

JIGSAW FOUNDATION

OUR STORY 2023-2024



Creating homes.
Building lives.



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...through Jigsaw Foundation,
we have empowered local
communities, enabling them to
create lasting positive change
for future generations.

Donna Kelly

Jigsaw Group Director of Neighbourhoods

Introduction.

The Jigsaw Foundation launched in April 2019 and is part of the Group's approach to community investment. The Jigsaw Foundation has a budget of £450,000 per year and offers funds for projects which make a difference to the lives of our residents and their communities.

The fund is open to charities, resident and community groups, voluntary organisations, social enterprises and local partner agencies. We want the projects that we fund to complement our Neighbourhood Plans.

Any applications for £25,000 and over are reviewed and a decision made by our executive management team. All other applications for £24,999 and under are voted on by our residents using our Jigsaw Rewards portal.

Our Strategic Goals.

Health and Wellbeing

Promoting physical wellbeing, improving physical health, taking part in activities, healthy eating initiatives, improving mental wellbeing, increasing confidence to manage own health, to live more independently, reduce isolation.

Work and Skills

Developing new skills, accessing training, gaining a qualification, getting into work, gaining work experience, volunteering, moving closer to work.

Environment and Sustainability

Engaging residents in improving spaces or places, improving green spaces, increasing usage of community spaces, improving lifestyle choices on environmental issues, improving energy efficiency. Reducing tenancy turnover, creating a sense of community cohesion, increasing a sense of belonging in the community, increasing a sense of safety.

Financial Wellbeing

Improving access to money advice and management, increasing individual confidence to manage money, reducing debts, increasing savings and improving digital usage and access.

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...Jigsaw Foundation supports local projects, driving positive change and fostering growth where it matters most.

Ivan Wright

Jigsaw Group Operations Director of Neighbourhoods



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...we will continue with our mission, to improve the lives of our residents and their communities.

Sue Cox

Jigsaw Group Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods

Our Neighbourhoods.

Jigsaw Homes manages over 37,000 properties across the North West and Midlands. These properties form 20 neighbourhood plan areas.

In 2023/24 we funded 81 projects across the group totalling £446,533.

The funded projects achieved the following priorities:



55

HEALTH & WELLBEING PROJECTS

24

WORK & SKILLS PROJECTS



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ENVIROMENT & SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS

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FINANCIAL WELLBEING PROJECTS



Please note: Out of the 81 funded projects, some met multiple themes.

Oasis Community Hub.

Awarded £10,670

The purpose of this grant was to fund Oasis Broadoak to provide services for the local community and surrounding areas, such as Mums & Tots, Baby Sensory & Massage sessions, Cook & Eat training courses, Basic First Aid training.

Oasis delivered a Work Club to help the community gain employment by giving them internet access, help & advice. The courses were delivered via activities, and sessions in the community.

They encouraged participants to volunteer at the community hub to gain work experience to assist employability. 1,060 people came through the hub for different sessions and events, of whom 925 were Jigsaw residents.

Sessions that took place at the Community hub were Toddler Tots Stay and Play, Cook and Eat, Confidence building, First aid courses and Job Clubs and CV classes. Without this funding all the above classes and other activities would not have been possible. The sessions have been invaluable around Broadoak/Smallshaw area in Ashton.

Oasis Community Hub



Other Funded Projects...

Audenshaw Community Association:	£2,000
Making Life Better Together:	£2,300
The Peoples Community Dukinfield:	£3,500
Infinity Wellbeing Package:	£10,068
Community Engagement Project:	£13,500
Richmond House Social Group:	£2,100
Progress For All:	£1,030

“ The Jigsaw Foundation funding has helped the hub massively. Without it, we would not have been able to offer most of the sessions that we have delivered. We are so grateful of this funding, and I can't put into words the impact it has had on the community...”

Debbie Evans

Oasis Community Hub Project Organiser

Community Grocers 'on-wheels'. Awarded £27,058

The purpose of this grant was to introduce a Community Grocers 'on-wheels' to the communities of Manchester and Trafford. All areas were supported but the project mainly concentrated around the neighbourhoods of Harpurhey, Moss Side, Gorton, Longsight, Levenshulme, Crumpsall, Urmston and Openshaw.

