

Locality Awards 2024/25

End of Year Impact Report

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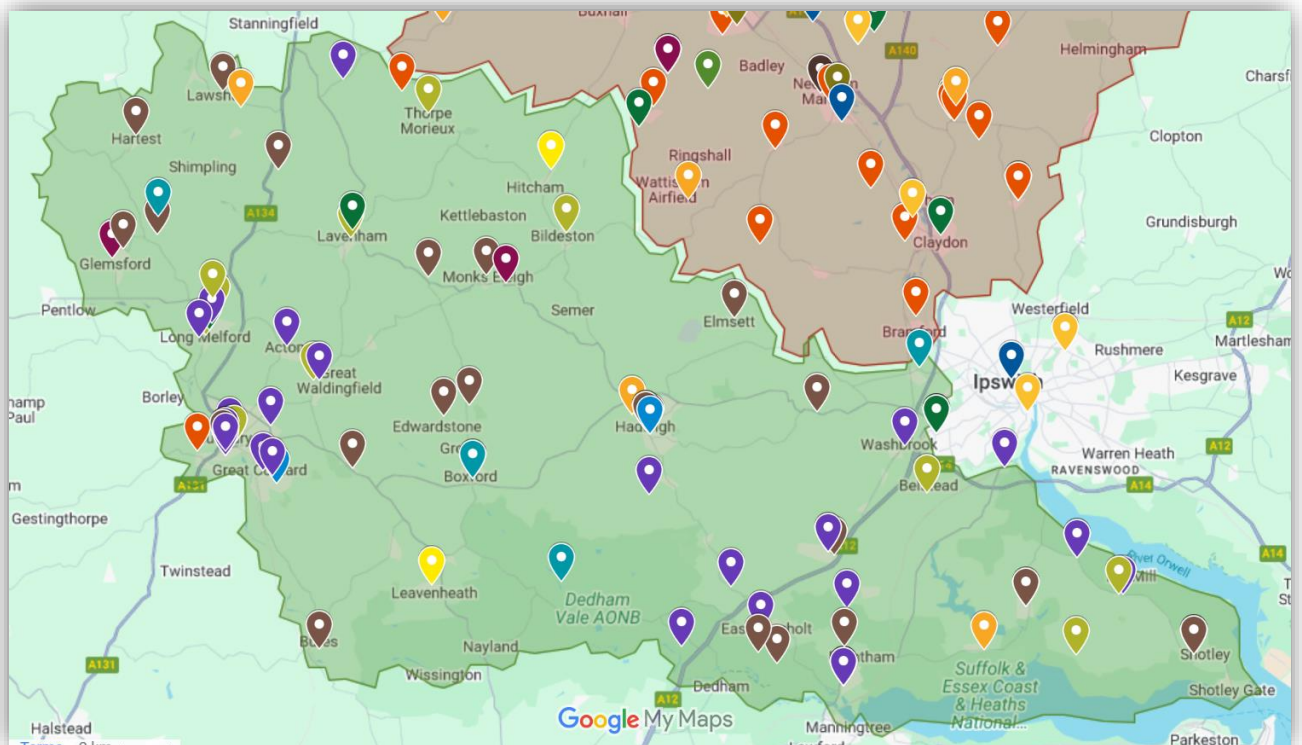
LOCALITY AWARDS

What are they?

Locality Awards are a 'light-touch' Community Grant which allow District Councillors in Babergh to support small-scale community groups and projects or contribute towards larger projects taking place in their local area. Each Councillor has a budget of £2,000 to allocate.

2024-2025

£63,479 of Locality Award funding was spent on community projects and facilities across Babergh.



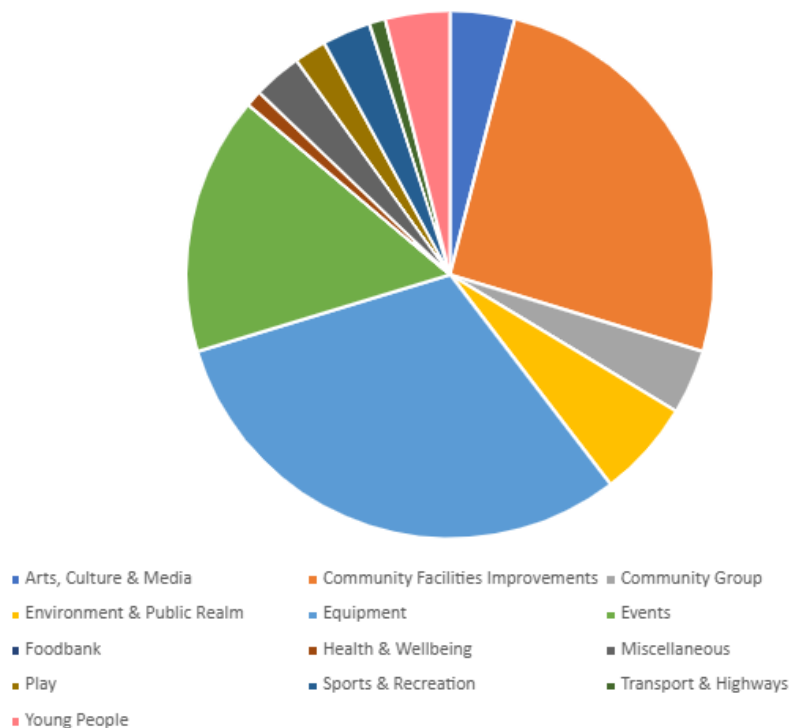
PROJECT TYPES FUNDED

Babergh's Locality Awards funded a total of 101 projects. Including:



A variety of projects are eligible for Locality funding, including equipment purchase, projects involving young people and supporting one off events, such as village fetes. Community Facility Improvements have appeared the most popular in 2024/25, with 56% of funding contributing to both the purchase of equipment for community groups and the improvement of facilities. Equipment accounting to 31% of the total funding, and 26% of the total funding going towards Community Facilities improvement.

Types of Projects Supported by Locality Awards Across Babergh



IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES



Sudbury Town Council – Christmas Lights and Fair

- Awarded funding in October 2024 towards First Aid cover from St John's Ambulance Service and entertainment in the form of stilt walkers and circus performers.

“We have had extremely positive feedback from the public and from staff who found the group to be extremely professional and hard working. This has helped give a new take on what we have previously had and a great partnership that we will look to use again.”

Layham Parish Council – Emergency Plan Equipment

- Awarded funding towards equipping two emergency boxes in line with Layham's Emergency Plan, including walkie-talkies and Ofcom licence.

“Layham's Emergency Plan has been regularly updated to ensure it is fit for purpose. In the event of an emergency, the plan will be implemented, and the emergency boxes will be fully equipped and ready for use. The funding has enabled the Parish Council to purchase the equipment needed to ensure it is ready to respond in the event of an emergency.”

Ipswich Riding for the Disabled Association – Equipment storage shed

- Awarded funding in January 2025 to purchase and install a shed to function as an office and storage space for RDA equipment for their therapeutic riding sessions.

“Being able to purchase a decent shed and storage box means all our equipment - particularly the hats and boots that we loan to the riders who use RDA can be stored safely and not at risk of damp etc. It's much more user friendly for our volunteers too as everything to run our sessions now has a proper place and is easy to find.”