

Seven Mills Community Fund

Impact Report



From a simple idea to real community impact

The Seven Mills Community Fund began with a simple belief, that the people and organisations who strengthen everyday life in Dublin 22 deserve to be seen, supported and celebrated. It started as a small idea, rooted in genuine care for the local area.

That idea quickly turned into action, and from **45 inspiring applications** across sport, youth, health and community life, **€34,000 was awarded to 12 local organisations**, each deeply committed to making a positive difference.

Each of the awards has supported positive, practical change across Dublin 22, strengthening the everyday work of groups who care deeply about their communities.

The impact has been felt in countless meaningful ways, helping people feel more supported, more connected and more included. It is a reminder that when local effort is backed with care and trust, the results can be quietly powerful.



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The Seven Mills Community Fund was created by Cairn to support the people who bring energy, connection and purpose to communities across Dublin 22.

Balgaddy Youth Project

has supported young people in the community for over 25 years, running after-school and early evening groups. The centre – which is home to seven local youth groups – was entirely reimagined. The award helped bring the space back to life, with the 50 young people weekly who use it playing a central role in transforming it into a welcoming, modern hub they are proud to call their own.

€10,000 Award

The largest award, went to Balgaddy Youth Project led by a dedicated local team.



Our €3,000 Awards



Overview

Five organisations each received €3,000: StartBright, Lucan Disability Action Group, Quarryvale Youth and Community Centre, Neilstown Boxing Club and DSPCA, funding equipment, resources and activities for their communities.



StartBright

is a non-profit after-school childcare provider, operating three rooms across two locations – Deansrath & St Ronan’s. The award was **shaped by the young people** who attend the service, with the children working together to decide how it would be spent. Their choices focused on **active play, creativity and imagination**, resulting in new sports-inspired equipment including arts and crafts resources and sensory and small-world play equipment in flexible spaces designed around the children’s own ideas.



Lucan Disability Action Group (LDAG)

provides a vital mobility service for people with additional needs across Lucan, Clondalkin and Palmerstown. The award was used to replace an **essential vehicle lift**, enabling wheelchair users to access the service safely and with dignity.

With the new lift in place, LDAG can continue to **connect people** to medical and social appointments, supporting **greater independence, confidence and freedom** in everyday life.



Quarryvale Youth and Community Centre

is a safe, open-door space in an area with few shared amenities. Open seven days a week, it offers a welcoming place for community groups to **meet, connect and belong**. The award helped deliver a programme of seasonal activities, from children’s camps and day trips to a Halloween event and dedicated programmes for Active Retirement and over-55s groups, ensuring there is **always something meaningful** bringing people together.

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Neilstown Boxing Club

is a community-based club offering training, fitness programmes and **personal development through mentorship and coaching**. With a strong pedigree and deep local roots, the club used the award to purchase an additional boxing ring. This played a key role in the success of the Celtic Warrior Box Cup, welcoming over 300 entrants from across Ireland and the UK and showcasing **the positive impact** of grassroots sport.



DSPCA

is a long-established animal welfare charity with strong links to Dublin 22, delivering mobile clinics to support local pet owners. The award enabled the microchipping of family pets across the area, helping to keep them safe, protected and traceable. **Almost 1,000 dogs and cats have now been chipped and registered on a national database**, offering owners real peace of mind and increasing the chances that **much-loved pets** can be reunited with their families if they are ever lost or stolen.



Our €2,500 Awards



Overview

Two local football teams, Booth Road Celtic Football Club and Knockmitten United, shared a €5,000 award to support their thriving programmes.



Booth Road Celtic Football Club

is an inclusive, community-based club offering opportunities for players of all ages and abilities. With 15 teams and a thriving youth section, the club supports hundreds of local members, creating a strong **sense of belonging** across local parks and school facilities. The award helped invest in essential equipment, including goalposts and training resources, ensuring **safe, positive and well-supported** football experiences where players can grow in confidence, skill and teamwork.



Knockmitten United

is a volunteer-led community football club welcoming players from across Dublin 22. With hundreds of youth players, senior teams and a dedicated coaching base, the club places **inclusion at the heart** of everything it does, creating additional teams where needed and supporting players of all abilities. The award helped provide essential **training equipment, goalposts and balls**, supporting everything from youth development to walking football and helping players of all ages stay active, connected and involved.

Our €1,000 Awards



Judges' awards

Finally, four judges' awards of €1,000 each recognised RAMS, Clondalkin Equine Club, Clondalkin Tidy Towns and the TY Allotment Group at Coláiste Bríde, celebrating their creative, inclusive and community-focused work.

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RAMS

is a vibrant singing group for retired men, bringing joy, connection and a strong sense of purpose through regular rehearsals and performances across Dublin 22. Performing throughout the year, the group **lifts spirits and raises funds** for local causes, while creating a valued social outlet for its members. The award supported new catering equipment, helping turn rehearsals and performances into **shared, social occasions** that strengthen friendships and community ties.



Clondalkin Equine Club

is a local charity giving young people the opportunity to care for horses while building riding skills, confidence and self-belief. Through **hands-on training and regular activity**, the club encourages responsibility, teamwork and a meaningful connection with animals. The award supported new showjumping jumps and training equipment, **helping young riders progress** safely, confidently and with pride in a supportive, structured environment.



Clondalkin Tidy Towns

is a **committed volunteer group** working year-round to care for and enhance the local area. Looking for a positive, creative alternative to graffiti, the group used the award to create a striking mural at Corkagh Park. Celebrating the much-loved Clondalkin Youth Band, the artwork brings colour, creativity and pride to the space, showing how community-led initiatives can **protect, uplift and celebrate** shared places.



TY Allotment Group, Coláiste Bríde

is a **collaborative initiative between Transition Year students from Coláiste Bríde** and adults with intellectual disabilities supported by St John of God. Together, they work on a community allotment in Corkagh Park, creating an **inclusive, year-round** gardening programme centred on connection and socialising. The award paid for essential gardening equipment and clothing, helping everyone take part fully and comfortably in a project that celebrates inclusion, **learning and community**.

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