SOCIAL VALUE ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

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OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

In 2025/26, through the work delivered by both CHIC and CHIP partners, we saw a social value return of **£90m**, which was achieved through the following:

CHIC Contractual Social Value
£18,110,705
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CHIC Team Added Value
£242,783
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CHIP Community Chest Fund
£68,660,064
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CHIP Local Employment Groups
£3,017,775
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TOTAL
£90m
SOCIAL VALUE DELIVERED

"We are so proud to be part of the amazing work that is being delivered by our partners and to be able to see first hand the positive impact that this is having in CHIC member communities."

Emma Macaulay
Head of Social Value, CHIP

£308M
MEMBER SPEND
Through CHIC procured contracts in 2025/26.

29%
SOCIAL VALUE RETURN
Equivalent to £90m reinvested into residents and communities.

147%
INCREASE IN SOCIAL VALUE
Up from £36.2m social value delivered in 2024/25.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

As Chair of CHIP, it gives me great pleasure to introduce this year's Annual Report, celebrating another exceptional year for CHIP and our partners.

Through our seven Local Employment Groups we have supported 143 individuals to access employment and skills development opportunities. This included 39 apprenticeships and 116 training courses, helping people gain the skills, qualifications and experience needed to progress.

The Community Chest Fund continues to make a significant difference at a local level and we are seeing an increasing number of organisations applying for support. 20 projects were supported throughout the year, enabling community organisations to improve wellbeing, address inequality and build resilience.

The commitment of the CHIC Board and the continued support of CHIC and our partners has been equally inspiring - funds have been raised through a Golf Day, Fantasy Football League, ARK Summer Hamper Raffle and the CHIP Awards Dinner, which welcomed 250 guests.

The social value of CHIP continues to increase, and this not only reflects the scale of our impact but also the dedication of everyone involved. My sincere thanks go to our team, partners, and supporters for their continued commitment and for making another outstanding year possible. Lastly, thank you to the Trustees of CHIP whose time and commitment makes it happen.

By Tracey O'Brien, CHIP Chair

"The achievements highlighted throughout the report demonstrate the power of collaboration to create opportunities, improve lives, and strengthen communities."

CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

Every contract procured through CHIC is required to invest at least 1% of contract turnover into social value activities within the member's local area. Each year this commitment creates meaningful outcomes through our partners, who deliver a wide variety of social value initiatives such as apprenticeships, donations to charities and volunteering days.

To showcase our social value results we work in partnership with our supply chain partners to find out how they are achieving their social value targets. We have strengthened our reporting by moving from annual to quarterly submissions. There is more work to do as we embed and develop our partnership working and capture the increasing and meaningful impact of social value.

1%
of contract turnover invested into social value activities

66.7%
of suppliers submitted outcome reports

up from 53% in 2024/25

90.2%
of 1,192 contracts received feedback on social value outcomes

SOCIAL VALUE IN ACTION

Employment & Skills

135
Apprenticeships supported

31
Local, part time employees during the contract

99
Local, full time employees during the contract

101
Work experience placements provided

62
Training opportunities provided - accredited

55
Training opportunities provided - non-accredited

Community Support

89
Schools benefiting from student support careers fairs / talks

105
Donations to charities or community groups (money)

112
Donations to charities (physical items)

82
Food bank donations

Resident Support

197
Mental health workshops for residents

112
Resident support sessions for housing repairs / legal advice

134
Pro-bono legal days worked

Local Impact

491
Volunteering days worked

74
Contracts using local suppliers

ADDING VALUE THROUGH THE CHIC TEAM

Every year the CHIC Team contributes directly to social added value.

VOLUNTEERING

Staff take time to support projects directly with our members, in addition to a range of other voluntary commitments. This year these included:

- Building furniture for resident schemes.
- Serving meals to homeless people.
- Mentoring for school students.
- Serving as charity trustees.
- Supporting the Severn Valley Railway.
- Serving as School Governors.
- Litter picking at various community locations.
- Gardening at shared community locations.

216
Inside work hours

1,229
Outside work hours

1,445
Total hours

OTHER TEAM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

CHIC Charity Golf Day 2026 raised

£6,537

Fantasy Football league raised

£55

ARK summer party hamper raffle raised

£1,003

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SOCIAL VALUE DELIVERED

£242,783

The CHIC team litter picking in the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham

COMMUNITY CHEST FUND

We are dedicated to supporting the wellbeing of local communities.

Through our Community Chest Fund, we offer grants to community groups and projects that make a tangible, positive impact on people's lives.

