

Prosperity Fund Board

11 June 2026



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Agenda

10am

Welcome and Introductions

Declarations of interest
Minutes/Action Log

Cllr Lucille Thompson

10:15am

Programme funding summary

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

- Alignment with fund priorities
- Projects supported

Rural England Prosperity Fund

- Alignment with fund priorities
- Projects supported

Additional impact and lessons learned

- Geographical distribution
- Publicity

Camilla Sharp

11:45am

Final items

Camilla Sharp

12 noon

Close

Cllr Lucille Thompson

Funding distribution 2022 to 2026

	UKSPF	REPF	Total
Allocated	£1,327,146	£968,489	£2,295,635
Awarded 2022-2026	£1,216,110	£966,034	£2,168,998
Underspend returned to UK Gov 2025	£7,630		£7,630
Management and Administration	£77,242		£77,242
Underspend	£26,164	£2,455	£28,619
TOTALS	£1,327,146	£968,489	£2,295,634

In the period 2022-2025, 99.9% of the funds were awarded, leaving an underspend of £7,630

In the period 2025-2026/7, we have an underspend of £29,000 from projects that were completed without using their full budget allocation. We plan to spend this full sum on one final project.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2022-2026



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Projects supported through UKSPF



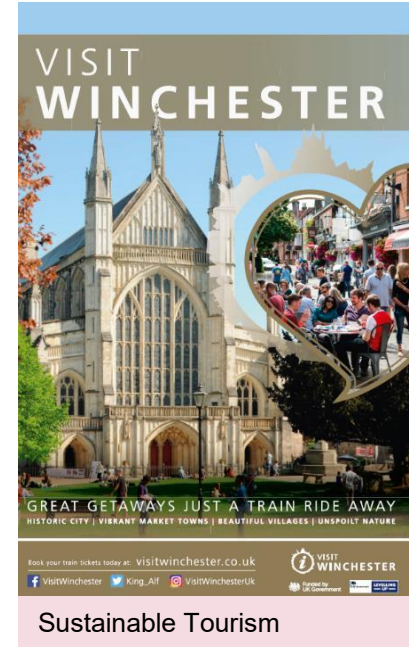
Energy efficient ventilation for South Downs Social



Tools for Bishop's Waltham Men's Shed



Winchester Health Walks



Sustainable Tourism



Bearface Theatre's inclusive project studying perceptions of safety and crime



Archaeology event during the transformation of the Friarsgate area








Hearing loop for Theatre Royal



Light Festival

UK Government investment priorities

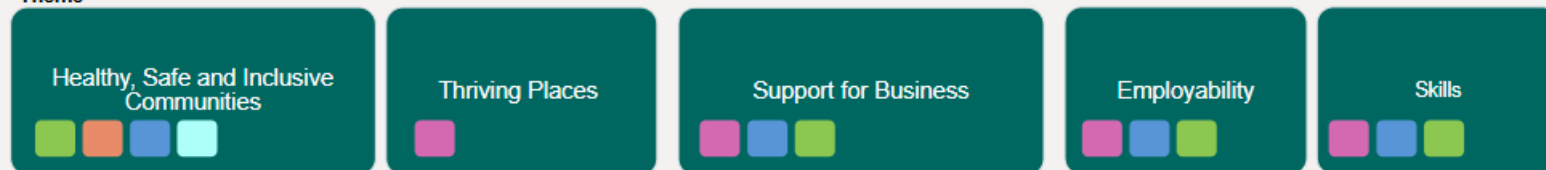
UKSPF investment priorities and the government's Missions

Missions Key			
	Kickstart Economic Growth		Break Down Barriers to Opportunity
	Make Britain a Clean Energy Superpower		Build an NHS fit for the future
	Take Back Our Streets		

Priority



Theme



Sub-theme



WCC investment priorities

Communities and place

- Pockets of deprivation across the district
- The need to enhance and increase community infrastructure and access to green space
- Improvements to local high streets
- Developing greater social and community participation in local life
- Supporting and facilitating cultural and wellbeing provision

