1. Adapted Sports Hub Trust

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Simon Ring	**Ward / area**	Borough-wide
Project cost	£25,121	**Amount requested**	£25,000
People benefiting	2,000+	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: pre-build planning, surveys, design, compliance and professional work for a fully accessible sports hub at Lynnsport. The requested funding covers the pre-construction stage, including design, surveys, planning, compliance and professional input, rather than the physical build itself.

Local need: No fully accessible gym or inclusive sports hub currently serves the borough. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Demand evidenced through adapted cycling activity and consultation with disabled people and partner groups. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Disabled children and adults, carers, families and partner organisations gain inclusive sporting opportunities. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Establishes the planning foundation for a long-term inclusive sports and community facility. It would move the scheme from concept towards a deliverable capital project and create the basis for future construction funding. The longer-term intention is to widen access to sport, wellbeing and social activity for disabled people and their families.
Measures of success: Planning milestones, stakeholder engagement, approvals and progression towards construction. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Unlocks a major shared community asset and leverages volunteer and in-kind support. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Borough-wide reach, including rural residents who face access barriers. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Targets an underserved group across the borough. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

2. Barroway Drove Village Hall Toilet Refurbishment

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Vivienne Spikings	**Ward / area**	Upwell & Delph
Project cost	£30,000 requested (above the £25,000 stated maximum award)	**Amount requested**	£25,000
People benefiting	475 weekly users	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Refurbishment of ladies, accessible and baby-changing facilities, including improved separate access. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: Facilities dating from 1982 have recurring plumbing, maintenance and accessibility issues. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Surveys, petitions and community feedback support the improvements. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Improves dignity, privacy and access for disabled users, parents, carers, older people and hall users. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Provides reliable, modern and accessible facilities and reduces maintenance problems. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: User satisfaction, accessibility and reduced maintenance issues. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Addresses several building and access issues within one project. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Supports a well-used rural village facility. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Benefits a broad range of community groups. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

3. Boughton Pond Restoration Project

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Sue Lintern	**Ward / area**	Wissey
Project cost	£8,176	**Amount requested**	£6,000
People benefiting	2,764	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Bank remodelling, planting, landscaping and habitat restoration following drought impacts. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: A central village landmark and wildlife habitat has dried and deteriorated. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Public meetings, consultation and ecological assessment support intervention. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Benefits residents, visitors, wildlife and local biodiversity. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Creates a more resilient pond environment and reduces future drought impacts. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Water levels, habitat recovery, planting success and resident feedback. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Protects a valued heritage and environmental asset with volunteer input. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Supports a small rural village with limited alternatives. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Provides village-wide and ecological benefit. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

4. Burnham Market Community Gym

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Sam Sandell	**Ward / area**	Burnham Market
Project cost	£25,000 Capital £5,000 Revenue	**Amount requested**	£25,000 Capital £5,000 Revenue
People benefiting	550	**Match funding**	No

Project description: Creation of a not-for-profit gym in the former cricket pavilion, including equipment and start-up costs. The proposal combines capital equipment with start-up revenue support so that the gym can begin operating as a not-for-profit local facility.

Local need: Limited local fitness provision, transport barriers, rural isolation and health inequalities. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Application cites ageing population, wellbeing need and exercise referral demand. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Older residents, young people, sports clubs, working-age adults and isolated residents. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Improves physical and mental wellbeing and creates a local social hub. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Membership, referrals, partnerships and participant feedback. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Reduces travel and provides local health and community benefits. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Strong rural benefit where facilities are limited. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Aims to remove cost and travel barriers. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

