

# Rendlesham Parish Council Grants Scheme Policy

The Parish Council has established a grants scheme for the benefit of all who live and work in Rendlesham. The grants scheme will be overseen by the Finance Working Party who will consider applications for funding. The Finance Working Party will then make recommendations to the full Council.

Applications will be decided within 8 weeks of receipt of all requested information.

Applications can be made for revenue or capital funding.

The application will need to show that funding has been sought or raised from other sources.

The Council seeks to support organisations that provide a benefit to some or all of the residents of Rendlesham. The Parish Council is unable to fund individuals or families for personal needs.

This can include:

- Older people
- Children
- Young people
- People suffering from a long-term disability or illness
- Carers
- Low-income families
- Minority groups
- People with mental health needs

The aim of the Parish Council's grant-making is to:

- Support local solutions to meet local needs
- Promote community cohesion
- Develop a sustainable and supportive community
- Promote health and wellbeing
- Tackle disadvantage

The Parish Council will support projects that aim to:

- Provide young people with positive activity and influence that helps develop good citizenship or helps prevent anti-social behaviour.
- Improve community safety issues, particularly for elderly or vulnerable people.
- Promote community cohesion, particularly for projects that bridge generation gaps or helps minority groups become part of the wider community.
- Promote life skills

And any other projects at its discretion.

The Parish Council will not Fund:

- Projects not benefiting people living in Rendlesham
- Individuals or families for personal needs
- Promotion of religious or political causes
- Retrospective funding
- Groups that have significant unrestricted reserves
- Payments towards endowment funds
- National charities that are not providing clear local benefits
- Overseas expeditions
- Medical research and equipment for statutory or private healthcare
- Start-up funding for a project that is unable to start within nine months

The Parish Council will consider applications from voluntary and community groups in Rendlesham whose primary aim is to improve the quality of people's lives.

Applications from village organisations must be made using the Parish Council Grant Application Form.

The Parish Council will request feedback on how the grant has been spent and the benefits it has achieved. This will be in the form of a short report (verbal or written) at the Annual Parish Meeting held in April.

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