

District Small Grants Awarded 2024-25

Organisation	Reason for Request	Grant Requested	Grant Awarded	Ward
Winchester Sea Cadets	Funding requested to enable the Sea Cadets (35 cadets , and ten staff) to camp out - need the equipment to be able to do this such as camping stoves / gas/ cutlery and crockery / sleeping bags / pans / Gerry cans for water / storage box / camping table . Tents have been donated but equipment is required.	£1,000	£1,000	Alresford & Itchen Valley
Upper Itchen Restoration CIC	Funding required to purchase a Dissolved Oxygen monitor for volunteer citizen scientists to use in their monthly testing. Information will be used to monitor health of the river, identify problem areas, causes and possible effects, as well as mobilising action to improve the ecosystem.	£1,000	£1,000	Alresford & Itchen Valley
Alresford Allotment Society	Funding for a rotavator to aid breaking up and mixing the growing areas in plots where our members are finding digging too arduous due to age or infirmity. Will be used by trained users at original allotments in Alresford.	£679	£679	Alresford & Itchen Valley
Compton Football Club	Aiming to build the club by bringing in new volunteers to support 5 new youth teams. Grant will fund FA, safeguarding and first aid training.	£1,000	£1,000	Badger Farm & Olivers Battery
Bishops Waltham Gardening Club	Funding request towards five raised beds for disabled and elderly people, at Albany Road allotments. They will be used for growing flowers and vegetables. Some of the users will be our existing plot holders who due to age or physical abilities can no longer manage larger plots but would like to remain active and to continue to garden.	£1,000	£1,000	Bishops Waltham
Roydon Creatives	Funding requested for new resources and materials to deliver free workshops in local community organisations/schools. We've had a lot of enquiries through to host content but haven't the resources. We know that our work has a proven, long-lasting positive impact on mental and physical health and just need a little support in setting up.	£1,000	£790	Bishops Waltham
Bishop's Waltham Town Team	Towards a "KidSTreat" event designed specifically for local children on Sunday 6th July. It will introduce them to new activities, allow them to explore new experiences, and provide sources of inspiration for them to act positively and creatively in the future. Event will be free, so no-one will be excluded from attending due to the costs involved. Every community organisation in Bishop's Waltham will be invited to create a child-centred activity relating to their interests.	£900	£700	Bishops Waltham

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Hampshire Market Garden CIC	Funding requested towards the purchase and installation of a polytunnel, its component parts and on-site construction. This is to grow vegetables on a fully organic site in the Winchester District using regenerative farming methods, encouraging biodiversity and enhancing the natural environment. This polytunnel will extend the growing season, maximising output and allowing more opportunity to provide local food for local people; contribute to the local economy by providing jobs and opportunities for volunteering, educational visits, workshops on sustainable living; etc. Examples include community fridge, volunteering days and community events.	£1,000	£1,000	Central Meon Valley
Droxford Cricket Club	Funding requested for improvement to the Club's cricket square to allow for more community and school usage. The cricket club pays a big role in the community as it is currently the only sports team in the village. Funding would make a step change in pitch quality, encouraging more matches to be played, increasing income for the club. Community events also planned such as village 6 a side competition.	£1,000	£1,000	Central Meon Valley
Soberton & Newtown Conservation Group	To purchase a pole hedge-cutter and pole-saw set (blades are distant from the operator, for safety), extra battery and helmet for use at regular work parties to maintain and improve the extensive boundary hedges and scrub thickets at Soberton Down and Soberton Pond. Tolls would increase capacity for work and will be used by a trained and experienced volunteer. This diverse group of volunteers carry out conservation activities that enhance wildlife diversity and improve habitats.	£796	£796	Central Meon Valley
Colden Common Bowls Club	Funding is requested to purchase an intelligent watering system to control the amount of water the sprinkler system uses during the summer season. At the moment 1000 litres of water is sprayed over night during the summer season on a timer - regardless of weather. The intelligent system will allow the club to only use water, reducing water use to an estimated 10% of current use and ensuring good upkeep of the grounds.	£710	£710	Colden Common & Twyford
Newlands Community Group	To establish a new fortnightly carers companionship café, suggested by residents to address the need for carers and those being cared for to meet up and share experiences is invaluable in helping to combat loneliness, isolation and stress. Grant will pay for room hire and activities.	£450	£450	Denmead

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Team Wickham	The application is towards startup funding for Team Wickham. Funding requested for a branded gazebo and Team Wickham printed hi-vis vests for use at events. The aim of the group is to enhance the vibrancy of the village to benefit residents, businesses and visitors by increasing the numbers that take part and are involved in local events and activities. The group has been active for about six months and has self-funded its activities to date, just to prove that it can succeed in its aims. Is supporting the start up of Park Run and Wickham in Bloom.	£1,000	£1,000	Southwick & Wickham
Taste of Wickham	Requesting £1,000 grant towards the cost of hiring of a new main stage and PA system. There will be two stages of entertainment at this year's free Taste of Wickham event, showcasing community groups that people can join and encouraging resident involvement. The aim is to highlight the opportunities to discover a new leisure or cultural activity and offer a relaxed opportunity to meet group members.	£1,000	£1,000	Southwick and Wickham
Home-Start Winchester and Districts	Funding requested to support Home-Start families at The Carroll Centre. The project will run for 15 weeks.	£587	£587	St Luke
Tichborne Park Cricket Club	To secure a new practice surface for junior and senior cricket training sessions. Improved training facilities will help retain and attract new players to the club.	£1,000	£1,000	Upper Meon Valley
West Meon Village Hall	To purchase 10 stackable upholstered chairs with arms which could be used by our elderly residents, some of whom have problems when standing up from a seated position. The hall hosts a twice-weekly "Gentle Fit class where robust upholstered chairs with arms would be a practical and more comfortable alternative for the older age group. Chairs would also be used by other regular community groups and events.	£1,000	£1,000	Upper Meon Valley
Shedfield Recreation Ground Charity	Funding requested for stacking tables and chairs for the pavilion where they regular weekly bookings for a play group 0-5 yr old children, a climate cafe, greening campaign group and youth and adult football and cricket. They also host one off events such as birthday parties, WI and Scout meetings, first aid training.	£1,000	£500	Whiteley & Shedfield

