



Rotherhithe Consolidated Charities New grants priorities launch event

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Agenda

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| The Worshipful Mayor of Southwark | 10.45 |
| Chair's welcome & purpose of meeting | 10.50 |
| Dr Alex Evans - Review of Giving | 11.00 |
| Matthew Allgood - New priorities | 11.15 |
| Community grants (organisations) | 11.20 |
| Older people's stipends & hardship grants | 11.35 |
| Networking and lunch | 11.45 |
| Close | 13.00 |



The Worshipful Mayor of Southwark

Cllr Sunil Chopra



Welcome & Purpose of Meeting

Lorraine Zuleta, Chair



To share with you

Our reason for being

Why did we need to change and how did we become aware of it?

How did we approach the process?

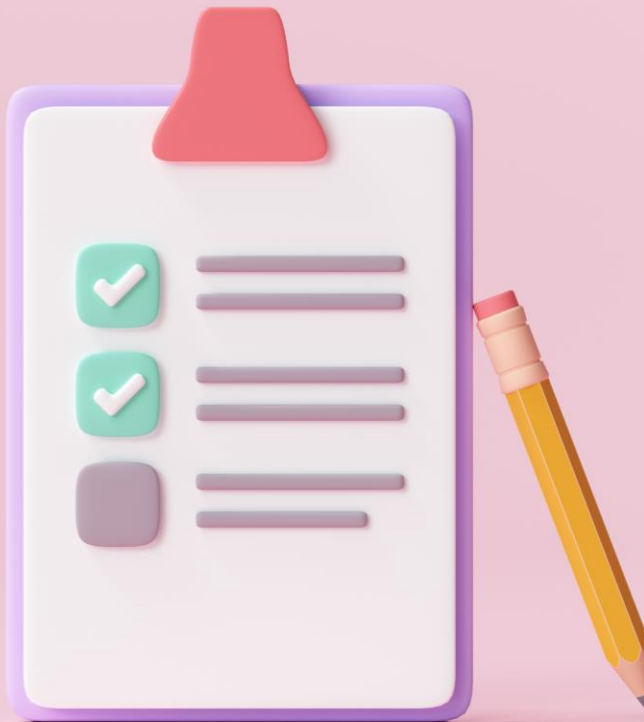
Our new priorities and how we will move forward



About the Review

Dr Alex Evans

- Review in January 2022
- Review RCC's giving and its relevance to current needs
- Local area has undergone significant changes, requiring a shift in grant-making practices
- Grant-maker must adapt to societal and demographic changes
- Re-examine local needs and current grant-making practices
- Recommend future direction





About the area

A deprived area: 40% in the 20% most deprived

Gap between rich & poor: 12% in the 20% least deprived

A diverse area: *At least* 6,500 BAME people

A young area: 2/3rds fewer people over 65 than national average

A geographically unique area with a distinct history: 'The Island'



Older people

- Limited public transport increases isolation
- High prices have pushed families and friends of older people out of the area
- Local areas have a high risk of loneliness according to Age UK's 'Heat Map'
- Fewer older people in Rotherhithe ward can exacerbate the issue
- Loneliness and isolation affect people regardless of socio-economic status
- Mobility has worsened during the pandemic, leading to fading friendships and relationships.





Children and families

- 33% of children in low-income families; some areas among the 10% most deprived
- Pandemic reveals the extent of local family poverty
- Childhood food poverty and insecurity are prevalent
- Two-tier opportunities for social development and learning
- Lack of free, regular activities affects poorer children's learning, play, and socialisation, as well as their emotional, social, and language development
- Limited free provision for youth, as many local services have been discontinued
- Youth tend to stay close to home, for good reasons.



Community cohesion

- GLA Civic Strength index ranks Public and Social Infrastructure in the top 20% of London for access to public services, financial resources, community spaces, and safety
- However, are these levels equal for all residents?
- Bottom 40% for democratic engagement and institutional trust
- High score for opportunities for community life
- Community life is often divided by class, ethnicity, and length of residence
- Lack of acceptance of ethnic minorities is a significant barrier.



