

SOCIAL VALUE REPORT 2025-26



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INTRODUCTION

I am delighted to introduce The Barnet Group's Social Value End of Year Report for 2025/26. This report is an opportunity to reflect on the difference we have made together over the past year, and to recognise the important role our contractors, partners and teams have played in creating positive outcomes for Barnet residents and communities.



For me, social value is about ensuring that the services we commission and the work we deliver leave a lasting and meaningful legacy. It is more than meeting contractual obligations; it is about opening up employment and skills opportunities, supporting local organisations, strengthening communities, and helping to create a cleaner, greener, more sustainable borough.

I am particularly proud of the progress made during 2025/26, including the significant increase in social value investment across Barnet and the stronger collaboration between The Barnet Group Property Services, Barnet Homes Repairs teams and our contractor partners. The examples set out in this report show the real impact that can be achieved when social value is embedded from the outset and delivered with purpose, commitment and care.

Laura Johnson
Group Director of Development and Property

WHAT IS SOCIAL VALUE?

Social Value refers to the measurable social, economic, and environmental benefits created for our communities through our contractor's activities, beyond the core service or financial return. It focuses on improving wellbeing, supporting local economies, and protecting the environment, ensuring that projects and services deliver wider, lasting impact for residents and communities. We ensure social value is included right from the beginning, when awarding contracts and have regular meetings to ensure social value is being delivered. This structured approach ensures that our contractors activities generate meaningful, long-term value for both our communities and the wider environment.

SOCIAL IMPACT - We evaluate the positive outcomes delivered for our communities, focusing on improved wellbeing, increased social inclusion, and greater access to opportunities. This includes initiatives that support social interaction, enhanced community cohesion, and improves overall quality of life.

ECONOMIC IMPACT - We assess how our supply chain contributes to the local economy, including the creation of employment opportunities for Barnet residents, delivery of cost savings for public services, and support for sustainable economic growth across Barnet. This ensures that our procurement and delivery actively strengthen the local economy.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT - We work with our partners to reduce environmental impact by improving energy efficiency, promoting sustainable working practices, and enhancing green spaces across our communities. This contributes to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable environment for residents.

This holistic approach ensures that social value is embedded across all our operations, delivering lasting benefits for both people and the planet.

In 2025/26, we have seen a significant increase in social value investment into Barnet communities. This has been driven by close collaboration with TBG Property Services and Barnet Homes Repairs contractors, working in partnership with their social value leads to maximise output, outcomes and ensuring that all contributions are effectively captured and reported.

This year we introduced the Themes, Outcomes and Measures (TOM's) Framework to mirror how Barnet Council captures and measures Social Value.

The TOMs framework is an industry standard tool used to measuring social value, this allows organisations the opportunity to compare what different contractors are promising to deliver at procurement stage. Central Government now requires at least 10% of a contract score to be based on social value (as set out in Procurement Policy Note 002). This shift has significantly strengthened the role of social value in decision-making.

It is now essential for contractors to clearly show the social value they will deliver when bidding and evidence they have delivered from start to end of contract.



SOCIAL VALUE INVESTMENT

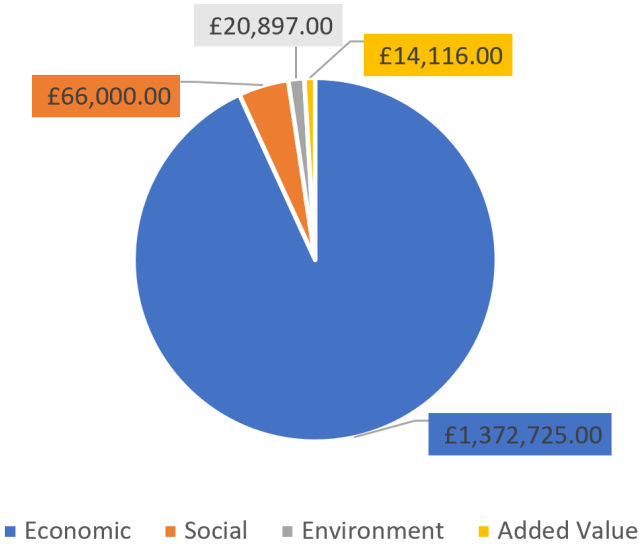
Total investment for 2025/2026 is **£1,473,738** (including non-contractual commitment)

