

# How NCIL funding is supporting communities across Kingston



The **Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL)** is funding received from developers when certain types of developments begin within the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames (RBK). In late 2022, the council introduced a new NCIL bidding and awards system to encourage a greater number and variety of community-led proposals.

In the first two cycles of this new system, **£1.6million** was awarded to **42 community projects** across the borough, including:

- **Over £600,000** for improvements to **public parks and open spaces**
- **Over £250,000** for **biodiversity projects**
- **Over £250,000** for **community initiatives**, such as churches, libraries and outdoor activities
- **Over £190,000** for projects supporting **disabled, impaired and under-represented groups**
- **Over £10,000** for **public art**



NCIL is unique because the funding must be spent in the areas where development takes place, ensuring that developers give directly back to the local community. **The follow are examples of organisations and projects funded so far include:**

## RBK Community Noticeboard Replacements

NCIL has been used to replace a number of notice boards across the borough.



## Vine Close Community Garden

NCIL was allocated to help with the restoration of Vine Close Community Garden in Surbiton.



## St Marys Centre - Kitchen Refurbishment

NCIL funding was allocated to facilitate the refurbishment of St Mary's Community Centre kitchen in Chessington.





## Street Art in Norbiton

NCIL funding was allocated to facilitate improvements to an alleyway in Norbiton involving the commissioning of local street artists.



## Alexandra Recreation Ground

NCIL funding was allocated to facilitate the installation of an outdoor gym in Alexandra Recreation Ground in Surbiton.



## Boxing Gym

The Two Kings Boxing Club has transformed and taken up residence in the previously derelict building in the Kingston Road Recreation Ground. The new facility, which includes a community cafe and toilet facilities, has a fully equipped boxing gym and a boxing ring for sparring and skills training. The gym equipment is also available for anyone to use for non-contact boxing training and general fitness. The whole project was made possible due to funding from NCIL, the boxing club, the Friends of Kingston Road Rec and Park Tennis in Kingston.





## Outdoor Chess

Also funded by NCIL, Kingston opened its first outdoor permanent chess installation at the Fairfield Recreation Ground in the centre of Kingston. The Chess Corner features three concrete chess tables with integrated seating and is located near the sports changing room and children's playground on the north Fairfield Road side of the park.

In addition to NCIL, Kingston has a number of other grant programmes, the details of which are set out [on our website](#).

