



His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation



Cambridge City Council
Community Grants
celebration report 2023



Coronation community grants

Grants of up to **£500** were available to support celebration events and activities



On a weekend of glorious weather Cambridge residents embraced the opportunity to celebrate the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.



The joy of meeting up with friends and neighbours, and coming together to share and celebrate, is evident from the quotes and photographs recorded in this commemorative book.

The Coronation events funded by Cambridge City Council included street parties, tea parties, and garden parties; barbecues, picnics and a Coronation Breakfast with the Birds; cake competitions and a window box competition; sports and play activities; a silent disco, and live music; art work creations; celebratory planting; a library event; a local history exhibition; and an open-top bus tour.

Cover photo: RCCG City of David Church celebration

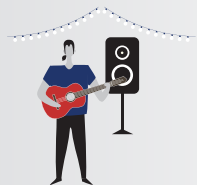


34 community groups were awarded grants across Cambridge

£14,316 was awarded in total



4,500+ people attended funded celebration events and activities



Abbeyfield Cambridgeshire Vietnamese Society



Barbecue for residents at An Lac House,
a residential care home for elderly
Vietnamese residents

"It was a great occasion for An Lac House residents and their family and friends to socialise and celebrate. The party was rocking and it was filled with lots of fun! The food was excellent and conversation was flowing. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed it."

Cavendish Road street party

"The street party was great fun and helped us all come together and forge connections. It was particularly nice to see my kids (who are in their late teens and have grown up on the street) taking on the role of helping with the kids' activities, just as they were looked after by neighbours' children when they were little."

"Amazing to see the diversity of folks living on our road, especially the older and younger folks who I don't think I'd get to interact with otherwise. Well done to the organisers for such a great programme, and thank you to the Mayor for coming along as well."





Ainsworth Area Residents' Association street party

"We can see since the street party that both newer residents and more settled residents continue to get to know one another. People have swapped recipes and plants and are having ongoing conversations."

Cambridge Victoria Homes

"Thank you for making the tea party a successful event. All your hard work paid off."



Cambridge Royal Albert Homes

"I remember The Queen's Coronation and so did other people, it was great to talk about this and watch the King's Coronation together."





Christ's Pieces Residents' Association picnic in the park

"Local residents were invited to a picnic in New Square. They learned circus skills (juggling, diabolo and so on) and listened to performances by a gospel choir and Cambridge University Brass Band."

Ditton Court tea party

Attendees said:

- They enjoyed the tea party – **100%**
- It had a positive impact on mental health – **100%**
- It was good to meet new people – **88%**
- They felt a strong sense of community – **88%**
- It helped them to be socially active – **82%**



Friday Social Club celebration

“Could we have more events like this?”

“How nice it was to get out of the flat.”



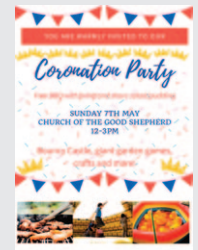
Guest Road Area Residents' Association street party

“Thank you all so much. That was a really lovely event and I know things like that don't happen without a lot of work. It all worked brilliantly, the set up, the layout, the colour co-ordinated labels, the quiz, and the food and crafts. Many congratulations and huge thanks to you all.”



Church of the Good Shepherd celebration

“The best thing was all the different groups associated with the church being represented, coming together and having fun. Absolutely superb!”





Oblique Arts art and music event

“It is so important for us all to have opportunities to have fun together in Romsey. We have a real sense of being part of a community then.”



Edge Café's King for a Day tea party

“The Mayor and Mayoress arrived in the afternoon and were delightful. They joined in with the singing with the two musicians who came to perform. We also enjoyed having our cardboard cut out King Charles, who posed for photos with everyone.”

North Newnham Residents' Association

“Thanks for organising a great party for us all, and the Mayor of course! I thought it was a very happy occasion.”

“An excellent Coronation tea. Thanks for all the organisation, it resulted in great food and good chats with the neighbours and the Mayor and Lady Mayoress.”



Fawcett Road and Cornwall Road residents' street party

"When can we do this again?"



Priory Road street party

As a result of the success of the street party the Priory Road Residents' Association is now hosting monthly 'Community Sunday' neighbourhood get togethers.

Bermuda Community Room celebration





York Road Residents' Association

"Successful, wonderful sunny afternoon. It was great to put names to faces"

St Bartholomew's Court community fundraising lunch

"A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon celebrating the Coronation, but it was also about giving back to the communities where it is needed. Great food, wonderful decor and even better company! Thank you St Bartholomew's Court and your wonderful community!"





Rowan Humberstone staff and students fun day



"The crafting was really fun and it was good to do it with people here. Everyone was really nice."

"It was the best day to celebrate the Coronation at Rowan, can we have another one next week?"

Roseford Road residents' party

"What a fantastic afternoon we had. Thank you so much. I had great conversations with people I've never met. Very happy memories created to be treasured and deepening friendships."



Coleridge Community Forum celebration

"People were delighted to see the Mayor there, who spent ages chatting with people, dancing and playing games with the children."

Gwydir Street Friends' breakfast with the birds dawn chorus

"It was great to connect with other neighbours and spend time together in nature."

"It was very memorable to get up early to meet my neighbours for a special adventure."





St Giles' Tea@3 open top bus tour



St Giles' church celebration

"The event was enjoyed and appreciated by all who came."



St Barnabas Church fun day

"We had someone who had recently moved to the area and hadn't really connected with many people. She was so, so grateful to have been invited. She had really enjoyed coming and felt really welcomed and less isolated. We also welcomed some Ukrainian refugees who came and enjoyed the event."





RCCG City of David Church celebration barbecue



"The barbecue featured a scrumptious spread of food, including classic barbecue favourites and delectable treats from Commonwealth nations, fit for a King or Queen!"

Denis Wilson Court Social Club afternoon tea and barbecue

"I can't thank the social club enough for everything they do!"

"I love living here as I feel part of a community, everyone is so lovely!"





York Road street party
(and coronation gnome!)



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