

Bringing Andover Together CIC
Test Valley Young Entrepreneurs Contest
£650 awarded n October 2023

As we talked about, the Test Valley Young Entrepreneurs Contest using the grant received from the Andover Town Council, only began recruiting for young people in December 2024.

The deadline for young people aged 13-21 to enter the contest was 6th January 2025 at 5pm. We received a total of 76 applications from young people from across Test Valley. A shortlisted 4 young people - 2 from Andover, and 2 from Romsey - were chosen to take part in the contest. They are now completing the tasks and activities as part of the contest, with the finale being held at the Andover Guildhall on 21st March 2025. The Mayor of Andover has been invited to all of the judging days to support the young people through the process, as well as the finale.

One young person from Andover runs a 3D printing business, and is looking to grow it even further in the contest.

One young person from Andover is hoping to open an 80s style retro diner, with a skating arena.

One young person from Romsey is wanting to open a photography studio.

One young person from Romsey is wanting to start up a fencing club for young Muslims aged 8 - 12.

The Town Council's funding has been used to cover all Andover promotional and marketing materials including social media paid advertising, leaflets, posters as well as venue hire for the location of the contest sessions and the remaining funds will be used to support the young people through mentorship and funding.

I will provide photos from across the contest as soon as I have them.