



Cloudesley

Support in Islington for 500 years



**Annual Review
2020/21**



CLOUDESLEY

Cloudesley is an Islington-based charitable trust that makes grants to local people, organisations and churches. We aim to have a significant positive impact on people's lives.

Through our health grants programme, we make small crisis and developmental grants to Islington residents who are struggling financially. We also fund local organisations and projects which address health inequalities.

Our church grants programme supports the Church of England churches in Islington by making grants to help repair their buildings and maintain services.

The charity's history dates back to 1517, when Tudor yeoman and Islington resident Richard Cloudesley wrote his will.

This review covers our work from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, a period in which the needs of local residents, organisations and churches continued to change in response to the ongoing impacts of Covid-19.

GRANTS MADE IN 2020/21

£1,657,679

Total grants awarded

£105,457

Health grants for individuals

£762,405

Health grants for organisations

£789,817

Church grants

Including additional Covid-19 grants

£390,146

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Health & welfare grants for Islington residents



Our Cloudesley Partners scheme makes small crisis welfare grants of up to £500 to local residents. Grants are made to people who have physical or mental health problems or who are disabled and in need of financial support. We are grateful to the local organisations which administered this programme during the year, assessing individual funding requests and making grants to residents.

In more usual times, Cloudesley Partner grants are used for a wide variety of purposes, such as buying white goods, paying for Debt Relief Orders, mobility aids or emergency clothing.

Over the course of 2020/21, 1,049 crisis welfare grants were made to local people, including a particularly high proportion of grants for emergency food and funding, often as people waited for their first Universal Credit payment to be made. To deal with increased levels of need, Cloudesley agreed an additional £28,000 for partner organisations to pass on to local residents during the year.

Islington Law Centre

Cloudesley Partners during 2020/21

Organisation	Main activities/health focus
Age UK Islington	Provide advice, guidance and support to adults of all ages
Centre 404	Provide support to people with learning disabilities and their families
Community Language Support Services	Assist refugees from East Africa to access mainstream services
Consonant – <i>closed from August 2020</i>	Legal advice and support for asylum seekers seeking refuge from human rights abuses
FCV Dorcas	Support services for older people living in south Islington
Help on Your Doorstep	Work with Islington residents to improve lives, enhance wellbeing and strengthen communities
Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants	Support for asylum seekers, particularly those who don't yet speak English
Islington Law Centre	Specialist advice and other legal services
Islington Mind	Services to local residents seeking mental health advice & support
Islington People's Rights	Independent specialist welfare benefits and debt advice service to Islington residents
The Manna	Practical support, advice and care for homeless people, those at risk of becoming homeless or those affected by addictions
Manor Gardens Centre	Deliver a range of health, wellbeing and therapeutic services
The Margins Project	Support for people facing homelessness, in crisis or isolated
Peter Bedford Housing Association	Support for excluded people to help them move on to greater independence
Resident Support Scheme, London Borough of Islington	Support for Islington residents facing severe financial hardship and in need of one-off or temporary help with urgent living costs
Solace Women's Aid	Provide refuge and support for women and families affected by domestic violence
St Luke's Parochial Trust	Provide a range of activities and services in EC1
St Mungo's	Help people recover from the issues that create homelessness

CATALYST

The Catalyst Fund scheme makes grants of up to £500 to help local residents meet personal goals and connect to opportunities. Run in partnership with Cripplegate Foundation, in 2020/21, Cloudesley made block grants to eight partner organisations, with Age UK Islington joining the scheme for the first time.

For much of the year, the organisations administering these grants found that dealing with the immediate impacts of Covid-19 meant there was less time for developmental work with their service users. Despite this, the Cloudesley-funded organisations made 91 grants to local residents, including for laptops to enable access to online courses, an exercise bike and funding for a security guard licence as a route to employment.

Health grants for organisations

Cloudesley's Health Grants Programme 2019-24 aims to reduce health inequalities by improving the health outcomes of people living in poverty and experiencing multiple disadvantages, including homelessness, substance misuse, mental illness, domestic violence and abuse.

