



Spark

Sport, Amenities, Recreation in Kesgrave

SPARK is in the process of converting to a CIO or Charitable Incorporated Organisation to make its management more efficient, however SPARK continues to thrive and with the tireless work of the staff and volunteers at the 2nd Stop Shop, providing the funds to make grants to numerous organisations, schools, teams and clubs in Kesgrave. SPARK continues to work in partnership with KTC to provide Summer and Winter events for residents to enjoy, and has recently agreed to make a major grant to the refurbishment of Oak Meadow.

SPARK has now formed a closer working relationship with the KWMCC, making grants to fund table tennis and netball facilities and build a Padel Court.

The grants are varied in terms of size and purpose, but the common theme is that they were made for the benefit of Kesgrave. Since October 2025 SPARK has made grants totalling more than £145,000.

Some of the recipients are as follows:

- Kesgrave Library Community Group
- Kesgrave Friendship Club
- Kesgrave 5k Fun Run
- KWMCC
- Kesgrave Town Council
- Kesgrave Cricket Club
- All Saints Church
- Forget Me Not Cafe

It is worth repeating that none of these grants would have been possible without the 2nd Stop Shop, and while the income from the shop funds SPARK grant making, it is worth highlighting that at a time when the cost of living continues to rise the shop provides an excellent facility for the community.

The 2nd Stop Shop often needs additional volunteers, so if you have some time to spare and think you could help then please go in and speak with the managers.

Finally, a new initiative has started to provide work experience/volunteering opportunities for young people. Saturday jobs are scarce and getting something to put on your CV is difficult, so the 2nd Stop Shop is now helping by having young people volunteer on a Saturday under the watchful eyes of our managers.

SPARK will consider all applications to assist with the funding for sport, recreation and amenities in Kesgrave and hopes that 2026/7 provides far more opportunities for Kesgrave



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based teams, groups, and other organisations to flourish or perhaps even start a new club, group or activity.

If you require more information about SPARK please visit the website at www.kesgrave-spark.org.uk