

End of Grant Feedback

Name: **Leatherhead Youth Project Ltd**

Date Approved: **16/07/2025**

Total Amount Awarded:
£2100.00

Amount Awarded by Fund:
Mole Valley Community Fund
£2100.00

Project Summary:
Funding towards the purchase costs of new furniture for a youth club in Leatherhead.

Primary Beneficiary:
Children and Young People

Primary Age Group:
Young People (13 – 18)

How many people benefitted?

338

What difference has the grant made?

The grant from the Mole Valley Community Fund enabled us to purchase new tub chairs and sofa for BFree, our after-school youth café. The previous chairs had reached the end of their useful life after many years of daily use, with some already having to be disposed of because they were no longer safe. Replacing them has significantly improved the comfort, appearance and functionality of one of the most important areas within the café.

BFree provides a safe, welcoming space for local young people to relax, build positive friendships and develop trusted relationships with our qualified youth workers. The new chairs have created a comfortable environment where young people naturally gather to talk, play games, reflect on their day and, when needed, open up about challenges they are facing. Having attractive, comfortable furniture sends an important message that they are valued and that this is a space that has been created with them in mind.

The furniture is used every day that BFree is open. During the last year alone, 338 individual young people accessed BFree, all benefiting from a safe, welcoming and comfortable environment in which to spend time after school. The new chairs support both informal conversations between peers and the one-to-one discussions that are often the starting point for young people seeking advice or support with issues such as mental health, family relationships, education and wellbeing. As durable, high-quality furniture, they will continue to benefit many hundreds more local young people in the years to come.

The wider community also benefits from having a high-quality, welcoming youth space where young people can spend time safely after school, reducing social isolation and providing positive opportunities to connect with others. As with the original application, young people were involved in identifying the need for the new furniture and agreed that replacing the chairs should be a priority. We are extremely grateful to the Mole Valley Community Fund for helping us create an environment that reflects the value we place on every young person who walks through our doors.

Thank you so much for your support!

Leatherhead Youth Project Ltd