

Facility Grants Scheme * new application

Town:	Crawley Down
Title of project:	Crawley Down Village Green youth shelter and fitness equipment
Applicant:	Worth Parish Council
Type of applicant:	Parish Council
Previous Grants in past 5 years:	£85,000 Copthorne Pavilion (2010) £13,147 Copthorne Pavilion additional grant (2012) £51,687 Bowers Place Playground Improvements (2013) £62,799 Crawley Down Car Park (2014)
Grant Request to MSDC	£ 32,241 (100%)
Total project cost:	£ 32,241

Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

n/a

Summary of project proposal and aims:

Worth Parish Council is seeking Section 106 contributions to fund the installation of a youth shelter and fitness equipment at Crawley Down Village Green, Bowers Place.

Background

Worth Parish Council's vision is to make Worth Parish an attractive, safe and vibrant place to live and work. The Council aims to ensure the character and unique environment of the villages and open spaces in the Parish are protected and improved for future generations of residents.

This project is the result of consultation regarding local needs to produce a neighbourhood plan. The draft plan has been prepared and this project supports policy CDNP03 (Retention and Enhancement of Recreational and Local Green/Open Spaces) which is one of seven policies intended to promote healthy communities.

Crawley Down Village Green, Bowers Place is owned by Worth Parish Council who maintain the play equipment.

The Parish Council intends to install a Pod Shelter for young people which will be fitted with a Bluetooth music player and LED lights which are powered by a crank handle within the pod which will provide a safe place for young people to meet and socialise.

They will also install a minimum of five items of keep fit equipment which will be suitable for youngsters and adults. These include an air skier, seated leg press, pull down challenge, tai chi spinners, twist and step for a full body workout.

The proposed site of the fitness area is by the children's play area which will also encourage parents to exercise. There is currently no outdoor fitness equipment in Crawley Down which has a population of 5,500.

The General Purposes and Finance Committee agreed to use S106 funds for this project at a meeting on 3 August 2015. The applicant has secured two competitive quotes for the work and the budget includes groundworks and safety surfacing. If the funding is secured, the work is scheduled to take place by the end of November.

Head of Finance Comments

Worth Parish Council is a statutory body and therefore it is not normal practice to comment on the organisations financial accounts.

How does the project meet the Council's aims?

Better Lives

The project will provide a safe place for young people to meet and the fitness equipment will benefit children, young people and adults by encouraging them to participate in activities that promote healthy lifestyles.

Better Services

The project will help the Parish Council deliver the neighbourhood plan by enhancing community facilities, improving open green spaces for community use and addressing the need for facilities for local youths.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group evaluation of the project

The assessment group feels that this project to provide a youth shelter and fitness equipment at Crawley Down Village Green, Bowers Place will benefit the residents of Crawley Down and the surrounding area by providing improved recreational facilities. It is proposed that a grant is awarded to fund the costs of purchasing and installing the equipment.

Corporate Grant Scheme Assessment Group Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel award a Facility Grant of £32,241 (100% of the total project cost) to fund the installation of a youth shelter and fitness equipment at Crawley Down Village Green, which is made up of - £13,503 (P35/759 Land off Woodlands Close), £1,851 (P35/654 Land adj to Burleigh Infant School), £2,506 (P35/728 Land South of Grange Road), £14,381 (PL12-000170 Land parcel between Sunnymead and Huntsland Lodge, Turners Hill Road) Section 106 Play Space monies.

This grant offer is made subject to the following special conditions:

- planning permission is obtained for the youth shelter, if required***
- the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained***

APPENDIX B

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Haywards Heath Town Team CIC
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	175th Railway Anniversary
Total Project Cost	:	£24,525
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	£500 Strictly Gardening (2014) £500 Village Fete (2014) £2,500 Website Improvements (2014) £2,500 Science Week (2015)

Background information:

Haywards Heath Town Team is a not-for-profit community organisation that seeks to develop and promote the benefits and growth of Haywards Heath for its residents and business communities. It organises events throughout the year for the enjoyment of all ages while promoting a sustainable and healthy lifestyle. The development and growth of the local economy is also a primary objective.

To celebrate the arrival of the first train into Haywards Heath in 1841 and the opening of the newly modernised railway station in 2016, the Town Team are planning a programme of celebratory events.

A weekend of historical celebration with a Victorian theme will take place at various locations across the town on 16-17 September 2016. Amongst the planned activities there will be a Grand Procession, a Steam Engine, together with Bluebell Stepney (the first locomotive to run at the Bluebell Railway), a Victorian Fun Fair, railway exhibitions, train rides, a big film screen, live battles, art displays, competitions, stalls and a horse and carriage.

These events are intended to bring the community together and involve clubs, societies, schools, businesses and the residents of Haywards Heath. The celebrations will also bring visitors into the area, thus helping local visitor attractions and retailers. The project aims to bring enjoyment and a real sense of community.

The overall cost of the activity programme is £24,525 including a mosaic art work, a poetry booklet for schools, marketing materials, hall hire for exhibitions, staging, infrastructure outdoor events at the station and in Victoria Park (toilets, PA, bunting, medical, fun fair and big film screen hire) and road closures.

The Town Team have applied to West Sussex County Council for a grant of £5,000 toward the project costs. They have also confirmed funding in place from the Orchard Shopping Centre (£4,000), Solum Regeneration and BAM Construction (£1,000), 1st Central (£4,000) and an in kind contribution from Southern Railway. They are continuing to seek contributions from local businesses to fill the £5,525 funding gap.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ended 31st October 2014 which show a surplus of £17,036.

Total income was £28,919; mainly generated from Grants (£9,500) and Events (£19,419).

Total expenditure was £11,882 consisting of Supplies and Services.

