

modified Vauxhall Combo wheelchair vehicle. They publish and distribute quarterly, 2900 free copies of the CHAIN MAIL magazine, this is self-financing. HTC's grant award of £1,500 is to help cover the cost of running both vehicles (bus and wheelchair vehicle) and the running costs of the office which is manned by volunteers.

Eight Bells for Mental Health Ref 19421 £250.00

Eight Bells is an independent member-led organisation that supports local people affected by mental health issues by running a twice-weekly Drop-In Centre in Newbury. There are currently 207 members registered and on average 70 members attend the Drop-in Centre each week. The Drop-in Centre offers members a safe place to go and get advice, improve social skills, receive support and interact with other members, thus reducing their social isolation. Hungerford Town Council's grant of £250.00 will go towards core funding of running costs including additional staff and projects 2022-2025.

Home-Start West Berkshire Ref 19831 £250.00

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. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £250 will help towards their Preventing Family Poverty project.

Hungerford Bowling Club Ref 19925 £400.00

The Hungerford Club is a CASC registered sports club with Bowls, Tennis and Indoor Sports facilities. They are open to applications from all sections of the community including juniors for outdoor sports. They offer an excellent bowling green, 4 all-weather tennis courts and 2 full size snooker / billiards tables. Management and maintenance of the facilities is undertaken by volunteers from within the membership whose aim is to provide first class facilities for members to develop their game to the level they wish to achieve in a social setting with coaching available. Both competitive and social opportunities to play are available. The grant contribution from HTC will go towards the costs relating to outside contractors to maintain the bowling green.

Hungerford Carnival Ref 20025 £500.00

The Hungerford Carnival Committee hold an annual carnival which incorporates floats from local organisations which all follow a parade through town and the high street with street performers and participants in costumes and fancy dress. The funding from HTC will go towards the running costs.

Hungerford Chamber of Commerce Ref 19891 £3158.00

The grant from HTC will go towards the project titled 'Visit Hungerford 2023 incorporating the Heritage Trail' in which the Chamber of Commerce wish to appoint a local marketing firm to assist them with the development of a new tourism and heritage website for Hungerford. The site will look to accommodate an online interactive Heritage trail. Using a qualified firm it will produce a fully responsive website that is regularly updated. Importantly, professional input is required to help drive traffic to the site through wide social media marketing and help sustain effective connections with the Great West Way. It will be effective in promoting Hungerford as a tourism destination and help boost local economy.

Hungerford Food Community Ref 19935 £300.00

Providing year-round food, nutrition and cookery experiences in and around Hungerford. These include cookery lessons for pre-school, primary and secondary school students, vulnerable adults and anyone interested in budget recipes, moving to a diet that is good for the planet and minimising food waste. Hungerford Food Community would use the funding to help make this positive impact throughout the year on food education for the families of Hungerford and also to increase the support of local producers, businesses and the community.

Hungerford Library & Community Trust Ref 19935 £4500.76

The grant from HTC will go towards funding for a one off project for the Trust. The entrance to the Hub/library is made up of glass panels. Currently, posters advertising events and services are stuck to the glass using celloptape, which can look incoherent and makes a mess of the glass when the posters are taken down. They would like to smarten up a first impression by installing an illuminated cable display which would make it much easier to swap posters and make them more eye-catching. The logo transfers also need updating.

Hungerford Rugby Football Club Ref 20047 £400.00

Hungerford Town Football Club was established in October 1886 and is a member's club which is run by volunteers. The club has an associated football academy working in partnership with Park House School in Newbury. Hungerford Rugby Club has its home at the Triangle Field which was the culmination of more than a few years of planning and applying for planning permission. The clubhouse was completed in 2008 and is now the proud centrepiece of the playing facilities. HRFC now enjoys facilities of a quality that match that of many larger clubs. Hungerford Town Council's grant award of £400 will help towards the cost of refurbishing the ladies' toilets and disabled facilities.

Hungerford Tennis Club Ref 19781 £400.00

The Hungerford Tennis Club needs to repair one of their damaged courts (caused by tree roots) and it will require a complete overhaul to make it usable. The contribution from HTC will go towards this cost.

Hungerford Theatre Group Ref 18909 £500.00

The Theatre company operates in hired venues in Hungerford and the surrounding villages for rehearsals and production venues. Hire costs for performances includes setting up the venues for productions and HTC's contribution will go towards the ongoing running costs of the group.

Hungerford Town Band Ref 20004 £1,000

Hungerford Town Band is a local organisation that provides 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 band is an asset to the town and the local community, and the grant will allow them to continue to allow anyone of any age to continue to enjoy music. HTC's grant award of £1,000 will help towards ongoing costs eg Musical Director's honorarium, rent & storage costs, insurance, and new music. They are also looking to purchase a smaller travel drum kit.

Time to Talk Hungerford Outreach Ref 19961 £250.00

The organisation provides a free counselling service for young people aged 11-25 in West Berkshire, helping them deal with their specific challenges in a sustainable way. They are the only organisation in West Berks offering counselling that is free at the point of delivery to those under 18 (over 80% of their clients). The grant contribution from HTC will go towards helping approx. 36 young people from the Hungerford area who have referred themselves. Many of these would have been seen at the Hungerford GP Surgery, others either in Newbury or remotely.

Town & Manor Ref 19902 £1,000

Town & Manor are working towards creating a Wetland Nature Reserve on 40 acres of historic water meadow on the north-western edge of Hungerford and the grant contribution from HTC will help towards the planning costs for the Kennet Valley Wetland Reserve project.

Young People & Children First Ref 19346 £400.00

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. The council's grant award of £400 will help towards the costs to house and support vulnerable care leavers and homeless aged 16 to 24 from Hungerford as well as Kintbury and Inkpen. Including maintenance of properties and support for utility costs.