

Household Support Fund & Cost of Living Response

1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023



Key Themes/Workstreams

- Governance
- Budget
 - Household Support Fund (£2.78M)
 - Local Welfare Provision (£200K)
- Publicity and Communications
- Events
- Warm Spaces
- Bolton's Fund



COL Micro Site



The national period of mourning has now ended

Look back: How Bolton remembered Queen Elizabeth II

[More info](#) >

Cost of living

Are you worried about the rising cost of energy bills, food, and transport? You are not alone, the cost of living is rising and is affecting many of us.



Upcoming events and top tips

Local events and links to help manage money...

[Find out more](#)

**Debt, money
and benefits**

Housing support

**Food, energy
and fuel**

Jobs and skills

**Health and
wellbeing**

**Support for
businesses**

You may want help accessing welfare rights, benefits and debt advice, support getting all the money you're entitled to, or simply want to know more about the Government's recent support measures. Whatever your money worries may be, we've put together some useful information in the links above to help you.

Publicity Campaign



Events

- November 5th and 9th – Town Hall
- February 7th – Bolton Market
- February 11th – Crompton Place Library
- 510 residents & delegates
- Analysis and valuation completed to inform future events
- Looking to work with schools and community venues to support/host future events



FSM Vouchers

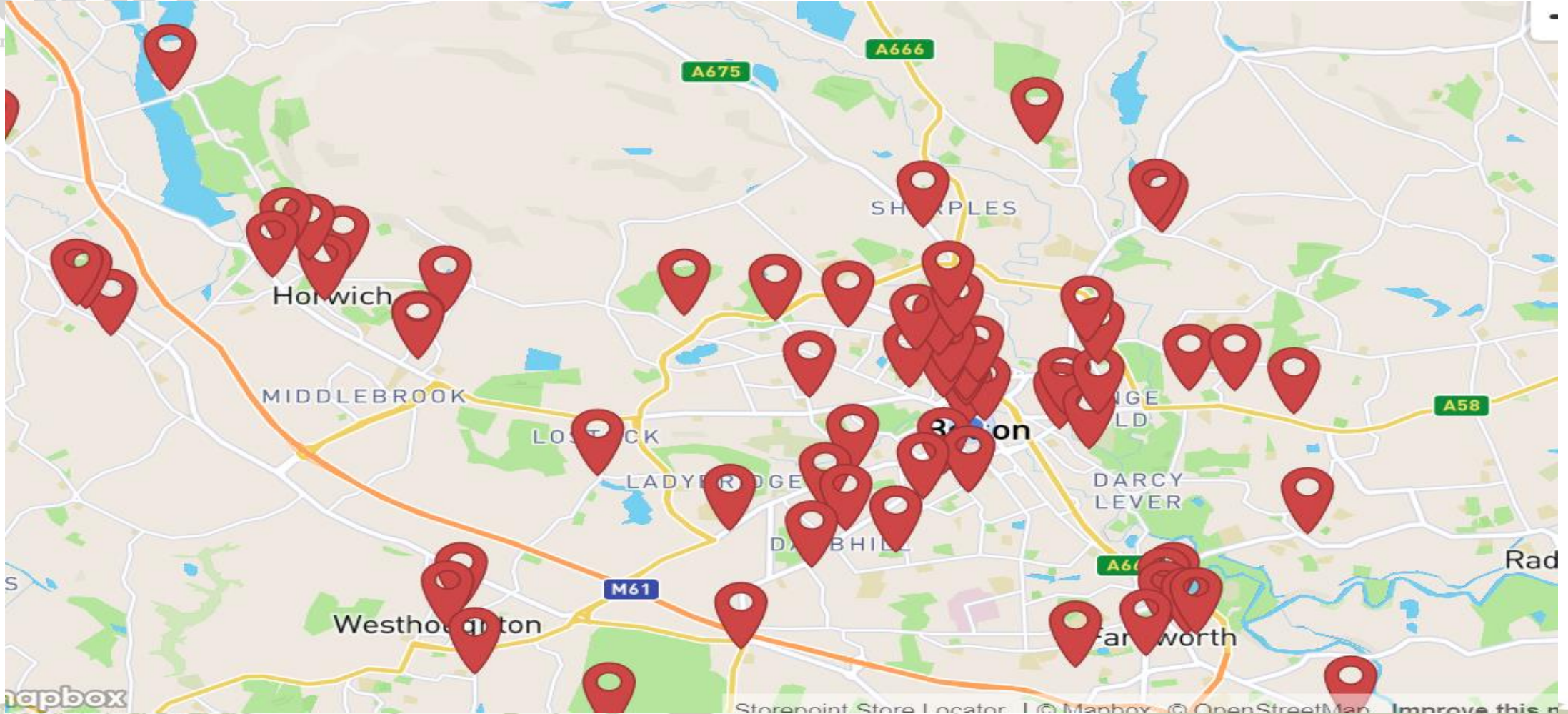
- School age children in receipt of Free School Meals and pre-school age children eligible for FSM
- Digital supermarket vouchers - £15 per child per week during school holidays