5. Raise the Roof - Castle Acre Village Hall

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Alistair Beales	**Ward / area**	Castle Acre & Great Massingham
Project cost	£37,875	**Amount requested**	£8,150
People benefiting	1,000	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Major roof, timber, insulation, porch and parapet repairs to safeguard the hall. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: The principal village social hub requires significant repairs to remain operational. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** A community survey recorded strong support for maintaining the hall. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Protects a venue used by community groups, events and cultural activities. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Prevents water ingress, improves efficiency and secures the hall for future use. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Completion of repairs and continued community use. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Protects an important historic community building. The grant forms part of a wider funding package involving reserves, fundraising and a further external application. The works protect an existing historic asset and should reduce the risk of more costly deterioration.
Rural balance: Vital facility in a small rural community. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Benefits the ward and neighbouring communities. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

6. Castle Acre Coronation Bowls Club Benches

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Alistair Beales	**Ward / area**	Castle Acre
Project cost	£1,236	**Amount requested**	£1,000
People benefiting	75+	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Purchase of two recycled-plastic weatherproof benches overlooking the bowling green. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: Members and spectators requested additional accessible seating. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Feedback from users identified demand for seating on another side of the green. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Improves comfort and the spectator experience for members, residents and visiting teams. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Encourages interaction and participation at the club. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Use of benches and potential membership growth. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Durable recycled material with low maintenance requirements. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Supports a volunteer-led rural club. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Low-cost improvement to a shared sporting facility. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

7. Chill Spot Youth Provision

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Jo Rust	**Ward / area**	Gaywood Clock
Project cost	£23,712	**Amount requested**	£3,712
People benefiting	40 annually	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Free youth club activities, trips, arts, games and wellbeing support at Gaywood Community Centre. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: Young people face deprivation, poor mental health, isolation and limited youth provision. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Local service evidence identifies demand for safe and structured activities. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Young people aged 11-16 gain relationships, confidence, aspirations and access to support. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Reduces isolation and improves wellbeing and engagement. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Attendance, surveys, case studies and outcome monitoring. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Uses existing funded staffing, with grant focused on activities. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Primarily addresses urban deprivation. This is primarily an urban deprivation project rather than a rural-access proposal. Its balance case rests on targeting young people who face social and economic barriers within Gaywood.	**Fair distribution:** Targets young people who may otherwise be excluded. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

8. Clenchwarton Memorial Hall Air Conditioning

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Steven Bearshaw	**Ward / area**	Clenchwarton
Project cost	£8,519	**Amount requested**	£8,519
People benefiting	100+	**Match funding**	Potential contribution discussed but not quantified

Project description: Installation of combined air-conditioning and heating units in the memorial hall. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: Extreme temperatures affect preschool, classes and wider hall use. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** User groups have reported uncomfortable conditions in hot weather. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Benefits preschool children, classes, groups and event users. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Creates a comfortable, usable venue throughout the year. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: User feedback, attendance and energy performance. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Provides cooling and heating and complements solar infrastructure. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Supports a rural village hall. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Benefits multiple groups and age ranges. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

9. Dersingham Street Light Safety

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Tony Bubb	**Ward / area**	Dersingham
Project cost	£28,210	**Amount requested**	£14,105
People benefiting	4,600	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Replacement of five severely corroded streetlight columns. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: Engineering inspections identified structural and public-safety risks. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Condition inspections provide the evidence for replacement. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Residents and visitors benefit from safe, reliable lighting. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Removes risk of structural failure and maintains lighting. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Completion of replacements and removal of identified risk. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Prevents failure and more costly reactive works. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Supports a large rural village. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Public infrastructure benefits the whole community. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

10. Discover King's Lynn Digital Screens

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Deborah Heneghan	**Ward / area**	St Margaret's with St Nicholas
Project cost	£15,000	**Amount requested**	£15,000
People benefiting	6.1m annual footfall estimate	**Match funding**	No

Project description: Three freestanding digital information screens promoting events, businesses, heritage and services. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: Visitors may remain in limited parts of the centre and miss wider attractions and businesses. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Footfall analysis and business feedback support better information and wayfinding. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Residents, visitors, businesses and community organisations gain greater visibility. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Improves awareness, dwell time and movement around the town centre. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: App use, business feedback, surveys and QR interactions. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Long-life infrastructure serving a large audience. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Urban project with borough-wide visitor reach. The physical installation is town-centre based, but the information displayed could promote events and services used by residents and visitors from across the borough. The project should therefore be assessed mainly as a public-realm and economic-support proposal rather than a rural facility.	**Fair distribution:** Promotes opportunities across the town centre. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