During 2020/21, Cloudesley's funding included:

- new multi-year grants for six local organisations for their work to address health inequalities, as well as for Islington Giving
- continued multi-year funding for Centre 404, The Manna, The Maya Centre and Solace Women's Aid
- funding for Help on Your Doorstep and Islington Law Centre for advocacy and advice services for Islington residents
- Small Grants for 14 projects supporting people acutely affected by the impacts of Covid-19
- a grant of £22,000 for Islington Refugee and Migrant Forum to enable it to offer more support to its member organisations to help them respond to Covid-19

Home-Start
Camden & Islington

GRANTS FOR ORGANISATIONS £762,405 AGREED DURING 2020/21 INCLUDING:

Multi-year grants

Organisation	Grant purpose	Grant
Holloway Neighbourhood Group	Improving Mental Health and Wellbeing Project	£90,000
Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants	Support Service	£90,000
The Margins Project	The Margins Plus Project	£87,405
St Luke's Parochial Trust	Helping Hands Project	£90,000
The Stuart Low Trust	Arts, Nature and Wellbeing Programme	£90,000
Manor Gardens Centre	Connecting for Health	£45,000
	Project evaluation	£2,000
Islington Giving	For work with Islington residents with health needs or disabilities who are living in poverty	£100,000

Small Grants – one year project grants of up to £10,000

Organisation	Grant purpose
ALAG/Autism Hub Islington	Partners for Health – Covid Response Project
The Elfrida Society	Health advocacy for people with learning disabilities
Healthwatch Islington	Keep Connected
Healthy Generations	Fit Generations
Home-Start Camden & Islington	Home-Start Family Support Islington
Islington Mind	Covid Recovery Enablement
Islington People's Rights	IPR KidsSupport
Life Chances in partnership with AFLAH	Reducing Health Inequalities for Ethiopian and Somali communities in Islington
Manor Gardens Centre	Connecting the Unconnected
Mencap Islington	Islington Me-Time Sensory Wild Garden
Mer-IT Digital	Computers for disadvantaged families in Islington
One True Voice	Covid Fight Back!
Prospex	Prospex Listens and Cares
Single Homeless Project	Trauma-informed therapy interventions for people experiencing multiple disadvantages in Islington

A full list of our health and welfare grants is available to view online at www.cloudesley.org.uk

HEALTH GRANTS IN MORE DETAIL

Main Health Grants Programme

£592,957

Grants agreed for 31 organisations through Individual and Organisational Health Grants Programmes

Covid-19 Grants

£276,905

Grants agreed for 15 organisations, with additional funding for Cloudesley Partners crisis welfare grants

MANOR GARDENS CENTRE

Based in Islington since 1913, Manor Gardens is a health and wellbeing charity. It runs a wide range of services which promote mental and physical health, and which increase social inclusion.

In September 2020, Cloudesley agreed an 18-month Development Fund grant of £45,000 for Manor Gardens to develop its new Health Connector service. The grant has enabled Manor Gardens to open its doors to anyone needing help, with many new people accessing support from the organisation for the first time.

Cloudesley also agreed a £2,000 grant for Manor Gardens so that an external evaluation of the new Health Connector service could be undertaken to assess its impact.



ISLINGTON GIVING

Islington Giving brings together funders, local businesses, voluntary organisations and residents to address poverty and inequality in the borough. It is currently investing in work which:

- Supports families
- Connects with isolated people
- Improves mental health
- Helps give children and young people the best chance in life

In 2020/21, Cloudesley agreed £100,000 towards Islington Giving's work with local residents who have health needs or disabilities and who are living in poverty.

RESPONDING TO COVID-19

During 2020/21, local voluntary and community organisations in Islington continued to adapt their services in response to Covid-19. Many switched to providing services online or over the telephone, or offered socially distanced and outdoor activities when this was possible to ensure that people received the connection, help and support they needed.

