



Dear Councillor

GRANTS PANEL - WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2022

I am now able to enclose for consideration at the above meeting the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

**Agenda Item
No.**

- 2. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT AID AWARDS 2022/23 (Pages 3 - 6)**

Appendix 3 of the report is now enclosed.

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Application Name	Amount Requested	Total Cost of Project	Description	Theme Being Addressed	Meets Criteria Yes or No?	Applicant and Area covered by Project
Cambridgeshire Libraries (Warm Hub)	£400	£400	We wish to apply for a total of £400. This is broken down as £50 for each of the 8 libraries in Huntingdonshire: Huntingdon, Yaxley, Sawtry, St Ives, Ramsey, Warboys, St Neots and Buckden libraries. The funds would be used to provide a start-up supply of refreshments for each library (£25) to enable staff and volunteers to provide hot drinks to residents using the library as a Warm Space. The remaining £25 per location will be used to purchase a board game such as Scrabble, Rummikub / Family board game to encourage individuals and families to use the library space socially. The funding will be used to enhance the Warm Space offer in each of the libraries in Huntingdonshire. The Warm Spaces are already in existence but there is currently no funding to provide hot drinks to residents who may wish to stay a while. The addition of a family board game in each library will also encourage family groups to use the space.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Place • Good Health • Good Start 	Yes	District Library Manager Huntingdon, Sawtry, Yaxley, Warboys, Ramsey, St Ives, St Neots and Buckden libraries.
Little Paxton PCC (Warm Hub)	£500	£500	Providing a warm space, hot drinks, toilet facilities, food (at some Activities) & games throughout the winter months. We estimate a cost of £400 for the 5 months of the scheme if we see an average of 10 extra people per activity. If we need to provide more seating, our part time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Health • Good Place 	Yes	Hon. Treasurer Little Paxton

			<p>caretaker will work additional hours to stack & lay out chairs and probably more cleaning will be required. We estimate this cost as £100 over the 5 months of the Warm Spaces scheme.</p> <p>The warm space is for people of all ages from all areas at all opening times and is based in Little Paxton.</p>			
<p>Berkley Street Methodist Church, St Neots</p> <p>(Warm Hub)</p>	£500	£1,500 – 1,600	<p>£500 is requested for providing a Warm Space for the benefit of Eynesbury and St Neots residents. We are aiming to be open all day each Thursday to provide a place where people can meet, or sit quietly on their own, in a warm and welcoming environment. The availability of a warm space will help people who feel lonely or isolated to come together and will help those who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. To respond to the needs of our community, we need to provide heating and lighting for our premises and cover the cost of cleaning. However, we are also looking to buy new furniture costing around £1,200 to make the seating area more comfortable and provide newspapers, books, games and hot drinks for those who use our warm space. How much we can offer depends on the funds available, but cleaning costs at least £250 per month, £20 a week on a selection of weekly newspapers and magazines would cost £240 over a 12-week period, plus the cost of tea, coffee, milk and biscuits as a basic food cost.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Start • Good Place • Good Health 	Yes	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Eynesbury and St Neots</p>
<p>Somersham Victory Hall</p> <p>(Warm Hub)</p>	£250	£	<p>We have set up a Warm Hub in our Community Room at Somersham Victory Hall. We intend this to provide a warm and social space during the winter months for local residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Place • Good Health 	Yes	<p>Chair of Trustees</p> <p>Somersham</p>

			<p>We request £250 towards the cost of gas because this room is not usually heated. The staff are volunteering their time. Any extra equipment - jigsaw puzzles, board games, cards, etc has been donated. The Parish Council are providing food and drinks. CCC pay for the electricity for this room under a long lease and have agreed to the use as a warm hub. We also provide FREE use of a pool table, football table and air hockey table. The funding will be used for central heating the Community Room when in use from 9:30 to 2:30 for one, or possibly up to 4, mornings per week when other warm spaces in Somersham are closed. We may also need to increase our cleaning hours. Simple food/snacks and hot drinks are being donated by the Parish Council. Games, magazines, puzzles, etc, have been donated. A volunteer is manning the hub. That room is only heated when in use. Lighting is paid for by the County Council which has a lease on this room and our county councillor has agreed to it being used for this project.</p> <p>Somersham Parish Council is co-ordinating warm spaces in the village. I think there are six in total. We are the only one open in the mornings so far and at present we are the only one providing free food; - toast, pot noodles or pasta pots provided by the parish council.</p>			
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