

GRANT AWARDS 2018

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT OF GRANT	PROJECT
Arts for Hungerford	£1,000	<p>Arts for Hungerford is a Community Interest Company run entirely by volunteers, providing a year round programme of high quality arts events for Hungerford and the surrounding communities. Their mission is to use both traditional and innovative new ways of connecting with and understanding each other through the arts.</p> <p>The grant will help with running costs for the 2017/2018 season which aims to build on the successes of last year with a Literary Festival with 10 authors and 2 events for children and an adult and junior writing competition.</p>
CHAIN	£1,000	<p>Chain provides transport for the elderly, sick and infirm in Hungerford and surrounding areas, to enable them to visit Day Centres, Doctors' surgeries, and keep necessary Hospital appointments. Occasional trips of a vocational nature are also made together with weekly Handybus transport to a Hydro-Therapy centre. Their drivers also run the local Handybus and they have their own Gowrings modified Vauxhall Combo wheelchair vehicle. They publish and distribute quarterly, 2900 free copies of the CHAIN MAIL magazine, this is self-financing.</p> <p>The grant will help cover the cost of running both vehicles (bus and wheelchair vehicle) and the running costs of the office which is open every weekday between 9.00 and 11.00 and manned by volunteers. An additional expense this year is the purchase of a crash tested wheelchair to meet the latest guidelines for wheelchairs in vehicles.</p>
Citizens Advice West Berkshire	£1,500	<p>Citizens Advice West Berkshire provides information and advice to help people in West Berkshire to achieve positive outcomes in dealing with the problems that they face, e.g. gaining access to welfare benefits, managing debt, helping them to stay in their homes and resolving problems with their employers.</p> <p>The grant will help to operate an outreach service for residents of Hungerford in the Hungerford Library. Two sessions will be offered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month to clients wanting to access Citizens Advice in Hungerford. The clients that value this service are those who find it difficult to access services in Newbury. During 2017/18, 135 clients were helped from the Hungerford ward. From the feedback clients have given on the advice they received, Citizens Advice were successful in gaining financial advantage of £23,000.</p>
Brighter Futures Radiotherapy Appeal - Great Western Hospital	£1,000	<p>Brighter Futures is the registered charity of Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. They support services at Great Western Hospital in Swindon and in community health sites across Wiltshire. They fund the purchase of equipment, support education for staff and improve the environment for</p>

		<p>patients; all of which are over and above the existing NHS budget. Their vision is to provide the best care possible to patients, their families and visitors to the Trust.</p> <p>The grant will help bring Radiotherapy Services much closer to home for cancer patients diagnosed at the GWH in Swindon. Currently, patients have to take a round trip of 70 miles or more to Oxford and face up to 40 daily visits to receive their radiotherapy treatment. A new Radiotherapy Centre is being built closer to home for cancer patients at the GWH and Brighter Futures will help fund the equipment.</p>
HADCAF	£1,000	<p>Hungerford & District Community Arts Festival (HADCAF) is a 17-day programme of art, theatre, music and leisure-related attractions for the whole community, which takes place annually in July. The Festival aims to celebrate and encourage the talents, expertise and skills that abound within the community, in addition to bringing professional concerts and theatre to Hungerford. Localism is at the heart of the Festival, with all venues within walking distance or a short journey for residents.</p> <p>The grant will help with running costs for this year's festival. Typically numbering around 50 events, the programme encompasses a wide range of arts and leisure-related attractions, including music of all kinds, theatre (professional, amateur and children's), literature, film, exhibitions, workshops, talks and guided walks.</p>
HAHA	£250	<p>HAHA is an association of plot holders who have self-managed Hungerford Town Council's two allotments sites at Marsh Lane and Fairfields on a voluntary basis since 2011. HAHA operates under the terms of a Heads of Agreement with the Council and is financed by plot rental income supplemented by fund raising activities and grant awards.</p> <p>The grant will help towards the purchase of a new petrol lawn mower to replace their existing mower. The benefits will be improved reliability, mulching capability, adjustable speed control and easier manoeuvring around obstacles.</p>
Home-Start West Berkshire	£100	<p>Across West Berkshire Home-Start volunteers visit families at home each week, supporting parents in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability or who are just finding parenting a struggle. They provide non-judgemental, practical and emotional support and help build the family's confidence and ability to cope. Volunteers encourage, listen and offer practical support. They become a trusted friend and mentor of the family to help them move forward.</p> <p>The grant will help provide a taxi service to enable invited families to attend sessions focussing on positive role modelling and play with young children under the age of 5. Many of these children would have no social interaction with their peers without attending these sessions.</p>
Hungerford Bowling Club	£400	<p>Hungerford Bowling Club celebrates its Centenary in 2018. It was formed in 1918 when the land was gifted as a sports facility to the Club. The Club offers a wide range of club & team play fixtures and regular coaching for new and established players of all ages. Fixtures vary from league play, inter-club friendlies, social bowls events, internal competitions and regular social 'roll-up' bowls (for the more 'relaxed' bowler).</p>