Supporting local business

- Support high street businesses and street markets
- Developing digital capability in businesses
- Supporting land-based businesses/ farmers to diversity
- Support and growing creative businesses, entrepreneurs and freelancers

Skills and people

Increasing:

- Residents' digital skills
- green / low carbon skills
- employability skills



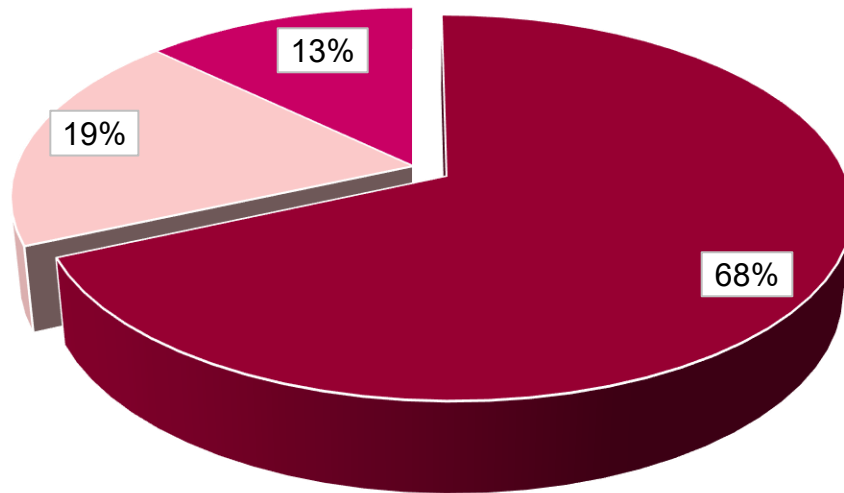
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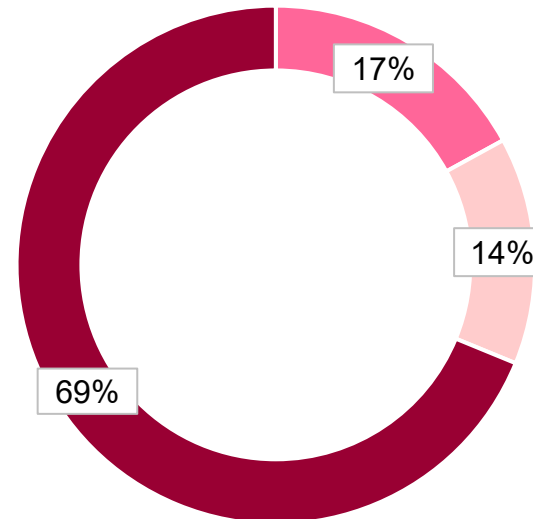
Award alignment with our investment priorities

UKSPF awards by theme



- Inclusive and healthy communities: £831,328
- People and Skills: £228,994
- Local Business Support: £155,788

UKSPF Community awards by sub-theme









- Communities: health and wellbeing: £141,472
- Communities: infrastructure: £117,854
- Communities: thriving places: £572,002



Award alignment with our investment priorities


Communities and place


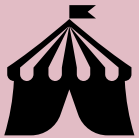
	30	Volunteering opportunities created
	12	Economically inactive people acquiring new skills
	700	Residents engaging in sport
	21	New events supported
Addressing pockets of deprivation		



	40,000	M2 of green space recovered
	3,392	M2 public realm improved and/or made accessible
	150	M2 of new foot and cycle path
	70,000	Trees planned for planting
Social and community participation, development of green space		

