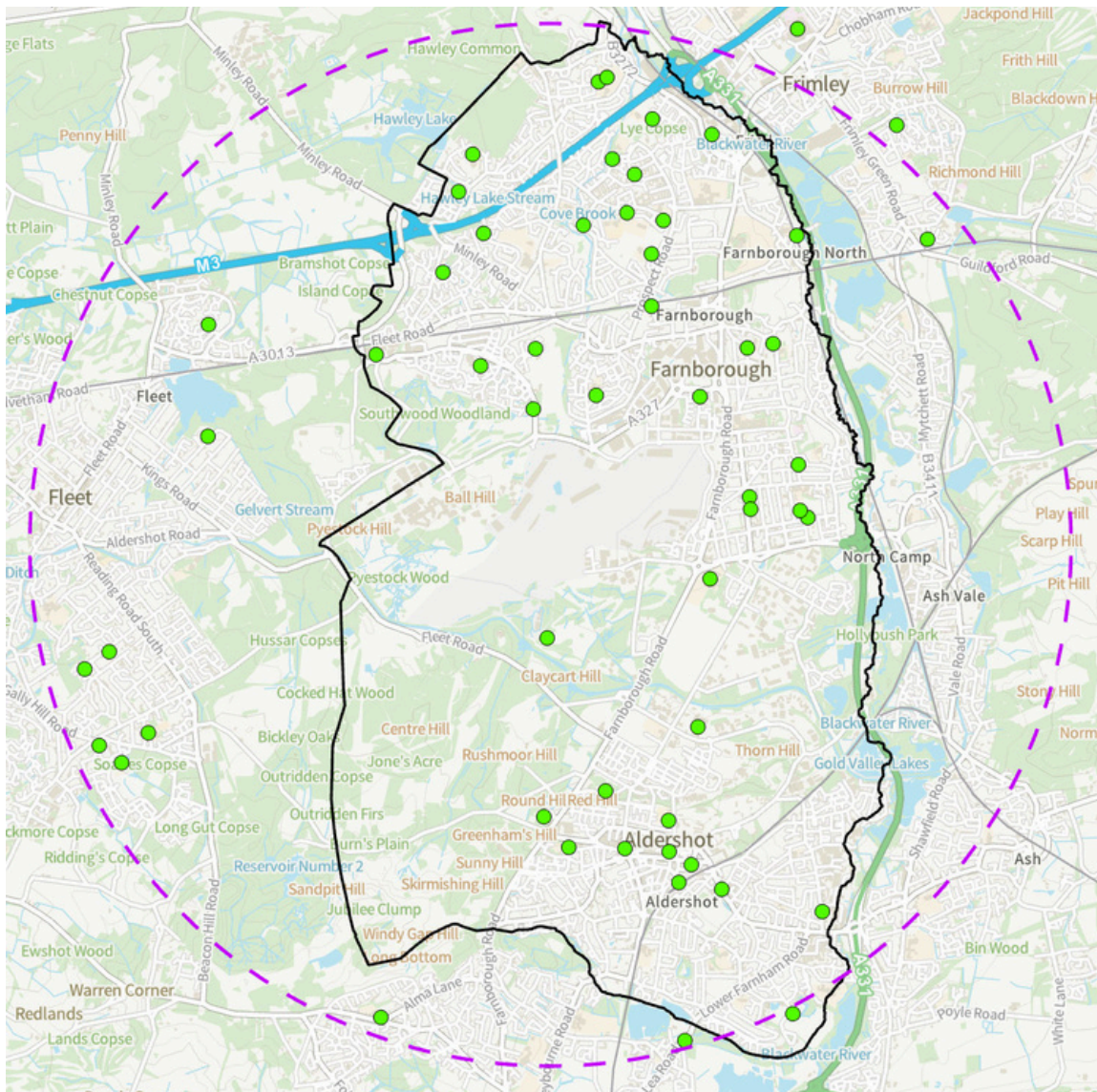
- The Source Young People's Charity – Skills for Life: Bike Maintenance Project
- Rushmoor Voluntary Service – Blooming Minds Project
- The Places that Link Us Project


Each shared the amazing work these groups are undertaking that is benefiting the local community and the positive impact that the funding has had on the surrounding environment.



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Year	Money paid into the fund from the Levy	No. of awards	Total amount awarded
2015	£49,637	10	£52,421
2016	£50,308	13	£61,386
2017	£50,693	10	£61,174
2018	£54,152	10	£50,187
2019	£61,563	11	£94,189
2020	£64,460	6	£26,040
2021	£40,535	5	£29,005
2022	£53,108	5	£26,514
2023	£67,200	9	£72,160
2024	£65,373	12	£93,647
2025	£62,425	10	£72,513

Any unspent funds at the end of the year are carried over to the following year.




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