

Community Impact

Just a few of the amazing initiatives undertaken in Westminster during the pandemic.



Over 3,000
people signed up to volunteer with Westminster Connects

So far, more than **6,000** people have received **40,000** acts of support



65,000 meals
delivered by Westminster Connects volunteers and staff at Unity Kitchen and the Berkeley Hotel to the most vulnerable residents in the city

BUSINESS

£98M of grants paid out to 5,570 businesses, 90% of which were issued in less than four weeks



Successfully lobbied government for business rates holidays for the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors delivering **£927M** of relief in the 2020/21 tax year

£4M of discretionary grants to support 400 businesses outside of the criteria

Over 1,000 appointments through our Business Unit to get businesses the support they need with over £1M in support accessed as a result of consultations

ROUGH SLEEPING



266

people housed in emergency accommodation to keep them safe through the pandemic



137,000 meals

provided alongside employment, medical and mental health support

240

people moved into sustainable long-term housing

SHOP & EAT LOCAL

Connected more than **400 local businesses** to their communities to support local enterprise



HOSPITALITY SUPPORT

Over **400** restaurants, cafés and bars given outdoor seating licences to support 80,000 hospitality jobs across Westminster

MOVEMENT



11km

of additional cycle lanes across the city



=== **11** ===

school street zones to make walking to school safer and easier



19,000m²

of extra pavement space added to make walking around Westminster even better and easier than ever

HUGE

One rainbow message to support our key workers at Paddington Recreation Ground



We've e-mailed over **150,000** residents and businesses each week to keep them informed of public health and Council updates



Over **500** refurbished council laptops delivered to vulnerable families



600 Easter eggs

to remind some of our most vulnerable residents that the community is here to support and help



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