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £17,037, comprising of Cash at Bank £17,037.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The applicant has already raised £9,000 from local businesses and has the support of the station manager. This is a large scale event which should engage a wide audience and they are planning ahead so there is plenty of time for ongoing fundraising and forward planning. The project will involve local people of all ages in a range of activities and events to learn more about the history of Haywards Heath. The anniversary weekend will also will encourage visitors to the town to enjoy a fun weekend which should provide a boost for local businesses and provide positive press coverage.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project will provide an occasion to bring the community together and celebrate the local area

Better Services – the project aims to promote Haywards Heath as a great place to visit with excellent shopping and transport links

Better Environment – the project will encourage the use of the railway, as opposed to road traffic, which is good for the environment.

Recommendation

That the sum of £5,000 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution toward the 175th Railway Anniversary events.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Haywards Heath Community CIC
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Winter Market Marquees
Total Project Cost	:	£20,000
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£3,640
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information:

This application was presented to the Cabinet Grants Panel in June 2015 and members requested further information about the project.

The Haywards Heath Community CIC was formed to promote Haywards Heath as a place to live, work and do business. The CIC has delivered a number of local community events including the CIC Arts Trail, a Children's Art Wall and a WW1 Commemoration at St Wilfrid's Church.

This project is to hold a Winter Market in Victoria Park as part of Haywards Heath Winter Festival, on 28-29 November 2015. The festival aims to encourage people into the town, support retailers and boost the local economy. The market will focus on local quality, food and craft products. The organisers estimate that there will be 15 - 20 stalls in the first year and they hope it will become an annual event which will grow in size and popularity over time.

The grant funds would enable the CIC to purchase five heavy duty marquees with weights and heaters and contribute to marketing costs for the event. They intend to hire out the marquees for a modest fee and the following organisations have expressed an interest in hiring the marquees for regular events each year – Haywards Heath Town Team (Haywards Heath Fun Day, Bike Ride, Broadway Festival), Haywards Heath Youth CIC, Kangaroos, British Heart Foundation, 175th Railway Anniversary Event, Girl Guides and Woodlands Mead Special School. This income will be ring-fenced for future repairs and replacements.

The marquees will be stored free of charge in a purpose built secure garage that is owned by one of the committee members who is willing to enter into a formal storage agreement and provide access for named key holders.

Members were concerned about the use of the recreation ground during the winter season but the applicant has discussed the project with the Council's Outdoor Services Team and the Town Clerk who are satisfied with the arrangements. They intend to place the marquees along the main path into the park which will not damage the football pitches. The marquees have ground protection mat flooring and the retailers have confirmed this is a good location as it will encourage people to visit both the Broadway and South Road.

The Winter Market will be promoted through social media and the Mid Sussex Times has agreed to publish a special edition with a pull out centre sheet advertising the event. The CIC has confirmed that if they are successful with this application they will have sufficient time to market the event for the end of November.

The applicant has secured £9,750 in match funding from West Sussex County Council (£2,500), The Orchards (£7,000) and Waterstones (£250). The remaining £6,610 will be raised through sponsorship and the Haywards Heath District Business Association will contribute to the costs of advertising. Haywards Heath Town Council contributes to the overall weekend of events by paying for a fireworks display and continuing to provide the Christmas lights display.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st January 2014, which show a deficit of £134.

Total income was £107; generated from a Grant (£107).

Total expenditure was £241; comprising of Supplies and Services (£241).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Liability of £135, comprising of Cash £882 and Creditors (£1,017).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The applicant has secured a significant amount of match funding from local sources and is seeking an 18% contribution toward the total project cost. The Council's investment in this project would provide seed funding for a self-sustaining annual event which would be enjoyed by local residents and benefit businesses. It would also provide a useful resource that would be made available to hirers for other events.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the events forming part of the Winter Festival will all be free of charge for the public and are intended to bring people together to participate and attend.

Better Services – by making the marquees available for future use at town events and for local organisations and charities. The Winter Market, as part of the Winter Festival, will provide local retailers with additional opportunities and will increase footfall in the town.

Better Environment – the overall aim of the organisation is to revitalise the town which struggles with a sense of identity. Events of this kind encourage local enjoyment and pride of place which is essential to a vibrant community

Recommendation

That the sum of £3,640 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution towards the purchase of five marquees and promotion of the Haywards Heath Winter Market.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	East Grinstead Business Association (EGBA)
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Welcome Sign
Total Project Cost	:	£3,500
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,000
Previous Grants	:	£1,000 Music Video (2014) £4,750 Mural (2014) - withdrawn

Background information:

The EGBA, established in 2008, is a non-profit making association that aims to support and represent all trading, service and commercial enterprises within the greater East Grinstead area. The business association seeks to facilitate information, communication and networking through monthly BUZZ meetings, informal 'Drink and Meet' events and the distribution of a regular newsletter. Membership is open to representatives of commercial and trading entities that do business within the Greater East Grinstead area and the annual subscription is £95.

The EGBA is supporting the placement of a new Welcome to the Town sign at the station to replace the current one that is no longer considered fit for purpose. The sign will help orientate visitors when they arrive by in the town by Southern or the Bluebell heritage railway.

The design of the sign has not been decided on, it will be adopted by East Grinstead Town Council for maintenance once in place and may incorporate a bespoke design, floral display or promote other civic activity. The sign will include a map showing how to access the rest of the town and some of the attractions.

The sign will create a good impression on entry to the town and will encourage visitors to walk up Railway Approach to the town centre amenities. EGBA members will benefit from more trade and exposure to visitors. An improvement in the flow of people from the station to the town will support business and economic growth in East Grinstead.

The applicant is seeking a contribution of £2,500 toward the cost of the new signage from West Sussex County Council.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year 2014 which show a surplus of £2,993.

Total income was £18,430; mainly generated from Subscriptions (£12,038), Grants (£2,578), Sundry Income (£2,185), Advertising Income (£900) and Events (£729).

Total expenditure was £15,437; consisting of Supplies and Services (£15,017), and Third Party Donations (£420).