Award alignment with our investment priorities

Supporting local businesses

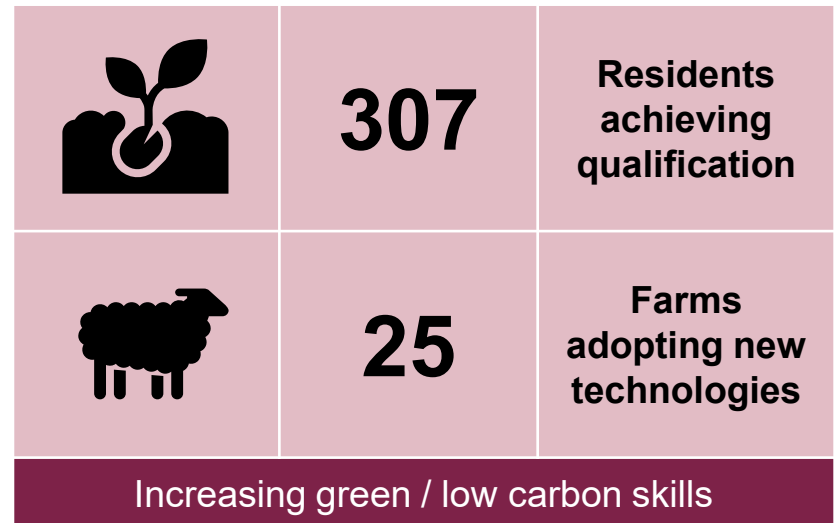
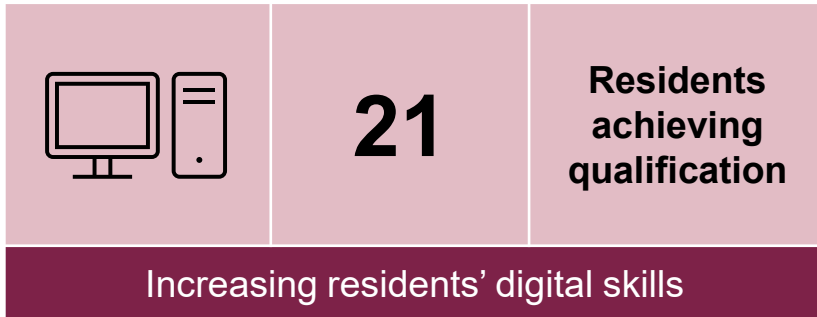
	22	Digital projects supported
Developing digital capability in businesses		

	100	Creative entrepreneurs engaged
	50	Events supported
Support for creative businesses and freelancers		

	650m2	Commercial space improved
	93	Businesses supported
Supporting local economic growth		

Award alignment with our investment priorities

People and skills



37 external projects supported (1 of 2)

Total expenditure = £739,153

Organisation	Project	Expenditure
Bearface Theatre	14 events with HMP Winchester	£18,500
Bishops Waltham Men's Shed	Tool purchase	£2,973
Bishops Waltham Parish Council	Priory car park extension	£49,000
Colden Common Parish Church	Under-pew heating and LED lighting	£5,226
CPRE	Meadow management training	£5,000
Durley Parish Council	Car park improvement including EV chargers	£2,695
Fairthorne YMCA	Solar-powered battery packs for campers	£576
Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group	Feasibility study into shared flock	£3,216
Hampshire County Council	County-wide retrofit construction training courses	£55,000
Hampshire Cultural Trust	Recruitment and training of volunteers	£12,000
Hampshire Cultural Trust	Planters and seating	£34,904
Handmade Cyclist	Retrofit	£30,440
INCA Design	Digital equipment	£1,498
Littleton Village Hall	Additional solar panels	£8,825
Marwell Wildlife	Crayfish and sand lizard habitat	£10,000
Micheldever Village Store	Climatisation	£8,729
Morton Pattison	Tractor and flail attachment	£30,000
Mythic Tabletop Games	Energy efficient refurb	£9,103

37 external projects supported (2 of 2)

Organisation	Project	Expenditure
Northbrook Arms	EV chargers	£1,672
Northbrook Hall	Damp treatment	£2,274
Play to the Crowd	Hat fair promotion and community engagement	£60,400
Play to the Crowd	Enhancement of Winchester festival programme	£31,000
RAC Corbett Holden Farm	Cladding for outdoor café container units	£4,500
Shedfield House Dairy Business Centre	Construction of new business unit	£10,000
South Downs National Park	Carbon offset and tree planting scheme	£61,000
Sparsholt College	Solar panelling and electric vehicle chargers: training for installers	£35,000
Sparsholt College	Digital skills for farmers*	£70,207
Sparsholt College	Farm-specific energy efficiency training	£30,000
SuperReel	Digital training equipment	£8,202
Sustrans	Development of new health walks and training of volunteers	£10,000
The Colour Factory	Energy efficient refurb	£9,785
The Cycle Company	Purchase of 20 e-bikes for individual and commercial lease plans	£24,999
University of Winchester	Open mic night	£9,379
Wickham Estate	Access and energy efficiency improvements	£20,000
Winchester Action on Climate Change	3 climate action projects	£18,688
Winchester Action on Climate Change	Solar audits on community buildings across the district	£30,000
Wonderseekers	Conservation with children: exhibition materials	£14,362
TOTAL		£739,153