Cloudesley ran an additional Small Grants funding round, with grants made to one-year projects supporting people most adversely affected by the impacts of Covid-19. Cloudesley's £10,000 grant to Mer-IT Digital meant the organisation was able to increase the number of refurbished computers it could give to local people with health needs. The project helped address digital exclusion, ensuring that people could access health services and other online support and activities, whilst also reducing isolation.



Mer-IT Digital

Grants for Islington's churches

Cloudesley's Church Grants Programme for 2020-25 prioritises applications which address the upkeep and repair of the church buildings in the Islington Deanery, including for:

- Major works and buildings projects
- Preventative works and simple repairs
- Project development and feasibility studies
- Developing church capacity to deal with buildings issues and/or maintenance of services
- Urgent repairs

Twice a year, Cloudesley invites funding applications from Islington's Church of England churches. During 2020/21, grants were agreed for a wide range of purposes including installing a ramp to improve access, addressing health and safety issues, and funding for essential stonework and roof repairs.

In 2020/21, Cloudesley agreed 49 grants totalling £789,817 for 24 Islington churches¹. This included funding of £676,576 from our main Church Grants programme.



St Clement's Church

Outside the main funding rounds, churches can apply for small grants to deal with urgent and unforeseen repairs. During the year, Emmanuel Church received an urgent grant for repairs to a gas pipe and to renew the gas supply to the church building so that its worship services could continue, and St John Upper Holloway received a small urgent grant towards crypt repairs.

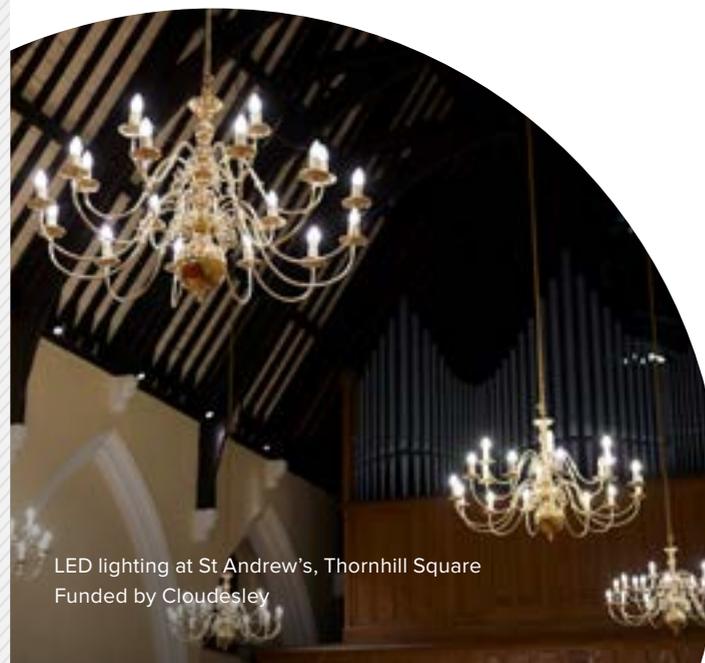
¹ Grant funding of £32,482 was written back to the Church Grants programme during the year and became available for recommitment through the programme

COVID-19

To help the churches respond to the ongoing impacts of the pandemic, the charity agreed additional funding of £113,241 during 2020/21.

This included 18 small grants of up to £5,000 for 17 churches, mostly for purchasing audio-visual equipment or upgrading wi-fi to enable the streaming or recording of online services. With the easing of lockdown and other restrictions, many of the churches began offering a mix of in-person and online services, recognising the access benefits that this can offer to people.

In response to Covid-19, many funders revised their grant priorities during 2020 to address immediate needs. However, this meant that some churches found it difficult to raise funding from other sources. Because of this, Christ Church were unable to raise the balance required for important repairs to their pinnacles. As a result, Cloudesley agreed a grant of £33,440 to enable these works to proceed.