11. Downham Market & District Foodbank

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Joshua Osborne & Josie Ratcliffe	**Ward / area**	Downham Market and surrounding villages
Project cost	£56,907	**Amount requested**	£5,000
People benefiting	1,200	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Emergency food provision with financial inclusion, debt, welfare and advice support. The funding supports continued emergency food provision alongside financial inclusion, debt and welfare support. This combines immediate crisis help with advice intended to improve longer-term household resilience.

Local need: Poverty, food and fuel insecurity and financial hardship are increasing. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** More than 1,200 annual food parcels and growing referrals evidence need. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Supports families, pensioners, low-income households and people in crisis. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Meets immediate need while helping residents towards financial resilience. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Parcels, financial gains, debt outcomes and feedback. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Combines donated food, volunteers and advice outcomes. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Serves Downham and surrounding rural communities. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Targets residents in greatest financial need. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

12. Downham Market Skate Park

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Joshua Osborne	**Ward / area**	Downham Market
Project cost	£300,000	**Amount requested**	£15,000
People benefiting	625	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Construction of a new purpose-built skate park at the Jubilee Community Centre. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: The former park was removed after deteriorating beyond repair. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Consultation showed demand from young people and residents. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Supports skateboard, scooter and BMX users, families and young people. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Creates a safe facility for activity, skills and social interaction. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Usage, participation, feedback and engagement. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Substantial Town Council investment already committed. The grant requested is a relatively small part of the overall capital cost, with substantial Town Council investment already committed. If completed, the park would provide a long-life recreational asset with open community access.
Rural balance: Serves a rural market town and wider catchment. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Open recreational asset for local young people. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

13. Downham Market Sports Federation Community Hub

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Andy Bullen	**Ward / area**	North Downham
Project cost	£33,342	**Amount requested**	£25,000
People benefiting	1,200+	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Refurbishment of squash courts and creation of a modern community kitchen. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: Outdated facilities limit participation and wider community use. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Consultation supports improved sports and catering facilities. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Sports clubs, groups, families, volunteers and resident's benefit. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Enables greater participation, events, community meals and income generation. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Participation, bookings, new users, events and income. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Improves an existing asset rather than constructing a new one. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Serves Downham and surrounding rural communities. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Multiple organisations and users benefit. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

14. Fen Zen Community Resilience Hub

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Peter Hudson	**Ward / area**	Denver
Project cost	£17,000	**Amount requested**	£15,000
People benefiting	250+	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Feasibility, planning and professional work for a low-impact community resilience hub. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: Demand for food resilience, practical skills, wellbeing and community connection. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Seven years of activity and growing site use support the proposal. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Children, families, volunteers, isolated residents and community groups. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Provides the foundation for a long-term resilience and support facility. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Completion of studies, consultation and planning submission. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Builds on established activity and volunteer contributions. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Supports rural communities. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Provides shared resilience and wellbeing benefits. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

15. Flitcham Community Centre Solar Project

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Alistair Beales	**Ward / area**	Massingham with Castle Acre
Project cost	£17,500	**Amount requested**	£7,500
People benefiting	250	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Installation of solar electricity generation and battery storage. The project would install solar generation and battery storage at the community centre. The purpose is to reduce electricity costs and improve the long-term viability of a facility used for local clubs, events and social activity.