Approaches for RCC

- RCC has a **significant amount of income** to disperse which can make a very significant impact in a specific area
- Its previous work had played a valuable role for many in the local area
- But it has an opportunity to take a **more targeted, strategic approach** to get the best out of its resources, by
 - **Overhauling its individual grants** to ensure these were **properly targeted**, and discontinuing some programmes whose time had come
 - Working in partnership with the highly **professional, well-respected charities** dealing with the key issues in the area





Community-based charities

- Range of high-quality place-based charities and community groups is a **key strength in the area**.
- **Organisations supported and held communities together during crisis** – just as they had for many years
- **Prior to the Pandemic, RCC** made very small and few grants to these, focusing instead on individual grants and holiday grants
- However, supporting these place-based organisations could add **considerable value** to the investment





Engines of community

- **Trusted places** that provide the **glue of community** and welcome newcomers
- **Work with people as people**, not just ‘problems’, across **various age ranges and backgrounds**
- **Deep roots** and long-term relationships in local areas
- Huge **networks and connections**, including with professionals and micro-organizations
- Provide better access to a **wide range of individuals** who may need grants
- **Professionalized**, well-structured, and well-known, with networks of volunteers
- These organizations constantly **struggle to survive.**



Grassroots community groups



- Smaller, more informal community organisations are also vital to local fabric
- Direct connections to hyper-local neighbourhoods and communities of identity
- Vibrant cultures of faith, connection and cultures well as individual locations
- These groups also struggle to gain funding but are a vital part of community identity and informal support networks



Overall

- RCC is a fantastic asset for the local area, and the new approach can make best use of its charitable investment
- A better ability to both make a difference, and prove the difference it's making
- A professional, modern charity with a deep, historical connection to the grassroots of its community
- Exciting times ahead



Charity management



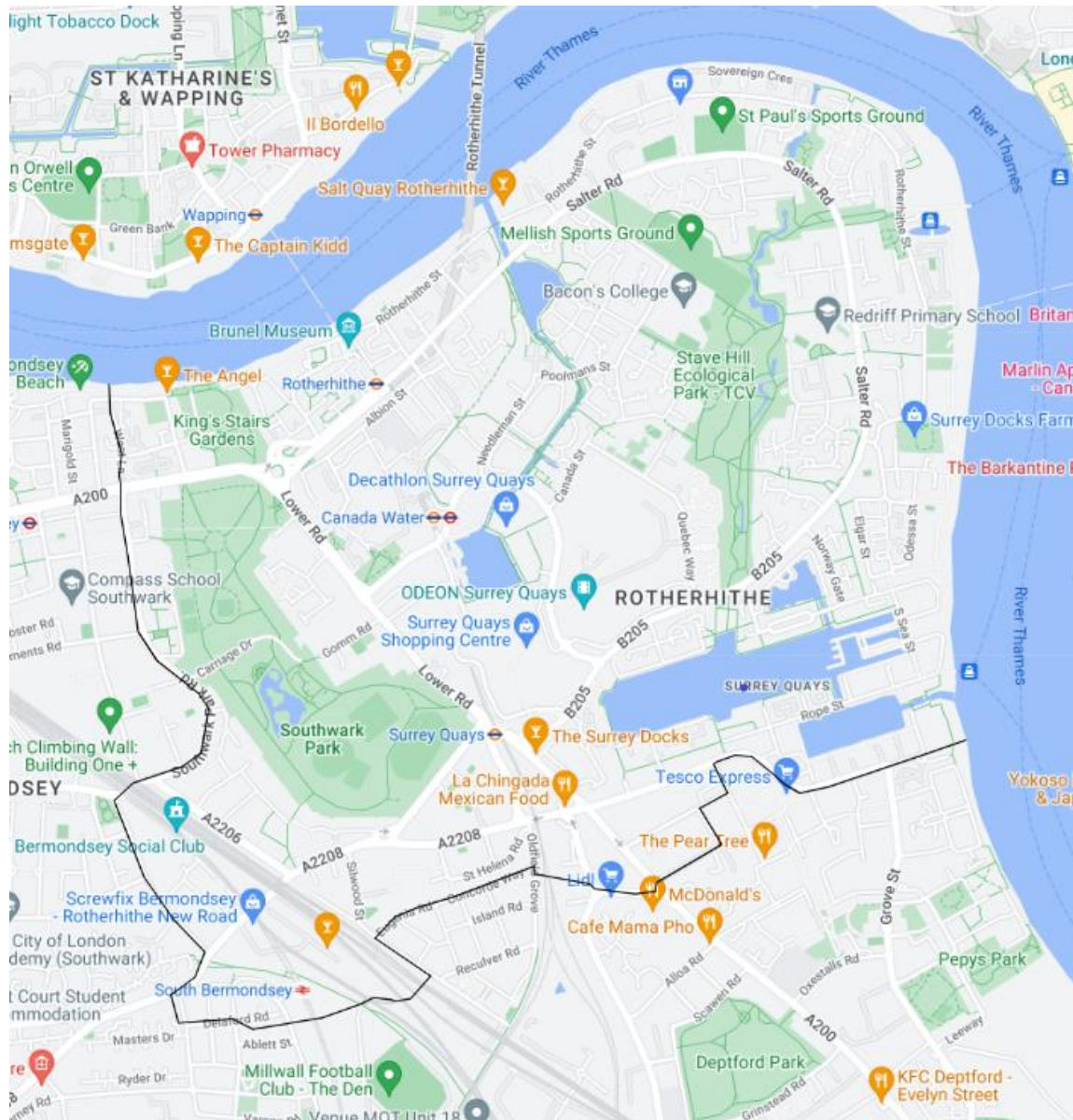
- RCC appoints Southwark Charities to manage the RCC's day to day operations.
- Southwark Charities is a grant maker to organisations supporting Southwark older people (55+), and provides almshouses accommodation.



