



16

grants awarded



£24,075

total distributed



1,803

people supported

Impact Report, Round 3: 2026

for the period: April 2025 to March 2026



Two Ridings
Community Foundation

Nidderdale Plus Community Fund

An introduction

The Nidderdale Plus Community Fund was set up so that money raised through the Nidderdale Charity Shop in Pateley Bridge could be put straight back into supporting local people. Since opening in February 2022, the shop has sold good-quality second-hand clothes, books, household items and more, with every penny of profit used for two purposes: to run an annual grant fund for community groups across Nidderdale and the Washburn Valley, and to help fund key Nidderdale Plus services.

The community fund provides a steady, reliable source of support for local charities and community organisations. Its priorities reflect what local people say they need most. In its third year, applications focused on improving wellbeing, helping people stay independent, strengthening community connections and tackling local energy challenges. Groups applied for help to run activities and services, improve sports and play facilities, cover essential running costs and deliver small but important capital projects. Nidderdale Plus supports community-led ideas that show how a small amount of funding can make a real difference.

In Round 3, the 2025/26 financial year, 16 grants were awarded, totalling £24,075 to groups across Nidderdale.

The Aims of the Fund:

- Promoting wellbeing
- Fostering independence
- Cultivating a sense of belonging
- Addressing community energy needs

in Nidderdale & surrounding areas, North Yorkshire



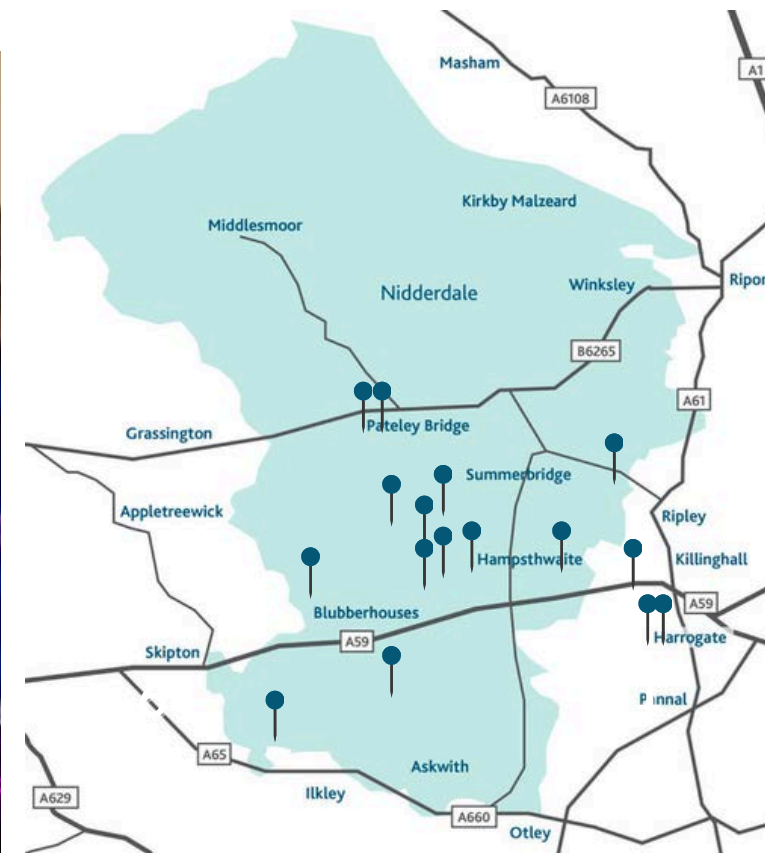
The groups and people supported

Of the 16 groups supported, 5 were new applicants to Two Ridings and 11 were groups we had previously funded.

81% of the groups were charities with a turnover of under £20,000.

All work with local people, improving their lives. Only four of the groups had employed staff with the rest run entirely by volunteers.

Grants awarded by area



Round 3 Funded organisations

Darley Cricket Club began renovating their kitchen to install fridges, a dishwasher and an oven so they can provide food and refreshments on training and match days. **£2,000**

Nidderdale Community Energy Initiative used funding to progress their FCA registration as a Community Benefit Society and to commission a feasibility study. **£2,000**

Focus on Darley purchased a gazebo and games to support activities for villagers in Darley. The equipment creates a central, shared space for community events and is loaned out to other village groups and families. **£500**

Darley Playing Field Association (DPFA) invested in a new see-saw and installation costs for the village play area. As part of their wider support for local families, this addition enhances a well-used rural space where children can play safely. **£2,000**

Dancing for Wellbeing covered venue hire for their long-established dancing and social group supporting older people in the Nidderdale area, particularly around Hampsthwaite. **£1,500**

Nidderdale Brownies purchased equipment and uniforms to create a library for girls who can't afford their own items. They also bought group resources and created a small fund to cover subs for families, ensuring every child can take part. **£1,100**

Fewston Parochial Hall installed broadband and additional electric sockets, including necessary replastering. **£2,000**

Washburn Valley Sports Club purchased an indoor bowls starter kit to offer year-round bowling as part of the club's relaunch. This investment encourages new members from across the area. **£1,260**

Hampsthwaite Memorial Hall purchased new carpets and a children's bookcase to create a drop-in children's library. This new space offers families a welcoming, accessible resource for the community. **£2,000**

Markington Memorial Institute installed energy-efficient LEDs, smart thermostats and additional sockets to make the village hall more efficient and appealing to hire. A small contribution towards heating costs also helps keep the hall affordable for community use. **£2,000**

Nidderdale Stitches funded speakers, workshops and minibus hire for a group day trip. This supports a sewing group with a majority of older members, helping them learn new skills and socialise. **£1,475**

Hampsthwaite Indoor Carpet Bowling Club covered venue hire costs, ensuring older residents can continue enjoying regular social activity and gentle exercise. **£750**

Dacre Banks Bowling Club purchased a gazebo and outdoor cooking equipment to support special events and provide meals for members on event days. **£1,000**

Warsill Gardening Club funded coach hire for day trips that provide significant social interaction for rurally isolated older residents. **£590**

Nidderdale & Pateley Bridge Men's Shed CIO covered unexpected costs from the North Yorkshire Council and rising utility bills. This support helps keep the Shed open as a vital space where men can connect, share skills and support one another. **£2,000**

Focus on

New Beginnings Peer Support

New Beginnings Peer Support funded staff time, marketing and travel to understand the need for after-crisis domestic abuse support in Nidderdale. New Beginnings is a peer-led charity founded by survivor Lindsay Oliver, offering trauma-informed support for women and their children. Their work combines mindfulness, practical help, signposting and a positive social network to help families rebuild their lives.

At the heart of the charity is the principle of survivors supporting survivors. Through peer groups, signposting, family and career support and a client-to-volunteer pathway, women are empowered to take control of their healing journey. Their services promote emotional resilience and self-awareness, and as partners of IDAS, they continue the support journey long after crisis intervention. **£1,900**



Rounds made by the Nidderdale Plus Community Fund

ROUND 1

March 2023 - April 2024



11

grants awarded



£13,425

distributed

ROUND 2

March 2024 - April 2025



15

grants awarded



£24,712

distributed

ROUND 3

March 2025 - April 2026



16

grants awarded



£24,075

distributed

ROUND 4*

March 2026 - April 2027



13

grants awarded



£22,295

distributed

*The Impact Report for Round 4 will be published in January 2027



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