

Putting the heart in Communities

Since Repton Connect Community Centre opened in October 2018

over **40,000** people

have accessed learning and development opportunities, attended social events, learnt new skills and accessed services.



We're a community trust in Ashford, Kent.

We provide excellent resources and opportunities, empowering people to connect, build community and lead a more fulfilled life.

We run Repton Connect Community Centre, creating a place where people can belong and contribute.

Our longer term objectives are for people to:



Feel more confident.



Have easy access to community facilities.



Share knowledge with each other.



Be more socially and physically active.

In the financial year 20/21 We achieved the following...

PEOPLES PANTRY



We provided **2242 people** with food, hygiene and essential items.

Our Peoples Pantry community lead foodbank was open for. **1954 hours**

Our volunteers made **174 deliveries** to people throughout the borough of Ashford.

We made **£15,187** of food donations to people.

We re-distributed **1 tonne** of surplus food from supermarkets every month.

We offered **24hr access** to food through a unique outdoor locker system.

“ I am a social worker supporting a family in the area local. Following an incident which left this family very vulnerable, I reached out to the People’s Pantry to get a food parcel. In the same afternoon, there was a food parcel along with hygiene products waiting to be collected. I am very happy with the service; you are doing amazing work for the most vulnerable within our community. ”

- Anon

REPTON CONNECT



“ Star gazing was amazing. Such a unique idea during the pandemic. I learnt a lot and it really helped me feel calm and relaxed for the first time in ages
- Anon ”



We provided
1000
people with on-line activities including fitness, art and well-being.



129
people attended Covid-safe Summer activities including star gazing, soft archery and crafts.



We distributed
1,658 w-raps
(Well-being, Recovery, Activity, Parcels) to people all over Ashford to Christmas.



42 children
attended 'Trick or Treat by appointment'. This is what children told us they would miss most so we made it happen!



80 members
of the community started their own dog socialising group in Repton Connects Woodland.



10
Barista Buddies volunteers gained accredited qualifications.



200 students
per week used our woodland and outdoor classroom.



We served
458 people
through our covid-safe pop up café 'Barista Buddies'. This included pay as you can options.



We provided the NHS and social care organisations with a
covid-secure
venue.



Our Community Gardeners donated
600 hours
of their time which equates to
£14,000
trades in kind.

STRATEGY AND PARTNERSHIPS

We worked with
21
organisations to help form
ASHFORD HOLIDAY KITCHEN
aimed at ending food insecurity and isolation for families. This group now sits under the umbrella of Repton Community Trust.

We provided consultancy to
5
different organisations working with them on funding, impact and developing Covid safety.

...Everyone who took part in our survey said they would recommend Repton Connect to family and friends!