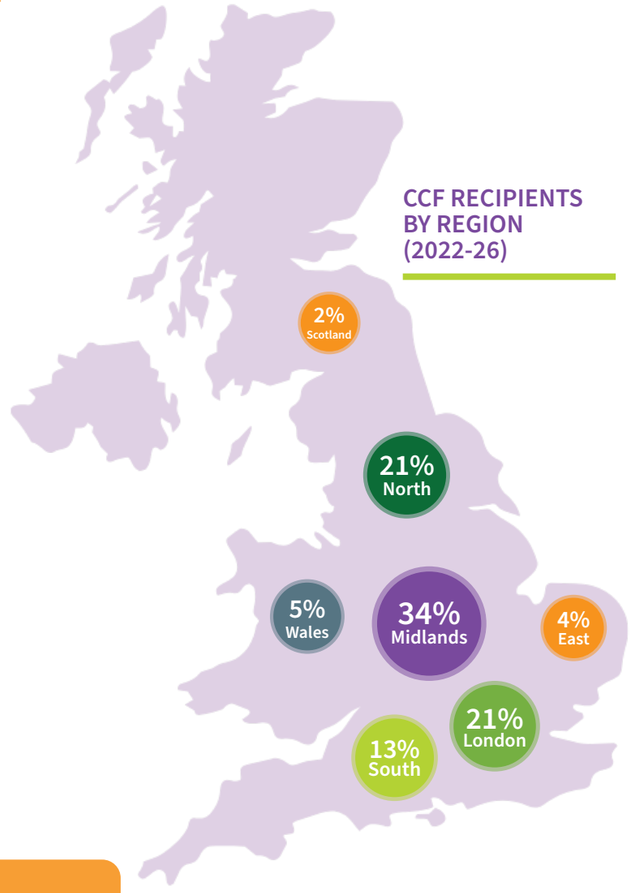
The fund is open to local groups connected to CHIC's members where projects need to have a clear vision showing measurable benefits to individuals' lives. Grants of up to **£5,000** were available.

Applications are reviewed by CHIP's Trustees quarterly, where we continuously monitor projects and track community benefits.

£141,860
amount of funding donated

20
number of projects supported

TOTAL SOCIAL VALUE DELIVERED **£68,660,064**



SUPPORTED PROJECTS

ARC
Using weekly gardening sessions to improve mental and physical wellbeing and connection with nature.

ARK @ Egwood
Reducing isolation and improving confidence, physical health and mental wellbeing through workshops.

Breaking Barriers
Helping refugees access meaningful employment, education and volunteering opportunities.

Bridge the Gap
Providing toys, cooked Christmas meals and food hampers to vulnerable people.

Cardiff Community Housing Association
Renovating a community hub to improve access to essential services, education and social opportunities.

EdShift
Using art to support children and young people affected by domestic abuse and trauma.

Emerge 3RS
Reducing poverty and isolation through volunteering, training and employability opportunities.

Future Skills
Providing community allotments alongside qualifications and employability skills.

Gaia Giving
Creating a therapeutic community garden to improve wellbeing and reduce social isolation.

Green Futures
Helping disadvantaged young people access nature based volunteering and training opportunities.

Hastings Emergency Action Response
Providing digital support and free transport to help vulnerable people access essential services.

Homeless Support Project
Providing freshly prepared meals free of charge to people within the local community.

Lola's Kitchen
Teaching individuals and families to cook affordably, shop smarter and reduce food waste.

Mile Rainbow
Delivering wellbeing workshops that build emotional resilience and help manage everyday stress.

Open House Community Group
Providing a youth club with positive role models, activities, sports and guidance.

Shropshire Good Food Partnership
Helping people grow, cook, and share healthy food while building stronger community connections.

Taff Housing
Providing essential household items to vulnerable people through 'House to Home' packs.

Trust in Community
Supporting older and disabled people through activities, health services and social connection.

Ultra Education
Empowering young people from underrepresented communities to develop sustainable businesses.

Vets Hub
Supporting veterans through activities, welfare guidance, benefits advice and crisis signposting.

MINDFULNESS WITH AMBER BEE CIC

Amber Bee is a not for profit CIC helping children aged 8–11 make positive choices around anti social behaviour and mental wellbeing.

Through the CHIP Community Chest Fund, CHIP provided funding towards resources to support Amber Bee's Barney & Echo, Bad Apples with Mindfulness Project. This included interactive workbooks, parent and teacher packs and materials for school talks such as scripts, costumes, posters and stickers.

The resources complemented Amber Bee's wider project delivery, helping children explore positive behaviour and healthy ways to manage their emotions, while giving parents and teachers materials to continue these conversations beyond the sessions.

Find out more at amberbee.org

45
schools engaged through the Barney & Echo mindfulness project

40,000 +
children supported through Amber Bee projects.

