

COMMITTEE REPORT

Subject:	New Community Grants 2026/2027- Applications
Committee:	Communities Committee
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Confidential / Exempt:	No

1. Report Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Committee to review recommendations and make decisions on the award of community grants.

1.2 There have been 6 new applications submitted for funding.

1.3. Applications received align well with existing and emerging community priorities and with strategic goals for our work with partners and in communities.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The committee note the current grants expenditure position.

2.2 The committee approves funding of £2,500 for Woodlands Primary School for the period 2026/2027.

2.3 The committee approves funding of £2,000 for Fear Free for the period 2026/2027.

2.4 The committee approves funding of £3,000 funding for Safe and Supportive Salisbury for the period 2026/2027.

2.5 The committee approves funding of £2,920 for Wildlife and Wellbeing for the period 2026/2027.

2.6 The committee approves funding of £2,000 for Salisbury Transition City for the period 2026/2027.

2.7 The committee pause the funding application from Winterbourne Cricket Club to be considered at extraordinary meeting/February 2027 committee pending further due diligence.

3. Background

3.1 The Communities Committee held on 1 June 2026, amalgamated cultural and community grants into one single community grants pot. The unallocated budget for community grants for 2026/7 stands at £33,600.

3.2 All grants are subject to the terms and eligibility criteria of Salisbury City Council Grants Policy, which includes reporting of impact via the monitoring process.

3.3 Grants are eligible if they meet at least one of our adopted Community Priorities and the objectives that sit under these.

3.3.1 Reduce inequality and strengthen community safety and resilience.

3.3.2 Positive Futures for Children and Young People.

3.3.3 Vibrant and Connected Communities.

4. Current applications

Name of Organisation	Funds applied for	Recommendation
Woodlands Primary School	£2,500	Recommended funding in full.
Fear Free	£3,000	Recommended partial funding - £2,000.

Safe and Supportive Salisbury	£3,000	Recommend funding in full.
Wildlife and Wellbeing	£2,920	Recommend funding in full.
Salisbury Transition City	£2,000	Recommended funding in full.
Winterbourne Cricket Club	£10,000 (strategic community grant in excess of £3,000)	Pause application- recommend to be considered at extraordinary meeting/February 2027 committee pending further due diligence.

4.1 If committee resolves to approve submitted grant applications as recommended, the remaining balance for community grants is £20,180 for further grant applications in 2026/2027.

5. Additional Relevant Information

5.1 Grant summary reviews with recommendations for all completed applications are attached in Appendix A.

5.2 Winterbourne Cricket Club's summary review will be completed after further necessary due diligence for the application process has been conducted by officers.

6. Implications

Implication Area	Impact	Comments / Mitigation
Financial	Low	Misuse of funds awarded. Risk managed through monitoring and reporting process.
Legal	High	Parish Councils who give grants must do so lawfully and properly including: • Acting within statutory powers. • Demonstrating clear public benefit. • Making decisions lawfully and transparently • Managing and accounting for public money properly. • Ensuring openness, fairness, and audit compliance. • Monitoring the use of funds and enforcing conditions.
Risk	Medium / High	Organisations refused funding may be affected and need to seek alternate funding or amend service offer to Salisbury.
Personnel	Medium / High	Communities staff need to be trained, and the level of resource needed to administer and manage community grants be maintained to support effective delivery of this policy.
Environmental Impact	None / Low	No negative environmental impact is anticipated. Environmental projects supported with funding may contribute to improved health and wellbeing outcomes.
Equalities Impact Statement	Medium	Equalities are considered as a part of key eligibility criteria, ensuring that equalities impacts are embedded in the approach.
Community / Public Impact	Medium /	Effective use of SCC grants through projects supported will have a positive benefit to the wider Salisbury community with demonstrable positive impacts and outcomes against our community priorities.
Procurement /	None /	None known at this time.

Contractual	Low / Medium / High	
Property / Asset	None	None known at this time.
Data Protection	Medium / High	Data collected as part of the grant application process will be used only for its intended use. This is stated in the application process.

