

**Huntingdonshire District Council - Community Chest Awards - 18 June 2025 Grant Panel Applications**

<b>Project Name/Applicant</b>	<b>Priority Focus</b>	<b>Criteria Met</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
<p><b>CCG/07/25-26</b></p> <p><b>Alconbury Colts Football Club</b></p> <p><b>Football Ball Stop Netting</b></p>	<p>A junior football team which encourages children in the community to come together and learn to work as part of a team giving them skills for life as well as getting them outside exercising.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving the quality of life and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>Our football pitch is surrounded by hawthorn hedging, this is causing problems behind one goal where we are popping footballs every week we play and the cost of replacing them is becoming unsustainable. We would like to purchase netting to prevent balls hitting the hedges behind this goal.</p>	<p><b>£399.00</b></p>
<p><b>CCG/08/25-26</b></p> <p><b>The Elton Society</b></p> <p><b>Highgate Village Hall Sound System</b></p>	<p>1) Elton has an ageing population. Many of the villagers are over the age of 65 and many suffer hearing loss. We have received comments that they no longer feel they can attend events at the village hall as they cannot hear what is happening and they find the noise of several voices coming from all directions too difficult to cope with. We really want our older members to feel they are still a valuable part of the community and wish to enable this by making them feel they are welcome and can participate in village life and events. Our 80th VE Day celebrations demonstrated the dire need for a sound system. We had live singing in the hall but those with hearing aids could not hear (indeed most people struggled) and they left the event early. We have already put acoustic panels on our village hall ceiling in an attempt to alleviate this problem but this really needs to be supplemented with an audio system. 2) The village hall is used for CPR and first aid courses. A sound system would make it easier for the instructors to run the course. 3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving the quality of life and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>We aim to install a sound system in our village hall so that ALL residents will be able to attend events and feel included.</p>	<p><b>£1,000.00</b></p>

	The Elton mother and toddlers group (Cheeky Monkeys) is held at the village hall; a sound system would enable them to have music for their sessions. 4) Following the closure of Elton Methodist Chapel this year, Highgate Hall is now the "warm hub/social coffee morning once a month for those residents who are lonely or wish to connect with others. A sound system would enable us to play films/music for them			
<b>CCG/09/25-26</b> <b>Ramsey</b> <b>Mereside Village</b> <b>Hall CIO</b>  <b>Ramsey</b> <b>Mereside</b> <b>Merefest</b>	As a community fun day we aim to bring together all members of our village. Local crafters and organisations can show do and have the opportunity to sell their products should they wish to do so. This will also give local aspiring musicians the opportunity to showcase their talents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving the quality of life and wellbeing</li> </ul>	A family open day with local bands of various musical genres playing on the village field and in the hall.	<b>£1,500.00</b>
<b>CCG/10/25-26</b> <b>Ramsey</b> <b>Mereside Village</b> <b>Hall CIO</b>  <b>Community Hub</b>	The community hub provides a safe space for individuals to meet and share their concerns and experiences. The new weekly mobile gym has attracted more visitors to the hub improving both physical and mental health of those who attend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving the quality of life and wellbeing</li> </ul>	Light Meals and refreshments for the weekly community hub including energy costs for the year ending March 26	<b>£1,000.00</b>
<b>CCG/11/25-26</b> <b>Alconbury Weald</b> <b>Community</b> <b>Association</b>  <b>Family Fun Day</b> <b>2025</b>	Our project aims to deliver on all of your chosen criteria for the Community Chest fund 25/26 from the corporate plan but I am unable to choose more than one, so I will attempt to outline here. Our main priority as Alconbury Weald Community Association is to build on our community foundations to provide opportunity, experience and engagement to our ever growing development. Across the year we hold a variety of different events, promoting the importance of heritage, health, wellbeing and fitness, the arts and culture as well as a sense of belonging and pride of place. The annual family fun day in September is an opportunity to bring our community together, to promote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All</li> </ul>	Alconbury Weald Family Fun Day is a fun filled engaging and accessible event for those within our closest and farthest away of communities. We encourage diversity, inclusion and activities for all. We love Alconbury Weald and want to share that passion and sense of	<b>£1,500.00</b>

