



Distribution of Household Support Fund via Bolton's Fund

Bolton Community Furniture

March 2024

Opened in 2019, Bolton's Fund is a VCSE grants programme for Bolton.

The fund is independently managed on behalf of the council by Bolton CVS and assessed by a team of trained community volunteers.

Bolton's Fund has played a vital role in the effective distribution of a portion of Household Support Fund (HSF) monies to VCSE groups. This has enabled groups to directly support Bolton people within their communities and has been pivotal to reaching people who traditionally do not engage with other methods of support distribution.



Bolton Community Furniture Store

Awarded £17,363.50 of Household Support Fund (HSF) in December 2022

Bolton Community Furniture Store helps people in Bolton improve their homes through the supply of new and reused furniture, electrical appliances and paint.

HSF funding enabled Bolton Community Furniture Store to extend their offer to additional families and provide support in relation to the supply of household furniture, white goods and beds.

In March 2023 representatives from Bolton Council and Bolton CVS visited Bolton Community Furniture Store to find out how HSF had positively impacted Bolton residents.

The funding provided in December 2022 supported 70 households with 58 of the households with children and 11 households with a disabled person.

A father of three children was provided with a cooker so he could cook healthy meals for his children. The provision of the cooker took the pressure and worry away from him trying to find the money to buy a new cooker. He felt much better knowing he was able to cook healthy food for his children.

A Mum with two children was provided with a set of drawers and a wardrobe.

Due to the furniture store being able to provide the items the Mum felt less stressed as it took the pressure away from her trying to find money to buy the items



A further £22,368.00 of HSF was funded in August 2023

To date funding provided has supported 58 households with over 30 of the households with children and 23 households with a disabled person.

[Home - Bolton Community Furniture Store \(bcfs.org.uk\)](http://bcfs.org.uk)

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