7.Appendices/Background Papers

Appendix A - Grants summary for review documentation

Appendix A - Grants Summaries for review

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW	
Organisation	Organisational aims and objectives
Woodlands Primary School	Vision & Values Statement: "Growing together: Inspire to aspire" At Woodlands Primary School, our collective vision is to provide every child with the fullest education and life chances they deserve, and to guide our children towards their best possible future. Together, we will continually strive to remove the fear of failure and any barriers to success. At every opportunity we will celebrate achievement, progress and effective learning behaviours. We will provide a culture of aspiration and acceptance with children moving onto their next venture with the knowledge, skills and values to set them on the path to achieve their dreams. We will enable our pupils to drive their own futures to realise greater success and to actively shape our diverse community for the better, all working in tandem for the common good. The school's main activities are to deliver the national curriculum through high-quality teaching, and to ensure the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of every child. This includes supporting academic progress and personal development, while maintaining all statutory safeguarding, assessment and welfare responsibilities.
Project Name	
Digital Access for Positive Futures	
Status of Organisation	
School	
Grant Request	
£2,500	Brief Description of Project
Type of Grant	Woodlands Primary School is situated at the heart of Bemerton Heath. Over half of our pupils are eligible for Pupil Premium and many families experience limited or no access to digital devices at home. As a school we strive to remove barriers to success, and we believe this is one of them. We have recently invested in <i>Purple Mash</i>, a digital learning platform that enhances learning across the curriculum. However, to fully realise the benefits of this resource we urgently need to increase the number of devices available to pupils We are therefore seeking support towards the purchase of an additional 10 iPads. These devices will significantly improve digital access, strengthen learning across the national curriculum, and help close the attainment gap. They will also raise aspirations by equipping pupils with the digital skills essential for future education and employment. Additional iPads would allow whole classes to benefit from the programme, ensuring that no child is left behind due to lack of access to technology. Support from Salisbury City Council would make a meaningful and immediate difference to children within the
Community Grant (under £3,000)	

		Bemerton Heath community, helping us provide the equitable, high-quality education they deserve.
Benefits		The primary beneficiaries will be the pupils of Woodlands Primary School, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds who face barriers to digital access at home. Increasing the number of iPads will ensure that every child can participate fully in the curriculum, regardless of their home circumstances. Teachers will also benefit through improved capacity to deliver high-quality digital learning across subjects, mainly computing. More devices will allow staff to run small-group activities, personalise learning, and monitor progress more effectively. The wider school community will benefit as well. By strengthening pupils' digital confidence and independence, the project supports long-term educational outcomes, helping children develop the skills they need for future learning and life. This contributes directly to raising aspirations within the Bemerton Heath community and aligns with Salisbury City Council's priority of creating positive futures for children and young people.
How will the impact of the project be measured against your aims and objectives?		The success of the project will be monitored through a combination of pupil outcomes and teacher feedback. The Senior Leadership Team and Computing Lead will review progress termly to ensure the investment is delivering measurable improvements. Teachers will track pupils' digital skills, confidence and engagement through classroom assessments and work completed on Purple Mash, Purple Mash's built-in analytics will provide detailed information on how frequently pupils are using the platform and which areas of the curriculum are benefiting most, allowing the school to identify patterns of engagement and areas where further support may be needed. Teacher feedback will form an important part of the evaluation, helping the school understand how the increased number of iPads is supporting teaching, small-group work and SEND interventions. The school will also monitor whether more pupils are able to participate fully in digital learning, ensuring that the project is improving equity of access across the school. Together, these measures will provide a clear picture of the project's impact on learning, digital access and pupil outcomes, demonstrating that the investment is delivering long-term value for the school community.
Community Priorities		2026-2029
Reduce Inequality and Strengthen Community Safety and	√	This project directly supports Salisbury City Council's strategic priority of Positive Futures for Children and Young People by improving digital access, strengthening learning outcomes, and raising aspirations for pupils living in one of the city's most disadvantaged communities. Bemerton Heath experiences significant socio-economic challenges, and many families lack access to digital devices at home. By increasing the number of iPads available in school, we will ensure that all children,