Local need: Electricity is the community centre's largest operating cost. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Community support and fundraising demonstrate local backing. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Supports clubs, events and social activity in a small village. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Reduces running costs and improves long-term sustainability. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Energy generation, savings and continued community use. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Long-term energy savings and potential resilience. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Strong benefit to a small rural community. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Protects a shared village facility. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

16. Great Massingham Area Community Car Scheme

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Chris Morley	**Ward / area**	Great Massingham and surrounding villages
Project cost	£13,611	**Amount requested**	£5,000
People benefiting	200	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Volunteer transport enabling access to healthcare, shopping and social activities. The volunteer-led service provides journeys to healthcare, shopping and social activities for residents who cannot readily use other transport. Support is intended to maintain a practical service across Great Massingham and neighbouring villages.

Local need: Public transport is very limited across a dispersed rural area. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Established demand from residents and partner organisations. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Older and isolated residents and people with mobility or financial difficulties. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Reduces isolation and improves access to essential services. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Journeys, users, destinations and feedback. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Leverages volunteer drivers and partner support. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Directly addresses rural transport disadvantage. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Serves several villages and priority residents. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

17. Harpley Village Hall Cinema - Revenue

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Alistair Beales	**Ward / area**	Harpley
Project cost	£1,200	**Amount requested**	£1,200
People benefiting	Up to 1,440 attendances	**Match funding**	In-kind

Project description: First-year film licensing and screening programme for a new community cinema. This revenue request would fund the first year of film licensing and screenings for a new village cinema. It complements the separate capital bid for projection and sound equipment.

Local need: Residents have limited local cultural opportunities and transport options. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Cinema was the most popular request in village consultation. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Residents gain accessible local film and social activity. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Creates regular cultural provision and reduces travel. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Screenings, attendance and participant feedback. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Low revenue request supports regular local activity. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Strong rural access benefit. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Open to the whole village and wider area. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

18. Harpley Village Hall Cinema

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Alistair Beales	**Ward / area**	Harpley
Project cost	£6,000	**Amount requested**	£6,000
People benefiting	Up to 1,440 attendances	**Match funding**	In-kind

Project description: Purchase and installation of projection, sound and audiovisual equipment. This capital request would purchase and install projection, sound and audiovisual equipment. The equipment would support cinema screenings and could also be used for other village hall activities.

Local need: The village lacks local cinema and cultural facilities. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Identified through extensive community consultation. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Creates a lasting cinema resource and supports other hall uses. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Enables regular screenings and wider audiovisual activities. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Use of equipment, screenings and attendance. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Long-life equipment supporting multiple activities. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Strong rural access benefit. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Shared village hall resource. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

19. Howdale Scout and Guide Hut Heating & Electrics

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Josie Ratcliffe	**Ward / area**	Downham Market East
Project cost	£17,734	**Amount requested**	£15,415
People benefiting	170	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Electrical upgrades, replacement heating and solar panels at the Scout and Guide Hut. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: The building failed electrical inspections and could not be used safely. Electrical inspection failures prevented safe use of the Scout and Guide Hut. The project is therefore driven by an immediate compliance and safety requirement as well as the need to improve heating and energy performance.	**Community need / evidence:** Safety inspections establish the need. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Supports Scout and Guide groups and secures a youth facility. The expected benefits extend beyond the immediate applicant by supporting wider participation, access, wellbeing or community resilience.	**Difference the project makes:** Restores safe use and reduces energy costs. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Compliance completion, energy savings and resumed use. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Combines safety works and energy improvements. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Serves a market town and rural catchment. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Benefits established youth organisations. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

20. Hunstanton Sailing Club Watersports Cabin

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Angie Dickinson	**Ward / area**	Hunstanton
Project cost	£16,664	**Amount requested**	£13,184
People benefiting	6,000+	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: Replacement weatherproof portable cabin with power, internet and solar capability. The proposal is intended to turn the identified need into a deliverable activity or lasting community asset, using the grant for the specific works or service described.