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RCC Area of Benefit



The 'Ancient Parish of Rotherhithe' comprises:
Rotherhithe ward
Surrey Docks ward

..and small parts of:
North Bermondsey
South Bermondsey and
Old Kent Road wards

in the LB Southwark.

Local needs



| Need | Indicators of need |
|--|---|
| Low-income residents, families, younger people and children | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families claiming out-of-work benefits• Food insecurity & hunger; poor diet & obesity• Lack of free, regular activities for poorer children• Lack of access to PC's & internet for children/students• Mental health: low confidence/self-esteem and anxiety• Covid-19 and the rising costs of living |
| Older People | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loneliness, anxiety and isolation caused by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Friends and families moving away from the area➤ Limited public transport & low/no I.T. proficiency➤ Physical and mental health issues➤ Financial and domestic abuse➤ Covid-19 and the rising costs of living |
| Community cohesion | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local residents divided by class, ethnicity and length of residence. |

New Priorities from March 2023



| Operation | Priorities |
|--|---|
| Community Grants to organisations | <p>Initiatives that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ improve the lives and the resilience of low-income residents, families, younger people and children living in the Area of Benefit (AoB)➤ support the wellbeing and ‘connectedness’ of older people living in the AoB.➤ bring together and connect diverse communities living in the AoB. |
| Grants to individuals | <p>Annual stipends for older people of state pension age (66+) living in the AoB for 5 years that have low incomes and low savings.</p> |
| Hardship grants | <p>One-off grants to residents living in the AoB that are experiencing hardship for purchase of essential household items.</p> <p>Referral applications must be completed by recognised public or voluntary sector agencies.</p> |

Community grants to organisations



Eligibility. Who can Apply?

- Non statutory organisations – charities, community groups, TRA's, social enterprises
- governing document – e.g. constitution, mem & arts.
- minimum of 3 management committee members
- Proposal must benefit residents living in Area of Benefit



Community grants fund size

- Around £100,000 in 2023
- Average grant size in 2021 was £1,750





Use of community grants

- initiatives for people in need living in the area of benefit
- activity costs – events, projects, services delivery
- core staff and volunteer costs
- equipment and transport
- one-off or time limited activities
- proportionate - rule of thumb

Exclusions: capital,
or building projects (due to scale)



Community grants - How to apply



Initial discussion about your proposal / idea:

Matthew Allgood clerk@rotherhithecc.org.uk / 020 7593 2000

Apply on Flexi-Grant application portal – use RCC form

<https://southwarkcharities.flexigrant.com>

Guidelines are on portal

Governing document & latest accounts upload.

Applications can be made all year round, January to December.

