

Grants awarded to Kent from Fund in 2009-2010:

Group	Amount Awarded	Project
Stone Cum Ebony Fete and Flower Show	£1,500	To fund a storage solution for the two marquees the group now own and to buy tables and chairs for use at the Fete and to loan to other groups and associations in the village.
Friends of Lydd	£1,000	To improve disabled access to the new museum extension.
Lydd Scout And Guide Group	£2,000	To support running costs of the groups mini bus and trailer which are used for transporting members to numerous scout and guide activities.
Lydd Allotments Association	£3,755	To install a poly tunnel to provide a sheltered environment for older plot holders, including raised beds for planting, and water butts.
Stone Cum Ebony Memorial Hall	£3,000	To fund a larger hob and oven and a larger fridge to increase the catering potential of the Hall.
CARM	£5,000	To make up the shortfall in the years running costs.
Tempo Arts	£2,200	To run an intergenerational/interactive/digital/media, community arts project with older people and school children in Romney Marsh villages.
Lydd Club Day Committee	£5,000	To fund a free event to benefit the whole community by funding all aspects of the entertainment.
Lydd Model Flying Club	£3,100	To concrete and level the approach road to the club grounds and to continue to maintain the grounds.
Brenzett After School Club	£375	For a new cooker and for kitchen equipment for cooking sessions with the children.
PCC Old Romney St Clements Church	£2,115	Improving disabled access to the Church.
Romney Marsh Ploughing and Cultivation Society	£1,000	To fund a laptop and a generator.
Friends of Lydd & Lydd Town Museum	£1,300	To fund new brochures to be circulated throughout Kent & Sussex to encourage visitors.
Shepway Blind Support Group	£1,000	To provide entertainment, outings and holidays for members.
Brookland Meeting Point	£2,000	To take members on outings, including a Christmas lunch
Brookland Cricket Club	£3,833	Completely refurbish the Club Pavilion i.e. re-paint the exterior & provide new tables and chairs.

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New Romney Country Fayre	£2,230	Funding was used to fund essential health and safety services, without which the event could not take place. These include hire of toilets, rubbish skips, first aid cover, security, public address system and public liability insurance.
St John Baptist Church	£5,000	The Tower Room is a much needed meeting room in the Church and in the community of Wittersham. Various groups have an interest in using the room outside peak times for the choir and church events.
Oxney Local History Group	£828	Purchase of a multimedia projector to better facilitate group communications and shared learning. Regular briefings and lectures will help stimulate others to contribute to the groups goals.
1st New Romney Scout Group	£1,515	To fund a camp and pack holiday and a day trip.
New Romney Open Air Concert Committee	£1,676	The annual Open Air Concert provides a Community focussed evening of local entertainment, on public free space which unites the whole community, is accessible, and excludes no-one.
CARM	£2,500	To fund meeting points for elderly and vulnerable people in the Marsh to prevent isolation and loneliness and improve well-being. CARM provides a much needed service as there is no social services or commercial equivalent.
Stone Cum Ebony Memorial Hall	£3,355	Replacement of a window in the memorial hall which is difficult to access due to gabling.
2513 Romney Marsh Sqn ATC	£4,765	New uniforms for all the cadets.
All Saints Church Lydd	£5,000	To support running costs of All saints Church which is a central meeting place for members of the community of all ages. The Church is also used for concerts, as a meeting place for local youth groups and it has a drop in centre with an area to chat and have coffee. The Church also organises popular local history events.
Romney Marsh Day Centre	£5,000	To support community transport in the rural and isolated area of the Romney Marsh where public transport is very limited and restrictive and older and less able people are often unable to get to the local pick up points.
Romney Marsh Responders	£2,700	To support this vital service for the residents of the Romney Marsh. Last year alone there were over 1,000 calls just to the Lydd area, although the ambulance is always sent it can't always get there within 8 minutes. During the summer months the Marsh population swells and demands are even higher.
Gardening for the Disabled Trust	£50	
Shepway Blind Support Group	£2,000	To provide social activities for the blind in the Shepway community such as, meetings, quizzes, musical events, outings and holidays.
Romney Marsh Day Centre	£2,000	To support the refurbishment and modernisation of what were very tired, institutionalised looking, day room and catering facilities. The aim is to create a community hub where people

