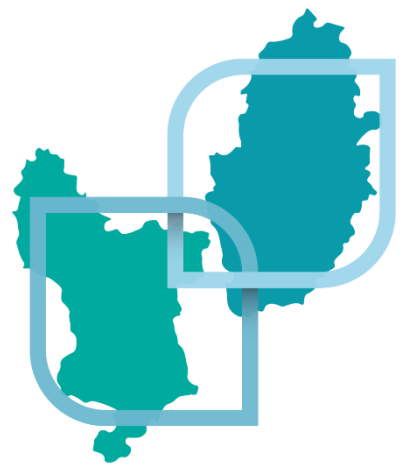


UK Shared Prosperity Fund

‘High Peak Community Infrastructure Grant’

Case Study



Whitfield Together Ltd



About

Whitfield Together Ltd are a registered charity (Charity No: 1218126) dedicated to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment that fosters social connections, strengthens community spirit, and inspires creativity.

This grant supported the upgrade of the kitchen at the Whitfield Community Centre to a commercial-grade facility to meet the growing demand for their food-poverty related services. Funding was used to purchase and install essential commercial equipment, including a gas cooker, dishwasher, under-counter fridge, microwave, and an auto-fill water boiler. In addition, modular lockers were purchased, allowing volunteers and hirers to securely store belongings while using the centre.



Whitfield
Community Centre

- **£9,000 awarded**
- **16 volunteering opportunities created as a result of support**
- **Improved kitchen facilities**
- **Increased bookings for room hire supported by kitchen improvements**



Before

The Grant Scheme

This project was funded by East Midlands Combined County Authority and the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The grant scheme was administered by High Peak Borough Council.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund provided £25.17 million of funding for local investment across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire in 2025/26. This funding, distributed by the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA), aims to boost pride in place and increase life chances in the region. The investment will focus on supporting communities and businesses, as well as developing skills for individuals.

Impact

This grant funding assisted in enhancing operational capacity; allowing more people to be served, run additional events and deliver higher-quality services. It has enabled the introduction of new programmes such as cookery classes, themed community meals and catering for larger events, as well as support new partnership initiatives.

By improving efficiency and reducing equipment downtime, output is able to be increased without increasing costs. This supports the long-term financial sustainability of Whitfield Together and aids them in reaching more in need of social contact and support with food costs and preparation.



“The result is a highly functional, professional kitchen much more suitable for our centre’s needs, that will offer higher capability and capacity and improved hygiene through easier cleaning than before...Overall we are delighted with the results.”

Stephen Pettifer – Director, Whitfield Together Ltd



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