LED lighting at St Andrew's, Thornhill Square
Funded by Cloudesley

CHURCH GRANTS IN MORE DETAIL

Main Church Grants Programme

£676,576

30 grants agreed for 21 of Islington's Church of England churches

Covid-19 Support Grants

£113,241

19 grants agreed for 17 churches

OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Our Most Holy Redeemer is a Grade II* Listed Church in Exmouth Market, Clerkenwell. Its neighbouring Institute building is used for mission purposes and to generate income.

For several years, both the church and the Institute building had experienced chronic water ingress because of the poor condition of the roofs and rainwater goods. This had badly damaged the fabric of the buildings and became a health and safety risk, with the building added to the Heritage at Risk Register.

In November 2020, Cloudesley agreed a grant of £50,000 for the church for urgent roof and rainwater goods repairs. Along with funding from Historic England towards the Institute building, the church undertook the substantial repairs in 2021.



ISLINGTON CHURCH BUILDINGS FORUM

Working with the Islington Deanery, in 2020/21, Cloudesley helped convene two meetings of the Islington Church Buildings Forum. These online meetings brought church representatives together to share information and experiences about church buildings projects.

The forum meetings included presentations on health and safety, compliance issues and making the most of church buildings assets.

ST ANDREW WHITEHALL PARK

In November 2020, Cloudesley agreed a grant of £30,000 for St Andrew Whitehall Park towards repairing and refurbishing the church's kitchen and toilets, both of which were in need of major work.

The changes to the kitchen and toilets form part of St Andrew's larger plans to ensure that the church offers inclusive facilities and is better equipped to meet the needs of the services and other events that are held in the building.



Photo provided by St Andrew's Church

A full list of our church grants is available to view online at www.cloudesley.org.uk

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Finance and endowment review

The charity was pleased to substantially increase the level of grants awarded during the year. Despite Covid-19, both the charity's investment portfolio and estate performed strongly throughout the year leading to an increase in endowment funds of over £5 million. The charity will seek to continue to use its endowment to maximise grants awarded to current beneficiaries while retaining appropriate funds to meet future needs.

Statement of financial activities

	Year ended 30/06/20	Year ended 30/06/21
Total income	£1,758,201	£1,490,511
Staff costs, governance costs and overheads	£276,595	£297,235
Main grants programmes	£849,732	£1,267,533
Covid-19 grants	£131,910	£390,146
Endowment funds at year end	£53,361,342	£58,707,065

Health grants of £42,543 and church grants of £32,482 were written back to the charity during the year.

The full Trustees' Report and Accounts is available to view online at: www.cloudesley.org.uk

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GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Cloudesley is governed by a Charity Commission Scheme of July 1980, as amended.

Up to 15 Trustees are responsible for directing Cloudesley's activities and the stewardship of its assets. They are:

- Ex-officio Trustee – the Mayor of Islington
- Archdeacon's Trustee
- Four Deanery Synod Nominated Trustees
- Four London Borough of Islington Nominated Trustees
- Five Elected Trustees

Cloudesley's staff are responsible for the management and administration of the charity, and are:

- **Director** – Melanie Griffiths
- **Grants Manager** – Catherine Sorrell
- **Grants Manager** – Kevin Turner
- **Administrator** – Joanna White
- **Finance Manager** – Phillip Everett/Ross Holland

During 2020/21, the staff team also included Yvonne Amar, Grants Manager, and Folasade Akintola, 2027 Associate/ Grants Officer.

Flexible Funders

During 2021, the charity joined IVAR's Flexible Funders initiative. In a time of continuing uncertainty as a result of Covid-19, this commits Cloudesley to six principles of open and trusting grant-making.

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Front cover

(from top to bottom)

St Augustine's Church
Manor Gardens Centre
Mer-IT Digital
The Manna

Inside cover

Manor Gardens Centre

Back cover

(from top to bottom)

Centre 404
St Clement's Church
Christ Church, Highbury
The Cloudesley Estate





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