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### Supporting local communities

In early 2022 we awarded £1,124,561 through the Additional Restrictions Grant: Large Grant Scheme to nine organisations to help support a broad range of projects and activities centred around the eight pillars of our Towards a Better Newham Covid-19 Recovery Strategy. The grants provided them with both capital and revenue funding for initiatives to help boost local economic activity.

The Carpenters' and Dockland Centre (CDC) was awarded £50,000 to help support a broad range of activities.

### About Carpenters' and Dockland Centre

The Carpenters' and Dockland Centre is a community centre on the Carpenters Estate and forms part of The Dockland Settlements which have three centres in total.

It provides a variety of sporting, social, recreational and educational activities for people of all ages and backgrounds, as well as an after school playcare service for 4-11 years olds which is open all year round. It also runs a busy food and clothes bank from the TMO building on the Carpenters Estate.

If you want to support the Carpenters' and Docklands food and clothes bank please donate via JustGiving here: [www.justgiving.com/dockland](http://www.justgiving.com/dockland)

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## Dockland Settlements

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*"We're grateful to M&S and John Lewis in Westfield, Fareshare, InKind Direct and City Harvest for supporting our food and clothes bank. It wouldn't function without the generosity of our volunteers, so a huge thank you to them as well."*

**Ben North, Operations Director**

### Scheme goals

The Large Grant Scheme award went towards the purchase of an electric van. This was then converted into a minibus with removable seats so that it could be used for transporting products for the food and clothes bank as well as children who are members of its holiday club. The minibus is also available for use by other charities in Newham.

The funding has also enabled the centre to open the food and clothes bank an extra day a week. As a result, more people are supported as more food parcels can be delivered.

### Future plans

The long-term hope is to move to new premises on the Carpenters Estate. This will enable the centre to provide even more activities and support more people. Meanwhile, a temporary extension will be built to house the food and clothes bank. This will free up much-needed space so that more community activities can take place.



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