

Huntingdonshire District Council - Community Chest Awards - 21st January 2026 - Grant Panel Applications

Project Name/Applicant	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
CCG/53/25-26 (FWZFPNCX) CARESCO CARESCO Centre Guttering and Corridor heater	The CARESCO Centre hosts the Green End Day Club, Chatterbox Carers Group, Sounds Good Music Group, Coffee Shop and Community Strength and Balance Classes. volunteers and visitors to the Centre average 200+ per month. The Centre is also used for Management and Trustee meetings and Quiz nights for the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and well-being for Everyone Lower carbon emissions 	Replace the faulty 25 years old corridor heater. Replacing it with a modern energy efficient heater will improve heat output, lower the charities significant heating costs and benefit our service users and the the environment. The guttering at the back of the CARESCO Centre is very old, cracked and broken contributing to water pooling at the base of the building. We have installed a water butt but are not getting the maximum amount saved that we could. The garden at the back of the Centre is used by all groups, staff and volunteers in the warmer months. This will increase the life of the guttering significantly, prevent water loss, prevent damage to the building and ensure it is safe when the garden is used again in Spring 2026.	£560.00

<p>CCG/54/25-26 (FTRWFMRK)</p> <p>The Wire Community Badminton Club</p> <p>The Wire Community Inclusion & Wellbeing Badminton Project</p>	<p>The project increases access to regular physical activity for juniors, adult beginners, women, low income families, and ethnic minority groups. Badminton provides a positive outlet for physical health, mental wellbeing, confidence building, and social interaction. Offering free equipment and subsidised access ensures financial hardship does not prevent participation, supporting those at risk of inactivity, loneliness, or declining wellbeing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of life and well-being for Everyone • Keeping people out of crisis • Helping people in crisis 	<p>A weekly community badminton programme at HBK Leisure for juniors and adult beginners, providing inclusive, low-barrier physical activity to improve wellbeing, build social connections, and support low-income and minority communities. The project includes equipment provision, beginner coaching, volunteer training, and community outreach to increase participation across Huntingdonshire. There is no comparable community badminton programme for juniors and adult beginners in the Huntingdon area. Local clubs are predominantly competitive and not beginner-focused.</p>	<p>£3,000</p>
<p>CCG/55/25-26 (NLHVDHFT)</p> <p>All Saints' Church, Morborne- from fragile to Forever</p> <p>All Saints' Morborne, from fragile to forever</p>	<p>The project would primarily tackle the theme of 'Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone' by securing the future of All Saints' Church for the congregation, local people and visitors to Morborne and the surrounding countryside. Churches and the church community also have an important role in helping people in crisis, and keeping people out of crisis. We have received messages of support from many of the villagers. Morborne is a popular place for recreation- e.g. walking, birdwatching and cycling. Once the church is in a safe and weatherproof condition, it will be available for everyone to enjoy, and we hope to make it a place to showcase the history of the church and village, as well as the wider environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone • Keeping people out of crisis • Helping people in crisis 	<p>All Saints' Church is on the heritage at risk register. The key problem is the state of the roof, which is leaking badly, and causing further damage. We urgently need to make the building weatherproof to prevent further deterioration.- We would use the grant to cover the majority of the examination and replacement of the timbers with English Oak.</p>	<p>£3,000</p>