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		want to come and spend time, including a small internet cafe, a creative zone enabling the expansion of art and poetry groups and a friends and food zone offering a relaxed atmosphere where people can meet.
Connexions Partnership Kent & Medway	£2,000	To support, Back on Track, a 3 week motivational project aimed at NEET young people (16-19) who need support in taking their next step to employment, further education or training. The programme includes team building, outdoor activities, CV writing and preparing for interviews.
Romney Marsh Visitor Centre	£2,000	To support the transformation of a dilapidated old out-building on the site into an exciting new art gallery and exhibition space. The aim is to provide an additional attraction for visitors, and to provide a space for the local creative community to showcase their work, the grant supported this redevelopment.
Lydd Scout And Guide Group	£2,000	To support the Group HQ's refurbishment with a new roof covering, upgrading insulation, new ceiling, provision of disabled WC, showers, new kitchen, new flooring throughout, new heating and decoration.

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New Romney Sea Cadets	£5,000	Towards the costs of replacing the groups minibus to transport Cadets to training, sport and community events, and bands performances.
Brenzett After School Club	£1,700	To cover the salaries of two part time members of staff for the summer term. This is a rurally isolated population, and the after school club can represent the only time some of these children have to socialise with their peers.
1st New Romney Scout Group	£1,320	To cover transport costs for the scouts, cubs and beavers of New Romney and St Marys Bay.
Brookland Village Hall Committee	£2,500	To fund the costs of a small mechanical floor cleaner to bring the floor back to life so that it looks smart and clean for those that hire the Hall. The grant also funded new curtains and the boarding of part of the loft to enable groups to access storage space.
Romney Marsh Ploughing & Cultivation Society	£965	To purchase equipment to enable the Annual Ploughing Match to continue well into the future.
Brenzett Aeronautical Museum Trust	£1,200	To continue to preserve the second world war aircraft, particularly for the benefit of school children, Scout Groups and other organisations who visit the Museum in connection with their studies, and for members of the public who are interested in our heritage.
New Romney Community Skate/Bike Park	£3,500	Towards a Skate Park for use by Skate Boarders, Scooters, roller bladers and BMX riders.

CARM	£3,000	To support the salary costs of a part time co-ordinator of the CARM Meeting Points closest to the wind farm. CARM operates drop-in centres in 9 locations: Appledore, Brookland, Burmarsh, Greatstone, Dymchurch, Lydd, Rolverden, Tenterden and Woodchurch, offering older people the opportunity to meet up, make friends, have a drink/chat and to participate in planned activities. Meeting Points are now well established and are seen as an integral part of the local community.
Lydd Allotments Association	£2,500	To fence one side of allotments.
Romney Marsh Day Centre	£3,500	To develop the Social activities programme at the Day Centre and to develop a small pilot project offering wellbeing/relaxation clinics for both informal carers and clients. A qualified therapist will offer individual sessions enabling the individual to focus on their general health and wellbeing.
New Romney Counselling Services	£5,000	To cover the sessional and admin costs of delivering individual counselling sessions to children and young people from various referrals in a location close to their home and at a time convenient to them. Many of the young people we work with are, or have been child victims suffering various types of abuse that can lead to them becoming adult victims or adult abusers. These young people, as well as others, can display inappropriate anger, violence, self-harm, turn to substance abuse and suicide attempts. Individual counselling is aimed to empower children and young people to change patterns of detrimental behaviour and offer strategies to manage the future, helping them to increase their self-esteem, and self-confidence and enabling them to re integrate into society and become good citizens.
1st Greatstone Joint Management Committee	£1,222	For fire safety equipment.

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Brenzett After School Club	£1,454	We would like to run sports and cookery sessions at the Club. Previous experience tells us that the children really enjoy these activities, and numbers attending Club on these days increases. The children will help to plan the cookery sessions by choosing what they want to prepare, and then take home their dishes to their families. The sessions will expand the children's range of flavours and tastes. A recent survey showed us that although most of the children report eating fruit and veg, the range of these was limited to four or five of each. We also asked the children if they would like sports at Club, and they responded with a resounding 'yes'. These activities will be advertised in the neighbouring school, Brookland, as being open to their pupils too. Children from Brookland have attended Brenzett After School Club previously.

