KCOM Community Grants

For nearly 15 years KCOM's Community Grants have been helping local community groups, charities and schools carry out essential work.

From local scout groups seeking a new place to meet to sensory equipment for special needs schools, community gardens and Christmas dinners for the isolated elderly – our community grants have helped to improve the lives of thousands of people across our region.

Our grants are quarterly, meaning we give out three awards of up to £1,000 each, four times a year.

It's easy to apply.

Once you have filled in an application form on behalf of your group, our panel of judges will shortlist six finalists who will then go through to a public vote. Those shortlisted are encouraged to mobilise their army of supporters to vote for them with the three with the most votes wining the grants.

It doesn't matter what your group does. As long as you operate in the Hull, East Yorkshire or North Lincolnshire areas and work to improve your community and the lives of those within it, we want to hear from you.

Groups who have won grants recently include Kingston Amateur Boxing Club, Pocklington Rugby In the Community, The Special Stars Foundation for youngsters with special needs, Friends of Westcott School, baby charity Bundles Of Joy and Bosom Family Support, in Bottesford, near Scunthorpe.

Click on this guide to applying for some helpful hints and tips on what sort of groups and schemes we support and how to make your application stand out.

To apply for a KCOM Community Grant click here

KCOM's Community Chest is an exciting new initiative that could unlock valuable funding for your local organisation, group or club.

As we roll out Lightstream broadband across East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire any group that refers new customers to sign up for our award-winning full fibre service – now available in Driffield, Market Weighton, Goole, Pocklington, Hornsea and Howden – will be able to 'unlock their community chest' and earn valuable funds for their club.

It's easy to take part.

Once you've registered, every new customer signing up to a Lightstream broadband package will be able to name your organisation which will then be eligible to claim a £50 KCOM grant for each new successful referral.

There's no cap on the number of new customers you can refer during your referral period – for example, if you refer 10 new customers you can generate £500 of funding.

So, if any of your friends, family or club members are thinking of upgrading to Lightstream - and opening up a whole new world of online opportunities – make sure they remember to tell us you referred them.

By naming your group when they sign up, you'll unlock funds helping you to carry on the great work you do in the local community.

But only a limited number of groups can take part each month, so if you'd like to be involved please get in touch quickly.

For more details about KCOM Community Chest or to nominate a local group visit www.kcomhome.com/communitychest

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KCOM Kits – Back of the net!

We all love it when our home football team scores.

But now every time Hull City puts the ball in the back of the net, grass roots football teams across the region have extra reason to celebrate.

We've teamed up with the Tigers so that every time they score a league goal at home at the KCOM Stadium, we donate a full Umbro team strip to a local youth football team.

Each kit comprises 15 outfield shirts, shorts and socks and one goalkeeper kit to make sure your team looks its best on the pitch.

One goal is one extra full team kit in the KCOM kitty.

To take part local teams across Hull, East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire just need to register here and we'll do the rest.

At the end of the season we'll tally up how many goals City have scored and then we'll chosse that many clubs at random to be the lucky recipients of a full new team strip.

In the 2019/2020 season the Tigers scored 40 league goals at home, meaning we gave away 40 full team kits to local grass roots youth soccer teams.

KCOM Kits has proved hugely popular since its launch in 2019 with more than 650 local youth football teams, representing more than 100 clubs, applying for the chance to win a strip as part of the scheme.

The lucky winners come from right across the region including Driffield, Hornsea, Withernsea, Goole and Barton – just some of the areas in East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire where KCOM Retail is now expanding its services to.

**KCOM in the community.
It's bigger than broadband**

KCOM has been at the heart of the Hull and East Yorkshire community for nearly 120 years.

During that time the region has seen huge change, but one constant down the decades has been KCOM's dedication to being part of the community it serves and helping the region become a better place to live and work.

The vast majority of our employees grew up and now raise their families in the area – that's why we're committed to helping the local community wherever we can.

That can mean anything from our drivers helping local charities to deliver vital food and prescriptions to vulnerable people during the Covid-19 pandemic, to our engineers digging a ditch for Nafferton Recreation Club to help its gardeners water their allotments.

We've donated Microsoft tablets to isolating patients at Hull and Castle Hill Hospitals to help them keep in touch with friends and family; provided local foodbanks with essential supplies and helped clear wasteland to create gardens for school children with special needs and much, much more.

We've run activity days helping primary school children to understand the internet and provided free resources to parents who are worried about how to keep their kids safe online.

And that's before we even mention our KCOM Community Chest, KCOM Kits initiative and our KCOM Community Grants scheme that has benefitted dozens of local groups and charities across the region.

We do this because we're part of the region and what benefits our local communities benefits us all. Because, for us, it's bigger than broadband.