

**Press Release**

**Latest Shepperton Community Fund Grants Announced**



*The Fifth Round of the £500,000 Fund for Local Organisations*

**Friday 14 November 2025, Shepperton Studios, Surrey** - Shepperton Studios have awarded the latest round of grants from their Community Fund. The £500,000 Fund was launched in 2022 to support local individuals, non-profit and voluntary organisations including charities, social enterprises, and community groups that serve the Shepperton area and wider Borough of Spelthorne. So far, the fund has supported 19 organisations and is in its fifth round.

**Senior Community Outreach and Education Manager, Shepperton Studios, Dan Burton said:**

*"It is great to see the positive and meaningful impact our Shepperton Community Fund is having on our local community and across the Borough. We are delighted to have supported so many groups and charities since we launched it in 2022. We encourage more groups and organisations to apply."*

The Community Foundation for Surrey, a local organisation, partners with Shepperton Studios to identify meaningful local causes and oversees the delivery and monitoring of all projects supported by the Shepperton Studios Community Fund. Grants awarded in the latest round went to the *Surrey Care Trust* and *Spelthorne Rentstart*.



**Surrey Care Trust** is a Surrey-based charity dedicated to supporting vulnerable people and families so they can improve their lives and futures. They deliver long-term, holistic support for people facing multiple, complex disadvantages including poor mental health, isolation, unemployment, family breakdown, and poverty. The grant is being used to support The Stanwell Community Group, part of the Surrey Care Trust.

#### **Mel Conolly – Surrey Care Trust**

*“The Stanwell Community Group is a place where people come together, feel connected, and grow — in every sense of the word. With the amazing support of Surrey Care Trust and our dedicated volunteers, we’ve created a welcoming space through Lord Knyvett Hall and the Stanwell Community Allotment. We run a wide variety of activities — from family-friendly park play sessions and creative workshops, to seasonal events, gardening, and skills training. The funding we received from Shepperton Studios has enabled us to continue to deliver these vital services at the Stanwell Community Group”.*

**Spelthorne Rentstart** is a local charity based in Staines, Surrey, committed to combating homelessness and supporting vulnerable individuals in the Spelthorne Borough. Established in 1997, the charity has provided assistance to over 8,000 people, helping nearly 2,400 secure stable accommodation

#### **Bryan Pilgrim, Manager – Spelthorne Rentstart**

*“We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Shepperton Studios for your generous contribution of £7,500 towards move-in costs for our clients at the start of their tenancies. Your support will make a meaningful difference, helping vulnerable individuals settle into safe and stable housing with dignity. These funds will go directly toward essential items and initial costs that many of our clients would otherwise struggle to afford, ensuring they begin this new chapter with the security and confidence they deserve. On behalf of the entire team and those we support, thank you!”*

#### **More about the Fund**

The Fund forms part of the Studios’ ‘Set For More’ programme which is a long-term commitment that focuses on creating opportunities for young people, investing in the local community and supporting underprivileged groups. This is in addition to the community benefits already pledged by Shepperton Studios as part of its plans to expand and improve the world-renowned facility.



## How to apply for a grant

To apply to the Shepperton Studios Community Fund visit the Community Foundation for Surrey website <https://www.cfsurrey.org.uk/apply>. The Foundation has one application form for all of their funds, so there is no need to specify which fund you are applying to. Complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form on the Foundation's website – this is a simple form where you share your funding needs – and the grants team will let you know if your request is eligible to make a full application.

The next opportunity to submit an expression of interest (EOI) will open on **Monday 17 November 2025**, with a deadline of 9am on **Thursday 8 January 2026**. If invited to apply, the application deadline will be 5pm on **Tuesday 10 March 2026**, with decisions expected by the week commencing **Monday 29 June 2026**.

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### About Shepperton Studios:

Part of the Pinewood Group, a leading provider of studio and related services to the global film and television industry, Shepperton Studios has been a key destination for the makers of film, television, and commercials since opening its doors as a film studio in 1932. Currently comprising sound stages, an exterior backlot, and Post Production facilities and services, the Studios also offer easy access to the world's most experienced crews, as well as the expertise of complementary media companies based on the lot. Film productions that have used the Studios' facilities include *A Clockwork Orange*, *2001: A Space Odyssey*, *Gandhi*, *Mary Poppins Returns*, *1917*, *Cruella*, *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical*, *After the Hunt*, and *Jay Kelly*. [Pinewoodgroup.com](https://www.pinewoodgroup.com)

### Shepperton Community Fund

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- Youth Development
- Community Development
- Supporting under privileged and disadvantaged individuals and communities

**Community Foundation for Surrey**

The Community Foundation for Surrey brings together local donors with organisations and projects to create positive solutions for the residents of our county.

Companies, individuals, families and trusts can establish a fund with the Foundation, utilising the expertise of CFSurrey staff to support a growing programme of grant-making to communities. The Community Foundation for Surrey is part of a national network of 47 Community Foundations, one of the fastest growing philanthropic organisations in the UK. <https://www.cfsurrey.org.uk/>