No balance sheet was provided.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

This improvement project has the support of the Town Council and the business association. It will direct people to the town centre and encourage visitors who do not

know the area to take advantage of retail, catering and other local attractions. This is a positive scheme to promote East Grinstead and it was well received by the assessment group.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – many small businesses are locally run or staffed, successful businesses will grow and ensure sustainable employment for the town.

Better Services – the project will support the retail economy in East Grinstead and support tourism initiatives.

Better Environment – this project is part of a wider drive to improve the public realm around the station to make the area more welcoming for visitors.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,000 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as the Mid Sussex District Council contribution toward the East Grinstead Welcome Sign.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * revised scheme

Name of Organisation : **Turners Hill Parish Council**

Purpose for which Grant is Sought : **The Ark refurbishments**

Background information:

Turners Hill Parish Council was awarded a Community and Economic Development grant of £18,307 in September 2014 and a further grant of £2,511 in January 2015 toward the cost of new kitchen appliances and refurbishments at The Ark making a total award of £20,818. The parish council has drawn down £19,148 to date and there is £1,670 remaining.

As part of the project, they were intending to purchase a glasswasher at a cost of £1,099 but this item is no longer required as it is too big to fit into the space. They also have an underspend of £571 because they were able to purchase some items slightly cheaper than originally budgeted.

The parish council has requested to use the remaining grant toward some additional unexpected expenditure incurred during the refurbishments that amount to £1,790 in total. These costs are as follows: taking up the old carpet (£409.50), supplying and laying latex screed (£877.50) and polysafe vinyl to front of bar (£145.60) plus the cost of carpentry relating to the kitchen refit (£357).

Recommendation

As these Community and Economic Development funds have already been committed to this project, Turners Hill Parish Council should be permitted to use the remaining £1,670 to fund the additional costs incurred during the refurbishments.

SMALL REVENUE GRANTS

Name of Organisation	:	Chestnut Tree House
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Feeding Bottles
Total Project Cost	:	£660
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£660
Previous Grants	:	2008/09 £500 2010/11 £600 2011/12 £600 2012/13 £300 2013/14 £500
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	N/A

Background information:

Chestnut Tree House (St Barnabas Hospice's children's hospice), located in Arundel, is the only children's hospice in Sussex covering West and East, and into South East Hampshire. At the present time, there are approximately 40 children and their families from Mid Sussex receiving care from Chestnut Tree House.

They provide specialist care and support to over 300 children with life shortening conditions and their families. In addition ongoing support is given to 100 bereaved families whose children have sadly died. The term life shortening means children are not expected to reach adulthood, with conditions including Spinal Muscular Dystrophy, Cancer, Battens Disease and many other childhood syndromes.

Their services include:

- Assessment, advice and information for children and young adults with life shortening conditions 24 hours a day
- Specialist short breaks, emergency and end of life care provided at Chestnut Tree House 24 hours a day
- Support for the entire family following diagnosis through the whole disease process by the multi-disciplinary team at Chestnut Tree House
- Bereavement support for the whole family
- Support and advice on the transition from paediatric palliative care services to adult services.

Children benefit from a wide range of fun and therapeutic activities in the homely atmosphere of Chestnut Tree House. They have a chance to socialise with their peers and do the things associated with healthy children, such as swimming, art and craft activities, themed parties, outings, music and therapy.

The organisation has requested a grant of £660 to purchase 20 packs of feeding bottles (each pack contains 100 bottles). Many of the children have such complex needs that they need to be tube fed. The feeding bottles used by the hospice are discarded every time a child goes home, so each admission is allocated new bottles. The hospice has up to 1,000 admissions per year and many children and small babies are fed through a tube to their stomachs; the bottles are used to measure fluid intake for those who need

to have a limited amount of fluids either because of their kidneys not functioning or a metabolic disorder. During their stay the children could use several bottles for different types of feed and fluids, so in a six month period the hospice could use up to 1,000 bottles.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently audited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2014 which show a surplus of £2,090k.

Total income was £15,748k; mainly generated from Retail, lottery and fundraising (£6,814k), Legacies (£4,140k), Grants (£2,561k), Donations (£1,377) Investment Income (£473k) Gains on assets (£328k) and Other income (£55k).

Total expenditure was £13,658k; consisting of Staff Related (£8,521k) and Supplies and Services (£5,137k).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £38,776k, comprising of Tangible Assets £18,949k, Investments £13,403k, Investment Property £270k, Inventory £6k, Debtors £1,053k, Cash in Bank £7,016k, Creditors due within 1 year (£1,307k) and Creditors due after more than 1 year (£614k).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Chestnut Tree House provides vital support for families and children with life shortening conditions. Small babies and children use the feeding bottles which are vital to ensure that each child receives the correct fluid, feed or medication. The Grants Assessment Group is supportive of this application.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – Opportunities and Quality of Life for All. Chestnut Tree House cares for local children and young people with progressive life shortening illnesses, it also provides support and respite care for their parents which allows them to have a break from the exhausting demands of caring for their child. The feeding bottles ensure that the care staff and parent/guardian are confident that the correct measure of feed or medication has been administered and each child has their own supply of bottles.

Recommendation

£660

Name of Organisation	:	Kangaroos Mid Sussex
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Contribution towards PALS Saturday Club and Playscheme
Total Project Cost	:	£76,368
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£5,000
Previous Grants	:	1993/94 - £350 1994/95 - £1,000 1997/98 - £600 1999/00 - £550 2003/04 - £750 2005/06 - £2,000 2006/07 - £2,000 2008/09 - £2,300 2009/10 - £2,080 2010/11 - £2,800 2011/12 - £2,500 2012/13 - £2,000 2013/14 - £2,000 2014/15 - £3,443
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	£8,000

Background information:

Kangaroos has been providing out of school activities in Mid Sussex since 1994 for children and young people with learning disabilities, many of whom have additional behavioural, physical or sensory problems and an increasing number with Autism, Epilepsy, and complex medical needs.