The Grocers is an initiative which uses food redistribution schemes (such as Neighbourly, supermarkets, local allotments and Fareshare) to provide clients with a weekly grocery shop at a fraction of supermarket prices.

Residents have also been able to access Learn with Humans MCR, which is a programme of education in which they are given tools and resources to learn skills through free interactive sessions.

These sessions included cookery and budgeting classes, plus the extended signposting and eventual casework, will work with the individual client to get them on the road to financial independence.

Southport Sea Cadets



Other Funded Projects...

'Dire Needs' Fund:	£2,000
Southport Sea Cadets:	£4,610
Mustard Tree Food Club:	£5,000
Connecting the Community:	£9,846

“ I had my first delivery and was absolutely blown away by the quality of the produce. Already feeling much happier about the dark winter coming and everything suddenly seems more manageable - and I get healthy food too!...”

Community Grocer Customer

My Voice, My Place.

Awarded £6,200

My Voice, My Place project took place in Carlton, Gedling. The aim was to engage Jigsaw Homes residents and the local community to develop new skills and signpost to other opportunities locally and across the city.

City Arts worked with different community leaders to engage residents and members of the public in a consultation process to find out what they would like to do. From this consultation, the decision to create a film of people's stories emerged.

A Film Maker was recruited to create a film that represented some of the voices from Carlton. Afternoon Tea was organised to show the premier of the film to everyone who had taken part with their friends and families. During the event, local acts showcased, including Jigsaw Homes Singers.

Information was shared with all on how they can be involved in the area. The film has now also been shared widely beyond the community.

[Watch the video here →](#)

My Voice, My Place.



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Other Funded Projects...

Carlton Community Hub:

£9,000

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It was myself and the citizen's first time there and we were very impressed with the volunteers, the tea and coffee and food served. A big shout out for volunteer Reg, who was so professional and personable. Thank you for the work you are doing and the way your Carlton team are going about it...

Support Worker
Carlton Community Hub

Hardship Fund.

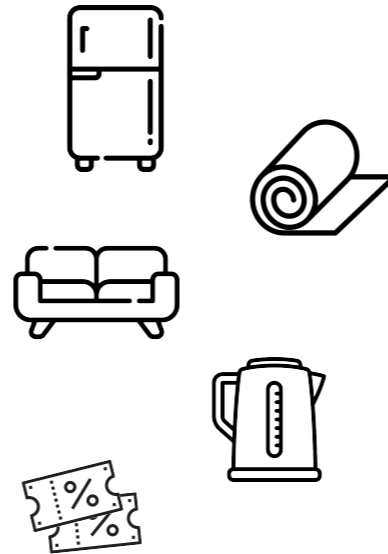
Invested **£100,887**

Cost of living increases have made it extremely difficult for some of our residents and we have a Hardship Fund in place to assist those in severe hardship.

In 2023/2024 applications to the Hardship fund increased significantly and as a result the budget was increased to £125,000 for this financial year, with a £50,000 contribution diverted from the Group energy fund.

Our residents can apply for up to a maximum of £750. Applications will be considered from individuals who are in immediate and significant hardship or are at serious risk of becoming in significant financial hardship.

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 we approved 335 applications. A total of £100,887 has been spent assisting residents who have found themselves in severe financial hardship.



Jigsaw / INVESTMENT

Items Purchased for Residents...

Cooking appliances:	55
Washing machines:	54
Fridge/Fridge freezer:	35
Carpets/Floor covering:	44
Beds/mattresses/bedding:	48
Sofas & Furniture:	14
Kitchen appliances:	9
Kitchen apparatus:	4
Food shopping vouchers:	214
(Other):	4

Total

481

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The Hardship helped me and my family so much. The washing machine is bigger so I can lower the amount of washing quicker and the freezer is also a big help, meaning I don't have to worry about the shopping, I can bulk buy...

Chris from Clitheroe

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