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Shedfield Parish Council	Funding requested for an information panel on Shedfield Common – to highlight that the history and significance of the common, emphasizing its origins and recent restoration efforts. Common is important for areas biodiversity. They have a variety of plants such as rare orchids, and the success of restored heather patches. Shedfield Common is one of only three sites in Hampshire with four out of the seven native reptiles. It is a widely used area by the local community, forest schools and university students for research.	£1,000	£1,000	Whiteley & Shedfield
Whiteley Town Council	Funding to create a community garden outside the new temporary community centre, which will be enhanced with seating and festoon lighting to create a space for the community to come together. A large proportion of residents in this area do not have access to cars, and the walk to existing infrastructure can take up to an hour. Funding will purchase raised troughs, equipment and lockable storage.	£1,000	£1,000	Whiteley & Shedfield
Wetwheels Hamble	Funding requested to expand opportunities for Winchester residents with disabilities to enjoy the freedom and exhilaration of being on the water. Wetwheels Hamble is dedicated to offering fully accessible, inclusive boating experiences, allowing participants to engage with the maritime environment safely, regardless of physical or cognitive disabilities. Currently not engaging with many residents from Winchester district and would like to enable more opportunities from them in future.	£1,000	£1,000	Whole district
Joyful Jams C.I.C	Funding requested to support the dementia community to access meaningful physical activity. The grant will support delivery of 6x movement for wellbeing sessions at Chesil Lodge Resource Centre (St Michael Ward) and 6 at Westholme Care Home (St Barnabas Ward). Residents and attendees at these sessions will come from across the Winchester district. Each movement session will last about 1hour 30 minutes, uniting a group of up to 30 elders with age related disability and dementia.	£1,000	£1,000	Whole district
Party Kit Network CIC	Funding requested to purchase additional reusable plates, cups, bowls, and cutlery sets to expand the adult kit to accommodate events with up to 80 guests, with a small amount on marketing materials. A party kit is a box of reusable tableware that can be hired for events, then returned to be used again. This avoids waste from single-use items and lowers demand for new resources by encouraging local sharing.	£825	£825	Whole district

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Ramblers	Funding to purchase advertising materials (banners and leaflets) to engage more people with Winchester Walking Weekend and buy a reusable event shelter for walk registration points and for future publicity events to reach out to the community. To remove cost as a barrier to participation there is no charge for walks.	£850	£625	Whole District
The Brendoncare Foundation	To fund a pilot chair-based exercise class at their weekly Weeke friendship club at Weeke Community Centre. Grant would pay for trainer and exercise bands. Evaluation of pilot would help secure funds to continue if successful. Remainder of grants would purchase 2 tablets to enable digital support to be offered to older people who attend the club.	£1,000	£642	Whole District
Sparsholt Village Shop Association Limited	To purchase a tablet with cellular connectivity which will link to the current till system to better serve the community with events outside of the shop (Christmas market, fetes, other village events). It will also enable management of a new click and collect or delivery service for villagers, providing an offer to for people who may not be able to physically access the shop.	£1,000	£1,000	Wonston & Micheldever
Sparsholt Memorial Hall	To purchase a PA system for use during community events i.e. The Village Fete, celebration dinners, fund raising activities for the community run shop and Remembrance Services on the Memorial Green etc. . Although the equipment will be held/insured/maintained by the Memorial Hall, it will be free to use by all Community Groups.	£884	£884	Wonston & Micheldever
Crawley Residents Sports and Social Club	To increase the range of books and audio books available in this small village library. Since starting in 2016 the library has progressed from a small library to a village hub and provides company for the elderly who live alone in the village. Free of charge refreshments are provided.	£400	£400	Wonston & Micheldever
Youth Options	Youth Options have recruited additional Youth Support Workers to the Winchester team and would like to apply for some new rucksacks and equipment to reach out to more young people with outreach work. The games will provide diversionary and positive activities to engage more disadvantaged children and young people with the service. Already in receipt of core funding.	£868	£0	St Bartholomew

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Wickham Resident's Association - Wickham Community Speedwatch	Founded by the Wickham Resident's Association in conjunction with Hampshire Constabulary, the scheme seeks to promote community safety and cohesion through the education of motorists that exceed the speed limit in Wickham. The scheme is seeking to upgrade the equipment that is currently used to ensure more people receive education which may lead to them changing their driving habits. Did not fit with funding themes.	£1,000	£0	Southwick & Wickham
Itchen Navigation Preservation Trust	A new charity requesting funding to provide an information notice board on the Itchen Navigation path. To provide information on group's activities and about the footpath.	£1,000	£0	Colden Common & Twyford
Total		£25,081	£23,588	