Previous year's figures

2024/25
£754,506.23

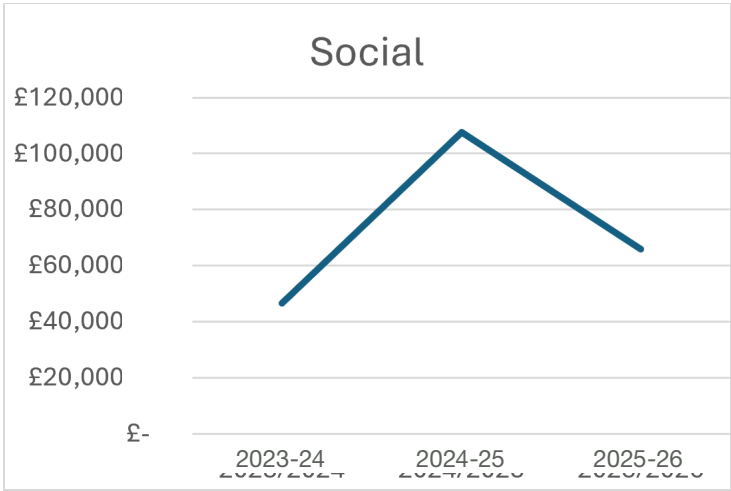
2023/24
£311,907.46

Breakdown of category



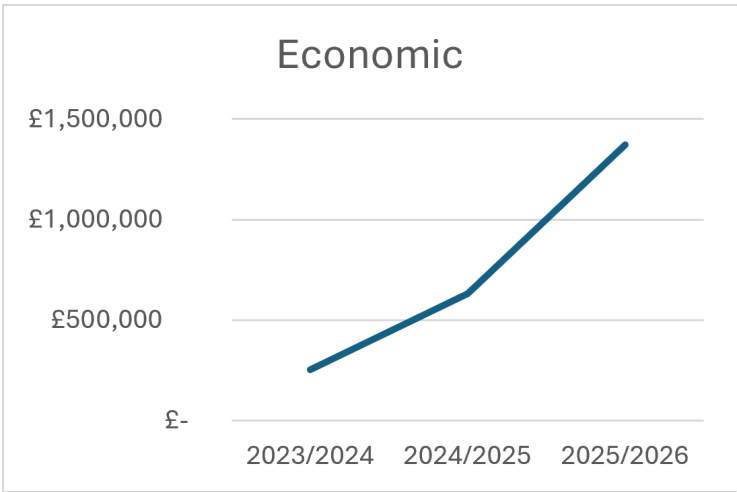
Category comparison to previous years

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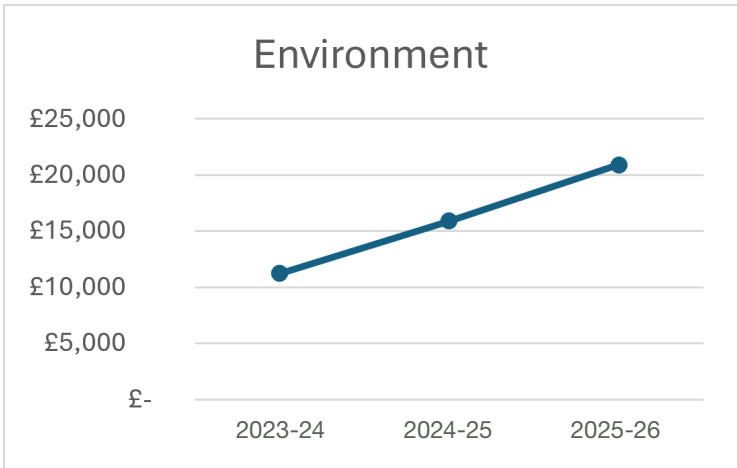
This year, investment in social projects has seen a decline. This is largely due to the types of contracts that were being delivered that have a significant increase in employment and skills-related investment. While direct financial contributions to social projects have reduced, this reflects a shift in delivery rather than a reduction in overall social value. We have still delivered over **£60,000 of meaningful social projects**, ensuring continued positive impact within our communities.

ECONOMIC



There has been a notable increase in the economic category this year, driven by the adoption of the TOMs framework, which assigns higher values to outcomes such as local employment and apprenticeships. In addition, increased delivery and stronger engagement from supply chain partners have contributed to more local jobs and skills opportunities, further enhancing overall economic impact.

