



Supporting Richmond

Charity Objectives

The objectives of the Charity under the Charity Scheme are to further all or any of the following purposes within the Benefit Area (TW9, TW10, SW13 & SW14):

- The support of the elderly and those in need.
- The care of those suffering ill health or hardship.
- The provision of recreational facilities and support for leisure activities.
- The promotion of education and helping people to undertake courses and training.
- Any other charitable purposes for the benefit of the local community.

Significant Funding

Trustees review and monitor grants made within their grant programmes, with the aim of establishing the impact made on vulnerable people in Richmond and the organisations that support them.

Trustees approved recommendations from the Grants and Educations Committees to fund over 85 organisations during the year. Funding for local organisations, schools and individuals during the year amounted to £1.6m.

Rent subsidies to 73 households amounted to £560k. Total funding for charitable activities therefore amounted to £2.15m.



Skylarks Charity (£12,241)

Long-term support

Our vision and values

RPLC's vision is for a fairer, more equal Richmond.

RPLC Trustees believe that even in the poorest areas it is possible to create a stronger local community, if everyone within it is given a chance to succeed by having equal access to opportunities through education, training and practical support.

RPLC works closely with, and supports, hard-working, innovative and inspirational local charities, organisations and individuals and considers all applications on a case-by-case basis.

RPLC aims to deal with each organisation or individual seeking support in a fair and respectful way, while being as open as possible throughout the decision-making process.

Increased demand

RPLC was founded by George III in 1786 to support the poor of Richmond. This work continues today. At a time of increasing requests for support from charities struggling to cope with increasing demand on their services, Trustees strive to ensure that RPLC's own limited resources are used as effectively as possible. While on a day to day basis current needs are met, Trustees also recognise the need to ensure that there will also be resources to support future generations.



Marble Hill Playcentres (£9,400)

Making a difference

For the second year running, over £2m has been distributed in support of charitable activities. Grants have ranged from £350 for Still Building Bridges—offering self-help activities for people with mental health issues—to £61k for Crossroads Care, who provide respite and support for older carers.

Education grants have also been given to over 40 organisations and schools as well as a similar number of individuals. Over and above this funding, RPLC has provided rent support to 73 households amounting to £550k.

Support offered is not only financial. Capacity building, mentoring and advice is also offered by the office team or by consultants with the appropriate skills.

A new local initiative, oneRichmond, is also being developed with the support of the Hampton Fund, formerly Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity, with a view to encouraging partnerships, greater collaboration and additional resources across the Borough, from within the Borough, to tackle local emerging or unmet needs.

RPLC is most effective when working in partnership with local charities and other stakeholders. By working together our efforts are amplified, and there is a greater chance of making a difference.



Integrated Neurological Services (£51,715)

New pathways - new hope



Education Business Partnership (£15,000)