15 WCC projects supported

Total expenditure = £476,957

Investment priority	Project	Expenditure
Visitor Economy	Made in Winchester	£19,100
	Sustainable tourism	£13,000
	Jane Austen 250 th anniversary	£10,000
	Light festival	£45,000
	Nunnaminster improvements	£5,420
	Market improvements	£1,000
Skills training	Business growth factory	£32,923
	Creative growth programme	£8,960
	Digital skills for residents	£24,071
Green space improvement	North Walls	£30,000
	St Giles Hill	£30,000
Other public realm	CWR Friarsgate Kings Walk	£191,319
Community	Sports tournament	£10,178
	Stanmore community network	£29,373
	Community and wellbeing strategy	£26,613
TOTAL		£476,957



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Rural England Prosperity Fund 2025-2026



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Projects supported by REPF



Tractor and flail for meadow management



Sandlizard and crayfish habitat for Marwell Wildlife



Electric van for local gardeners



Dust extractor enabling local stonemason to teach his craft



Pottery workshops at HMP Winchester



Community bus for Bishops Waltham



Solar panelling for Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

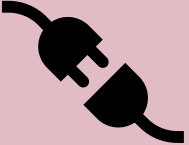
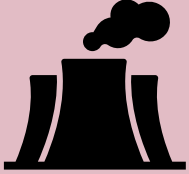
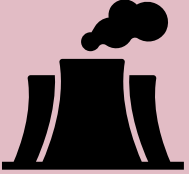
Our investment priorities

- The challenge of meeting net zero carbon and addressing climate impacts
 - Deprivation and access to services in rural communities and the need for improved / expanded community facilities
- 1. Net zero / climate mitigation**
 - 2. Community infrastructure and assets improvement**
 - 3. Green spaces enhancement**
 - 4. Local business support, culture, arts and tourism development**

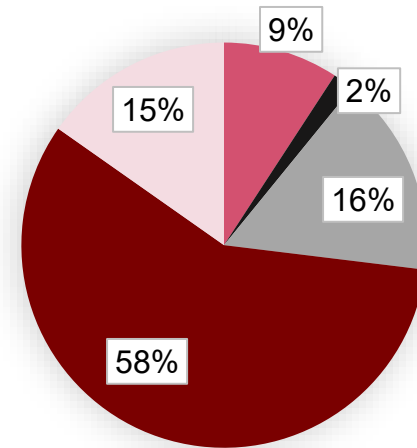


Award alignment with our investment priorities

Net zero / climate mitigation

	7	EV chargers installed
	98	Tonnes equivalent from 21 projects
	65,000	Tonnes equivalent from one SF6 project
CO2 emissions avoided		

22 carbon-reducing projects by technology/activity



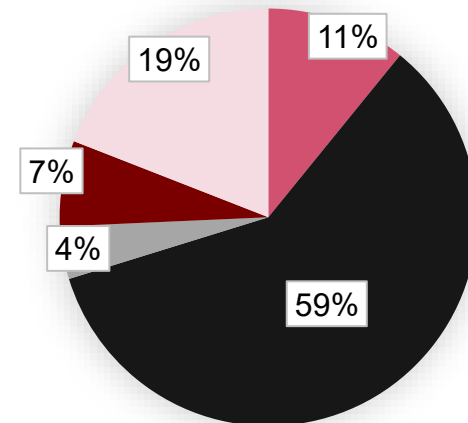
- Heat pumps: £44,463
- Energy efficiency (insulation): £8,100
- Electric vehicles and chargers: £77,614
- Solar panelling: £279,401
- Other (sustainable travel and SF6 recovery): £73,702

