



Our community plan for Kingston and North Kingston



The Kingston and North Kingston Neighbourhood Community Plan has been developed based on ideas and feedback given by our communities. The plan will help to inform decision making relating to the awarding of community grants.

New ideas are always welcome and we want to hear from anyone who lives, works, studies or visits the neighbourhood.

What's our vision?

To make Kingston and North Kingston Neighbourhood an even better place to live, work and play by engaging with residents on community-driven activities which improve quality of life and benefit health and wellbeing.

We want to hear from you if you have a project that helps us achieve our aims of:

- developing, promoting and enhancing the neighbourhood's parks, streets and open spaces
- identifying and implementing innovative local projects which benefit and attract residents and businesses into the area
- encouraging the setting up of community hubs and forums, 'Friends of' groups and resident associations.

What's in the plan this year?

Through a number of engagement activities with residents, three key priorities for our Community Plan were identified: environment, communities and infrastructure. The plan focuses on supporting projects related to these priorities, including:

- improving access to green spaces and the riverside and working together to tackle climate change
- showcasing and expanding local cultural activities by providing spaces and infrastructure for people, local communities and organisations to come together for public events and activities
- working to deliver a safer, cleaner environment through initiatives such as Play Streets, School Streets and the promotion of Bikeability.

How can I share my ideas?

We want to hear from anyone who lives, works, studies or visits the neighbourhood. If you have an idea you'd like to talk through, email your friendly local team: neighbourhood_management@kingston.gov.uk





Community grants in action



Supporting families with healthy meals

The Neighbourhood Committee provided £3,000 in support of BRITE Box Project to support 10 families in Kingston and North Kingston with weekly, healthy make-at-home meal boxes for the full 36 weeks of the school year. With the escalating cost of living crisis, these fantastic kits allow families to cook together and try new healthy recipes at no cost.



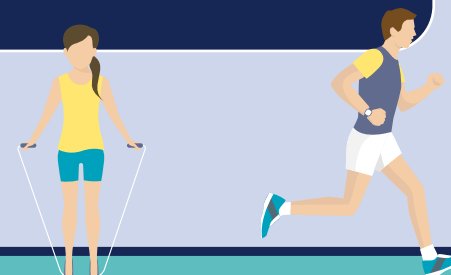
Refreshing the playground and bandstand in the heart of Canbury Gardens

More than £56,000 was awarded to renovate the popular Canbury Gardens playground, including new benches and surfacing installed to make the area safer and more welcoming for everyone. As well as this, over £20,000 was awarded for the rejuvenation of the much-loved Canbury Gardens Bandstand, which has helped to bring the space's iconic centrepiece back to life.



Bringing a brand new community space to the neighbourhood

A fantastic community space and boxing gym is set to open at Kingston Road Recreation Ground, thanks to the award of a Community Infrastructure Levy of more than £261,000. Two Kings Boxing Club, working with Friends of Kingston Road Recreation Ground, received the funding for the renovation of an existing building at Kingston Road Recreation Ground, which will help to benefit the health and fitness of local children, young people and adults, while also strengthening community ties.



How do I get involved?

You are eligible to bid for funding as a not-for-profit, voluntary or community organisation, or a faith group.

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

