Huntingdonshire District Council - Community Chest Awards - 18 November 2026 Grant Panel Applications

Project Name/Applicant	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
CCG/27/26-27 (BWQRCHCM) **Sipro Community Hub CIC** **Parkinson's Punches**	Sipro Community Hub CIC delivers weekly adapted, non-contact boxing sessions for people with Parkinson's in St Ives, currently attended by 12 regular participants. The programme helps improve balance, mobility, strength, coordination and confidence, while also providing valuable social opportunities that reduce isolation. With no comparable Parkinson's boxing classes available locally, the sessions meet a clear community need. Previously funded by Parkinson's UK, the programme now faces closure due to the end of that funding. Support is being sought to sustain this established service and ensure local people with Parkinson's can continue accessing both physical activity and social connection.	• Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone (Encouraging physical activity and Supporting social Connections	Sipro Community Hub CIC delivers weekly adapted boxing and exercise sessions for 12 people living with Parkinson's in St Ives. The programme supports mobility, balance, confidence and social wellbeing. Funding will help continue these established sessions following the end of initial financial support from Parkinson's UK.	**£2,500**

CCG/28/26-27 (RBNZJPMZ) **Ramsey and District Horticultural Society** **Horticultural Society Member Engagement Events**	The group promotes sustainable living by encouraging people to grow their own food and flowers using environmentally friendly, chemical-free methods. This helps reduce reliance on imported produce while improving local biodiversity and soil health. The group also provides valuable social opportunities, particularly for older residents who may live alone, helping to reduce isolation and build friendships through meetings and guest speaker events. Gardening supports both physical activity and mental wellbeing, giving participants an active and engaging hobby. The group is also working to attract younger members to encourage the sharing of knowledge and strengthen community connections across generations.	• Lowering carbon emissions • Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone (Encouraging physical activity and Supporting social Connections	We are a community gardening group that promotes gardening as a way to improve physical health, mental wellbeing, and social connection. While many of our members are older residents, we actively work with younger people and community groups, including the Guides, to encourage wider participation and the sharing of skills across generations. The group provides a monthly social event with guest speakers, helping members stay engaged, learn new skills, and build friendships. We currently have at least 55 registered members, over 125 followers on social media, and regularly attract visitors to our events. Our activities culminate in an Annual Show, which brings together more than 300 local residents to celebrate gardening, growing, and crafting. This project helps people remain active, connected, and involved in their community, with the funding ultimately benefiting around 300 local people each year.	**£1,000**

CCG/29/26-27 (GTVCWJBG) **Purple Horizons Community CIC** **Men's Health Matters: Bringing Prevention into the Community**	The project aims to keep people out of crisis by improving access to preventative healthcare and encouraging the early detection of prostate cancer. As prostate cancer often develops without symptoms and there is currently no routine NHS screening programme, many men may be unaware of their risk or delay seeking advice due to work, family, or caring commitments. By offering free PSA testing in convenient community venues on weekends, the project removes practical barriers to participation and helps men engage with preventative healthcare at an earlier stage. This approach is particularly valuable in reaching individuals who might otherwise postpone seeking medical advice, enabling greater awareness of personal health risks and supporting earlier intervention where needed.	• Helping people in crisis • Keeping people out of crisis • Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone: (Encouraging physical activity and Supporting social connections across communities)	Men's Health Matters will deliver two free Saturday PSA testing days in Huntingdon and St Neots, supported by targeted awareness campaigns, health information and follow-up exercise sessions. The project will improve prostate health awareness, overcome barriers to preventative healthcare, promote cardiovascular health and encourage sustainable lifestyle changes among men and their families.	**£2,500**
CCG/30/26-27 (CDXXVMNB) **St Neots Golf Club** **Unisex Accessible Toilet and Baby Changing Area**	St Neots Golf Club, established in 1890, is a community-focused golf club that promotes participation in golf while providing a welcoming environment for members, guests, visitors, and local community groups. The club aims to offer high-quality sporting and social facilities that are accessible to all and support long-term community engagement and inclusion	• Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone (Encouraging physical activity and Supporting social Connections	The Clubhouse was built in 1988 and did not incorporate accessible facilities. We have identified a large store room on the ground floor that can be transformed into a unisex accessible toilet and baby changing area. This is part of our ongoing project to make our Club more accessible.	**£2,500**

CCG/31/26-27 (SQKCMWZC) **St Ives Carnival & Music Festival** **The St Ives Carnival Community Flag Parade**	The project aims to strengthen social connections by bringing together school children, care home residents, youth groups, and other community organisations through a shared creative activity, fostering civic pride and a stronger sense of belonging. The parade will also encourage physical activity by providing an accessible opportunity for people of all ages to participate in an outdoor walking event. The applicant explains that the traditional carnival parade has not taken place for several years due to the cost and safety challenges associated with road closures. By relocating the parade to Hill Rise Park, these barriers can be removed, making the event safer and more accessible. Providing flags free of charge will further reduce financial barriers to participation. The project seeks to revive a valued community tradition, reduce social isolation, and support the objectives of the Huntingdonshire Wellbeing Strategy by offering a free, local activity that promotes social interaction and outdoor recreation.	• Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone: (Encouraging physical activity and Supporting social Connections	A new community-led walking parade opening the 2027 St Ives Carnival at Hill Rise Park. The project funds materials for local schools, youth groups, and residents to create town-themed flags, culminating in a vibrant opening march and a "Flag Forest" public art exhibition celebrating local heritage.	**£1,000**

CCG/32/26-27 (MZKBQKST) **Pomegranate Events, Buckden Towers (previously Buckden Community Events)** **Over 75's Christmas lunch**	With the continued rise in living costs and the constant exposure to negative news and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to provide opportunities for this age group to come together. These activities offer a positive focus, help reduce feelings of isolation, and support improved mental health and wellbeing by creating a sense of community, purpose, and connection.	• Improving the quality of life and wellbeing for everyone (Encouraging physical activity and Supporting social Connections	A volunteer-led group that organises an annual Christmas Lunch for around 100 older residents aged 75+ in Buckden and the surrounding area. The event provides a traditional festive meal, entertainment, and companionship for those who may otherwise feel isolated during the Christmas period. As well as enjoying food and social interaction in a welcoming environment, each guest receives a small Christmas gift. The project aims to reduce loneliness, promote wellbeing, strengthen community connections, and ensure older residents feel valued, included, and supported during the festive season.	**£220**