<p>CCG/56/25-26 (TBTFVDNJ)</p> <p>Pidley Cum Fenton Village Hall</p> <p>Pidley Community Centre Warm Space/Coffee Mornings</p>	<p>It will improve people's quality of life and wellbeing as it will tackle loneliness and hunger, as quite often we provide tea/coffee cakes and bacon rolls/sausage sandwiches. We can also provide a warm inviting space for families to attend.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone 	<p>We are aware a lot of the elderly in Pidley are unable to get out of the village and we would like to make the community centre a place for people to be able to come and have a cup of tea and a chat. The cost of electricity has crippled the charity this year, so we are in need of some funds to cover the cost of electricity. Our own funds are required for the roof of the building, as it will need replacing shortly due to several leaks, this is an old school building and will cost a lot to replace.</p>	<p>£1,000</p>
<p>CCG/57/25-26 (KSFKDCXH)</p> <p>St Ives Carnival and Music Festival</p> <p>St Ives Carnival and Music Festival 2026</p>	<p>The festival is free to attend, accessible, and family-friendly, providing opportunities for social connection, physical activity, and cultural enrichment.</p> <p>By fostering community cohesion and reducing isolation, the event supports mental health and resilience, particularly for vulnerable groups.</p> <p>The festival offers a safe, supportive environment, with dedicated spaces and activities for those with additional needs, and signposting to local support services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone Keeping people out of crisis Helping people in crisis 	<p>St Ives Carnival and Music Festival brings the community together with live music, family entertainment, local food, and a vibrant summer atmosphere. It's a colourful, creative celebration that welcomes all ages and showcases the spirit of St Ives. We are looking to provide a different level of entertainment this year that focuses on being more inclusive and offering a wider range of event types across the weekend. This will ensure that people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can take part in activities that suit their needs and feel welcome throughout the festival.</p>	<p>£1,500</p>

<p>CCG/58/25-26 (RCNZDGXP)</p> <p>Ramsey (Cromwell Abbey) Neighbourhood Watch (No. 000184755)</p> <p>Community defibrillator and emergency bleed kit in Cromwell Abbey, Ramsey</p>	<p>This project delivers a clear and tangible improvement to local quality of life by addressing a recognised gap in emergency health infrastructure in the Cromwell Abbey area. The development and its neighbouring estates currently have no publicly accessible defibrillator within a realistic response distance, despite serving around 100 households and bordering rural footpaths and adjacent developments. The nearest existing publicly accessible defibrillator requires a walk of approximately ten minutes each way, meaning a round trip of around 20 minutes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone • Keeping people out of crisis • Helping people in crisis 	<p>This project will install a publicly accessible defibrillator in a central, highly visible communal location serving the Cromwell Abbey development in Ramsey and the surrounding residential areas. The project includes a solar and wind powered, heated outdoor cabinet (using a low-noise, discreet turbine), a fully automatic defibrillator (AED) and an emergency bleed control kit stored alongside the device. This will provide 24/7 access and help ensure the equipment remains operational year-round, including in winter when reduced daylight and overcast conditions can limit solar generation, with wind generation providing additional resilience without reliance on mains electricity.</p>	<p>£3,000</p>
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<p>CCG/59/25-26 (QJRVVDJQ)</p> <p>Yaxley Vintage Festival</p> <p>Yaxley Vintage Festival 2026</p>	<p>Now in its 9th year and the longest running community event in Yaxley. Entry is free to all. there are displays and activities for all ages. The attendance has grown over the years with 2025 exceeding 3000. There is zero staff as all volunteers but we have approx 20 of those</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone 	<p>Yaxley Vintage Festival is a community event that was born to showcase vintage vehicles and machinery that families do not get to usually see, and to provide an education of these lost and historic machines and vehicles. The event provides an educational opportunity to showcase traditional and vintage machinery including traditional methods.</p>	<p>£1,057</p>
<p>CCG/60/25-26 (TXVRTDNR)</p> <p>Particle Community Group</p> <p>PA equipment for performing arts events</p>	<p>Our community group launched in September 2025 with a series of concerts on St Neots Market Square to coincide with the Farm & Craft Market. These are funded by St Neots Town Council and delivered using some basic equipment provided by the Town Council, plus other borrowed equipment. Having our own, better quality PA equipment will improve the quality of these events and allow us to host larger musical ensembles. It will also allow us to deliver other events outside of the existing Town Council contract without needing to hire equipment on a per-event basis. This will significantly increase our ability to put on high quality events that are free (in public spaces such as the Market Square) or at affordable ticket prices (in local venues that we hire).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone 	<p>The purchase of PA equipment is presented here as a stand-alone application. Other funding sources (including St Neots Town Council and charitable grants) will be used for the delivery of events that this equipment will put us in a better position to deliver.</p>	<p>£2,873</p>