	<p>unity, understanding and better community resilience. Through our community association stand, manned by volunteers, we provide access to information through leaflets, knowledge and referrals as well as a free craft activity to promote engagement and activities for all. This is an opportunity to get to know our community, the wants and needs and to promote their individualities and celebrate with them. We hold competitions; horticultural, quizzes and theme related, either free or low cost entry which resulted in a fantastic turnout of 1940s themed wear at our recent VE Day and will see the giant sunflower competition being judged at the next event. The Community Association now oversees the Alconbury Weald Hardship Fund and so this is a great opportunity to challenge financial hardship and reach the diverse community in a safe and secure space. All are welcome and we celebrate the uniqueness of each and every member of our community by openly and actively encouraging participation in all elements of the event, before, during and after. There will be a volunteer led litter pick to close the event, the planning is open for all of the community to comment on and discuss and there are always a variety of activities for all ages and abilities on the day. We have lawn games for all to use as well as coordinated games of rounders for those old and young wishing to take part in a team sport. We encourage communication with our open plan layout including seating and music throughout. Our volunteers are on hand to make connections within our communities, for example, to share the development of the chess club, gardening club, local school activities and more by sharing knowledge with one another at the event. The event is a great opportunity to develop connections and support opportunities, we invite all residents to join our monthly meetings and provide them with the tools to organise an activity or event to promote confidence, independence and sense of belonging in Alconbury Weald. We are able to identify families who may be in need of connections to the local families hub, groups run by Alconbury Weald Church and support the information exchange of local employments opportunities both paid and unpaid. Referrals can</p>		<p>community with all who wish to attend whilst providing opportunities, information and support to those who may need it.</p>	
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	<p>be made on the day to the Hardship Fund by one of our volunteer members on the trust and we can signpost to other agencies for both financial and emotional support should there be a need. We provide the entertainment and activities to build community spirit and encourage engagement as we feel it is the best way to reach out communities. From each event comes forward another volunteer, idea, concept or plenty of learning about how we will encourage the young people to not take home all of the skipping ropes we put out for the event! Our dedication and passion to Alconbury Weald aims to prevent loneliness and isolation as well as bring so many members of our community together. We promote this within Huntingdonshire on social media as well as local printed media and provide information about sustainable transport to and from the event. Alconbury Weald is fortunate to have regular bus routes that travel throughout Huntingdonshire and we encourage residents from further afield to join the event, take part, enjoy the community and feel a sense of worth, wellbeing and entertainment. We have Smart Journeys onsite to discuss sustainable and low emission travel options, car sharing, and the travel throughout the area by safe cycle paths. This is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the fundraising that is ongoing which will be provided to the onsite specialist school, Prestley Wood, for purchase of their accessible and adapted bicycles to enable all to have the opportunity to learn that skill regardless of ability.</p>			
<p><b>CCG/12/25-26</b></p> <p><b>Pidley cum Fenton Social Club</b></p> <p><b>Pidley Social Club Refurb</b></p>	<p>The club offers surrounding villagers varied activities for children and adults, it is the only social club in the village. We have a full event annual calendar which includes a summer party, children's spring, Halloween and Christmas parties, adult painting evenings VE Day celebrations- to name a few. We also promote local food vans to bring varied options to a small village</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving quality of life and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>we need to replace the furniture in the social club due to wear and tear. We have many mature/elderly customers who require sturdy and safe seating etc</p>	<p><b>£1,000.00</b></p>

<p><b>CCG/13/25-26</b></p> <p><b>The Cambridgeshire Police Shrievally Trust - The Bobby Scheme</b></p> <p><b>Vulnerable Adults Under 60's</b></p>	<p>Improving the Quality of Life and Well-being for Everyone This project enhances personal safety and peace of mind for vulnerable individuals under 60 by installing video Ring doorbells. The visible security presence deters criminal activity and fosters a greater sense of security, which directly contributes to improved well-being and quality of life. Keeping People Out of Crisis By proactively installing doorbell cameras, we reduce the risk of targeted crimes such as burglary, harassment, or antisocial behaviour. This early intervention helps prevent vulnerable individuals from becoming victims of crime, which in turn keeps them out of emotional, physical, or financial crisis. Helping People in Crisis For those already affected by crime, this project provides immediate reassurance and a practical tool for safety. It enables individuals to monitor their property, supports police investigations with recorded footage, and gives people a greater sense of control and confidence as they recover.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving quality of life and wellbeing</li> <li>• Helping people in crisis</li> </ul>	<p>We aim to provide and install video Ring doorbells for vulnerable individuals under 60 affected by crime. Funds will cover the device and a one-year subscription; installation is scheme-funded. This crime prevention project supports the Government's Safer Streets initiative, extending protection beyond traditionally high-crime areas.</p>	<p><b>£3,000.00</b></p>
<p><b>CCG/14/25-26</b></p> <p><b>G-Whizz Inclusive Tandem Bike Rides</b></p> <p><b>Upgrade to Tandem Bike</b></p>	<p>G-Whizz offers tandem cycle rides to those who cannot ride a bike themselves because of visual impairment, physical impairment or balance issue. The activity offers physical activity and a social setting contributing to a feeling of well-being.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving quality of life and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>One of our cycles is off the road, awaiting an upgrade to the gears as the existing is old, worn and beyond repair. Parts for old gear systems become difficult to obtain and modern replacement becomes necessary.</p>	<p><b>£884.00</b></p>