

**Huntingdonshire District Council - Community Chest Awards - 20 November 2024 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/35/24-25</b></p> <p><b>Alconbury Recreation Field Charity</b></p> <p><b>Replacement of Function Room Doors</b></p>	<p>We have lovely facilities at the Alconbury Recreation Field which we are very proud. However, our function room has old wooden doors which are falling to bits and not wheelchair friendly, have become difficult to secure and causes the room to be draughty. We host a range of events and activities in this room, and it is extremely well used. We run a weekly luncheon club for the elderly, lonely and housebound (Thursday Club), host weekly bingo nights, Pilates and Zumba classes as well as indoor carpet bowls each week. We organise children's parties as well as quizzes, bands and discos. This room can also be hired by members of the public for private celebrations such as christenings, birthday parties and wakes. The doors 'let our facilities down,' all other external doors have been replaced, which in turn helps lowering carbon emissions. We are currently in the process of buying a new, more efficient boiler and have solar panels on our roof, but people, especially the elderly and people laying on the floor for Pilates complain that it is draughty and cold, and the heating must be turned up. We feel that our premises and the range of activities provided improve the quality of life and well-being for many residents and we would be grateful of your support with this project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving the quality of life and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>To replace wooden doors to our function room which are in disrepair and do not meet wheelchair access regulations with Upvc doors with push bar fire escape and wheelchair ramps. the doors cost is £2500.</p>	<p>£2,500.00</p>

<p><b>CCG/36/24-25</b></p> <p><b>Safe Soulmates</b></p> <p><b>DJing and presenting skills and training</b></p>	<p>This project proposal is for the creation of a skillsbased activity, teaching Safe Soulmates beneficiaries how to use DJing equipment and developing presenting skills. This proposal will support beneficiaries in learning new practical skills, such as communication and interpersonal skills, that they can use in their lives. As a social activity, it will support participants in making new connections and building relationships. This activity will improve participants' quality of life by building confidence and improving mental health and well-being. Safe Soulmates deeply believes in making reasonable adjustments so that disabled adults receive the same opportunities as non-disabled individuals. Therefore, supporting this project would help develop social and skills-based learning for neurodivergent and disabled adults in the community. Not only would it be an opportunity to develop meaningful life skills, but it would also be a great way for people to have fun.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving the quality of life and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>Safe Soulmates is planning to run DJing and presenting skills workshops in Huntingdon to help improve well-being and build confidence for neurodivergent and disabled adults. They will be led and supported by experienced D J's and volunteer social facilitators Rob Bradshaw and Darren Fitzpatrick.</p>	<p>£1,000.00</p>
<p><b>CCG/37/24-25</b></p> <p><b>Friendship Club</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Function</b></p>	<p>The friendship club has been running for 50yrs. It is efficiently run by two women who are over ninety years old. The club meet weekly on Friday afternoon 2pm to 4pm from September through to July, then there is a summer break. (There is a short break for the Christmas period). They meet in the United reform Church, High Street, St. Neots. PE19 on the ground floor level. The club covers a wide area from Eynesbury to Eaton Ford. There are approximately 25 members all in the senior age bracket, with disabilities, loneliness, seeking friendship, recently bereaved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving quality of life and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>We would like to try and organise and subsidise a Christmas lunch. Some members will not have a Christmas dinner, or they will be alone at Christmas. £500 towards the club would help us subsidise this, also open up to those who would not come, because they cannot afford to pay the full cost of the meal. The cost per head for a three-course meal is £28.50 per head, (approx) not including drinks. An entertainer has also been booked at approximately £40.</p>	<p>£500.00</p>

<p><b>CCG/38/24-25</b></p> <p><b>Gransden Bowls and Croquet Club</b></p> <p><b>Replacement Lawnmower</b></p>	<p>The club has an inclusive approach to membership as bowls and croquet can be played at most ages and by people with a wide range of abilities. Current membership extends from families to senior citizens. Members welcomed from across the county but the focus is on building an inclusive club which appeals to people from our local communities. We wish to expand both bowls and croquet membership, particularly to improve access by families and young people. Women are well represented and many members come singly, so we are providing an important opportunity for tackling loneliness. We aim to create a social environment to help stave off loneliness and isolation. It connects members of the community from all backgrounds, who would not have normally met and become friends. It is an outdoor activity in the fresh air and promotes wellness and exercise. All members are encouraged to volunteer their time for free, to help upkeep and maintain this vital village asset of the green and clubhouse in the form of gardening projects, green upkeep and arrangement of social events and activities which meet their physical abilities. This creates a sense of belonging and community spirit. Ongoing investigation is being conducted on the feasibility of special equipment and other adaptations to allow disabled players to use the green. We will also provide coaching and training for beginners and for young people to encourage a diverse membership. Mowing is currently a very physical requirement that our older experienced members are struggling with, so a ride on mower will allow them to stay engaged and vital in this part of the club, which many of them enjoy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving quality of life and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>The club is currently upkeeping the green with a very old, heavy, push mower, that is requiring more and more expensive maintenance. Upkeep of the green is vital, not just to allow play, but to provide a revenue stream as the club holds competitions and training courses, where a quality green is required. Mowing is currently a very physical requirement that our older, experienced members are struggling with, which the ride-on will eliminate. The mower has a refurbished used frame, seat and rear roller which is a large cost saver and provides a greener footprint. All working parts and the engine are new.</p>	<p>£2,500.00</p>
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