Award alignment with our investment priorities

Predicted impact: Improvements to community infrastructure and green space enhancements



16 Community infrastructure projects



- Childcare provision: £40,000
- Community buildings: £218,508
- Community travel: £15,000
- Parish car park: £24,423
- Scout groups: £70,186

Award alignment with our investment priorities

Supporting local business and tourism development



39 external projects supported (1 of 2)

Total expenditure = £966,034

Organisation	Project	Expenditure
6th Winchester Scout Group	Utilities infrastructure	£32,186
Alexander Graham	Solar panelling	£22,021
Bishops Waltham Minibus	New minibus	£15,000
Colden Common Pavilion	Solar panelling	£18,478
Denmead Community Centre	Solar panelling	£24,999
Durley Car Park	Car park reconfiguration and EV chargers	£24,423
Easton Village Hall	Solar panelling	£25,000
GKCE The Cricketers Easton	Kitchen and bathroom refurb	£25,000
Honey Bee	Electric van purchase	£22,499
Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall	Ground source heat pump	£28,000
Marwell wildlife	Crayfish and sand lizard houses	£39,954
Melanie Legge, ceramicist	Potter's wheel and kiln	£14,109
Morton Pattison	Tractor and attachment	£10,000
Northbrook Arms	EV chargers	£4,050
Northbrook Hall	Solar panelling	£10,252
Oakridge Smallholdings	Shepherd's hut and solar panelling	£24,183
OHCO Coffee	Electric tuk tuk	£28,702
RAC Corbett, Holden Farm	New mobile shelters for café visitors	£24,126
Richard Lewis Communications	Solar panelling	£40,000

39 external projects supported (2 of 2)

Organisation	Project	Expenditure
River Coffee Roasters Ltd	Larger coffee roaster	£32,713
SF6 Recovery	Purchase of pump	£45,000
Shedfield House Dairy Business Centre	New business unit	£46,250
SN Technologies	Wifi-controlled H&V	£21,600
Sparsholt College	Digital inclusion; skills for farmers	£19,793
Swarraton and Northington	Green space creation	£10,000
Tectonics	Solar panelling	£14,310
The Garden Guys	Electric van purchase	£33,581
Upham New Millenium Hall	Solar panelling	£23,300
Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney	Solar panelling	£8,845
W Meon VH	Energy efficiency: air source heat pump	£16,463
Wickham Community Association	Mobile staging and A/V equipment	£21,525
Wickham Estate	Windows and track resurfacing	£35,281
Will Davies, stonemason	Dust extractor	£12,863
Winchester District Scout Council	Foundations for new scout barn	£38,000
Winchester Golf Academy	Solar panelling	£24,999
Wonderseekers	Fencing and pathways for new area	£37,478
Woodhams Farm Day Nursery	Baby balcony	£40,000
YMCA Fairthorne Manor	Roof repairs x 4	£29,991
The Plough, Itchen Abbas	Kitchen and bathroom refurb	£21,060
TOTAL		£966,034

Additional impact and lessons learned



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Prosperity Funds 2022 to 2026

Additional impact

- **83 projects supported** across the district
- **Strong leverage of funding:** every £1 of prosperity funding has unlocked a further 92p in match funding, resulting in a total investment of £4.32m over the four-year period
- **25 villages or market towns** have benefited from grants supporting community facilities or local businesses
- Grant recipients have provided **extensive promotion for UK Government and WCC** in their marketing activities
- Delivered through **a collaborative effort of 11 colleagues** from across the Council delivering projects, scoring and many more contributing in other valuable ways

