

Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust

Gorse Covert Community Centre



Intelligent Energy Charitable Trust first launched in January 2019 with the aim to make a positive impact on the local community it operates within. The Charitable Trust supports charitable and voluntary organisations, local to Intelligent Energy's headquarters in Loughborough, which support and aid amongst others; community groups, young people, sport and lifelong learning.

The Trust currently distributes £100,000 each year and several organisations have already benefited from funding awards, including Gorse Covert Community Centre who received £1,500 in 2022.

Gorse Covert Community Centre (GCCC) is a vibrant community centre based in Loughborough. The centre was established in 1981 and is a popular venue providing a wide range of activities.

The GCCC Kids Club was initially set up to provide a cost-effective service for children, parents and carers to attend, play games, do arts and craft activities and socialise. The Club has become a circle of support for many, with families attending regularly.

The team deliver activities and opportunities that are relevant and meaningful to visitors, welcoming and supporting not only children, but also parents and other family members.

The Intelligent Energy grant has allowed the Kids Club to continue providing sessions every Saturday and provide an affordable group for children and their families to attend. The money has also meant that equipment, games and craft supplies could be upgraded.

Without grants like this, GCCC would not be able to offer valuable sessions like the Kids Club to the community.

'We are immensely grateful for the donation and what it means for people and families who attend our Community Centre.'

Hear J's story, a regular visitor of the Kids Club:

J, is a 12 year old boy with additional needs. He struggles in the school environment, however the Kids Club helps him to feel included and he likes helping set up and pack away games for the other children.

J has also made friends at the Kids Club and he is much more chatty and confident. His mum says he looks forward to coming every week.

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