ENVIRONMENT



Our investment in environmental projects this year is slightly higher in comparison to last year with increments of approximately £5,000 per year. For 2026/27, we aim to expand delivery in this area, placing greater emphasis on developing community gardens, growing plants, trees, flowers, fruit, herbs and vegetables. Improving green spaces to maximize environmental and community benefits.

SOCIAL - TOTAL VALUE £66,000

Our contractors have invested in over 38 community projects this year in addition to our two core events being top of the list, Urban Gamez and Annual Community Awards.

We received £14,200 in sponsorship for our annual Urban Gamez from Lovell, Masher Brothers, Purdy, AGL Construction, Ad Hoc Property Management and Re-Gen UK Construction.

This funding enabled us to deliver a completely free sports event for children and families living on and around the Grahame Park Estate during the summer holidays, with more than 120 attendees taking part.



Following the Urban Gamez event, Barnet Homes secured an additional £10,000 funding from supporting contractors to invest in youth-inspired community projects on Grahame Park. Young people were encouraged to share ideas for initiatives that would benefit their peers and enhance opportunities within the local community. As a result, Barnet Homes approved £6,000 of funding for an application submitted by a junior leader from the F.U.S.E Youth Group after consultation with their young people.

The project delivered three action-packed days of activities that were free and accessible to all children living on Grahame Park. Activities included sports and fitness sessions, arts and crafts, graffiti workshops, and healthy eating and wellbeing activities. More than 120 children and family members attended across the three days.

The event created a positive and inclusive atmosphere for residents, bringing families together and providing meaningful opportunities for engagement. It also helped establish new relationships within the community, supporting continued participation in local youth services and activities.

Our Community Awards was sponsored by the 20 contractors, we received £11,000 to support the event, where funds were also gained to invest in our Annual Community Chest fund. The awards evening was an amazing celebration of the best of Barnet's community heroes, who selflessly go above and beyond to support their community, with music and performances from Mencap Sound Hub Project and delicious food served.





Pictured: the Urban Gamez Youth Fund project



Our contractors have continued to make a meaningful contribution across a range of projects supporting Barnet Homes, Opendoor Homes residents, Your Choice Barnet services users as well as Barnet community organisations and local charities.

Their support has spanned one-off initiatives, financial contributions, material donations, and the delivery of community workshops. Below are some of this year's key highlights.

Care leavers home maintenance workshops delivered by Lura Construction

14 festive parties financially sponsored by RGE Services



Mencap Sound Hub end of project showcase concert, held at the Arts Depot. Sponsored by WG Wiggington

Carpentry workshop and mural painting at Unitas, Barnet Youth Zone. Delivered by Quinn London





Andrew Potter, Project Manager at BOOST JobsPlus



Stack London transformed an area within Tarling Road Community Centre into a private, confidential space, allowing the BOOST team to deliver one-to-one support to clients more effectively

ECONOMIC - TOTAL VALUE £1,372,725

Investment in this theme has more than doubled compared to last year.. Our contractors have made a significant contribution by recruiting a high number of apprentices across construction and office-based roles. In addition, they have created both full-time and part-time employment opportunities for local residents, while also delivering valuable work experience placements for students from Barnet schools.

Apprenticeships - Through our contractor partnerships, local residents were recruited into apprenticeship opportunities across trade, office-based, and technical roles, helping to develop workforce skills and create pathways into long-term employment.

Masher Brothers: 1 (technical)

Quinn London: 3 (office)

Hill Partnership: 8 (trade)

Lux Property Services: 11 (3 office/8 trade)

Effectable: 1 (trade)

Total = 24 Apprenticeships

Work experience:

Lura Construction: 3-week

Quinn London 10-week

Vallectric 3-week

Total = 16 x 1-week placements carried out in Barnet Schools

Local employment

Our contractors continue to prioritise the recruitment of local residents across trade, administrative and Resident Liaison Officer (RLO) positions. This investment in Barnet's talent supports improved financial security and helps build long-term, sustainable employment pathways.

Quinn London: 10

Quinn London: 12 (part time)

RGE Services: 12

AGL Construction: 1

Total = 35 roles

Quinn London delivered 90 hours of their Engineering Development Trust mentoring programme in local schools

Saracens School, pictured right: 45 hours

The Ark Pioneer Academy: 45 hours

T-Level placement

Quinn London – one 19-week placement.



