

Big Local — Resident-Led, Long-Term Neighbourhood Endowments in England

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

England's Big Local gave 150 deprived neighbourhoods roughly £1 million each in resident-controlled endowments; a peer-reviewed NIHR evaluation found a real fall in burglary but no lasting wellbeing gain, with benefits unevenly distributed.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

[Local Trust](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

[Local Trust — What was Big Local?](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

[NIHR Public Health Research evaluation \(DOI\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

[Learning from Big Local — programme spend data](#) — accessed 2026-09-05

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