Resilience		regardless of background can fully participate in high-quality digital learning. This aligns with the Council’s ambition to give every young person the tools, confidence and opportunities they need to thrive.												
Positive Futures for Children and Young People	√													
Vibrant and Connected Communities														
Number of beneficiaries supported														
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10x 10 th Gen iPad	10x units at £250 per unit (approx.)	£2500 (approx.)	£2500 (approx.)											
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Officer Notes		The project applicant has confirmed that the digital inclusion achieved by purchase of additional iPads will not be replacing any statutory funding. It fits well, responding to SCC community priorities in relation to deprivation (a school in Bemerton Heath) but also in relation to inclusion for SEND objectives and financial hardship. Attempts have been made for securing sponsorship without success. Whilst there are other digital inclusion initiatives where reconditioned digital equipment may be available, in this circumstance, new equipment is needed to align with the requirements of Purple Mash. Recommendation: Funding in Full - £2500.												

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

Organisation	Organisational aims and objectives
FearFree Charity	FearFree's aim is to break cycles of domestic abuse and related harms by supporting people to live safer lives, recover from trauma and build healthier futures. Our objectives are to provide high-quality, trauma-informed support to adults, children, young people and families affected by domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking and harassment; to promote safety, recovery and wellbeing; and to work with communities, organisations and partners to raise awareness, prevent abuse and reduce future harm. Through frontline services, early intervention and prevention activity, FearFree seeks to create safer communities and improve outcomes for individuals and families affected by abuse.
Project Name	
Free the Night Salisbury	
Status of Organisation	
Registered Charity	
Grant Request	
£3000.00	Brief Description of Project
Type of Grant	Free the Night Salisbury is a community-led awareness and empowerment event designed to raise understanding of domestic abuse while supporting women and girls to feel safer and more confident in public spaces at night. With approximately one in four FearFree referrals originating from Salisbury, there is a clear and ongoing need for awareness, prevention and support within the local community. FearFree is seeking to work in partnership with Salisbury City Council and local partners and organisations to deliver a visible, inclusive event in Salisbury City Centre. Free the Night will bring together residents, community groups and partner organisations for an evening of awareness-raising activities, including a guided community walk, engagement activities and opportunities to access information, advice and support. The event will promote greater awareness of domestic abuse and its impact, provide practical safety information and signposting, and encourage community dialogue about creating safer communities for everyone. It will also showcase local support services and encourage earlier help-seeking by increasing awareness of the support available.
Community grant (under £3K)	
Benefits	Beneficiaries will include women and girls, individuals and families affected by domestic abuse, residents, community groups and partner organisations working to promote community safety and

	wellbeing. Free the Night is designed as an inclusive community event and will directly engage approximately 500 participants from across Salisbury and the surrounding area. The project will also benefit local organisations and stakeholders by creating opportunities for partnership working, raising awareness of available services, and strengthening community engagement around domestic abuse prevention and community safety. Indirectly, the event will reach a wider audience through media coverage, social media activity, community networks and follow-on awareness activity, helping to increase awareness of support services and key community safety messages across Salisbury.
How will the impact of the project be measured against your aims and objectives?	Participation and Reach • Attendance data. • No. of partner organisations involved (target of at least five partners). • We will monitor online and offline media coverage, social media engagement and promotional reach. Awareness and Understanding • Participant feedback will be gathered through surveys and engagement activities to measure increased awareness and understanding of domestic abuse, its impact and the support available. • Feedback will also be used to assess participants' confidence in accessing support and sharing information with family members, friends or colleagues who may need help. Community Impact • We will gather feedback from participants, volunteers and partner organisations to assess the event's contribution to community awareness, safety and partnership working. • We will monitor engagement with awareness materials, information resources and signposting activities delivered as part of the event. Longer-Term Outcomes • We will monitor enquiries, referrals and engagement with FearFree services where these can reasonably be linked to event awareness and promotion. • Lessons learned and participant feedback will be used to inform future community safety and awareness initiatives in Salisbury.