APPRENTICE CASE STUDY: CALUM BAKER

Meet Callum, who joined Vallectric as an apprentice electrician through BOOST Barnet, who support people into employment through training and development. From the outset Callum demonstrated a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and eagerness to learn.

Training and Development

During his apprenticeship, Callum was supported by experienced operatives and supervisors, combining on-the-job training with formal study. He gained hands-on experience across:

- Electrical rising mains replacements
- Lighting installations and upgrades
- Fault finding and testing
- General electrical maintenance works

This helped him build both technical knowledge and confidence in a real working environment.



Overcoming Challenges

Callum balanced work responsibilities with academic study, a common challenge for apprentices. With determination and team support, he stayed committed throughout and continued to progress

Achievement and Progression

Callum has now completed his apprenticeship and is a fully qualified electrician, demonstrating the value of investing in apprenticeships. He is now a valued team member, contributing his skills to projects.

Callum said “Joining the Vallectric apprenticeship programme was a great opportunity for me. I’ve been able to learn on the job, gain real experience, and build my confidence. The support from the team has been important, and I’m proud to now be a fully qualified electrician. I’m looking forward to continuing to develop my skills and progress my career with the company.”

Jason Oakford, Operational Director said “Calum has been a great example of how apprenticeships can benefit both the individual and the business. From day one, he showed a strong work ethic and a willingness to learn. It’s been rewarding to see his development into a fully qualified electrician, and we’re proud to have supported him on that journey”.

ENVIRONMENT - TOTAL VALUE £20,897

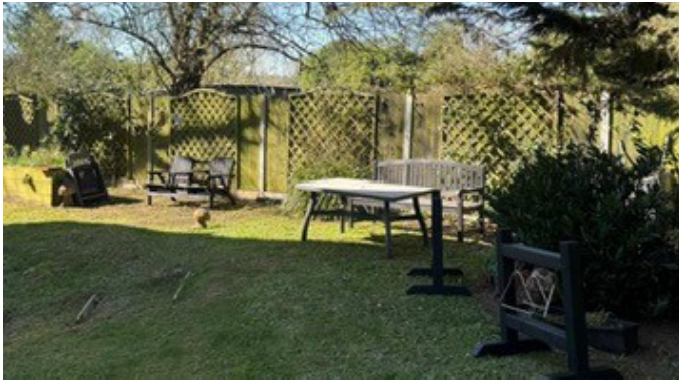
This year, we have seen more than £5,000 of additional investment compared with 2024/25, and we hope to deliver an even wider range of environmental projects in 2026/27. Over the past year, our contractors have completed a variety of projects, including communal garden tidy-ups, the refurbishment of a children’s playground, and the creation of a community garden with fruit, vegetables and herbs. These initiatives provide a range of benefits for residents, supporting wellbeing, promoting sustainability and helping to address cost of living pressures.

Sunrealm Heating provided funding to refurbish the Springfield Close playground, enabling it to reopen for local residents.

Lux Property Services provided funding and practical support for the Prospect Ring / Gracie House community garden and planting day



Quartz Court Supported Living: Garden path installed to improve resident accessibility. Furniture painted and re-fitted by **Mashers Brothers**. Materials donated by **MCP**



ADDED VALUE - CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY £14,116

Where social value focuses on the additional outcomes a contractor is required to deliver as part of a contract, such as creating new jobs, offering training and apprenticeships, or improving the local community, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) refers to voluntary actions an organisation chooses to take that go beyond legal procurement requirements.

These activities are designed to benefit society and the environment — for example, donating to charities, supporting employee volunteering, or introducing environmental initiatives such as recycling, reducing emissions, or planting trees.

Our contractors continue to support Young Barnet Foundation (YBF) with their annual Easter egg campaign and donation of children's books to the value of £4,000, including sponsorship of their Charity Golf Day, that all goes towards supporting children and families in Barnet. .



Charity Golf Day raised £9,000 thanks to Purdy, MCP, Regen UK Construction, Effectable construction and RGE Services



COMMUNITY CHEST FUND



The Community chest is funded through sponsors of our annual Community Awards from the previous year. This year received £6,900, that contributed to funding eleven community-based projects.

Rocklands Residents' Summer Social



Barnet Community Project community fun day, held at The Rainbow Centre, Dollis Valley



New Citizens Gateway Sewing Workshops



Your Choice Barnet Customer Awards



CONTRACTOR SOCIAL VALUE SUPPORT

We would like to send a big thank you and recognition to all our contractors who have supported and invested in our Barnet community this year.

