

Voluntary Sector Commissioning Framework

Q3 2025/26 Highlights

- W3RT provided over 150 hours of support to local voluntary sector organisations across Watford. Funding continues to be the most common area of support requested.
- W3RT successfully connected several local businesses with charities to strengthen community support. XMA Digital Solutions generously donated five laptops
- Attendance across our commissioned community centres exceeded 40,000 visits this quarter
- The impact of Watford Palace Theatre taking over The Workshop (formerly known as *The Barn*) has been significant, with a noticeable rise in community activity across the board particularly in social-inclusion programmes and community-support initiatives.
- In October, Citizens Advice Watford was pleased to welcome the NADRA Mobile Surgery, delivered in partnership with the Pakistan High Commission and the LoC Foundation UK. More than 160 local residents were able to access important services such as NICOP renewals, POA attestations and friendly consular guidance.
- Citizens Advice Watford supported 1,899 people, representing a 5% increase from the previous quarter.
- W3RT delivered 20 digital-inclusion support sessions this quarter, including 1 home visit and 18 group sessions.
- The Community Wellbeing Team provided over 300 journeys for Watford residents, most of which were to health-related appointments.
- The Meriden Community Centre has also secured a new weekly NHS booking, with the health service now using the facility three times a week to deliver pulmonary rehabilitation sessions, supporting residents with long-term respiratory conditions.

Q4 2025/26 Priorities

- W3RT will be delivering a series of funding-focused webinars, alongside an in-person event designed to raise awareness of available funding opportunities and offer practical support to strengthen application submissions.
- Provide more digital inclusion support sessions and make sure they are easy to access in all areas of the borough.