Local need: The existing cabin is structurally corroded and nearing end of life. The application therefore presents the project as a response to a current local gap, condition issue or barrier rather than an optional enhancement.	**Community need / evidence:** Condition of the existing facility establishes need. The evidence cited provides a basis for assessing whether the proposal reflects demand from users, residents or partner organisations.
Community benefit: Members, watersports users, instructors and Parkrun users benefit. The cabin would support sailing and watersports activity and is also expected to assist instructors and users connected with promenade activities. This gives the investment a broader recreational and visitor benefit than club membership alone.	**Difference the project makes:** Strengthens recreation, watersports provision and visitor appeal. If delivered, the project would remove or reduce the principal barrier identified in the application and improve the sustainability or reach of the provision.
Measures of success: Participation, facility use, membership and feedback. These indicators should enable progress to be reviewed after funding and provide evidence of both delivery and community impact.	**Value for money:** Club contribution and multi-user benefit. Value is strengthened where the proposal uses existing assets, volunteer input, partner support or match funding to extend the benefit of the grant.
Rural balance: Serves a coastal community and visitors. This should be considered alongside the availability of alternative facilities, transport and services for residents in the relevant catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Supports several activities and user groups. The proposal should be considered in the context of both geographic spread and whether it reaches communities or groups with limited existing provision.

21. King’s Lynn High Street Trees and Benches

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Deborah Heneghan	**Ward / area**	St Margaret’s with St Nicholas
Project cost	£53,000	**Amount requested**	£25,000
People benefiting	200,000 stated	**Match funding**	No

Project description: The Civic Society proposes tree planting with integrated benches outside the former Debenhams building at the lower end of King’s Lynn High Street. An external contractor would carry out the capital works. The scheme is intended to improve the public realm, provide more suitable seating and add shade during hotter weather.

Local need: This part of the High Street is described as neglected and in need of investment. Existing seating is considered unsuitable for older people and residents with mobility needs. The application links the proposal to the King’s Lynn Public Realm Action Plan and the need for a greener, more consistent streetscape.	**Community need / evidence:** King’s Lynn masterplan consultation is cited as showing support for more town-centre greening and a more inviting public realm. Ward councillors also report that residents and businesses regularly raise the need to improve this section of the High Street.
Community benefit: Residents, visitors, shoppers and nearby businesses would benefit from a more comfortable and attractive environment. New seating would improve resting opportunities, while trees would provide shade and support climate resilience. The applicant expects the scheme to encourage people to spend longer in this part of the town centre.	**Difference the project makes:** The project would rejuvenate an underinvested section of the High Street and strengthen pride in the town centre. It may support footfall and local spending while making the area more comfortable during hot weather. The benefit would be long-term if appropriate maintenance arrangements are confirmed.
Measures of success: The Civic Society and ward councillors propose to liaise with local businesses about footfall and dwell time. Photographs, expenditure evidence and an end-of-project report would also be provided.	**Value for money:** The applicant describes this as a modest initial outlay with recurring benefits and limited ongoing maintenance. No match funding is confirmed, although other funding would be explored if the grant is secured. Maintenance responsibility with the Council’s open spaces team still needs to be agreed.
Rural balance: This is a town-centre project rather than a rural intervention. Its borough-wide case is that residents and visitors from rural communities also use King’s Lynn as the principal shopping and service centre.	**Fair distribution:** The application argues that this part of the town has received little recent investment. Benefits would be open to all High Street users rather than restricted to a defined organisation or membership group.

22. Creative Foundations - KL Creatives Studios

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Deborah Heneghan	**Ward / area**	St Margaret's with St Nicholas
Project cost	£29,164	**Amount requested**	£21,304
People benefiting	180	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: The mixed capital and revenue project would equip and deliver three strands from a step-free creative facility: Create and Play for children and families, a six-week Young Creators programme, and Tony's Music Group for older residents. Funding would support facilitators, materials and refreshments alongside recording, film, podcast, arts, sensory and PA equipment, plus website and branding work. Delivery includes a partnership with the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

