

# ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL



## Grant Policy

From time-to-time Ashby St Mary Parish Council consider applications for funding from groups that can demonstrate 'local village interest'.

### Eligibility

The following criteria must be met for a group to be considered for a grant:

- The group must be a charity, voluntary or community organisation
- The group must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit the residents of Ashby St Mary
- The group must be able to demonstrate that there is a 'need' for the funding
- The group must be formally constituted and have a management committee.

No grants can be made to individuals.

### Scope of grants

Applications will be considered for the following purposes (at the discretion of the Parish Council):

- For purchasing equipment either in part or in full
- For funding of transport that will enable group members to participate in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes
- For training activities or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer or facilitator
- For activities that raise the profile of the group
- For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship
- For hosting special events or celebrations
- For the provision of recreational facilities
- For funding expenditure required to fulfil mandatory, legal or safety requirements.

### Conditions

- Multiple applications within a 12-month period will not normally be considered.
- Prior approval of the Parish Council is required for any change of purpose of the grant. The Parish Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant not being used for the purpose specified in the application.
- All awards must be properly accounted for, and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested.

If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded.

### Application process

Applications should be made by completing the Funding Application Form available from the Parish Clerk or on the website. For established organisations, a copy of the latest set of annual accounts and balance sheet will be required. For new organisations, evidence of a planned budget will be required.

Applicants will be informed of the meeting at which their application will be considered and will be invited to attend. Applicants will be notified of the decision made following that meeting.

### **Promotion**

The Parish Council will ask for recognition from successful groups in the form of promotion of the Parish Council in newsletters or any press releases. The Parish Council will also recognise successful groups in its own reports to parishioners.

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