They are supported in all the activities by experienced trained staff and young volunteers to increase independence, self-confidence, social competence and inclusion within the community. They run over 27 hours of social, educational and recreational activities every week in the evenings, weekends and school holidays for over 150 members aged from 6 to over 30 with learning disabilities.

Kangaroos have sought funding from the Council for their PALS (Play, Activities, Laughter and Support) Saturday Club and Playscheme, based at Ashenground Community Centre, for children aged from 6 to 12 with severe learning disabilities. PALS runs throughout the year and offers a range of activities tailored to the needs of the members. The scheme creates an extremely safe and structured environment in which the children can play whilst being supported by experienced, qualified staff as well as young volunteers. These children are not able to access mainstream activities and do not usually get opportunities to spend time with their friends or make new friends outside school as their disabilities and behaviours make it extremely difficult to meet socially or go to each other's houses. Therefore PALS provides the only social and recreational activity available to them outside school and home.

Increasingly, they have children with more complex needs joining them with medical requirements, as well as increased numbers on the autistic spectrum who need specific strategies applied in a structured manner. PALS has increased its membership over the last year and now support 45 children with a vast range of disabilities including severe autism, complex epilepsy, Fragile X Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, profound and multiple learning difficulties, complex and severe epilepsy, complex visual and hearing impairments, limited mobility and profound communication difficulties. This range of needs catered for at PALS is becoming more diverse and complex, requiring increased planning and appropriate staffing. They provide 1:1 support for the majority of the children and 2:1 for all who require it. There is the only scheme in their area which caters for the needs of this group, providing opportunities for children with severe learning disabilities to have fun, interact with their peers, learn new skills and enjoy new experiences independently of their families.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2015 which show a surplus of £5,135.

Total income was £282,646; mainly generated from Grants (£196,583), Incoming Resources from Charitable activities (£62,497), Donations (£23,559) and Bank Interest (£7).

Total expenditure was £277,511; consisting of Staff Related (£174,044) and Supplies and Services (£103,467).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £14,400, comprising of Tangible Assets £12,608, Cash in Bank £15,829, Creditors (£14,037).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The children attending PALS benefit considerably by having their own club where they can enjoy activities, meet friends, make new friends and experience leisure activities that other young people take for granted. It helps build confidence and self-esteem by providing them with activities they can do away from their families. The recommended grant is in line with previous awards.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – Opportunities and Quality of Life for All. PALS provide the children with opportunities unavailable to them otherwise to play, try new experiences and enjoy social interaction with their peers. This enables them to enjoy activities that all children want to do but theirs can only be achieved with the help of experienced staff and volunteers.

They rely heavily on volunteers from local schools and colleges to help provide the one to one care that many of their members need. They offer them experience and training and believe that this opportunity benefits them too, as they become more self-assured and confident by helping others in a fun atmosphere.

PALS also provide families with a short break to do a bit of shopping, spend time with other family members and generally to do those things that they cannot do with their special needs child around.

Recommendation

£3,500 - in line with previous awards

Name of Organisation	:	Nature Nurture Sussex
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Volunteer training costs and Equipment
Total Project Cost	:	£1,012
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,012
Previous Grants	:	N/A
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	£5,000 West Sussex Social Enterprise Fund

Background information:

Established in June 2014, Nature Nurture Sussex runs Forest School sessions for pre-school and primary aged children and their families in the Mid Sussex area. Forest School is an opportunity for children to experience nature and the outdoors on a regular basis, all year round. The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through an innovative, long term, educational approach to outdoor play and learning in a woodland environment. Children are able to play in the woods, see and feel the changes in the seasons, learn about plants and wildlife and have the freedom to explore. Nature Nurture Sussex says that the Forest School Programme is becoming popular in schools and nurseries and it is acknowledged to have a huge benefit for children. They offer Family Forest School sessions and encourage parents to take their children outside, to have fun, work with tools, build dens and campfires and have some time away from the screens.

In terms of pricing, the initial taster sessions organised so far were at a reduced price of £5 per child, £1 for siblings, in order to attract families and help get them known. However, from September, mid-week taster sessions will be £5 per child, and for Saturday sessions £7.50 per child, siblings over three half price, siblings under 2 free. The organisation intends to be fully self-funding within 12-18 months. . One of their ideas to help them become self-sufficient is to offer birthday parties, for which they will charge a higher rate. Any profits from this can then be used to subsidise other activities.

So far, Forest School has operated in the following schools, Bolnore Village, Harlands, The Gattons, Lindfield, Staplefield and Hassocks. Bolney pre-school has just begun running sessions for their children.

The organisation want to be able to offer local people an opportunity to get involved, volunteer with them and learn skills that will be useful for them in their future employment. They are seeking a grant to enable volunteers to undertake training such as First Aid, Food Hygiene, Safeguarding and Child Protection plus a grant to purchase additional equipment. The purchase of another Forest School equipment kit for their leaders (the kit includes a garden cart, kettle, water carrier, bow saw, camp fire grill, tripod, loppers, spade, first aid kit, fire blanket, hand drill, tarpaulin etc) would enable them to expand and carry out sessions simultaneously – at present they only have one set of equipment. They want to reach as many families as possible; feedback from their taster sessions demonstrates demand.

The organisation intends to be fully self-funding within 12-18 months. As they have only recently become established they have run taster sessions at a reduced rate in order to get their group known. One of their ideas to help them become self-sufficient is

to offer birthday parties, for which they will charge a higher rate. Any profits from this can then be used to subsidise other activities.