Community Priorities		2026-2029
Reduce Inequality and Strengthen Community Safety and Resilience	✓	Reduce Inequality and Strengthen Community Safety and Resilience Free the Night directly promotes community safety, helping residents understand how to access support. The event will provide practical information, resources and signposting, helping individuals recognise abuse, seek help earlier, and build confidence in responding to concerns affecting themselves, friends, colleagues or family members.
Positive Futures for Children and Young People	✓	The project will also contribute to a stronger community response to domestic abuse by bringing together residents, partner organisations and local stakeholders in a visible, positive event focused on safety, prevention and support. This will help raise awareness, reduce stigma and strengthen community resilience.
Vibrant and Connected Communities	✓	Vibrant and Connected Communities Free the Night will bring together residents, community organisations, volunteers and partners in a shared community event that promotes inclusion, participation and collective responsibility for community safety. The project will create opportunities for people to connect, learn and engage with local organisations working to support safer communities.
Number of beneficiaries supported		
IRO 500 direct beneficiaries for the event.		
plus broader community, partnership and network beneficiaries		How the money will be allocated
		Delivery and Project Costs

	Item or activity	Further Description or detail	Total Cost	Funding Requested
	Event planning and coordination	Project management, partner liaison, event planning meetings and administration	£800	£800
	Route management, risk assessment and event logistics	Route planning, risk assessments, permissions, health & safety arrangements and logistics coordination	£400	£400
	Marketing and promotional materials	Design, printing, publicity materials, social media promotion and awareness resources	£500	£500
	Volunteer recruitment, briefing and support	Volunteer recruitment, briefing, coordination and support	£200	£200
	Event-day operations and stewarding	Event management, stewarding and operational support on the day	£300	£300
	Community engagement activities and resources	Community engagement materials, awareness resources and participant information. This will <u>included</u> a pop-up installation at one of the underpasses.	£800	\$800
			£	£
		TOTALS	£3,000	£3,000
Officer Notes	FearFree is a credible and well-respected organisation who have experience delivering events successfully. The project has broad partner support and is well thought through to maximise the outcomes and impacts throughout the event. The project delivers strongly against community priorities, in particular offering bespoke knowledge and engagement opportunities for the complex and challenging subject of women's safety. This project will respond to demonstrated need and brings significant partner in-kind contributions. The only weakness of this application is that no efforts have been made to secure additional or alternative funding. This project aligns well with High Sherri's Grant fund for Violence Against Women and a discussion with Wiltshire Community Foundation would be worthwhile.			

	Recommendation: Partial funding of £2000 and a recommendation the applicant seeks additional external funding. It is appreciated that timescales to secure alternate funding may be tight, therefore the applicant should keep Head of Communities advised, in case any further mitigating actions may be needed.
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Organisation	Organisational aims and objectives
Safe and Supportive Salisbury	To promote the relief in need of the residents of Salisbury and its environs who are in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other social or economic disadvantage.
Project Name	
Here for Hearing	
Status of Organisation	
Charitable Incorporated Organisation Charity No: 1205459	
Grant Request	
£3000	Brief Description of Project
Type of Grant	The overall aim of the project is to address the need for information and services to support people with hearing loss in Salisbury. to include both those who are Deaf (i.e those who choose to communicate in BSL) and those who are deaf, experiencing hearing loss during their lifetime. Our plan is that we will use the City Council grant to - Establish and support a series of quarterly meetings in the City including individuals with lived experience, community organisations providing support, representatives from Salisbury BID, churches and the entertainment industries. The meetings will provide opportunity to provide peer to peer support and expert speakers will provide much needed information on current developments and good practice for individuals with hearing loss but will also support Businesses/organisations across the City who wish to work towards inclusion and meet the needs of the hearing-impaired community more effectively. - Holding an event in central Salisbury at which providers of services and support can give advice and share expertise to people with hearing impairment and their carers. This event will include an exhibition of assistive technology designed to support people with sensory impairment. The project will build on the established skills of SaSS, demonstrated in the existing Mental Health and Dementia Networks, supporting people to work together across sectors to support people in need in identified areas. This project is scheduled over 15 months:
Community Grant (under 3000)	

