

Huntingdonshire District Council - Community Chest Awards - 24 March 2026 Grant Panel Applications

Project Name/Applicant	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
CCG/66/25-26 (RJFPPQTG) The Fenland Road Safety Campaign (Charlotte's Way) Speed cushions & designated crossing	The combined speed cushions and designated crossing project is intended to promote and preserve the safety of students attending the college, and all accessing the adjacent leisure centre, reassuring affected local families of the safe passage of their loved ones, and to promote healthier lives by promoting walking and cycling, rather than motorised transport, as the optimum modes of traveling to and from the College and Leisure Centre, for those who are able. It is hoped that promotion of pedestrian and cyclist travelling to and from the College and Leisure Centre will also help to reduce carbon emissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone Lowering carbon emissions 	To secure installation of speed cushions and designated crossing on Hollow Lane, Ramsey, to promote safe transit of student pedestrians and cyclists to and from the College, and all others transiting Hollow Lane to access the College and adjacent Leisure Centre.	£3000
CCG/67/25-26 (BNRKBVHT) Od Hurst Village Hall Od Hurst Village Hall Rebuild	The demolition of Old Hurst's former village hall, deemed no longer fit for use, has left the community without an essential space for social, educational, and recreational activities. This loss has negatively impacted residents' quality of life by removing a key venue for gathering and connection. Rebuilding the hall would restore these opportunities, helping reduce isolation and strengthen community engagement. Plans for the new hall include a small car park to improve accessibility, and its central location means most residents will be able to walk there easily. Overall, the project aims to create an inclusive, accessible facility at the heart of village life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone 	Focus is to raise funds to construct a new accessible village hall after the original hall was demolished due to being unsafe. Statutory and fundraisings costs have been achieved but we would like help with other preliminary building costs at this crucial stage whilst moving forward to achieve planning permission.	£3000
CCG/68/25-26 (LRVHKLPN)	When you are disabled, on a low income and facing rising prices for food, fuel and rent, even a small cut or delay in benefits can push you from "just about	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping people in crisis 	We help people with disabilities and older people navigate an extremely complex and often	£3000

<p>Disability Huntingdonshire (Dish)</p> <p>Here to Help</p>	<p>managing" into crisis overnight. At the same time, the specialist advice services that help people navigate this system have never been more needed or more at risk. Our clients rarely face only a benefits problem. Many are living with food, fuel and utility poverty, isolation and loss of community, alongside the unique challenges of rural transport and access in Cambridgeshire. All our support is personalised and relational: clients work with a consistent caseworker, backed by volunteer phone buddies who provide emotional support when the process becomes overwhelming. We also run outreach in community venues reaching those who would never travel to an office.</p>		<p>hostile disability benefits system so they can have the income they need to live independently. We advise on and support applications for Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Attendance Allowance (AA) and other disability related benefits, and we stay with people all the way to tribunal if their claims are initially denied.</p>	
<p>CCG/69/25-26 (DMHLWFSL)</p> <p>Samuel Pepys Special school</p> <p>Grafham Water Adventure Day</p>	<p>A trip to Grafham Water would provide pupils with meaningful opportunities to improve their quality of life and well-being. The calm, natural environment offers rich sensory experiences that support regulation, reduces stress, and promotes emotional stability. Activities such as feeling the breeze, hearing natural sounds, and exploring outdoor textures help pupils engage with their surroundings in a safe and accessible way. Being outdoors also encourages social interaction, shared enjoyment, and positive relationships, helping pupils feel included and connected. These experiences build confidence, support communication, and contribute to overall happiness and well-being.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone 	<p>We are looking to fund some of our young people to go on a trip to Grafham Water to help expand their independence skills and explore different activities that they may not ordinarily access.</p>	<p>£950</p>
<p>CCG/70/25-26 (KWBTFFHPV)</p> <p>Godmanchester Town Show Committee</p>	<p>The annual Godmanchester Town Show is an event which aims to enhance the community engagement of the residents of Godmanchester, bringing together people from different backgrounds and nationalities in a friendly yet competitive event held within a social afternoon of socialising and engagement. People can benefit from enjoying activities of gardening,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone 	<p>Our show provides opportunities for any Godmanchester resident to showcase their talents/skills in various hobbies and interests from growing vegetables to art and cooking. Anyone in the community can benefit from competing in the</p>	<p>£546</p>

