

PRESS RELEASE

Greenham Trust's 'Laptops for Lockdown Learning' fund enables 36 schools to buy 1,202 laptops for disadvantaged children learning at home

A total of £392,680 has been raised in two months to support underprivileged students

10th March 2021 – In the two months since Greenham Trust launched the 'Laptops for Lockdown Learning' fund with a £250,000 initial contribution, £392,680 has been raised and £246,220 disbursed to provide 1,202 laptops for 36 schools. This is a huge achievement in such a short space of time. Hosted on The Good Exchange, Greenham Trust has matched every £1 of donations made to the appeal.

Helen Bowsher, The Willows Primary School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association, said, "We are so thankful for the help provided by the Laptops for Lockdown fund. The money we received enabled us to provide much-needed IT equipment to families that could not previously access our online learning platform. The laptops will have a long-term positive impact as they will be used, once the children are back in school, for both our computing lessons and within our wider curriculum. Therefore, the whole school will benefit. Once again many thanks to everyone involved in the scheme from The Willows Primary."

As we enter into a post-lockdown hybrid schooling model, it is expected that technology will have a vital role to play so it is important that we continue to support disadvantaged children who still do not have access to the technology they need.

Speaking about this and the success of the appeal, Chris Boulton, CEO, Greenham Trust, said, "We were delighted to be able to help so many schools and schoolchildren in West Berkshire through our Laptop campaign which was also strongly supported by other local charitable trusts and the general public. We are now working with schools and the local authority to explore how the Trust and the local charitable sector might be able to help with further technology needs in schools and assistance with missed learning due to the impact of COVID 19 alongside funding that is being made available by central government."

Greenham Trust is still fundraising to help children and young people in West Berkshire and north Hampshire impacted by school and bubble closures, interrupted education and lack of access to resources. Please visit <https://thegoodexchange.com/laptops> if you would like to donate or fundraise.

About Greenham Trust

Greenham Trust Ltd was founded in 1997 to purchase the former Greenham Common Airbase, and to create and manage the new 150-acre Greenham Business Park. The Trust's principal objective is to use income from commercial property to provide charitable funding for the benefit of the local communities in West Berkshire and North Hampshire. Since its inception, the Trust has supported over 1,000 local organisations, donating over £58 million over the last 20 years. Groups seeking funding can apply online at The Good Exchange: www.thegoodexchange.com.
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