"The support from CHIP meant that 1,500 children in Telford would benefit from mental wellbeing and anti social behaviour prevention education"

Ian Jackson, Amber Bee CIC

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT GROUPS

Opening doors to brighter futures.

This year CHIP has funded eight organisations, all dedicated to helping disadvantaged individuals find pathways into employment.

Those who have received support include young people not in education, ex-offenders, jobseekers aged 55 and over, ex-military personnel, young people affected by crime or homelessness and individuals experiencing mental health challenges and social deprivation.

£100K
total funding

143
individuals funded

39
apprenticeships supported

116
training courses funded

TOTAL SOCIAL VALUE DELIVERED **£3,017,775**

SUPPORTING EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS ACROSS THE UK

PROJECTS WE HAVE SUPPORTED

BESAS, Nationwide
CHIP funded placements for 19 young people at risk of becoming NEET, providing access to construction Level 2, 3 and 4 NVQs.

Black Country Housing Group
CHIP funded three adults disadvantaged in the workplace to undertake Level 2 NVQs in Retail or Customer Service.

Bounce Back, London
CHIP funded 20 ex-offenders to undertake a range of construction courses, alongside mentoring after leaving prison.

Get Into Housing, Wales
CHIP funded seven individuals from diverse backgrounds to undertake work placements and access careers in social housing.

Jericho, Birmingham
CHIP funded ten young people to undertake Level 2 Customer Service Apprenticeships, supporting their pathways into employment.

St Basils, Midlands
CHIP funded mentoring and short courses for 24 young people at risk of homelessness, supporting development and opportunities.

St Giles, Coventry – Re-routing Futures
CHIP supported 72 people aged 16–35 with education, training and employment support, including courses for those leaving custody.

Working Chance, England & Wales
CHIP funded support for ten female ex-offenders to develop the skills needed to secure employment.

GET INTO HOUSING

Investing in people. Building brighter futures.

Through its Community Chest Fund, CHIP provided **£8,000** to support seven participants through Get Into Housing, a programme helping people from Black, Asian and underrepresented communities gain paid work experience, improve their employability and access careers within housing and related services.

Participants completed 16-week paid placements across four housing organisations: CCHA, Taff Housing, United Welsh and Codi Group, alongside training and support designed to build their skills, confidence and workplace experience.

All seven participants successfully completed their placements, with three moving into employment as a Finance Assistant, Community Development Lead and Support Worker. The remaining four continue to receive tailored job search and employability support.

Find out more at www.ccha.org.uk/get-into-housing

£8,000
Community Chest Funding

7
placements completed

3
participants into employment

"CHIP's funding has enabled the delivery of seven additional 16-week paid placements within the housing sector, creating valuable opportunities for individuals who may otherwise face barriers to employment."

Naveeda Morgan, Deputy CEO & Corporate Director of Central Services, CCHA

CHIP AWARDS 2026

Celebrating Social Value, Recognising Achievement.

In June 2026, CHIP held its fourth Annual Dinner & Awards after the CHIC Conference in Telford, welcoming 250 guests, including CHIC's supply chain partners and members.

The evening featured a gala dinner, awards presentation to six deserving winners, and a fundraising raffle.

£4,361

raised for CHIP

Helping CHIP support individuals and communities through its charitable programmes.

2026 WINNERS

Mentor of the Year
The Ian Winslet Award

Shannon Walker
Crawford & Co Surveyors

Madi Sharma
LJM Solutions

Career Development Excellence Award

Eve Hunt
LJM Solutions

High Achiever of the Year
The Maggie Puyner Award

Ashley Crawford
Crawford & Co Surveyors

Social Value Employer of the Year

Dodd Group

Positive Impact Award

United Infrastructure
For the Heath Town Regeneration Project

This year's headline sponsor, calfordseaden

GRADUATE APPRENTICE

Every two years, CHIC recruits a Graduate Apprentice to work within the CHIC Team. The programme enables the completion of a carousel of employment placements through each of CHIC's departments.

This year, **Mihir Janve** joined the team.

MAKING AN IMPACT AT CHIC

Since joining the apprenticeship programme Mihir has embraced every opportunity to learn and develop.

Working across different teams has allowed him to build his knowledge of procurement and the housing sector, while also developing his analytical and relationship building skills. He has supported work involving housing associations, local authorities and charities, helping to understand framework solutions and supplier engagement.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Mihir is passionate about the role that procurement can play in improving communities and creating long term social value.

Looking ahead, he hopes to build a long term career within housing and procurement, with ambitions to progress into a leadership role. He is also planning to pursue the CIMA qualification as part of his continued professional development.

"Career paths do not always go according to plan, but staying curious, continuing to learn, building relationships and remaining persistent can create opportunities."

Mihir's advice to others facing uncertainty or setbacks.

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