Head of Finance Comments

This organisation is newly established and therefore do not have formal accounts yet. They have submitted a projected budget which indicates that income will be in the region of £12,000 (grants £3,500 and course fees £8,500) and expenditure £12,000 (staff costs £8,000, training £1,000, expenses £500, equipment £1,500, advertising/marketing £500, insurance £300).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Children and young people are often inspired by the outdoors and, over time, this can help increase their confidence, learning capacity, enthusiasm, problem solving skills and emotional well-being. Forest School children are physically active which can lead to healthier lifestyles.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives and Better Environment – Through running Forest School sessions they are increasing children's understanding and empathy with the natural world. Children are encouraged to get out more and appreciate the beautiful countryside. The School fosters a respect for nature and green spaces and encourages children to look after the world they live in.

Many children (and adults) spend long periods of time looking at screens of one sort or another, Forest Schools are trying to offer something different – to encourage families to spend time outside, in the woods and to give them ideas or activities they can do with their children which don't cost money and are good for their children's emotional and physical health. In the woods, children get to run around, climb trees, explore, balance on logs, use their imaginations and enjoy being outside.

Recommendation

£1,000 – set up grant

Name of Organisation	:	Respect Youth Club
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Public Liability Insurance and Hire Costs of NTC Hut
Total Project Cost	:	£4,640
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£720
Previous Grants	:	2008/9 £720, 2009/10 £720, 2012/13 £720, 2013/14 £720
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	N/A

Background information:

“Respect” is a club for local young people aged 9-16 years. The Club meetings are held every Tuesday evening in the NTC Hut in Leylands Park, Burgess Hill. On average, 25 children attend each session and the total number of children “on the books” is 60.

Children enjoy a range of indoor and outdoor activities and visits are arranged by local people and groups to give the children an understanding of “life in the outside world”.

Over the time that the club has been in existence the behaviour of young people in the area has improved and most agencies believe that this is due to the success of the Club.

The application is for help in paying the weekly hall hire costs and public liability insurance costs which currently total £1,230 per annum. The grant will help them to continue to give local young people somewhere safe to meet, learn to interact with others and learn a little about what opportunities there are in the local area.

Each week they aim to find something inspiring for the young people to see and do, or someone interesting for them to meet. They have close ties with the Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network and members of this group regularly attend meetings or arrange for the young people to visit Bedelands Nature Reserve. Local police Officers, paramedics, fire and safety officers and other experts also visit to give the young people a better understanding of the “working world.” Weekly activities include table tennis, pool, computer games, needlework, crafts and outside sports.

A grant application has also been made to Burgess Hill Town Council.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st May 2015, which show a deficit of £2,500.

Total income was £0.

Total expenditure was £2,500; comprising of Supplies and Services.

No balance sheet was provided.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The Club receives regular feedback from the local community, police, residents associations, churches and Town and District Councillors, advising that the Club has benefitted, and continues to benefit, those living in Leylands Ward. Youth behaviour in the area has improved since the Club was formed.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Environment – By working closely with The Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network, the club members get a good understanding of why it is necessary to protect and enhance the environment. They also work with the Council Rangers with organised litter picks.

Better Lives – Opportunities and Quality of Life for All. They work with the Community Support officers and other local agencies to help the members of the club understand the importance of being a “good neighbour” and respect the neighbourhood. Some members who joined in the early years are now helping as leaders in the club, so real benefits can be seen at first hand.

Better Services – The club works with other community groups to improve services generally in the area. Working particularly with local resident associations and churches has been productive. The young people are encouraged to understand the work of other community organisations and, hopefully, some of them will become active members of other local groups in the future.

Recommendation

£720

Name of Organisation	:	Revitalise																
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Contribution towards 10 weeks of Respite Holiday Breaks for Mid Sussex residents																
Total Project Cost	:	£3,540																
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£500																
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Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	N/A																

Background information:

Revitalise (formerly Vitalise) is the largest provider of essential respite breaks for disabled people and carers in the UK. Each of their three centres is registered with the Care Quality Commission and offers their guests 24 hour on-call nursing and personal care. They enable disabled people and carers to have the independence to enjoy a break many others take for granted and which otherwise may be out of reach. They aim to provide a refreshing alternative to traditional residential respite care by providing an inclusive holiday environment with accessible excursions, activities and entertainment as an integral part of the break.

Most carers are not trained healthcare professionals; they are usually family members who might be struggling to cope with their new role and caring responsibilities. Carers work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Families dealing with a disability will have made many changes to their lives and face enormous difficulties. Both the carer and the cared-for can experience feelings of isolation, depression and carers themselves can experience a negative impact on their health. The care breaks can give carers back the strength to keep caring every day and offer a stimulating experience for their loved ones.

Providing opportunities for volunteers is also part of their mission and Revitalise delivers this through the largest residential volunteering programme in the UK. Last year 1,600 volunteers, of which 86% were under 25 years old, gave at least a week of their time. The organisation states that without financial help, the majority of disabled people cannot afford a break and Revitalise subsidise the cost of each break – the charges vary depending on the time of year and the chosen centre.

The average cost of a Revitalise break is £1,551 and they currently fundraise £354 per break to ensure that they can continue to keep them affordable to enable disabled guests and carers to access their services. Funding also enables them to provide accommodation, food and all nursing and social care.

Last year Revitalise provided 28 weeks of breaks for 22 Mid Sussex residents and they anticipate the same level of need for this year. They have requested a contribution towards 10 weeks of Respite Holiday Breaks for local residents.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently audited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st January 2015 which show a surplus of £2,000.

Total income was £7.795mk; mainly generated from Incoming Resources from Charitable activities (£5.522m), Donations & Legacies (£1.262m), Income from generated funds (£804k) Capital Campaign Donations (£155k) Rent (£42k) and Investment Income (£10k).