		Quarter 1 group set up Quarters 2-3-monthly meetings Quarter 4 Quarterly meeting plus event and exhibition Quarter 5 Group meeting to review the event and the outcomes of the previous year and propose further actions moving forwards for which external funding will be sought. Going forward it is anticipated that the project will act as a springboard for a number of additional projects working towards making Salisbury a Hearing Friendly City. e.g.: i) a publication/website. Enlisting the expertise of the people and organisations worked with and especially those with lived experience, we will produce guidance on best practice in providing support to the hearing-impaired community including to digital systems. This will be published on the SaSS website initially with the possibility of seeking sponsorship to fund printing hard copies. li)workshops and training sessions lii) working 1:1 with local organisations to share expertise and technical solutions and facilitate purchasing equipment that will support the hearing-impaired community .
Benefits		This project will offer a number of tangible benefits including: - Reduced isolation and increased confidence - More accessible local services and activities - Easier access to advice and assistive technology - Stronger local partnerships and referral routes - A lasting foundation for a Hearing Friendly City
How will the impact of the project be measured against your aims and objectives?		Initially success will be measured by attendance and engagement at the quarterly meetings The aim is for the membership to grow at every meeting which is an outward sign that the community feel it is useful to them. A record will be kept of all positive actions undertaken by, and as a result of, the group to ensure that it is making a positive contribution to the local community. The planned event will capitalise on local connections. High attendance of stallholders, from statutory services, commercial providers and voluntary groups will allow for networking opportunities and good footfall of attendees means we will have successfully disseminated information to the Hearing-Impaired community.
Community Priorities		2026-2029
Reduce	✓	• <i>Reduce Inequality and Strengthen Community Safety and Resilience</i>

Inequality and Strengthen Community Safety and Resilience		Hearing impaired people have day by day experience of being marginalised, often derided. The experience of Deafness affects a small minority of the public but age-related hearing impairment affects some 70% of people over 70. Moreover, the incidence of hearing impairment is predicted to rise sharply in the immediate future. Yet it remains the Cinderella of sensory impairments, often misunderstood and subject to ridicule even within families, sometimes resulting in isolation and low level depression: we will work to improve understanding and knowledge locally by bringing people together to provide peer support, and advice and guidance to both those with hearing loss and the wider community. <i>Vibrant and Connected Communities</i>
Positive Futures for Children and Young People	✓	
Vibrant and Connected Communities	✓	
Number of beneficiaries supported		
<i>Officer comment: It has been difficult for the applicant to establish how many beneficiaries this project will support as there is no benchmark given this support has not existed in Salisbury before.</i> <i>Indicative “target” beneficiaries that are credible for a project of this size and length would be as below:</i> - 125 direct beneficiaries (people with hearing loss, family members and carers, and local businesses/community groups, entertainment venues and support services. - A further 500 residents may benefit indirectly through improved accessibility, better-informed staff and more inclusive local services.		Our project will enhance the ability of people living with hearing loss in the City to participate more fully in events and activities in entertainment, education and worship. Building on our established Safe Places scheme we plan to work with businesses to help them better understand the needs of people with hearing loss and provide a more supportive environment. <i>Positive Futures for Children and Young People</i> Whilst SaSS is focused on the needs of older and vulnerable adults. We would hope to build on earlier work in this area undertaken by students at South Wilts School.
		How the money will be allocated
		Project and delivery costs- see table below