1st Lydd Scout Troop	£1,831	As we celebrate 100 years of our group being registered this year we would like to commemorate the event by purchasing new colours for our sections (the scout one is at least 50 years old) also special badge for everyone to mark the occasion. It is also our duty this year to host the Romney Marsh district St Georges day Scouts Own and parade. So we would like to make this special by hiring a Band.
Romney Marsh Network	£3,000	Funding is in support for the continuation of the RMN by providing the administration and venue support costs to run meetings every eight weeks over the next three years. The RMN has been highly commended for its work over the past 18 years so that regional and national organisation can share good practise, provide assistance (i.e. Big Lottery, Awards for All) and share experiences in a joined up way at a local level to benefit local Romney Marsh community organisations.
Lydd Youth Set	£1,400	We are looking for help to cover the cost of our up and coming insurance renewal, which includes buildings, contents, employee and public liability.
Stone cum Ebony Community Sport and Recreation Group	£2,000	Purchase play equipment for the recreation ground including: Four Log Walks, Wobble Board, Zig Zag Rope, Mini Web, Inclined Twine, The Ledge, Roll and Rope.
Lydd Twinning Association	£5,000	Host a camp for 30 young people age 13 - 17 years from Lydd, Etrechy and Ostrach (being reciprocal hospitality after visiting France and Germany in previous years). A study theme will be set which will be the focus for discussions and visits during the 10 days. The grant will be used to fund some of the transport and accommodation. The aim of these camps being to widen the participants' knowledge and understanding of each other's communities and cultures and develop lasting personal relationships. Follow up to this year's visit was a renewed
CARM	£5,000	CARM would use the grant towards the running costs of the Well-being at Home service, which is essentially a befriending service. Co-ordinators recruit volunteers to match with clients who generally live alone in their own home. Volunteers usually visit their client once a week to chat, play board games and occasionally go out. For many people the volunteer befriender is the only person they see all week, so it is a real lifeline for many of our clients. We also recently started visiting individuals who live in residential care – one home in Littlestone and two in Tenterden. This service was introduced as our experience indicated that some individuals find the transition of moving from their own home to residential care difficult leaving them feeling lonely and isolated, even though they are living with other older people. Additionally, some residents do not have any other relatives or friends who visit them.
Lydd Town Football Club	£5,000	We will install 12 floodlights around perimeter of Lydd Town Football Club's pitch. The floodlights are vital in allowing us to continue playing in the Kent Invicta League as the installation of floodlights is a mandatory stipulation for membership of the 2013/14 league.

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Lydd Allotments	£1,250	The allotments association is clearing some areas of the site and wish to compost rather than burn waste; they want to purchase a petrol shredder to do so.
Shepway and Dover Mediation	£3,000	The mediation service wants to expand its current peer mediation programme 'Playground Peacekeepers' to the 6 Primary Schools on Romney Marsh not currently running it. The organisation would like to train local volunteers (targeting active retired people and school leavers) to run the scheme, which teaches children how to solve playground disputes themselves.
Nomads Archery Club	£1,293	The club wish to purchase equipment to enable them to train newcomers to the sport. There are few opportunities for youngsters in the locality, and as they need to be accompanied by an adult on their first trip, the adult invariably partakes themselves, and finish up joining as well.
CARM	£3,000	CARM runs 8 Meeting Points across Romney Marsh and rural parts of Ashford. The Meeting Points offer mainly older people the opportunity to meet up, make friends, have a drink/chat, play games and quizzes, receive useful information and to participate in planned activities. CARM provides a part-time paid Co-ordinator whose role is to ensure that each MP remains active and vibrant as well as promoting the services and ensuring there are sufficient volunteers to maintain the services.
Lydd Methodist Church	£800	Due to heavy rains at the beginning of the year, water has come through the flat roof, in to the boiler house, and toilet area, and into the kitchen and hall. The damage needs to be repaired in the roof, hall and kitchen to bring back up to an acceptable usable standard.
Appledore Recreation Ground	£500	The committee wishes to refurbish the existing old tennis court to reinstate it to a safe a playable standard. They believe from the level of interest that there is a strong possibility of a tennis club being started and the committee would encourage this and give them use of the social part of the Pavilion and the changing rooms and showers. The existing facility is dangerous due to broken fencing and loose wire hanging down into the court. The surface is also uneven and without marking. It poses hazards especially for children.