Total expenditure was £7.793m; consisting of Staff Related (£4.985m) and Supplies and Services (£2.808m).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £6.018m, comprising of Tangible Assets £4.309m, Investments £45k, Inventory £21k, Debtors £865k, Cash in Bank £1.637m, Creditors due within 1 year (£753k) and Creditors due after more than 1 year (£106k).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The organisation provides high quality breaks for disabled people based on individual need that additionally allows carers the opportunity to have a rest from their vital care role. All their guests complete a questionnaire at the end of their stay, the results of which are subsequently analysed and used as a tool to drive forward changes and improvements.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – Opportunities and Quality of Life for All. Revitalise contributes to the wellbeing of people with disabilities, their carers and families. By giving access to a wide range of services in the UK, they believe that people with disabilities should have the same rights, freedoms, responsibilities and quality of life as those without disabilities

Better Services. Last year Mid Sussex residents and their carers benefitted from 28 Revitalise breaks with care. They live with any one of a range of conditions such as cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis. Revitalise has over 50 years' experience and receives excellent reports from the Care Quality Commission for its unique form of respite care service. All centre breaks are supported by professional nursing and care staff alongside hundreds of residential volunteers who provide friendly companionship and assistance, helping people with disabilities to enjoy daily excursions, centre based activities and entertainment in a socially inclusive setting.

Recommendation

£500

Name of Organisation	:	St Catherine's Hospice
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Equipment for a Medical Bag
Total Project Cost	:	£400
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£400
Previous Grants	:	2004/05 - £300
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	£3,650

Background information:

St Catherine's Hospice, established in October 1983, provides specialist end of life care in the Mid Sussex and East Surrey areas to people with a terminal illness. Last year, 1,827 patients and their families received support from the hospice (12% of patients were from Mid Sussex). Whilst around 80% have cancer as their primary diagnoses, the hospice cares for patients with a range of conditions.

The hospice cares for patients aged 18 and over – last year, over a quarter of their patients were below state retirement age.

In summary their services comprise:

- An 18 bed in-patient unit providing respite care, symptom management, pain relief and end of life care
- Two day hospices, based in Crawley and Caterham, providing the opportunity for peer support, clinical intervention and therapeutic activities including art activities, yoga and complementary therapies
- A Community Nursing Team offering specialised advice, signposting of services and practical "hands on" care for patients in the comfort and familiarity of their own home. This is backed up by a point of contact via the telephone. This is offered seven days a week from 8am to 8pm and 80% of patients receive support in this way.
- A Patient and Family Support Team providing pre and post bereavement support for both adults and children in the form of emotional support, patient and family counselling, spiritual guidance and practical and welfare advice.

Their goal is to enable patients, in the precious time which they have available, to live the best quality of life within the limits of their illness, ensuring they remain pain free and comfortable. There is no charge for any of their services.

The organisation has applied for a grant to provide their team of doctors based at the Crawley hospice with a medical bag, fully equipped with all the necessary items they need when visiting patients in their home in Mid Sussex. The items will include, a Diagnostic Set, Stethoscope, Digital thermometer, Pen torch, Digital Sphygmomanometer and cuffs (to monitor blood pressure), Patella hammer, British National Formulary (a handbook of all drugs) and a Carry Bag.

A medical bag, equipped as described, will ensure their doctors are fully prepared when making home visits, ensuring patients receive the right care at the right time.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently audited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2014 which show a surplus of £4976k.

Total income was £13.959m; mainly generated from Legacies (£6.156m), Grants (£2.731m), Donations (£1.590m), Shop Income (£1.552m), Fundraising and Lottery (£1.276m), Gains on Investments (£586k), Income from provision of education & training (£36k), Miscellaneous Income (£29k) and Interest (£3k).

Total expenditure was £8.983m; consisting of Staff Related (£6.282m), Supplies and Services (£2.475m) and Depreciation (£226k).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £16.149m, comprising of Tangible Assets £2.441m, Investments £1.541m, Inventory £28k, Debtors £3.787m, Cash in Bank & Investments £8.737m, Creditors due within 1 year (£385k).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The Medical Bag would contain all the necessary items that a doctor will need when visiting patients in the community. This means that a full assessment and diagnosis could be undertaken in a single visit and the most appropriate course of action regarding the patients care undertaken.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – Opportunities and Quality of Life for All. Mid Sussex residents who need end of life care will receive this at the right time, in the right place, fully supported by a team of doctors, receiving advice tailored to their personal needs. They will benefit from clinical interventions at the earliest possible opportunity, to avoid an unnecessary deterioration in the patients' health. Patients are prevented from undergoing unnecessary and potentially distressing admissions to hospital or benefit from early discharge – care is received in their preferred place.

Recommendation

£400

Name of Organisation	:	Summerhaven
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Contribution towards running costs
Total Project Cost	:	£5,220
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,000
Previous Grants	:	N/A
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	Prevention & Wellbeing Grant - £2,385

Background information:

Established in January 2015, Summerhaven is in the early stages of setting up a regular drop-in facility to provide a safe and welcoming space for adults with mental health problems.

Operating since 23rd August from the Burgess Hill Old Post Office Resource Centre, Summerhaven will provide opportunities, initially four hours each Sunday, for people with mental health problems to socialise and prevent social isolation. They offer information and a range of activities such as art sessions, a pool table and IT equipment to help promote mental and physical wellbeing. These activities/services were formerly provided by both Summerfold House and Millhaven drop-in centres in Burgess Hill before they were closed. A further session for two hours on Wednesday afternoons provides tea, coffee and cakes etc (for a small contribution).

Funding has been secured from West Sussex County Council's Prevention and Wellbeing Grant £2,385, Burgess Hill Lions £500 and Burgess Hill Town Council £1,000.

Head of Finance Comments

This is a newly established organisation with no formal accounts available yet. Summerhaven provided a forecast budget that indicated expenditure to be in the region of £5,220, funding of £3,885 has so far been secured.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The organisation has been established because this type of service provision has been identified as being much needed by people with mental health issues. Summerhaven aims to help service users socialise as well as provide information and a range of activities to promote mental and physical wellbeing.