	Item or activity	Further Description or detail	Total Cost	Funding Requested
	Project worker @ £22 per hour	150 hours x £22 per hour over 15 months of the project	£3300	£3000
	Line Management by Project Manager	8 hours per month x 15 months @ £25 per hour	£3000 from SaSS Lottery budget	
	Administrative support	2 hours per month x 15 months @ £18 per hour	£540 from SaSS Lottery budget	
	BSL Interpretation of speeches and addresses at public event.	Average price £170-£190 for 3.5 hours	£500	
	Hearing Support Network Meetings	Venue hire + refreshments x 5 We will seek Salisbury Community Area Board funding in Year 1 for this	£500	
	Good practice guidance booklet	We will seek sponsorship for this. Costs include editorial and printing costs Alternatively it might be produced as an online guide to avoid printing costs	£1000	
	Showcase event Costs including venue hire & publicity	We will seek Salisbury Community Area Board funding in Year 2 for this event.	£500	
		TOTALS	£9340	£3000
Officer Notes	This is a strong project application from a credible organisation with a track record of using this approach effectively in other areas of community need. There is unmet need within Salisbury, supporting both Deaf people and those experiencing hearing loss who often face isolation, exclusion and barriers to participating fully in community life. The proposal aligns strongly with SCC priorities, particularly in responding to inclusion objectives and breaking down barriers to elements of our communities to some aspects of community life. The project offers significant match funding and value for money and sets out how sustainable impact could be achieved beyond the lifetime of this project with foundational support for Salisbury to become a Hearing Friendly City. Recommendation- fund in full.			

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Organisation	Organisational aims and objectives
Wildlife and Wellbeing CIC	Wildlife and Wellbeing was set up as a Community Interest Company in 2024 in response to the growing climate, biodiversity and human mental health crises. Our aim is to connect people in Salisbury with their local wildlife, for the benefit of their health and wellbeing. Environmental health and wellbeing also benefits from more humans being connected to nature and understanding the impact they as individuals have – both negative and positive – on the natural world.
Project Name	
Nature for Everyone	
Status of Organisation	
Community Interest Company Charity No: Company No: 15802554	
Grant Request	
£2,920	Brief Description of Project
Type of Grant	We would like to deliver a series of tailored nature connection sessions for three low-income, vulnerable or marginalised groups in Salisbury. The project will introduce participants to simple, accessible ways of connecting with nature in their local greenspaces, showing them that spending time in nature can be enjoyable, beneficial to wellbeing and accessible without the need to spend money or travel far from home. We will work with each group to understand their interests and needs, creating bespoke sessions that could include guided nature walks, wildlife exploration, nature-based crafts, sensory activities and simple mindfulness exercises. By offering a variety of activities, we aim to make nature connection enjoyable and accessible to people with different interests, abilities and levels of confidence. Each group will take part in multiple sessions, allowing us to build relationships and deepen engagement over time rather than providing a one-off experience. Participants will develop knowledge, skills and confidence that they can use independently, helping them incorporate regular time in nature into their everyday lives. Through the project, we will also raise awareness of the links between nature, health and wellbeing and encourage participants to see their local greenspaces as welcoming, free resources that they can continue to enjoy long after the project has ended.
Community grant (under £3,000)	
Benefits	1. Participants will develop a stronger connection with nature by discovering local wildlife and exploring simple, enjoyable ways to engage with nature in their local greenspaces. 2. Participants will understand the benefits of spending time in nature and how regular contact with nature can support their health and wellbeing. 3. Participants will learn simple mindfulness and breathing techniques that they can use to support their wellbeing both during the sessions and in their everyday lives. 4. Participants will gain the confidence, knowledge and skills to continue connecting with nature independently, helping them make regular use of their local greenspaces as a free and accessible resource for enjoyment, relaxation and wellbeing.
How will the impact of the project be measured against	We will monitor and measure the success of our project by keeping records of attendance, competing facilitator evaluations and participant evaluations.

