

Huntingdonshire District Council - Community Chest Awards - 16 September 2026 Grant Panel Applications

Project Name/Applicant	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
CCG/10/26-27 (GHXFWFBM) Hilton Community Garden Sustainability Improvements to the Community Garden	The garden provides a safe space for people to come and relax and to meet others in a neutral setting. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and people can either go to enjoy the fresh air, sit quietly or meet others there for conversation and companionship. we have begun to make links with social prescribers and the local GP practice to encourage this. The weekly garden parties encourage physical activity for all ages, enables companionship for everyone and helps people to think about how to garden and grow food to eat.	• Helping people in crisis • Keeping people out of crisis • Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone	The garden was originally secured with rabbit proof fencing. Unfortunately, the fencing has been cut meaning rabbits can now access the garden. We also want to introduce water saving strategies to sustain the garden. We want to invite the community to a tea party in the garden when this is completed.	£1,000.00
CCG/11/26-27 (HCRTBRMQ) Yaxley Parish Council Yaxley Community Fridge (Fridge Replacement)	The Yaxley Community Fridge reduces food waste and carbon emissions by redistributing surplus food that would otherwise be discarded. It provides free access to food for everyone without stigma, helping residents facing financial pressures, unexpected costs or temporary hardship. The project can prevent people from falling into crisis while also supporting those already struggling. In addition, it promotes community wellbeing by bringing people together, reducing social isolation and helping households stretch their budgets. Overall, the Community Fridge delivers both environmental and social benefits, creating a more sustainable, resilient and connected community.	• Lowering carbon emissions • Helping people in crisis • Keeping people out of crisis • Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone	To purchase a new tall free-standing freezer and a new commercial display refrigerator	£800.00

CCG/12/26-27 (NDXNSLQP) Woodhurst Village Hall Woodhurst Craft Club	Woodhurst Craft Club is a volunteer-led group that meets weekly and primarily supports older residents by providing regular social contact, reducing isolation, and promoting wellbeing through creative activities. The club also addresses a lack of accessible craft opportunities for children and young people, including through its annual children's craft afternoon. Members contribute to village life by creating decorations and displays for community events and church projects, helping to strengthen community identity and cohesion. The project aims to expand activities, improve accessibility, and increase participation from younger residents, while continuing to support mental wellbeing, confidence, skill development, and social connections.	Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone	An ongoing project providing weekly craft sessions, specialist workshops, shared materials, and intergenerational activities to reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, and strengthen community connections. The project will support older residents, attract younger participants, and enhance creative contributions to village events and displays.	£2,500.00
CCG/13/26-27 (DFCJVGPD) Woodhurst Village Hall Woodhurst Together Residents Group	Woodhurst Together aims to reduce loneliness and social isolation in the village by creating flexible and inclusive opportunities for residents to get involved in community life. The project recognises that older residents, newcomers, remote workers and others can become isolated, while increasing work and family commitments make traditional volunteering roles harder to sustain. By offering low-commitment ways to participate, the group seeks to strengthen social connections, improve health and wellbeing, encourage volunteering, support new residents to integrate, and build a more resilient community. The initiative also aims to help residents play an active role in shaping the future of the village, its community buildings and green spaces.	Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone	Woodhurst Together is a resident led community group created to bring people together through inclusive events, activities and village initiatives. This project will create new opportunities for residents of all ages to meet, make friends, volunteer and become more involved in village life. It will complement the work of the parish council, village hall and church by coordinating additional social activities and community initiatives that are open to everyone. The group will help build a stronger, more connected and more resilient community.	£2,500.00

CCG/14/26-27 (NFKVJJKW) The Kite Trust Huntingdon LGBTQ+ Youth Group	This project aims to improve the wellbeing and quality of life of LGBTQ+ young people in Huntingdon by providing safe, inclusive youth groups and opportunities to build positive connections within their communities. LGBTQ+ young people face higher rates of poor mental health, self-harm, anxiety, depression and social isolation, as well as significant barriers in education and experiences of bullying. Using the NHS Five Ways to Wellbeing framework, the project offers activities that help young people develop friendships, confidence, skills, resilience and supportive peer networks. Programmes are shaped by the needs and interests of participants and include workshops, social activities and leadership opportunities. The project creates affirming spaces where young people feel safe, valued and able to be themselves, helping them achieve better personal, social and professional outcomes. Funding would support the continuation of this work in Huntingdon, where there is an identified need for dedicated LGBTQ+ youth provision despite a sizeable local LGBTQ+ population.	Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone	A fortnightly youth group in Huntingdon for LGBTQ+ young people to support improved wellbeing, skill development, and reduction of isolation. Activities will include workshops, skill sharing, arts and crafts, sports, and leisure activities. All activity is aimed at supporting improved outcomes for LGBTQ+ youth and connection to their local community.	£2,500.00
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CCG/15/26-27 (BZGVHTGL) Cambridgeshire Army Cadets 2 Company Outdoor Skills & Expedition Equipment Project	This project will increase opportunities for young people in Huntingdonshire to take part in outdoor activities, navigation training and Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions. Through instructor-led group activities, participants develop physical fitness, confidence, resilience, independence, teamwork and social connections. The project will support up to 80 cadets each year and deliver several Bronze DofE expeditions. Funding will be used to create a shared pool of outdoor equipment, removing cost barriers for families, improving accessibility, and enabling the organisation to provide higher-quality training. The reusable equipment will benefit future groups of young people for many years.	Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone	To establish a shared outdoor equipment pool enabling young people across Huntingdonshire to access navigation, expedition and Duke of Edinburgh's Award activities. The project will remove financial barriers to participation while developing outdoor skills, physical activity, confidence, resilience and teamwork through progressive training delivered by trained volunteer instructors.	£2,500.00
CCG/16/26-27 (XQVRKKNR) Tiny Heartbeat Heroes UK CPR Training Equipment Project	Tiny Heartbeat Heroes UK supports people in crisis and helps keep people out of crisis by giving parents, carers and local families the practical skills to respond if a baby or child stops breathing, chokes, or needs emergency CPR. The project is needed because many parents and carers have never received hands-on paediatric CPR training. Our charity was created after our own baby stopped breathing at 7 weeks old and we had to perform CPR before paramedics arrived. That experience showed us how important it is for families to have these skills before an emergency happens. The new toddler CPR manikins will allow more people to practise properly during each workshop, improving confidence, knowledge and emergency response in the community.	- Helping people in crisis - Keeping people out of crisis - Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone	To purchase a pack of four toddler CPR training manikins so Tiny Heartbeat Heroes UK can deliver more free, hands-on paediatric CPR and choking workshops for parents, carers and local families, improving confidence and lifesaving skills in a child emergency.	£1,263.59