

Our community plan for **South of the Borough**

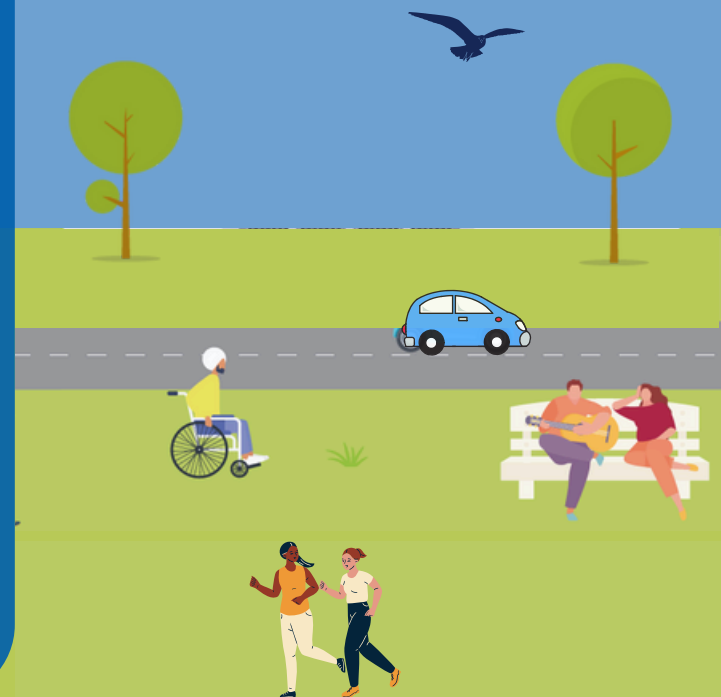
The South of the Borough Neighbourhood Plan has been developed based on the ideas and feedback given by our communities. The plan helps to inform decisions about awarding grant money through the South of the Borough Neighbourhood Committee.

What's our vision?

To make South of the Borough an inclusive and welcoming place to live, work, and thrive, and to continue to develop and improve the use of our green spaces for the benefit of all residents.

- Enhance transport links and active travel opportunities, while also improving air quality and actively addressing climate change, to promote a cleaner, sustainable and healthier environment to live, work and play in
- support local community activities and events, as well as the development of facilities that promote community cohesiveness and wellbeing
- work in collaboration with local community groups to enhance the biodiversity of our parks, streets and green spaces

If you have a project that helps put the community plan into action, find out about applying for a grant overleaf.



Help shape your Neighbourhood's future

We will be updating the plan again in Spring 2025. We want to hear the ideas of people who live, work, study and visit the neighbourhood so that we can make things ever better together.

Share your ideas and priorities by joining our online discussion on Let's Talk!

Community grants in action

A Community Showcase

Celebrate Chessington is the neighbourhood's annual event for local people to enjoy and celebrate everything we value about our area. The £3000 Neighbourhood Community Grant awarded by the South of the Borough Neighbourhood Committee helps to support volunteers in bringing together a fantastic range of activities, information and support for residents from local groups, organisations and charities.

A Kitchen for the Community

£14,000 of community funding from local developments (NCIL) has been directed towards refurbishing the kitchen area in St Mary's Centre to make a fit for purpose, modern space. Hundreds of local people benefit through the numerous groups using the kitchen. This includes Kingston Roots Community Kitchen and St Mary's Food Pantry who provide support and food to those dealing with isolation and food poverty across the South of the Borough.

From Food to Festivities

Our Councillor Ward funding grants have been directed to support 15 community events or projects across the neighbourhood. That's included engagement events in Hook and the Sunray Estate and providing support for foodbanks to help people in our community. Over the winter, grants have helped our streets look and feel festive with seasonal hanger baskets, planters and Christmas trees.



Applying for a grant

Not-for-profit, voluntary or community organisation, and faith groups are eligible to apply for grants.

If you'd like to talk to someone about grants, email: grants@kingston.gov.uk

For more information and to apply for a community grant, visit: www.kingston.gov.uk/communitygrants



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