

31. Pelicans Hockey School Engagement

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Cllr Simon Ring	Ward / area	The Woottons and local schools
Project cost	£6,000	Amount requested	£5,000
People benefiting	200	Match funding	In-kind

Project description: The club proposes at least 100 hours of coaching in partnership with local schools. Qualified coaching, equipment and structured pathways would introduce children to hockey and link school participation to the club. The applicant also intends to explore opportunities for parents to participate.

Local need: Children face financial, transport and equipment barriers to organised sport. The project would bring coaching into schools, reducing the need for families or schools to fund specialist provision or travel initially.	Community need / evidence: Letters from several local schools demonstrate interest in additional hockey and physical-activity opportunities. The applicant proposes starting with a smaller group of schools before wider rollout.
Community benefit: Schoolchildren would gain coaching, physical activity, skill development and a pathway into a local club. Parents may also gain social and sporting opportunities through a separate introductory offer.	Difference the project makes: The programme aims to improve health, confidence, wellbeing and social connection. A sustained school-club link could help children continue sport beyond the initial sessions.
Measures of success: The club would monitor coaching hours, school engagement and numbers participating. The application also refers to healthier and happier children, although a method for measuring health or school-performance outcomes is not specified.	Value for money: The grant would purchase at least 100 coaching hours at £60 per hour, with schools receiving activity without charge. Volunteer contribution is identified but not valued. The request is predominantly revenue and continuation beyond the funded period is not fully costed.
Rural balance: Coaches can travel to schools that have limited equipment or access to club facilities. This helps reach rural pupils before inviting them to use the hockey pitch.	Fair distribution: The offer is intended for all local schools, although initial delivery will focus on a smaller number. Fairness will depend on transparent school selection and whether participation expands beyond the starting cohort.