Godmanchester Town Show 2026	<p>creating handicraft items or painting to enter into the show- thus contributing towards their well-being. The main part of the show is the competition aspect where residents of Godmanchester of any age can showcase their skills and talents in many areas of life including growing fruit and vegetables, flower growing and arranging, cookery, various handicraft skills, photography and art, including specific class for children. On the day there is plenty going on to entertain visitors of all ages; live music to listen to, refreshments to enjoy, art, craft and sporting activities for younger visitors and a wide range of craft stalls to browse in addition to the opportunity to view and admire all the entries that have been submitted to the competition.</p>		<p>show and/or attending on the day to socialise, thus improving community cohesion and resident wellbeing.</p>	
CCG/71/25-26 (XHNLPXR) North Eastern Huntingdonshire Table Tennis Club The Lion Community Hub	<p>The project aims to bring an unused property in Ramsey St. Mary's back into community use by creating a versatile facility that residents and nearby communities can hire for a wide range of activities. These include group meetings, social clubs, arts and crafts workshops, tabletop games, indoor sports such as table tennis, carpet bowls, martial arts, yoga, cornhole, and line dancing, as well as events like exhibitions, seminars, training sessions, and birthday celebrations. By providing local access to these activities, the facility will improve wellbeing, reduce social isolation, and lower carbon emissions by limiting the need to travel elsewhere. As part of its launch, the table tennis club will run free taster sessions open to all members of the community, including people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, while visitors explore the building's progress and potential for hire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone • Lowering carbon emissions 	<p>The project is to convert The Lion public house situated in the heart of Ramsey St. Mary's into a variety of community spaces and an indoor sports hub, for the whole community to utilise. As this property has been sitting empty and unloved for coming up to 6 years.</p>	<p>£1000</p>

<p>CCG/72/25-26 (NQWDTCSJ)</p> <p>Fenstanton Short Mat Bowls and Social Club</p> <p>Fenstanton Short Mat Bowls and Social Club</p>	<p>We will improve the quality of life by giving regular opportunities for exercise for all abilities, including elderly and disabled. We will also have a strong emphasis on the social aspect which will help to reduce loneliness and isolation by offering regular opportunities to meet, make friends and be part of the community. Having the facility in the village means people wont have to travel to other villages or to Huntingdon to take part as some do now. It will also encourage people from our outdoor bowls club (60 members) to participate in Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone Page 2 of 4 the winter months offering exercise and social interaction, all year round</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone 	<p>We wish to start a local short mat bowls club in our new community hall which will be completed in July this year. the project will provide physical activity suitable for all ages and abilities. It will support well being and combat social isolation. It will give a facility that in the village so people do not have to travel for the activity</p>	<p>£3000</p>
<p>CCG/73/25-26 (PCPCRXHJ)</p> <p>Citizen Hub St Neots</p> <p>Citizen Hub Gatherings-Chairs</p>	<p>Citizen and Business Leaders Gatherings create a regular, inclusive space where residents, employers, voluntary groups, and public services can meet, collaborate, and shape local priorities. By fostering connection, they reduce isolation, strengthen community belonging, and help identify challenges early—whether financial, employment-related, or linked to wellbeing—allowing timely, supportive referrals to Hub services.</p> <p>For those already in crisis, the gatherings offer direct access to partners and advice in a non-stigmatising setting. The chairs purchased will also support a wide range of Hub activities, including workshops, volunteer training, skills sessions, and support groups, increasing the Hub’s overall capacity for both preventative and crisis-response work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone • Helping people in crisis 	<p>Citizen Hub St Neots is seeking funding to purchase additional stackable chairs to support growing attendance at our Citizen and Business Leaders Gatherings and community events. The chairs will increase accessibility, enable wider participation, and ensure residents can safely engage in local decision-making, skills sessions, and wellbeing activities.</p>	<p>£1000</p>