The contractors listed below have demonstrated exceptional commitment to delivering social value, consistently meeting or exceeding contractual requirements through significant investment in community projects. Their contributions have included employment and skills initiatives, charitable donations, sponsorship of key annual events, and support for Young Barnet Foundation programmes and the voluntary sector, highlighting their dedication to making a meaningful difference in the communities we serve.

- **AGL Construction**
- **Effectable Construction**
- **Lura Construction**
- **Lux Property Services**
- **Masher Brothers Ltd**
- **Quinn London**
- **RGE Services**
- **Stack London**
- **Sunrealm Heating**
- **Vallectric**
- **WG Wigginton**



The following contractors have little or no actual contractual social value obligations yet continue to make valuable contributions to our communities. Their support has included sponsoring our Annual Community Awards, Community Chest Fund, Urban Gamez, and providing donations to Young Barnet Foundation campaigns and training workshops. Their voluntary involvement demonstrates a strong commitment to creating positive social impact beyond contractual requirements.

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| • Ad-Hoc Property Management | • McGregor Electrical |
| • Daniel Owen | • Purdy |
| • FFT | • Re-gen Construction UK |
| • JA Steel and Sons | • Raytell Ltd |
| • Lovell | • Regen Solutions |
| • Prestige | • WSP |

SOCIAL VALUE IMPACT

The following quotes reflect community feedback from beneficiaries of our social value activities

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BCP Rainbow Centre community day attendee “What a lovely day, I have met some really nice people in my community today and found out about a parent’s group near to me which I can attend with my toddler”

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Made in Grahame Park event attendees “The easy flow of hot beverages, little snacks like Popcorn and Candy floss, cookies were most definitely offering little to all age groups. The volunteers stayed with the same cordial smile throughout the day. Having food incentives/ vouchers never fails. That accommodated the younger visitors too.”

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This event was the HIGHLIGHT OF MY WHOLE YEAR such a great day, The impact on others was the same. I think owing to the combined effort of your team!

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New Citizen Gateway sewing workshop from attendees “I really enjoyed this workshop. It made me feel relaxed and happy and met other women in my situation.”

“I didn’t know how to sew before, but now I have learned something new.”

“It reminded me of sewing with my family back home.”

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Having Zen Bus Team offering a session of calming exercise therapy catered equally to the mental and physical well-being great day

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Rocklands summer Social “We are new to the Rocklands and this get together has made us feel really welcome and my son was playing with the other children, everyone was so friendly, thank you Barnet Homes for funding the social gathering.”



YCB Quartz Court assisted living Service users who attended VE day 80 celebrations who chose to give feedback said;

“I thought it was lovely. I liked the chicken, I liked the burgers, I liked the cakes and I liked all the different drinks!”

“The plane races were funny!”

We discussed with the service users that the monies for the party were provided by the sponsors of the Community Chest Fund and some of the service users chose to display the poster of those sponsors in their photos. One service user said “ Thank you for the party food” to the Community Fund.



Feedback from Harriet FUSE February half term Urban Gamez Youth Fund event “The funding enabled us to provide free access to high-quality experiences for 120 attendees, strengthen relationships with families, and support the development of young leaders within FUSE. The programme has created strong foundations for the development of future half-term delivery and exploring a deeper partnership with CCT to support families in the holiday and half term periods.

A huge thank you to all of you for your support this half term. It meant a lot to be able to host some-thing like that on Grahame Park it's so needed, and it genuinely felt amazing. Please also pass on our thanks to all the funders of the Urban Gamez Youth Fund from everyone at FUSE”.
(Lovell, Purdy, AGL Construction, Masher Brothers, Re-Gen UK Construction)



Bridget Mullins Sheltered housing and support manager said “Many thanks to RGE Services who generously sponsored the Sheltered Scheme Christmas tenants Christmas Parties this year with £1120.00 This very kind and thoughtful gesture is greatly appreciated by the tenants who have enjoyed meeting, to chat and have lunch to celebrate Christmas together. Thank you to the Sheltered Housing Officers (SHOs) have worked hard to ensure that the Parties were a great success. Social interactions are really important for the good mental health of people of all ages but especially older people, and those who are less mobile so events like these can be very important for those who may otherwise not have family or friends locally.

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