

# Hinton Blewett Parish Council

## Grants Policy and Criteria 2016-17

Grants may be available to support charitable or voluntary activities for organisations operating in or for the parish of Hinton Blewett.

### **Criteria for funding**

To be eligible for a grant your organisation must benefit the parish of Hinton Blewett. Applicants must demonstrate how the local community has been involved in their project and give evidence in their application that the project meets local needs and has local support.

To apply for a grant you do not have to be a registered charity, as long as the work you do has charitable aims and you have a constitution (set of rules) and management committee. If your organisation has its own bank account it must have at least two signatories to authorise cheques.

### **Examples of grants**

- St Margaret's Churchyard for upkeep and maintenance,
- Hinton Blewett Village Hall for upkeep and maintenance
- MSN & Radstock Dial a Ride serving residents of Hinton Blewett.

### **What we don't fund**

- Individuals.
- General appeals.
- Statutory organisations or the direct replacement of statutory funding.
- Activities promoting political or religious beliefs.
- Overseas travel.
- Arts and sports projects with no community or charitable element.
- Medical research, equipment or treatment.
- Projects that take place before an application can be processed and the decision communicated.

### **When can you apply?**

There is no deadline for applications. Applications will be considered at Parish Council meetings as and when they are received throughout the year.

### **How to apply**

Please send an email or letter to the Clerk detailing the purpose and aims of your organisation, the reason that you are applying for a grant and the amount requested. Contact details below.

### **What will happen next?**

The Parish Council will consider grant applications at its meeting in January each year. You will be notified of the decision on your application within two weeks of the meeting and the cheque will be enclosed.

### **Data Protection**

We will use the personal data provided on the application form to process your application and to monitor the project. We will make public the details of any grant given but we will not release personal data.

If you feel that any information about your application or project should not be made publicly available, please contact us to discuss this.

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### **Contact**

Please send all correspondence to the Parish Clerk:

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