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Postcode Neighbourhood Trust’s mission is to support charities and local good causes in the North of England, through grant funding, to make a difference in their communities.

Over the last 4 years (2021 to 2024), we awarded over £15.2 million to charities and other good causes in support of this mission.

### Meeting the needs of good causes

At Postcode Neighbourhood Trust, we believe in listening to good causes and tailoring our support to reflect their needs. Over the past four years, we’ve evolved our funding approach to better reflect these needs, basing these changes on our own research as well as sector best practice. What began as project-based funding has steadily progressed, first to include core costs, then to offer unrestricted funding. Today, we are proud to provide exclusively unrestricted funding, grounded in our belief that the organisations we support are the true experts in their communities.

This shift is rooted in trust. We recognise that those on the ground are best placed to decide how to use resources for the greatest impact. As we take the next step by introducing multi-year funding, our commitment remains the same: to learn, to grow and to adapt, ensuring our programmes continue to empower grassroots organisations to thrive.

### Funding in numbers

921 good causes funded through our community grants!

### Working in Partnership

We also collaborate closely with our grant-making partners to reach hundreds of grassroots good causes. By working with these partners, we are able to draw on their expertise and specialist sector knowledge, which enhances the effectiveness of our support. It also allows us to extend our impact and work with different types of organisations, such as schools, that are not catered for in our standard grant programmes

#### Case Study

##### Learning Through Landscapes

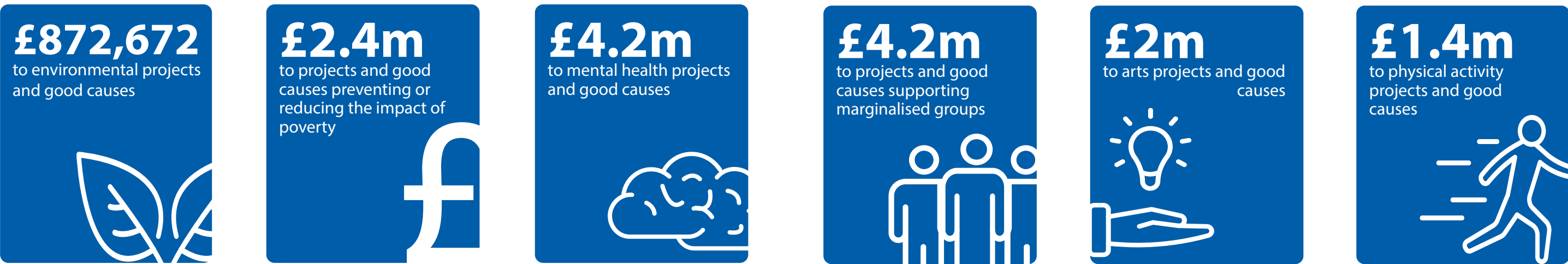
##### Learning through Landscapes’ Local School Nature Grants

programme empowered schools and early years settings in England, Scotland, and Wales to take the classroom outdoors by providing £500 worth of outdoor learning resources, along with two hours of expert-led training for up to 30 staff members. Between 2021 and 2024, a total of £3,870,497 was awarded to support approximately 2,800 schools, including £816,261 allocated to 604 groups in the North of England.

This partnership exemplifies how collaborative funding can create meaningful, lasting impact, helping children connect with nature and enhancing outdoor education across the country.



Learning Through Landscapes - Heatherbrook Primary Academy, Leicester. July 2021.





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### Feel Good Gardens



**Feel Good Gardens** is a Community Interest Company based at a welcoming community garden site at Forestry Holdings, adjacent to Sherwood Pines in North Nottinghamshire. The organisation provides a peaceful, inclusive space where individuals, particularly those living with mental and physical health challenges, can connect with nature, learn new skills, and experience the therapeutic benefits of gardening and outdoor activity.

In 2024, Feel Good Gardens received a £2,500 grant from the Postcode Neighbourhood Trust. This funding supported the delivery of gardening and cooking sessions tailored to individuals facing mental and physical health challenges. These sessions offered participants a chance to engage in meaningful, hands-on activities in a supportive environment, promoting both physical well-being and emotional resilience.

The impact of this funding has been tangible and uplifting. Participants reported improved mood, reduced isolation, and a greater sense of purpose and community. The sessions also helped individuals develop practical skills in gardening and healthy cooking, contributing to long-term wellbeing and self-sufficiency. The Trust's support enabled Feel Good Gardens to continue its mission of using nature as a tool for healing and empowerment, making a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.



Postcode Neighbourhood Trust is a registered charity with the Scottish Charity regulator OSCR and has been in operation since 2019. The trust operates its own society lottery and receives all its funding from the players of People's Postcode Lottery.

An independent board of trustees is legally responsible for the governance of the trust and how it is managed.