

A look back on our impact in 2025

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SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE

In 2025, our grant contributions included:

- £69,000 towards **195** residential educational trips
- £50,500 towards school uniform and business wear for **308** young people
- £23,000 supporting **27** young people in further education/work
- £37,000 towards extra-curricular activities for **254** young people
- £24,500 towards laptops and digital devices for **86** young people

Making a difference:

We are delighted to share that **2025 was another strong year for** the James Marshall Foundation: **awarding £200,000 in educational and career-related grants** to financially disadvantaged young people living in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate.



A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Pauline, our former Foundation Director, for her dedication, leadership and invaluable contribution to the James Marshall Foundation over the past few years.

We are also delighted to welcome Louisa as our new Foundation Manager. We look forward to working with her as she leads the Foundation into its next chapter.

Spotlight on Sport



At JMF, we strongly believe that participation in sport offers young people significant benefits, whether boosting physical health and mental wellbeing, or developing crucial life skills like teamwork, discipline and time management.

In **2025**, we provided **130** grants to support participation in a wide range of extra-curricular sports, including:

football, rugby, cricket, netball, martial arts, gymnastics and fencing

Discovering Fencing:

Through our sports funding, young people are being introduced to activities they may never otherwise experience.

“At Beech Hyde Primary School, a transformative opportunity emerged through the unwavering support of the James Marshall Foundation and the dedicated leadership of the school’s Headteacher. This initiative provided children from diverse backgrounds with the chance to explore a sport they may never have encountered - fencing.”

(Paul Davis Fencing Academy)





Cricket:

Our support for extra-curricular cricket is strengthened by the involvement of local champions like Josh, who has seen first-hand the difference JMF can make on lives while growing up in Wheathampstead. Josh personally provided sponsorship funding to Wheathampstead Cricket Club, enabling our charity's logo to appear on the club's training kit. Thank you Josh!

*Josh commented that “the breadth of support the Foundation offers to young people, regardless of background, has made a lasting impression.”
(Josh - President, Wheathampstead Cricket Club)*

Elite Sports:

We are delighted to have provided financial help to support the development of local young people at elite level in sports including:

Gymnastics, Tennis, Football and Swimming

“In the finals he managed to bring his final place to 5th in the Men’s open age group”

“He has continued to excel and has won two European Junior titles”

Community Engagement

We continue to value strong connections with our local community and were pleased to take part in a range of community engagement activities in 2025. These included visiting schools, attending **food banks**, hosting a stand at the **Sir John Lawes School Careers Day**, and taking part in the **Teddy Bears’ Picnic** organised by **Harpenden Town Council**. These events gave us valuable opportunities to raise awareness of the Foundation and connect with families, young people and partner organisations.



Transforming Lives Through Giving

“Thanks to JMF our pupils are accessing opportunities they would otherwise not be able to and we can see what a difference it makes”

We are incredibly grateful to the **Harpenden Golf Club** and its members who raised an outstanding **£24,582** for JMF, enabling us to boost our extra-curricular and 16+ offerings. We aim to reach as many beneficiaries as possible and so we have used a generous donation from **The Childwick Trust** to, amongst other things, produce a new animated video for use at school events. The video highlights how JMF can help local families with educational and career-related grants. If you would like to show the two-minute video at your school or college event, please get in touch.

We are thrilled that the **Harpenden Common Golf Club’s Lady Captain** has selected the James Marshall Foundation as her charity of the year for 2026. Thank you for the support!



Thank you!

The Trustees and staff would like to thank all the schools, colleges, local organisations and community partners we work with who refer applicants to JMF and help us deliver our funding effectively.

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