The recommendation is to award Summerhaven £1,000 as a one-off set up grant.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – Opportunities and Quality of Life for All. Mental health needs will be improved by the establishment of Summerhaven and mental wellbeing enhance by filling the gap in existing provision which has been identified by local mental health users.

Recommendation

£1,000 as a one-off set up grant

**SPOTLIGHT GRANTS
(OLDER PEOPLE)**

Name of Organisation	:	Age Concern Hassocks & District
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Portable PA System and Accessories
Total Project Cost	:	£399
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£399
Previous Grants	:	2007/2008 - £997 2009/2010 - £1,500 2010/2011 - £3,000
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	£3,000

Background information:

Based in Dale Avenue, Age Concern Hassocks has a large multi-functional day centre and caters for around 400 older people who use their services every year, with half attending the day centre every week.

The day centre building, leased from the Council, was built in 1980 as a “temporary structure” with a life span of about 30 years. The organisation will need to rebuild the Centre in the next 10-15 years. They have been advised that the cost of a brick structure of similar floor space would be in the region of £500,000. Their reserves have been built up with the aim to rebuild the Centre and provide for maintenance costs on the existing building. Virtually all their income is derived from their own activities; they do not receive core funding from statutory sources, unlike the other three Age UKs in Mid Sussex.

Their services and activities include, freshly cooked three course meals on weekdays (plus take home service), minibus transport to and from the Centre, armchair exercise classes, entertainment, activities, special events and outings to places of interest. Most activities are free or heavily subsidised. They also have a coffee shop and charity shop on site. Monthly hearing aid checks are also offered by Action for Deafness. They make their dining room and a meeting room available to other local charities and groups in the afternoons and evenings.

The organisation has requested a grant to purchase a portable public address system suitable for use in their premises by themselves, other Centre users and at outside events. They have an attendance of around 50 at their AGMs, the launch of their new minibus in December was attended by 40+ and their five Christmas lunches each year are attended by around 300 members in total, special events can draw over 100 members.

Many members and Centre users have hearing problems and their old hearing loop isn't effective for everyone. A simple microphone and speaker that can be plugged in and switched on would help everyone to hear public speakers, participate and enjoy meetings and presentations.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2013 which show a surplus of £58,424.

Total income was £229,198; mainly generated from Activities for generating funds (£96,884), Legacies (£50,456), Gains on revaluations of investment assets (£35,075), Donations (£20,230), Investment Income (£19,853) and Grants (£6,700).

Total expenditure was £170,774; consisting of Staff Related (£62,161), Supplies and Services (£108,177) and Loss on disposal of investment assets (£436).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £533,248, comprising of Tangible Assets £79,069, Investments £400,223, Debtors £1,737, Cash in Bank £53,207, Creditors due within 1 year (£988).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Hearing loss is one of the most common conditions affecting older and elderly adults, around one in three people between the ages of 65 and 74 has hearing loss to some extent and nearly half of those older than 75 have difficulty hearing.

The purchase of a P.A. system would be a valuable improvement for the members, especially those with hearing impairment, enabling them to fully take part in meetings and special occasions.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – Opportunities and Quality of Life for All. The purchase of the P.A. system would help the members who use the Day Centre and visitors, to get the best out of their experience and encourage them to attend and enjoy more of their events and activities. They aim to get older people out of their homes, meet friends, enjoy new experiences, eat healthily, take part in exercise and fresh air.

Recommendation

£399

Name of Organisation	:	Age UK West Sussex
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Therapy Chair
Total Project Cost	:	£570
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£570
Previous Grants	:	Partnership Agreement £52,166 (Core funding for The Redwood Centre, Haywards Heath and The Cherry Tree Centre, Burgess Hill)
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	£139,686 (Core funding)

Background information:

Age UK West Sussex offers a variety of activities through their Activity Centres and community clubs across the county to ensure all their members get the most out of later life.

Their Activity Centres are vibrant places for people to enjoy later life. There are opportunities to socialise, learn new skills and keep active while enjoying a home-cooked lunch. They aim to offer their members a range of activities including access to fitness, arts and crafts, free use of computers, dance lessons, Zumba Gold, chair aerobics, outings and social events.

Other services include hair dressing, bingo, flower arranging and, new to the Cherry Tree Centre in Burgess Hill, a Therapy Room. Membership also offers access to Information and Advice Services, Help at Home, Home from Hospital and take-home food service. Transport can be provided to and from the Centres.

The organisation aims to create a Massage Therapy Room at the Cherry Tree Centre, Burgess Hill; at present they are unable to offer this service due to lack of equipment. The grant application is for an electric chiropody chair with removable arms to convert into a therapy bed which will enable them to offer affordable chiropody, holistic and massage services to their members and day visitors from the local community. The inclusion of this service will enable members to experience massage, in some cases for the first time, and benefit from both the psychological and physical benefits of touch and muscle manipulation. The treatments can dramatically improve wellbeing, balance, flexibility and give older people the opportunity to visit the centre and socialise.

The therapy chair will also enable them to provide affordable chiropody, nail cutting (which is vital for people with mobility issues) and other foot care services.

Membership at The Cherry Tree is £25 per year.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently audited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2014 which show a surplus of £39k.

Total income was £1,934k; mainly generated from; Grants (£1,154k), Charitable Activities (£557k), Activities for generating funds (£123k), Donations (£73k), Gains on defined pension schemes (£14k), Legacies (£11k) and Investment Income (£2k).

