

Community Benefit Fund Open Havelock Regeneration Project

CASE STUDY



COUNTY:
Borough of Ealing

ORGANISATION:
Ealing Council and Catalyst

FUNDING THEME:
Green Regeneration

AMOUNT SECURED:
£5,000

CONTRACT PERIOD:
6 months

WEBSITE:
www.openhavelock.com

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The 1960s Havelock Estate is situated in Southall, part of the London Borough of Ealing. It has dramatically prospered through LHC's brilliant community benefit fund.

The funding for the Open Havelock regeneration project has helped many residents who have lived there for over 30 years to enjoy the Grand Union Canal, which is unique to the local area, and which was previously underutilised. It has also contributed to the redevelopment of disused garages a footbridge, creating a new pedestrian and a cycling link to the Havelock estate.

MISSION

To support and strengthen the Havelock community by providing play, sport, and recreation opportunities and transforming the estate's redundant and misused areas to deter criminal activity through natural surveillance.



IMPACT

The landscaping of Havelock Estate has improved the access to the open community space such as the English Heritage site. It has also reduced isolation and reinforced social cohesion, physical health, and mental wellbeing, which has led to a positive community spirit.



MOVING FORWARD

In the coming months, there will be:

- An open day for potential operators
- Walking tours as part of the Open House event
- Workshops in schools to facilitate the ongoing participation in the project



The landscaping project is predicted to be in its final stages by September 2022. During that time, the community will continue contributing to the regeneration process through various community engagement and collaboration sessions.

“ The Grand Union Canal is a fantastic feature of the Havelock neighbourhood. The Open Havelock project will improve the connection to this valuable green space for people living locally. By activating and enhancing the green spaces and garages adjacent to the canal and improving the towpath, it will become a safe and accessible route that increasingly people will enjoy through walking, cycling and getting active. ”

Nicola Wheeler

Project Manager

ABOUT THE LHC COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

In each region, LHC members have the opportunity to create and distribute a Community Benefit Fund generated from the rebate they receive if they spend over a specified threshold on LHC frameworks.

In each region LHC appoint an independent community benefit agency to work with members to find a local charity partner. For London and the South East, LHC works closely with specialist community support network Locality. Now in its fourth year, the fund has invested in excess of £325,000 in 51 community projects, targeting a diverse range of needs.

To find out more about the fund and LHC's other community projects visit: [community benefits webpage](#). For more information on Locality and their work, visit: www.locality.org.uk.