Lessons learned

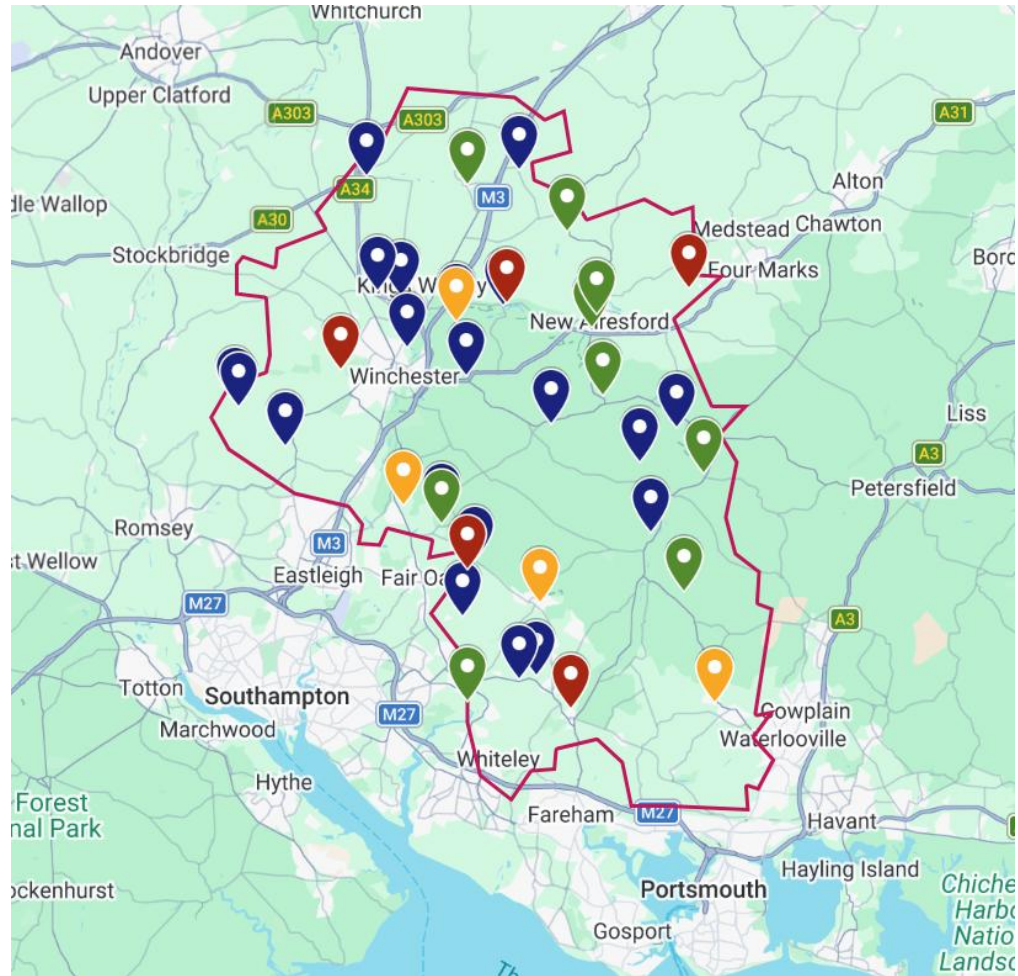
- **Effective promotion is critical:** The first funding round was undersubscribed due to limited awareness. By contrast, later rounds, supported by stronger communications were 2.5 times oversubscribed, leading to a significantly higher quality of applications and selected projects
- While a **competitive programme** is time-consuming and resource-intensive to manage, it is widely **perceived as transparent and fair**, strengthening stakeholder confidence in the process.



Geographical distribution of REPF 2023 to 2026

Key:

	2023-2025 Round 1
	2023-2025 Round 2
	2023-2025 Round 3
	2025-2026

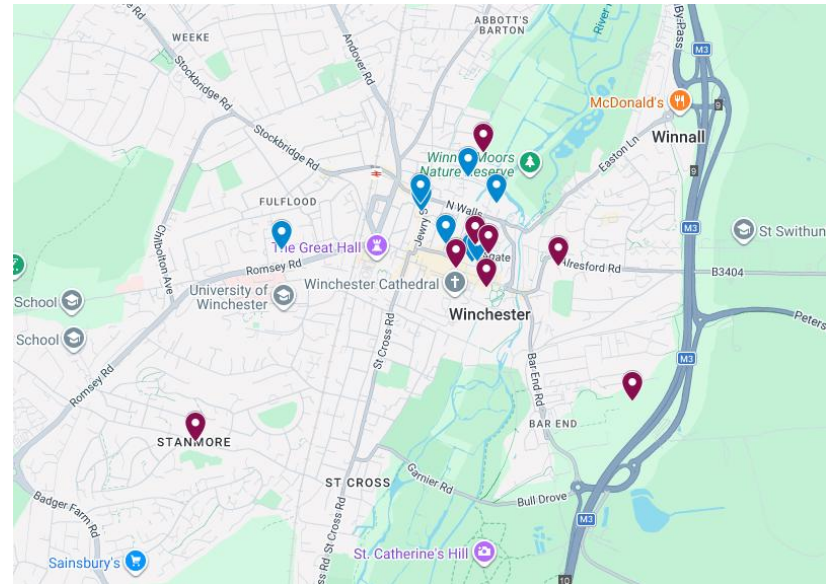
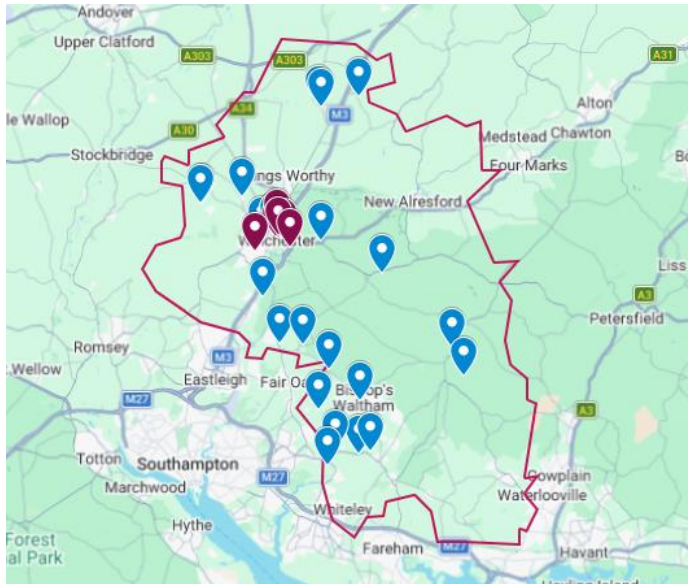


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Geographical distribution of UKSPF 2023 to 2026



Key:

	2023-2026 WCC Projects
	2023-2026 External Projects

District-wide WCC Projects *(not plotted on map)*

- Made in Winchester
- Sustainable tourism
- Jane Austen 250th anniversary
- Business growth factory
- Creative growth programme
- Digital skills for residents
- Community and wellbeing strategy

District-wide External Projects *(not plotted on map)*

- Feasibility study into shared flock
- Retrofit construction training courses
- Recruitment and training of volunteers
- Hat fair promotion and community engagement
- Carbon offset and tree planting scheme
- New health walks and training of volunteers
- Climate action projects and solar audits

Publicity



OPEN MIC NIGHT  Funded by UK Government

28/11

7PM - 10PM @ THE NUTSHELL

AGES 13 - 21

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Wonderseekers

Wonderseekers (Winchester Science Centre)



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SF6 Recovery

LAW WEEK FESTIVAL  Funded by UK Government  Winchester City Council **BEARFACE**

Invitation

Sneak OUT Listen IN

As part of the Winchester Cathedral Law Week Festival 2025, BearFace Theatre invites you to an immersive and thought provoking evening of performance exploring the Criminal Justice System.

Through sound, creativity and spoken word, this event will share real stories from people with lived experience of the CJS.

Co-created with men in prison, inspired by women on probation and young people, this performance will reveal often unseen perspectives.

The evening will encourage curiosity, discussion and challenge perceptions of justice and society.

This event is for adults with an interest in the CJS and those that are curious to find out more.

Bearface Theatre



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Tectonics

Final items



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And THANK YOU to our Board



Thank you to the board for your expertise, local insight, and invaluable support in both selection and promotion.



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