Total expenditure was £1,895k; consisting of Staff Related (£1,154k), Supplies and Services (£720k), Depreciation (£11k) and Grant Funding (£10k).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £569k, comprising of Tangible Assets £31k, Pension scheme asset £3k, Inventory £4k, Debtors £57k, Cash in Bank and Investments £657k, Creditors due within 1 year (£183k).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The current service offered by The Cherry Tree would be vastly improved by the purchase of a therapy chair which would enable the Centre to offer massages and affordable chiropody services to their members.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives and Better Services - Members of the Cherry Tree will be offered affordable chiropody, holistic and massage services by the acquisition of an electric therapy chair enabling many older people to take advantage of these treatments. Massage therapy provides many health and well-being benefits and enhances people's lives. The treatments can dramatically improve well-being, balance and flexibility. Chiropody and foot care services are vital for older people with mobility problems.

Recommendation

£570

Name of Organisation	:	Mid Sussex Older People's Council
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Leaflet and brochure redesign and print run of 1,000 copies each
Total Project Cost	:	£905
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£905
Previous Grants	:	2005/06 - £652 2006/07 - £700 2007/08 - £700 & £750 (Spotlight grant) 2009/10 - £385 & £500 (Spotlight grant) 2010/11 - £750 2011/12 - £500 (Spotlight grant) 2013/14 - £800 2014/15 - £150
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	£800

Background information:

Mid Sussex Older People's Council (MSOPC), established in 2004, aims to communicate with decision-making organisations on behalf of the older residents of Mid Sussex. The organisation holds public meetings on subjects of concern to older people, including speakers on topics of interest to older people. Their membership is around 1,000. In addition to the public meetings, it circulates newsletters, twitter, website and email information. MSOPC acts as a collective voice for Mid Sussex older people; it gathers information from their members and uses this to influence local decision makers about what older people's needs are. The organisation provides information to its members about services, benefits and activities that will help to improve their lives.

MSOPC has requested a grant of £905 to redesign, update and print 1,000 copies each of their leaflet and brochure. They aim to continually reach out to new older residents and a new leaflet which would include detailed information about their aims and objectives would help them to attract new members.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st December 2014 which show a surplus of £865.

Total income was £25,397; mainly generated from; Grants (£25,159), Other Income (£106), Donations (£105) and Bank Interest (£27).

Total expenditure was £24,532; consisting of Supplies and Services.

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £22,603, comprising of Tangible Assets £218, Debtors £400 and Cash in Bank £21,985.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Mid Sussex Older People's Council aims to ensure that all older residents of Mid Sussex are given the opportunity to lead fulfilling lives and that they are involved in the making of decisions that affect their daily lives.

The new leaflet and brochure would help attract new members to MSOPC by giving detailed information about their activities.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – Opportunities and Quality of Life for All. MSOPC provides an older persons' community via its network and encourages older people to live as happy and healthy lives as possible at home and in the community, whatever their individual circumstances. It listens to what Mid Sussex older people tell them is a barrier to achieving this and works with others to try and improve the situation.

MSOPC was set up, run and managed by older people who live in Mid Sussex and who are all volunteers. They recognise the great wealth of knowledge and skills that older people have and provide them with an opportunity to do something of value for the community.

Better Services - MSOPC does not have a membership as such – it has supporters – it benefits and is accessible to anyone in Mid Sussex who is older with the variety of ways it reaches out: hard copy newsletters, website, email, twitter, telephone, public events in towns and villages. It has no premises of its own; it contributes towards the sustainability of meeting places in towns and villages by hiring rooms and services.

MSOPC regularly attends County, District, Town and Parish Council meetings in order to input the older person's viewpoint – helping local authorities to provide relevant and appropriate services.

Recommendation

£823

Name of Organisation	:	Sir Henry Price Trust (Priceholme Almshouse)
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Garden Party Costs
Total Project Cost	:	£500
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£500
Previous Grants	:	N/A
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	£1,500

Background information:

Priceholme is an Almshouse located in Munnion Road, Ardingly, which was originally established by Sir Henry Price of Wakehurst Place for his retiring agricultural and horticultural workers. It now provides a home for elderly people of limited means and capable of independent living.

Each individual or couple has their own flat and small garden which sits within the wider grounds. The Manager is responsible for the health, safety and welfare of residents but does not provide care; that has to be sourced from local agencies when necessary. Residents live as beneficiaries of the charity and pay a weekly maintenance contribution which is kept at a lower rent than would be paid for an equivalent property locally. Residents come from a wide variety of backgrounds, but almost all have a long standing connection with Mid Sussex.

There are currently 26 residents aged between 62 and 94. They are situated in a location with few facilities and most of the residents are without their own transport. At Priceholme they have a large communal area where activities take place and all residents are encouraged to become involved, especially those who, through levels of disability and sensory impairment, have become isolated and lonely.

The Trust has requested a grant to hold a garden party in the grounds which will bring the residents together; family and friends will also be invited. They would also like to invite their local neighbours and any interested people and organisations. They plan to lay on an afternoon of music and entertainment with 'afternoon tea' provided. One of the aims of the event will be to raise awareness of Priceholme within the local community and to make their residents feel part of that community.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2015 which show a surplus of £19,458.

Total income was £132,647; mainly generated from; Maintenance charge and other charitable activities (£107,388), Gains on Investment assets (£22,437), Investment Income (£2,568), Bank Interest (£154) and Donations (£100).

Total expenditure was £113,189; consisting of Supplies and Services (£98,752) and Staff Related (£14,437).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net Assets of £667,983, comprising of Tangible Assets £132,283, Investments £464,611, Debtors £1,786, Cash in Bank £81,539 and Creditors (£12,236).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

In later life people may not have quite as many opportunities to socialise as when they were younger. Staying socially active and maintaining interpersonal relationships can help older people to maintain good physical and emotional health. The garden party for the Priceholme residents will be an opportunity for them to interact socially with the other residents, family and friends, as well as with the local community.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – Opportunities and Quality of Life for All. The Priceholme Trust helps their residents to live independently through supported housing. As well as involving their residents in the planning and organisation of the event, they are looking to enhance social inclusion for the residents by engaging with the local community, which, they hope, will lead to more opportunities for social interaction.

Recommendation

£500