		The grant will help towards the cost of celebrating the Centenary of the club. Events include hosting a number of prestigious matches against opposition such as Bowls England and the Royal County of Berkshire Bowling Association and the purchase of commemorative items for visiting teams.
Hungerford & Camburn Educational Foundation	£1,000	This charity is the only local charity giving financial help to students following further education and the grant will help local students towards the cost of further education.
Hungerford Cancer Support Group	£250	Hungerford Cancer Support Group is a voluntary support group which holds monthly meetings at a local hotel to provide support for people living with or affected by cancer and / or their carers and loved ones, past and present. They are a friendly and welcoming group who warmly invite people to join them for free tea / coffee and cake, and to share experiences, listen, seek information or meet people. The grant will help towards the running costs of these monthly meetings.
Hungerford Cricket Club	£500	Hungerford Cricket Club provides opportunities for young people from the age of eight upwards to receive coaching and compete in the Berkshire Youth League. The Club also run an All Stars Cricket programme for children aged five to eight years old. All coaching is delivered by qualified coaches, who have been screened for their suitability for working with young people. In winter, indoor training sessions take place in the John O'Gaunt Leisure Centre on Friday evenings from 5:30-7pm. In summer, outdoor training sessions take place on Friday evenings from 6.30pm. The grant will help towards the club's ongoing junior coaching and equipment/net hire costs for the 2018 season. This is to allow the junior section to attend both winter and summer nets using qualified coaches with the correct equipment to meet the ECB's safety standards.
The Shoal of Friends – Hungerford Nursery School	£500	The Shoal of Friends is committed to providing resources which will benefit the children of Hungerford and its surrounding area from birth to 4+ years of age. They are working to provide additional funds which will allow the Hungerford Nursery School and the Family Centre to continue to deliver the outstanding outcomes for children of all abilities for which they are renowned. The grant will help with their "Wheels to the Woods" project. On a weekly basis, throughout the year, Hungerford Nursery takes children to Boxford where they experience outdoor learning. They are seeking funding to allow them to hire a suitable replacement for their existing vehicle for the next 12 months. This will enable them to continue to provide this extremely valuable learning experience for 3 to 5 year-olds and to extend the facility to other needy children and families in the local area.
Hungerford Rugby Football Club	£500	The club aims to provide all forms of recognised rugby (tag, mini, junior, senior, touch) for all ages and genders at an affordable price and to provide a community facility that is available and welcome to both social and playing members.

		The grant will help towards the cost of providing high quality LED lighting for the pathways around the building plus the entrance and parts of the car park closest to the pavilion. The improvements will make the facility safer and more welcoming for evening usage which can be as many as 6 nights a week through the winter months.
Hungerford Town Band	£1,000	Hungerford Town Band are a local organisation who provide two bands (Senior and Training) for engagements in the local and surrounding areas. They have many young players both learning and in the Senior band and encourage people of any age to start playing or come back to playing after a break. They provide instruction free of charge for persons of all ages in the playing of brass band musical instruments. The grant will help towards improving the band and keeping it running through the leadership of their Musical Director, improving the music by purchasing new pieces and keeping their library updated, and competing in the annual National Brass Band regional contest.
Hungerford Town Football Club	£2,500	Hungerford Town Football Club play at Bulpit Lane in Hungerford. Affiliated to the Berks & Bucks Football Association, they are currently members of the National League South, the sixth tier of English football. The club is a members club which is run by volunteers. The grant will help towards the conversion of a rundown room at the football ground into a commercial shop for the younger fan base. Its main point of use would be to arrange events on match days for local schools and away day travel etc.
Hungerford Twinning Association	£500	Hungerford is officially twinned with the town of Ligueil in Indre-et-Loire, France and a charter was signed in November 1980. Since 1980 there have been many group delegations to and from the two towns including the Fire Brigade, the Round Table, the Town Band and the John O' Gaunt School. Their goal is to establish close family links between Hungerford and Ligueil, and to use this to foster and encourage a broader social community and educational opportunities for children through family and inter-school activities. There is now a membership of over 40 people from the Hungerford area and visits are arranged between the towns each year. The grant will help towards entertaining the guests from France who are visiting in August. Various events are organised with social and educational activities around sites of local interest and further afield to give the visitors opportunities to experience British heritage.
Hungerford Youth & Community Centre	£4,500	Hungerford Youth and Community Centre is run by an independent group of volunteers forming a management committee. The committee's main remit is the management of Hungerford Youth and Community Centre building and outdoor facilities, as well as supporting youth and community services with a special emphasis on youth services. The Centre subsidises fully the hire for youth clubs (100%)

