Elmbridge Climate Change Commission



waltoncharity

Building a thriving Elmbridge community

Who is Walton Charity?

Walton Charity is a local charitable foundation that strives to understand the needs of those living in Elmbridge.

Our Under The Radar (2022) report found that The majority (75%) of families with children living in poverty in Elmbridge are working families. Median house prices have grown to over 14 times median earnings, with rent prices correspondingly as high.

We use our assets—people, land, property, and funds—to tackle these issues in our local area. Our four priorities are poverty, health, housing, and educational attainment.

Our five-year plan

1) Engaging our community in the big issues facing local people

2) Tackling child poverty in Elmbridge

3) Providing affordable homes

4) Making our charity's assets work hard for our community

5) Being a responsible member of the Elmbridge community

Our history



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The Apps Court Charity is established, required to "distribute alms and give one barrel of ale […] for the soul of the lord king and his ancestors".

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The 'Elizabethan Poor Law' includes a provision for the poor who are too old or infirm to work be taken in by a local almshouse.

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Silversmith Henry Smith bequeaths a portion of estate income "to and for the relief of" those including "the aged poor or infirm" and "poor orphans".

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200 acres in Walton are allotted in trust for the benefit of the poor, which will eventually become allotments, cottages, and village greens.

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The United Charities brings together the ten original charities of the Ancient Parish.

Key messages

Our Vision

An Elmbridge community where everyone has the opportunity and support to live a rewarding life, free from poverty and inequality.

Our Mission

We understand and raise awareness of the impacts of poverty and inequality. Working together with our partners and the community, we initiate and facilitate programmes that deliver tangible and lasting improvements to the quality of life of those living in our borough.

What we do



Grants

We provide different types of funding and grants to local charities, schools, and organisations tackling poverty.

Green Spaces

We make our land and beautiful green spaces available for local people and community groups across Elmbridge.





Housing

We provide independent living for people aged over 55, housing for keyworkers, and social housing for single people at risk of homelessness.

What we do



Foodbank and The Bridge

Walton & Hersham Foodbank provides food to 100 people a week. The Bridge, a shop without a till, has provided food and wraparound support to over 180 families.



Community buildings

We provide buildings and outdoor space to local community groups including Elmbridge Mencap and Walton Sea Cadets. We also have extensive farmland and garden nurseries.



Charities House

Office accommodation in Walton, providing office space and meeting rooms for local charities.

Our achievements 2024/25

5,374

food parcels were distributed through Walton & Hersham Foodbank to local people

£42,97 0

was raised through our match-funded **Cost-of-li ppeal** and **Chr peal**

£829K

of funding was committed across our priority areas: poverty, health, loneliness, housing and education

30

tonnes of food was distributed to local people.

153

people were housed in our **independent living** and **social housing** properties





Volunteers contributed **5,099 volunteering hours** at Walton & Hersham Foodbank, The Bridge, and our green spaces

3,940

local people used our **community green spaces** for exercise, socialising, and to grow fruit & vegetables





85% of grants to our community partners **supported local children and families**



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families were supported through The Bridge

Find out more