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Short Haired Bumble Project - run by Hymettus Ltd	£2,400	The project aims to improve the wild flower habitat on the Little Cheyne Court Wind Farm site. This is an important site for rare bumblebees as four of the five rarest UK species have been recorded there. The grant is used to buy the equipment needed to manage and maintain the habitat and the wild flower seed. This included a strimmer, petrol lawn mower, spades, forks and personal protection equipment.
JAM	£5,000	To support JAM on the Marsh 2015 festival. JAM ran 20 events across the Marsh which included international musicians and local artists.
Brookland Village Hall Committee	£2,000	To purchase new crockery (plates, cups, saucers, side plates) and cutlery for the groups who use the hall to make use of when they hire the premises. Additionally, the grant was used to replace the brickwork & grating in the entrance area and towards the purchase of new external flood lighting on the outside of the Hall to make it safe for the elderly residents.
Art in Romney Marsh	£2,500	The grant was provided for a learning programme for adults with severe intellectual and physical disability. The main outcomes is to provide visits for people with disabilities to local heritage sites that are new to them and to learn about the history/architecture and landscapes providing an off-site experience.
Sabotage Theatre CIC	£2,000	The project is to perform the play 'Owlers' at 5 locations around the Marsh. They performed it twice last year in JAM on the Marsh.
Romney Marsh Day Centre	£3,700	Funding provided for the running costs of the day Centre coffee bar.
Brenzett Village Hall Management Committee	£3,221	Refurbishment of the hall and outside area, to make the area safer, especially for older users. Extensive work within the grounds (hedge cutting, clearing overgrown shrubs, clearing to lay new turf, severe cutting back of conifer trees)
1st Greatstone Joint Management Committee	£3,652	Replacing existing strip lights and lighting fixtures with LED lights and fittings. LED will be longer lasting and more eco-friendly.
Lydd Town Football Club	£5,000	Grant to be used towards the cost of a new 50 seat spectator stand as part of refurbishments the club are doing. They are also replacing some fencing and re-surfacing walkways.
New Romney Counselling Centre	£5,000	NRCS has seen a rise in child/young person referrals and is creating a designated set of 5 counselling rooms in recently purchased and refurbished building in the High Street New Romney. The request is for running costs to meet the needs of those additional children coming to use the services.

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1st Lydd Scout Troop	£2,100	To purchase equipment for the scouts such as poles, a tent, camping kettle, strimmer and lawnmower. This will replace old and no longer suitable equipment.
Brookland Cricket Club	£1,305	To purchase a wicket mower for pitch improvement.
JAM	£2,500	Funding was provided towards the cost of running the JAM on the Marsh 2016 event.
Kent Wildlife Trust	£1,517	Funding has been provided for the purchase of various items for the community exhibition area in the Romney Marsh Visitor Centre which is owned and managed by Kent Wildlife Trust.
Lydd Club Day Committee	£2,500	Funding provided for the running costs of the event.
Marsh Millions "Shabby Chic" Employment Project - Shedworks	£5,000	This shedworks project is run by Romney Marsh Day Centre and MACH (Marsh Academy). The grant is to be used towards the lease of a premise for a year. It would combine a shop frontage with a workshop space.
New Romney Old School Trust	£5,000	The Old School is a restored Victorian school building used by the local community. Funding provided for the replacement of Boiler for heating.
Romney Marsh Day Centre	£5,000	Contribution towards the costs of furnishing the new hub in the day centre.
St Mary in the Marsh Project Fund	£1,000	To replace existing community noticeboard, which has deteriorated beyond repair, with a new hardwood noticeboard.