

# Aylestone During Covid

Funding Allocations

During the Covid – 19 restrictions Aylestone Ward Councillors utilised the available funding opportunities to support the people, and projects within the ward.

**Community Mobilisation Fund** - Set up in the early days of the pandemic.

An allocation of £5,000 per ward was set aside to assist communities at the time. Councillors could approve and send requests into a generic email address managed by Corporate Accountancy who would arrange payments accordingly.

Aylestone Ward payments made from the “Community Mobilisation Fund” totalled - **£2,007**

The £2,007 Aylestone Community Mobilisation Fund spend was as following:

- £1,229 -Leafleting Residents
- £378 -Saffron Arts Forum -Food parcels & prescriptions
- £400 -Project Hope.

**Community Ward Funding** – Each of Leicester’s 21 electoral wards is allocated a yearly budget of £18,000 which can be used to support projects that bring benefits to that ward. During the Covid - 19 pandemic [2020 – 2021] Aylestone ward received a total of 18 ward funding application forms.

Of the **18** ward funding applications received, **9** Covid related projects received a total **£10,988** in funding support. For projects that covered Covid related community support, cohesions and bringing people together safely.

## Ward Funded Projects –

- Gilmorton Food bank – Foodshare Food payment + Replacement Large Freezer, £1,900
- Goldhill Adventure Playground and Community Group + Food Bank, and additional food Storage / Santa Giveaway for Children - £1,500
- Leicester Cloth Nappy Library – support to use reusable cloth nappies instead of disposable ones. £750
- ‘Write Mindful’ – Virtual Community Writing Workshops - £1,350.
- ALAG – Community Christmas Tree/ Environmental Planting - £1,488
- Eyres Monsell Allotment and Gardening – Community Gardening Plot, and Raised Beds + Vegetable plants and seeds - £2,000
- O’ Little Lights of Aylestone – Social Isolation /Community Cohesion, through Christmas Lights - £2,000.