your aims and objectives?		We will gather evidence on the difference the activity makes to people by asking participants to rate their mood out of 10 at the start and end of each session. We will also ask participants to complete a short survey at the end of the project and collect testimonials from participants. In the survey we will ask people how their understanding of the benefits of time in nature has changed during the project. We will ask participants what they have learnt - about nature and mindfulness. We will ask participants if they will use their local greenspaces more after participating in the sessions.
Community Priorities		2026-2029
Reduce Inequality and Strengthen Community Safety and Resilience	√	Reduce Inequality and Strengthen Community Safety and Resilience We plan to work in both of Salisbury’s priority neighbourhoods - Bemerton Heath and Harnham East-Friary estate. The project will provide free activities that introduce participants to ways of enjoying and connecting with nature without needing to spend money or travel far from home. Participants will gain knowledge and skills they can continue to use independently, making nature-based wellbeing activities an accessible long-term resource.
Positive Futures for Children and Young People	√	Positive Futures for Children and Young People At least one of the three groups we work with will include children and young people. We already have good connections with relevant groups, including the after school clubs at the Bemerton Heath Centre and Friary Centre, plus Rise 61. We are excited to offer our expertise to provide experiences that the children and young people wouldn’t otherwise benefit from. We ran taster sessions in 2026 for both after school clubs which were a great success. Please ask Bethany Wise if you want to hear about it from her perspective. We are skilled in SEND and adapting to individual needs.
Vibrant and Connected Communities	√	Vibrant and Connected Communities The project will bring people together through shared experiences of exploring Salisbury’s local wildlife and greenspaces, helping to reduce social isolation and build connections. By creating welcoming and inclusive opportunities to enjoy nature together, the project will strengthen participants’ connection to both their local environment and community. We believe that providing interesting new topics of conversation will strengthen relationships and increase connections within groups. These topics are wildlife-based – e.g. birdsong, tree identification, appreciating moths up close – and wellbeing-based – e.g. mindfulness practices, breathing techniques and generally opening up conversations on mental health in a safe space.
Number of beneficiaries supported		
24-45 direct beneficiaries		How the money will be allocated
Indirect beneficiaries- anticipated range of between 120-225 (family members/friend)		Delivery and project costs

	Item or activity	Further Description or detail	Total Cost	Funding Requested
	<u>Facilitator</u> pay	£100 a session x 15 sessions	£1,500	£1,500
	Project <u>officer</u> pay	£200 a day x 9 days	£1,800	£1,300
	Refreshments and materials	Drinks, food and equipment (wildlife guides)	£120	£120
			£	£
			£	£
			£	£
			£	£
		TOTALS	£3,420	£2,920
Officer Notes	This is a strong application from a credible organisation with a track record of positive community project delivery. The project shows a strong commitment to supporting marginalised and vulnerable groups in Salisbury by providing tailored, accessible nature connection sessions that address clear community needs. The project is backed by evidence of demand, positive feedback from previous activities, and established partnerships with local organisations. Its inclusive approach, focus on skill-building for long-term wellbeing, and alignment with SCC's priorities should produce meaningful and lasting impacts. The cost per beneficiary does appear relatively high however, the longer-term goals of regularised access to nature will achieve a broader reach of impact across networks and in communities. Recommendation- fund in full.			

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Organisation	Organisational aims and objectives
Salisbury Transition City	To be a catalyst for positive change and create a better Salisbury through Networking, Education, Inspiration and the exploration of zero carbon solutions within our own communities. STC brings together various community groups to enable them to share effective practice and to help inform the community of Salisbury of their activities.
Project Name	
People in The Park	
Status of Organisation	
Community Interest Company Charity Number: 10059867	
Grant Request	Brief Description of Project People in the Park event (May 2027) will build and develop upon previously successful People in the Park events, (which have brought together over 50 community groups, organisations and businesses including Salisbury City Council), with the aim of raising awareness of the need to bring about a sustainable future for the city. The event is also aimed at encouraging greater engagement amongst the young people regarding environmental issues and will promote greater involvement in the democratic process. It is also hoped that this will provide young artists with a platform to showcase their talents. This will be done by the following: - Create an uplifting event in Queen Elizabeth Garden where community groups can provide information about their work - Provide 3 stages with musical entertainment, poetry and educational talks. Two of the stages will be dedicated to young people. - Provide a platform for organisations to explain what they are doing to become carbon neutral by 2030 - Encourage visitors to become involved in positive initiatives within their own communities (active citizenship and connected communities) - To promote Salisbury as being a vibrant attractive community which cares about the future of the city and the environment The event is anticipated to grow further in 2027, with in the region of 100 display stalls anticipated. The youth engagement and development element is part of this growth, including a teenage market as part of activities.
£2000	
Type of Grant	
Community Grant (under £3,000)	
Benefits	Impacts are anticipated to be achieved around increased awareness of local green initiatives, increase in volunteers and connectivity between the community, local organisations and