Application support can be provided where necessary.

| Number | Page | Est. time to complete | Status | Required documents | |
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| 1 | Contact Details | | Complete | | Edit |
| 2 | About Your Organisation | | Complete | 2 / 3 | Edit |
| 3 | About Your Proposal | | Complete | | Edit |
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Submit application



Assessment criteria

To what extent does the proposal:

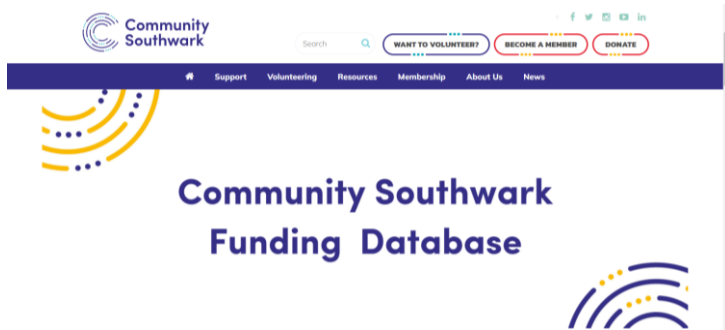
- support people in need living in the area of benefit
- demonstrate track record / capacity to deliver
- leverage other sources of funds: cash and/or in kind
- demonstrate appropriate budget costs



Successful organisations

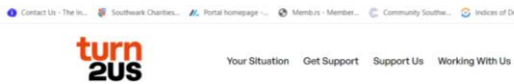
- Accept a grant offer with terms and conditions
- Deliver grant activities
- Complete an end of grant report including:
 - Number of people benefitting
 - Photographs with permissions to use
 - Beneficiary quotes, case studies and/or feedback

Funding search tools



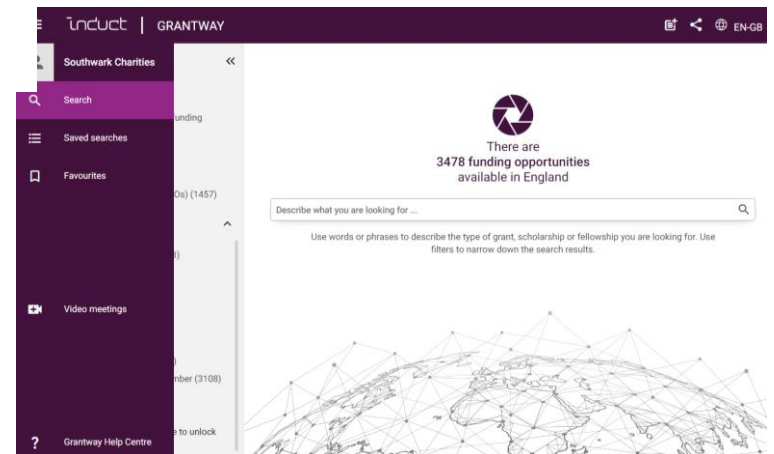
Cost of living crisis: a guide to some of the support available in Southwark

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Turn2us wants everyone to have financial security.

Use the Benefits Calculator or Grants Search to find out what help you can get.



Other local funders



St George the Martyr Charity
Surrey Dispensary – St George t...



Newcomen Collett Foundation has served the young people of Southwark for over 300 years.

AMICABLE SOCIETY'S SCHOOL
Charity number: 312294

Charity overview

Activities - how the charity spends its money

Promoting the education of children in financial need in the Ancient Parish of Rotherhithe.

ST OLAVE, ST THOMAS AND ST JOHN UNITED CHARITY
Charity number: 211763 Charity reporting is up to date (on time)

Charity overview

Activities - how the charity spends its money

The relief of persons resident in the former Metropolitan Borough of Bermondsey in the London Borough Of Southwark who are in need. The provision of good, services of facilities for any school substantially serving the area of benefit; and The promotion of education of persons under the age of 25 who are in need of financial assistance and are resident in the area of benefit.

