

South Wingfield Parish Council Grant Awarding Policy

This policy was adopted by South Wingfield Parish Council at its meeting on 13 March 2014.

South Wingfield Parish Council will consider applications for grants from voluntary groups or charitable organisations.

South Wingfield Parish Council aims to operate a grant aid system which considers grant applications twice yearly – January and July. Applications are considered by the Finance Committee of the Council.

To qualify for any grant award the applicant must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish.

Grant applications will be dealt with by the Full Council.

In determining the validity of an application, the council will refer to the following guidelines:

Applications will be considered for the following purposes: -

1. For the purpose of purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
2. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes.
3. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/ instructor/ facilitator.
4. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
5. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
6. For hosting special events or celebrations.
7. For the provision of recreational facilities.

Conditions: -

1. Grants will not be awarded to individuals
2. Additional applications within a 12 month period will not normally be considered.
3. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
4. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council.
5. All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested. If The Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded.
6. Donations to Registered Charities in response to a general fundraising appeal will not normally be considered.
7. Groups operating outside the parish boundary will normally be limited to an upper limit of £100.

Eligibility: -

1. Any Charity, Voluntary Group or Community Organisation.
2. Agencies that operate within The Parish and are of benefit to the local community, with the following provisos:
 - The Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.
 - Applications from schools for an activity that takes place within the school day will not be considered.

- The Parish Council will not fund activities outside its powers and functions.

NB. Applications for Grants relating to large projects will be considered separately under different terms and conditions from those for the smaller Community Grants discussed in this document.

Subject to periodic review.