		businesses. Additionally, this event should inspire other events, businesses, organisations and individuals to consider the environment and wildlife in their everyday life.
How will the impact of the project be measured against your aims and objectives?		Impacts will be captured with: - Stallholder surveys post event- asking if any connections were made either with other local groups or businesses or with new volunteers from the community. We ask for feedback from all stallholders about what went well or what could be improved, enabling us to adapt and improve year on year - Pledge board- our pledge board is an area where attendees, businesses and organisations can make a green pledge for the year, whether this is a green swap, reduction in private car travel, or intention to shop local. While unable to check if people are adhering to their pledges, this is a way to share ideas and inspire the community to make positive choices for the local environment. Specific metrics which will be gathered include: - The number of community groups involved in the event - The number of young people involved in performances at the event - Number of people attending the event- feedback from those attending – (feedback via social media etc) - Feedback from stall holders
Community Priorities		2026-2029
Reduce Inequality and Strengthen Community Safety and Resilience	√	Reduce Inequality and Strengthen Community Safety and resilience Community resilience will be achieved as part of this project in relation to the ethos of the event itself and commitment to sustainability. Active citizenship and custodianship of the environment is a core strand of the approach and the stalls that will be attending will be promoting opportunities for engagement in green agendas. This includes messaging around the positive difference that individuals can make respecting place and taking collective action on environmental issues. A cared for and sustainable environment supports a stronger and more resilient city.
Positive Futures for Children and Young People	√	Vibrant and Connected Communities The event will bring together stakeholders from local businesses to charities and community organisations, creating a space where the community can discover and support the people who help to shape our city. Local musicians bring the main stage to life, showcasing Salisbury talent of all ages. The event is hugely supported by volunteers and attendees are also able to discover volunteering opportunities at the event. Synergies and connections between stakeholders is another positive element, with connections being made that can lead to future collaborative
Vibrant and Connected Communities	√	
Number of beneficiaries supported		

Around 200 core staff, performers and volunteers. Attendees expected between 3000-5000 (last years event was around 3000 attendees and this year is expected to exceed that reach)	partnership working. Positive Futures for Children and Young People Our event shows, and teaches children and young people, that you can have a brilliant day out while being kind to the planet, creating a green city. They event is powered by electric car battery. Stallholders share ways to protect the environment, from recycling and carbon-cutting tips to everyday actions that support local wildlife. By celebrating these ideas in a positive, hands-on way, we hope to inspire the whole community, from those already on their green journey to others yet to take that first step. Specific activities on the day can bring tangible benefits to children and young people including: - Young people hosting their own group stalls e.g. BU LGBTQ+ group- developing skills around events such as team working, engaging with the public, preparing display materials and advocating for their groups - The ability to perform and showcase skills e.g. through spoken word, singing or playing music- young people last year reported that this had a big impact boosting confidence levels. - The teenage market- young people taking forward their entrepreneurial aspirations and ideas, showcasing things they have produced on stalls at the event.				
	How the money will be allocated				
	Project delivery expenses				
	Item or activity	Further Description or detail	Total Cost	Funding Requested	
	Stage hire	Hired at a very reduced cost for 3 stages including main stage, youth stage and additional stage	£2200		
	First Aid	St John's Ambulance	£600	£600	
	Gazebos from Salisbury City Council	SCC £100 for park hire and £275 for gazebos	£375		
	Advertising	Printing and social media ads	£400	£400	
	Organiser		£2000		

	Musicians and Acts	£50+ per act on 3 stages	£1000	£1000
	Sanitation	Toilets and Bins	£700	
	Miscellaneous	Refreshments, legal fees, music expenses	£500	
		TOTALS	£7775	£2000
Officer Notes	This is a strong application for a well-run event that has been delivered successfully over several years and has continued to grow and develop. Previous events have received positive feedback from attendees, and the 2027 event will benefit from continued strong support from established partners. The project is a good fit with SCC's community priorities. Good value for money is evidenced, particularly given match funding and the in-kind contributions being provided. The applicant will also be making applications to alternative funders to broaden the project's funding base. Recommendation- fund in full.			