		<p>and in part for groups which benefit the community (25%). As well as being managed by a volunteer force itself, the Hungerford Youth and Community Centre enables and supports other volunteer-led groups.</p> <p>The grant will help towards keeping the centre open and giving them the opportunity to develop and re-enforce last year's achievements while striving towards new successes. The grant will cover the running costs including staff wages, service charges, insurance and website/marketing support.</p>
Kennet & Avon Canal Trust	£500	<p>The Kennet and Avon Canal Trust seeks to conserve, protect and improve the Kennet and Avon Canal and its associated watercourses, towpaths, structures and buildings, in the vicinity of, or otherwise associated with the Kennet & Avon Canal and to promote and facilitate recreational use of the Kennet and Avon Canal by a wide section of the community.</p> <p>The grant will help towards the repair and upgrade of the Hungerford Wharf mooring site for the Rose of Hungerford which is an exceptionally successful pubic trip boat launched in 1982. The parking area and the bank side of the boat's mooring both need re-surfacing as they have become hazardous and dangerous, particularly for the increasing number of infirm, disabled and wheelchair bound passengers.</p>
Rosemary Appeal – West Berkshire Community Hospital	£1,000	<p>Newbury & Thatcham Hospital Building Trust aims to improve healthcare and relieve sickness in Newbury and Thatcham by supporting hospital buildings, facilities and equipment for the treatment of people referred for hospital treatment.</p> <p>The grant will help towards the Rosemary Appeal which is fund raising to build an advanced care centre at West Berkshire Community Hospital to develop increased cancer support facilities including day care, diagnosis and advanced treatment. The cancer centre will also provide intravenous chemotherapy, specialist consultations and counselling. In addition, a much needed renal dialysis unit will be built with 10 stations to provide care locally. They are also appealing for money to help provide a CT scanner at the Community Hospital.</p>
The Community of Hungerford Theatre Company	£1,000	<p>The Company promotes the performance of live theatre in Hungerford and the surrounding villages. The company has four lively groups: Young performers up to age 8, Children's theatre up to age 14, Youth Theatre up to age 18, The Players aged over 18. In any year each group undertakes at least one production and all groups combine to undertake the annual Town show, which has been part of the Hungerford calendar for the past 30 years. There are over 200 members of the company.</p> <p>The grant will help towards the running costs of the Company which operates in hired venues in Hungerford and the surrounding villages for rehearsals and production venues. Hire costs for</p>

		rehearsals include setting up the venues for productions which, in the case of the Town Show, includes the provision of tiered seating.
The Tuesday Burchett Club	£450	<p>The Club was formed as a communal meeting place for the 'less mobile' people living in Hungerford and its surrounding areas and is run by a committee of 14. A warm and friendly Club with a membership of around 120, the club gives relief and support to those for whom growing older has coincided with varying degrees of disability. Day and half day trips take place throughout the year together with short break holidays and a series of well-supported Mystery Weekends have recently been added to the itinerary.</p> <p>The grant will help towards the cost of accommodation for members of the club to go on a 'Turkey & Tinsel' holiday at the end of this year.</p>
Wessex Rangers	£300	<p>The Wessex Ranger Brigade is a uniformed youth group, formed in 1976, that offers a range of military training ranging from fieldcraft, drill, military knowledge and more for children aged 6-18. The aims and objectives of the Wessex Ranger Brigade are to promote good manners and self discipline, to provide opportunities for the members to take part in activities and interests which they may not otherwise be able to, to develop the qualities of good citizenship, to stimulate interest in the armed forces, mainly the army, for those who may consider a career in the military.</p> <p>The Hungerford Unit train every Wednesday evening at the Croft Field Activity Centre.</p> <p>The grant will help towards the running costs of the club which include hire charges for the hall and equipment. It will also help towards the purchase of new uniforms for the cadets who have recently joined the club.</p>
Young People & Children First	£500	<p>This charity was set up in 2008 to support care leavers 16-25 (and homeless young people) in West Berkshire. They provide places to live and the guidance and support these disadvantaged young people need to bridge the critical gap between Foster Care (homelessness) and independent living. The houses are comfortable, safe and homely with space for up to 7 young people and live-in house supervisors and support workers provide practical and emotional support and individual tailored support plans for each of the residents. Over the last 10 years the charity has helped to transform the lives of 28 young people and the average length of stay is 323 days.</p> <p>The grant will help to develop/deliver the charity's Bridge to Independence support programme which will support up to 7 residents in the next year.</p>

TOTAL: £21,250