

High Street Fundraising – Retail, Banks & Service Providers

Tesco Stronger Starts is open to charities and community organisations to apply for a grant of up to £1,500. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK. Applications are open to all good causes that support children and young people, with a particular focus on projects that include a food component. The application process is very straightforward. It's designed to be quick and easy and most applicants can complete it in less than 20 minutes. Shortlisted projects are displayed in their local Tesco stores for a 3-month voting period, and the top-placed project will receive up to £1,500, the second receives £1,000, and the third receives £500. Funding awards must be used within a year.

KFC Youth Foundation Community Grants 2026 – deadline 27 February 2026

This Foundation has undergone a review and this year's application process has been streamlined to a single stage application. The Foundation will support activities for young people aged 11-25 that offer safe spaces, diversionary activity and build life skills in areas of high deprivation. It will make two-year grants of up to £6,000 (£3,000 in year one, £3,000 in year two). To be eligible, organisations must meet all their criteria. They have not defined what constitutes "areas of high deprivation" so may not include Richmond. However, if you are working in the five identified areas of relative deprivation in the borough, you have a project that might fit, AND you meet the other criteria, it is suggested you check with the programme lead, Thalia Beaty, before applying. Email thalia.beaty@yum.com.

Warburtons Community Grants – Round 2 closes 2 March 2026

This scheme offers up to £400 to charitable organisations to put towards broader activities which improve health, place and skills for families in the community. *The frequency of the rounds is currently under review but Round 2 of 2025/26 is currently open and closes on 2 March 2026, with decisions communicated by 17 April 2026.* Your application is received and assessed by the Warburtons location closest to your postcode, so make sure you emphasise the difference you are making to people in your local community. The form to apply for the Community Grant is at the bottom of [the Warburtons Financial Giving webpage](#).

Fine & Country Foundation Small Grants

Small grants are available to homeless charities, poverty prevention schemes and housing associations. Registered charities that support the prevention of homelessness, care of the homeless or constructive projects to get homeless people off the streets permanently can apply for up to £3,000. They operate two grant periods a year, opening in March and October. To begin an application, organisations must request to be nominated for a grant by a local Fine & Country representative. There are branches in Barnes, Richmond and Twickenham. If the Fine & Country location agrees to nominate your charity, an application form can be downloaded and submitted. Section One of the form will need to be completed by the Fine & Country representative. Once submitted, you should be contacted within two weeks to confirm receipt and to request any additional information required.

Megan's £1K Fridays

Every Friday Megan's chooses one charity nominated by their guests and donates £1,000 to support their work in the local community. The scheme has already donated £200,000 nationally. [To nominate a charity complete the simple form here](#). They also have a donation and charity partner scheme linked to local restaurants. There are branches in Richmond and Twickenham. [Suggest a local good cause here](#) and they will do their best to support you.

Bentley Advancing Life Chances Small Grants Scheme

The luxury car brand, Bentley, provides grants of up to £500 to support charitable organisations with an annual income of less than £1m, whose focus is working with vulnerable, disadvantaged or under-represented communities. Organisations must be within 20 miles of one of their 18 Bentley retailer locations, or their HQ and manufacturing site in Crewe. Their [postcode checker](#) for Byfleet and London retail sites will confirm whether your postcode is eligible. The funding programme has four focus areas of Access, Empowerment, Quality of Life, and Better Future. After 10 funding rounds, they are taking a short pause to review their funding but expect to relaunch an improved programme.

[ASDA Foundation](#) has a range of grants to support grassroots organisations delivering support in their communities. This includes thematic grants that change in response to current need. Information about current schemes can be found on their website which is regularly updated. The three grants programmes for 2026 are:

- **Young Futures Fund** - improving mental health and wellbeing for teens 13-18 years to help build better futures, offering £500-£1,000 (decisions pending – Winter 25/26 funding round closed in January 2026)

- **Local Community Spaces Fund** - supporting grassroots community groups to transform spaces at the heart of their local community, offering £10,000-£20,000. Applications open Spring 2026
- **Foodbank Fundamentals Fund** providing food distributors with essential provisions and equipment necessary to sustain and enhance their services for disadvantaged members of the local community. Applications open Autumn 2026.

There are local stores in Twickenham, Roehampton, Kingston and Hounslow.

Screwfix Foundation is a grant giving charity with a clear purpose to support projects that improve, repair and maintain homes and community facilities used by those in need by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability, distress or other disadvantage throughout the UK. Up to £5,000 is available with quarterly deadlines. The deadlines for 2026 are the 10th of February, May, August and November.

Making a Difference Locally is a scheme established by NISA, a buying organisation for independently owned convenience stores. Through the sale of own brand products, funding is generated to support local communities. Each store owner decides where they want the funding to go and it can be local or national charities they support. There is an [enquiry form here](#) for you to send an initial enquiry. Ideally, connect your request to your nearest NISA store. There are Nisa Local stores in Barnes, Hounslow, Twickenham and Hampton.