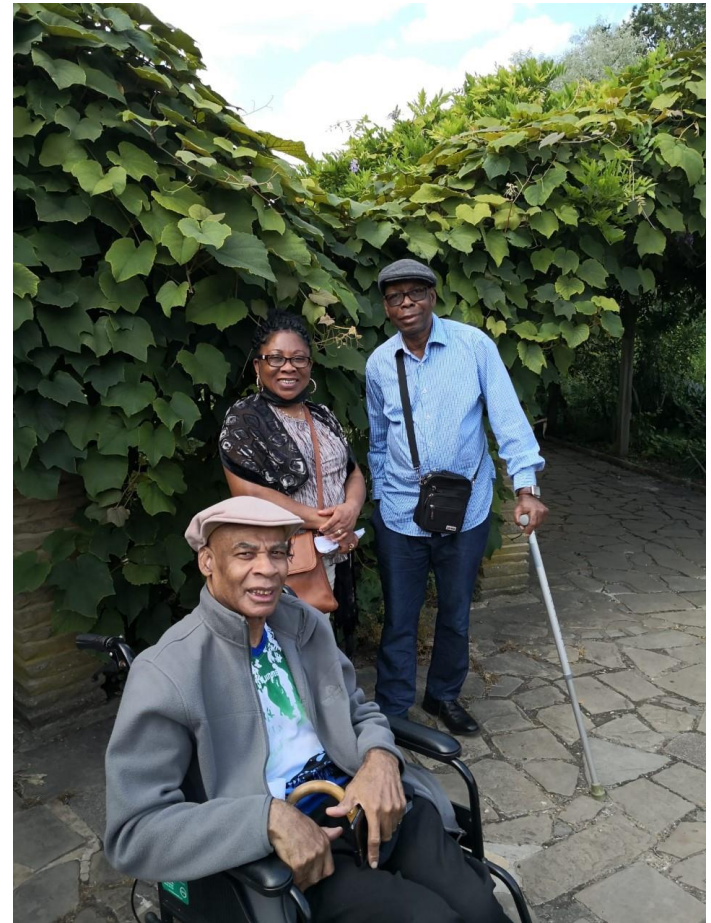


Older people's stipends



Eligibility. Who can Apply?

- older people of state pension (66 years) and above
- living in the area of benefit for at least 5 years.
- Evidence low income e.g. in receipt of means tested benefit
- Evidence low savings – below £8k for individuals and £16k for households



Stipends - How to apply



- Application form and guidelines available from RCC Clerk, or download from RCC website
- Evidence documents to be submitted with applications:
 - Bank and savings account statements - last 3 months
 - Evidence of means tested benefits: Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax support, Universal Credit; and/or other benefits

Stipends for older people

Annual stipends are considered for older people at state pension age, i.e. 66 years of age (in 2022), or above, living in the Ancient Parish of Rotherhithe for at least 5 years with low income and low savings. Download our guidelines and application form here, or contact RCC Clerk, email: clerk@rotherhithecc.org.uk tel: 020 75932000 for a paper copy.

Note: property owners are not eligible for stipends.

▲ INFORMATION FORM

▲ STIPEND APPLICATION FORM



Successful stipend applicants

- Receive a stipend of £200 per year, payable in 2 BACS instalments
- Become members of the charity
- Confirm that they still qualify annually
- Reapply every 3 years



Referral hardship grants

Eligibility & Use of Grants

- Adults living in the area of benefit in financial hardship
- Evidence low income e.g. means-tested benefit, NRPF, and no/low savings
- One-off grants up to £1k for essential household items & installation costs – e.g. beds, carpets, curtains, furniture, kitchen appliances, warm clothing.
- A recognised voluntary / public sector agency providing direct support to adults living in the area of benefit must apply on their behalf and ensure successful installation.

Referral hardship grants – How to apply



- Application form and guidelines available from RCC Clerk, or download from website
- Evidence documents to be submitted with applications:
 - Bank and savings account statements - last 3 months
 - Payslips for household members in employment – last 3 months
 - Evidence of means tested benefits: Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax support, Universal Credit; and/or other benefits

Hardship Grants

We offer hardship grants to individuals. These are one-off grants for residents in the Ancient Parish of Rotherhithe experiencing financial hardship, with low incomes and no/low savings, to purchase essential household items such as a new bed or a cooker. **Applications for a hardship grant must be by referral from a recognised public or voluntary sector agency (individuals cannot apply directly).** A referral application form is available from the RCC Clerk, email: clerk@rotherhithecc.org.uk

▲ [HARDSHIP GRANT REFERRAL GUIDELINES](#)

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Networking

Tell us your ideas for community initiatives that improve lives of people in need living in The Ancient Parish of Rotherhithe



Contact



Rotherhithe Consolidated Charities

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Email: clerk@rotherhithecc.org.uk



Who we are and what we do

We provide grants to organisations that improve the lives of residents, and to individuals that are in need in our area of benefit, the Ancient Parish of Rotherhithe. Our charitable purpose is for the general benefit of residents experiencing poverty in the area of benefit. We make grants to a range of local community organisations and charities and to individuals that meet our charitable purpose. From July 2022, our grant management and administration is carried out by Southwark Charities.

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