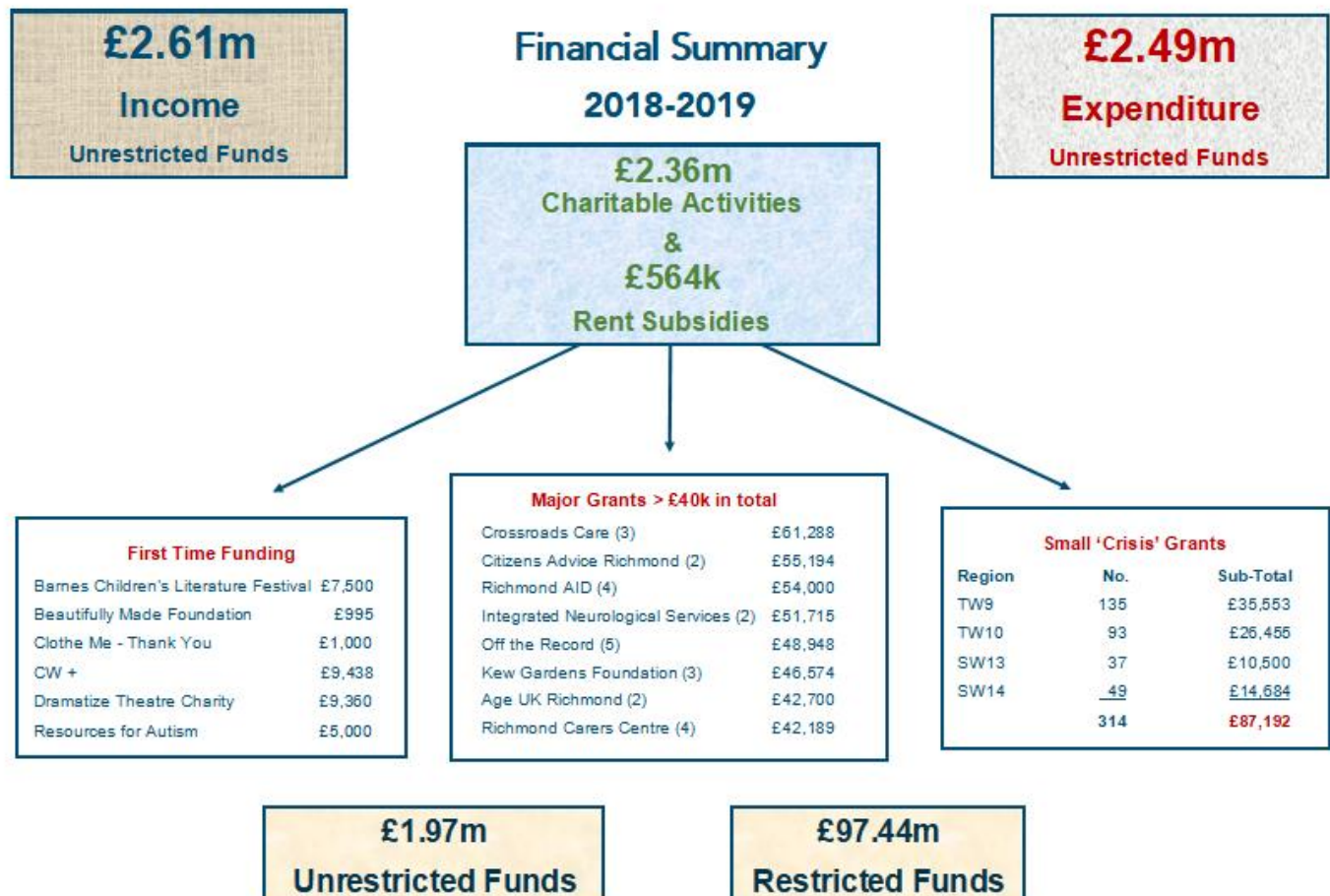
Education and Training

One way of helping local people is to offer career advice and employment support.

A grant of £15k was made to the Education Business Partnership. The Partnership has a strong track record and has established links with local schools and employers to deliver a wide-ranging careers programme to more than 1,000 local 14-18 year-olds. The funding supported:

- A free 'World of Work' careers event for all LBRuT schools
- Individual action plans for all participants
- Specialist support for NEET 16-17yr olds that previously attended RPLC schools, those in Yr 10/11 at risk of becoming NEET and those choosing a pathway different to university (employment/apprenticeships)
- Employability skills training including mock interviews, speed networking and preparation for work experience
- The co-ordination of industry visits and Year 10 workexperience placements

The Partnership consults with schools to tailor its programme to the prioritised needs of participants. It has direct links with employers - including Thames Water, Unilever, Thames Water, Wilmott Dixon and National Archives - that provide staff to participate in the programme as well as offering industry visits and work placements.



Opportunities for all



BalletBoyz (£9,985)

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BalletBoyz is a company of eight dancers who collaborated with Strathmore School to deliver intensive, creative dance experiences aimed at increasing students' independence, well-being and confidence. The Company offered 1:1 dance sessions to the School's 28 pupils, aged 11-18yrs, with complex learning difficulties who are excluded from most mainstream cultural provision.

The Vineyard Community Centre (£35,446)

Roots was launched in February 2019 by the Vineyard Community Centre (which received 4 grants amounting to £35,446) to support the homeless and vulnerable out of crisis into a programme of self development. Roots offers a five week taster programme of cooking, gardening and trade skills as well as self care. This is followed by a four week specialism aiming to build basic skills, and to increase social engagement and involvement with the local community. It is run in a place where participants feel safe and supported and begins by introducing sociable development opportunities and confidence-building skills. This is followed by a course training participants in various work-based skills, which are offered by local companies with a view to helping encourage and support participants back into work.

Dramatize (£9,360)

This organisation provides a range of theatrical workshops for 4 terms of 12 weeks for children aged 13 to 18 years, adults with learning disabilities and for parents/carers at local venues including the Ham Youth Centre.