The Blakemore Foundation is part of The Blakemore Group which is a family-owned food and retail business that has divisions spanning across retail and distribution. It owns 263 SPAR shops including sites in Kingston and Hounslow. The Foundation offers three types of grants, all of which have a value of £200 and include monetary donations and in-kind fund donations.

Alpkit Foundation (paused until March 2026)

From the makers of outdoor and camping equipment is a grants programme that encourages care for the environment and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. They are particularly interested in projects that:

- encourage responsible outdoor activity
- have long lasting benefits and introduce new people to the outdoors
- demonstrate value for money.

Grants are for individuals, community groups, schools and organisations, to encourage people to get outdoors and have great experiences that otherwise might not happen. There are no deadlines and the trustees meet every two months to consider applications. They ask that organisations apply at least three months before the start of the activity they are

applying for. [Visit their website](#) for lots of inspiring examples of projects and activity they have supported.

Home Instead is the UK's leading provider of home care. There is a Richmond borough office in Teddington. They had a review and have decided as of December 2025 to no longer accept unsolicited funding applications. A new process is being devised and will focus on using the Home Instead network of local offices to highlight and champion applications from community groups and local charities. [Check back on the website for updates.](#)

Co-op Local Community Fund - applications to reopen Spring 2026

There are Co-op shops in Twickenham (Richmond Road and Hampton Road) and Teddington (Kingston Road). You can become a member for free and this entitles you to a range of benefits, including being able to nominate local good causes. Every time you shop at a Co-op, 1% of what you spend on own brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund. Combined with the levy on carrier bags, this is distributed to local good causes based on nominations from members. There are regular funding rounds and members can also nominate through their own individual membership account.

Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation - Small Change Big Difference Fund

Funding is available for registered charities in the UK working to reduce poverty and improve the health of disadvantaged people. Organisations nominated by the Society's members and colleagues will receive donations of between £250 - £2,500 to support initiatives that benefit vulnerable groups - including children, the seriously ill, the elderly, the homeless, and people with disabilities. Funding can be used for projects or items that make a positive difference, such as sensory toys for children with special needs, social activities for the elderly, or staff training for programme delivery. Priority will be given to organisations with an annual income of under £100,000, and those working in areas of deprivation. The nomination must be made by a member of Yorkshire Building Society (YBS), ie. somebody who banks or has a financial product with YBS, or a staff member of YBS. The deadlines for 2026 are 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December.

Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation

Alongside the Foundation's purpose of supporting those in need of a safe and secure home, applications must meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

- financial stress
- security and refuge
- quality and sustainability of housing.

Their large grants scheme is only applicable to organisations in Yorkshire and the North East of England. The small grants scheme provides grants of up to £2,500. UK registered

charities with an income of under £500k are eligible. They will fund core project and/or capital costs. The panel meets quarterly and you can apply online. You do not have to be a customer of Leeds Building Society to be eligible. You can apply throughout the year but the 2026 deadlines are 2 March, 1 June, 7 September and 2 December.

Hall and Woodhouse Community Chest funding supports the improvement of facilities and the lives of residents in the local communities in which they are based in. Mainly situated in Dorset and Devon, they do have pubs in London including The Eel Pie in Twickenham. Grants of £300 - £3,000 are available for organisations delivering activity to and supporting the following:

- youth work and activities
- sports and social clubs
- older people and people with disabilities
- health and social care
- local arts and culture
- conservation and the environment.

It is an annual funding cycle. The next application window will open in 2026.

easyfundraising allows you to receive a percentage from your supporters' purchases online by registering your cause with [easyfundraising](#). Once registered, all your supporters have to do is register with easyfundraising and select your charity as their chosen cause, before shopping as normal with many well-known retailers on the easyfundraising site. Every online purchase they make helps to support your work. Many local charities are signed up and really see the benefits. Include your involvement in your email footer and promote it via your communications.

BURG-WÄCHTER is Europe's largest safe and post box manufacturer and awards security kit packages worth £150 to £200 to community projects or organisations including:

- scout groups
- local sports groups, eg. cycling or football club
- after-school clubs
- healthcare community programmes
- events for children or OAPs
- village activity
- town/village charity.

As long as the initiative is run by or supports the local community, and you have a specific security need, you are welcome to apply. Successful applicants will each receive a tailored

security kit to help secure property, premises, equipment or storage areas up to the value of £200. There is no deadline to apply, this is a continuous rolling programme.

Cook Community Kitchen Scheme

The purveyors of high-quality home cooked meals offer a 30% discount on their entire range of food to community event organisers. Since the scheme was introduced, hundreds of voluntary and community organisations have taken up the opportunity and found that it reduces stress and frees up time to support the social aspect of their events. Your event must cater for at least 20 people and you must be happy to share pictures and stories from the event. You have to collect the food from your local COOK shop. To find out more go to your local store. There are COOK shops in Teddington, Barnes, East Sheen, within Squires at Twickenham and Surbiton.

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