• October 2022	15,072 vouchers	£227,080
• December 2022	15,052 vouchers	£451,860
• February 2022	15,257 vouchers	£228,855
• Care Leavers	230 vouchers	£ 34,500
		£942,295

Local Welfare Provision

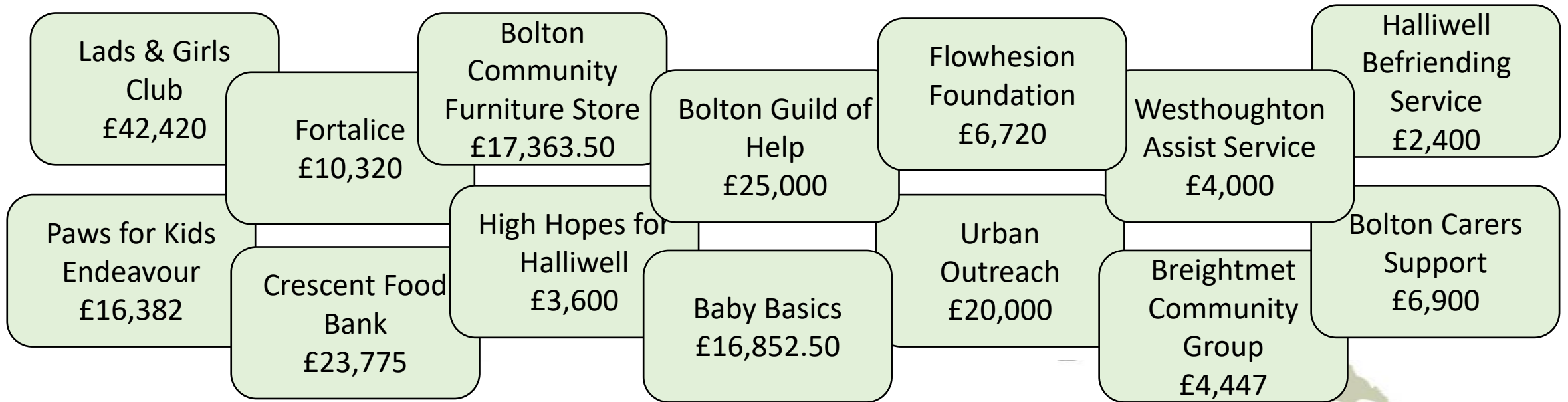
- £750K investment from HSF
- £200K Council Budget
- Energy top-ups on meters
- 2 week food package
- Essential Household Items
- £852K spent as at 31st March 2023 (£1.388M 22/23)
 - 2,001 gas awards
 - 1,978 electric awards
 - 1,991 food awards
 - 599 essential household items

Warm Spaces



Bolton's Fund

- £200K invested – 14 organisations received funding after successful bids



Bolton

HSF Visits
Friday 17th March 2023
Active, Connected and Prosperous



Bolton's
Fund Investing in our communities



Baby Basics



Bolton Community Furniture Store

Bolton's Fund Round 33
Household Support Fund
December 2022
14 Awards
£200,000



Crescent Food Bank

Bolton
Vision

- Case Studies and data currently being collated
- Examples from Bolton Community Furniture Store...

“Bolton Community Furniture Store provided a family of one adult and two children with a set of drawers and a wardrobe that they needed urgently.

Due to us being able to provide the items through the Bolton's Fund the Mum felt less stressed and it took the pressure away from her trying to find money to buy the items”



“Bolton Community Furniture Store provided a father of three children with a cooker so he could cook healthy meals for his children



Due to us being able to provide the cooker through the Bolton's Fund the Dad felt less stressed and anxious. It took the pressure and worry away from him trying to find the money to buy a new cooker. He felt much better knowing he will be able to cook healthy food for his children.”

Additional/Targeted Support

- Approximately 10K pensioners received £30 post office voucher (£300K)
- Approximately 9K residents in receipt of a disability benefit received £30 supermarket voucher (£270K)
- Over 15K children supported with £30 vouchers over the Easter holidays (£450K)



HSF4 - 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

- **£5.56M funding**
- FSM Vouchers £2,150M
- LWP £1.1M
- Boltons Fund £400K
- Money Skills £150K
- Care & Repair £150K
- Carers £150K
- Warm Spaces £100K
- Housing Costs £60K
- Winter Contingency £1.2M
- Administration £100K