Working with young and old



Multicultural Richmond (£7,400)

Newly funded initiatives

Clothe Me-Thank You (£1,000)

This charity is working with The Vineyard Community Centre, issuing grants in the form of vouchers that are redeemable at charity shops for everyday clothing for families in extreme financial need. The vouchers are distributed through other homeless charities, local charities and organisations, which support the elderly and families in need.

CW+ (£9,438)

Funding to CW+ enables delivery of a 3-day ward-based art therapy service for young patients at West Middlesex University Hospital to improve their well-being and support an increasing number of children admitted with complex mental health, social and emotional needs

Success Story

My Life Films (£25,800)

This charity has gone from strength to strength since its launch in 2014 with its films for Dementia patients. Every three minutes one person in the UK develops this devastating illness.

My Life Films has won 2 awards including Outstanding Dementia Care Product and Charity of the Year for its films for families that aim to improve the quality of life of the person with dementia and act as an innovative care tool during all stages of the disease.

Overcoming isolation



Richmond Users Independent Living Scheme £12,500

Resources for Autism (£5,000)

Two weekly groups, one for younger adults under the age of 30, and one for older adults with Autism, take place over 46 weeks. The aim is to reduce isolation and improve mental health as well as supporting the development of social and communication skills.

Support is also given in pursuing volunteering opportunities to build confidence and skills which may lead to employment for some group members

Richmond Community Centres (£1,000)

RPLC funding was for a joint marketing package promoting a new collaboration to be known as 'Community Centres for All'.

The campaign aims to raise awareness of the Centres and promote and signpost the services available at each centre for local residents.

Richmond Volleyball Association (£1,000)

RPLC funding enabled children from the age of 12 years from the Benefit Area to participate in 4 weeks of holiday camps in April, June, July and August.

The camps run for 5 days per week, culminating in a tournament on the final Friday. The camps increase awareness of the sport of volleyball, encourage children to become physically active with numerous health benefits - both physical and mental - and provide positive activities during the holidays.

Building a better future

Two thirds of RPLC's current assets are found in property – some of these are investment properties held with a view to raising additional funds in support of RPLC's activities – and others are charitable, providing housing with subsidised rents for local families, and community facilities such as the Cambrian Community Centre and the Vestry Hall.

The bulk of RPLC's property is residential housing. 83 tenanted units provide accommodation for over 170 adults and children. 71 of the units are let at charitable rates with rents subsidised by a total of over £560k during the year. Two residential properties are leased, with subsidised rents, to SPEAR, a local charity supporting the homeless. The remaining 10 units/houses have been refurbished and let at full market rates. Non residential properties include the 8 workshops at Dickson House (two of these are leased to local charities, with subsidised rents), the office suites at Vestry House, and the Cambrian Community Centre.

Trustees have for some time been aware that the sports area on the Queen's Road Estate has become under-used and that the surrounding area could benefit from some redevelopment. With the assistance of Rolfe-Judd Architects a vision for the site was put to public consultation and a planning application is being prepared for submission to Council Officers in the Summer. Proposals include the building of a new block comprising 11 one-bed and 1 two bed units, a new car parking area and an updated recreation space outside the Cambrian Centre and Dickson House.



Bold Balladiers (£1,000)

Looking Ahead

Strategic Review

Trustees will be undertaking a full strategic review of RPLC, its vision, mission, organisation and charitable activities during the financial year to 20 June 2020. The review aims to ensure RPLC continues to serve the local community effectively in the coming 4-5 years with financial support offered to local community groups, charities and organisations and the provision of charitable housing together with the management of the Charity's other property and financial assets.

2020 Budget

The Trustees have decided to set the grant-making budget for 2020 at £1.7m. £437k of the grant-making budget has been allocated in support of core operational costs to regularly funded organisations. £600k is available for funding of applications received during the course of the coming year.

Funder Plus

Sharon La Ronde, the Grants Director, will continue to develop and identify ways to offer non-financial support to help build capacity and sustainability in local organisations serving the community in Richmond - complementing the regular funding and other financial support the RPLC offers.

Education Support

In the coming year, Amy Vogel our Education Grants Manager, will strengthen relations with local education leaders and listen to their views about local educational funding priorities. £361k of the grant-making budget has been set aside to support individuals requiring assistance with education courses, and schools or organisations offering education and training.

RPLC provides grants, housing and education support to local charities and people living in our Benefit Area of TW9, TW10, SW13 and SW14

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