Local need: King's Lynn is identified as a Culture Priority Place and the applicant says there was previously no comparable fully accessible creative facility locally. Rural transport, low income, disability and neurodivergence can prevent residents from travelling to alternative provision. Existing equipment also limits the standard and range of work participants can produce.	**Community need / evidence:** Evidence includes 53 registered members across the three strands, rapid growth in family participation, referrals from Norfolk and Waveney Mind, partner letters and programme records. The applicant reports 22 children registered for Create and Play, 10 young people for Young Creators and 21 members of Tony's Music Group.
Community benefit: Children, including many with SEND, would gain inclusive creative and sensory activity; young people would gain access to professional facilities, portfolio outputs and specialist input; and older residents would gain regular social contact. Parents, carers, community groups and partner organisations would also benefit from the equipped studios and event space.	**Difference the project makes:** The project would increase both capacity and the quality of local creative provision. Participants could produce recordings, films, podcasts and practical artwork rather than only taking part in short activities. The equipment would also strengthen the organisation's ability to earn income and sustain future community provision.
Measures of success: Attendance, retention, SEND reach, participant and parent feedback, partner feedback, equipment usage and completed creative outputs would be monitored. All assets and expenditure would be recorded, with an end-of-project report bringing together reach and outcomes.	**Value for money:** The grant request is supported by £7,860 of studio space, volunteer facilitation and university-funded placement support. Capital equipment would be used across several programmes and community hires over multiple years. The organisation is new and has modest reserves, but argues that the equipment will increase earned-income capacity.
Rural balance: The facility is central in King's Lynn but serves residents from surrounding villages where comparable provision is limited. Step-free access and a sensory room reduce access barriers, while portable equipment may allow activities to be taken to partner venues.	**Fair distribution:** The project targets groups described as least served by existing cultural provision, including disabled and neurodivergent children, young people facing barriers, isolated older residents and low-income families. Although town-based, its referral network and portable assets give it wider geographic reach.

23. King’s Lynn Town Band Building Improvements

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Paul Bland	**Ward / area**	King’s Lynn and West Norfolk
Project cost	£5,256	**Amount requested**	£2,756
People benefiting	3,000	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: The Town Band seeks structural and waterproofing works to an outbuilding recently converted into toilets and a kitchen. The building has since been found to be unstable and affected by water deterioration. The works are intended to protect the refurbishment and secure the band room for continued use.

Local need: The band needs safe, watertight premises for rehearsals, tuition, instrument storage and community activity. Without the works, the recent investment in the toilet and kitchen facilities could be lost and the organisation may need more expensive alternative premises.	**Community need / evidence:** The application relies on the band’s long history, regular performances, messages of support and requests from schools and uniformed groups. It provides free tuition and instruments, sustains a junior band and performs for civic occasions and charities across the borough.
Community benefit: Learners, band members, concert audiences, supported charities and civic events would benefit. Free tuition lowers barriers to learning music, while the improved building would support safe storage and reliable delivery of rehearsals and performances.	**Difference the project makes:** The works would make the building stable and watertight, preserving the band’s operational base. This would protect existing facilities and enable the band to continue music tuition, public performances and charitable fundraising.
Measures of success: Immediate success would be completion of the works and confirmation that the building is safe and watertight. Longer-term indicators are continued tuition, rehearsals, performances and use of the premises.	**Value for money:** The band confirms a £2,500 cash contribution and the quote is supported by a cost breakdown. The project protects recent refurbishment and may avoid the higher cost of relocating. The form contains differing cost figures, so the final eligible cost and request should be confirmed.
Rural balance: The premises are in King’s Lynn, but membership, learners, civic activity and performances draw from across West Norfolk. The proposal is therefore borough-wide rather than specifically rural.	**Fair distribution:** Benefits are not confined to one ward because tuition is open and performances support civic and charitable activity across the borough. The application also offers access to music for people who may not otherwise afford lessons or instruments.

24. King’s Lynn Town FC - Keeping the Lights On

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Joshua Lowe	**Ward / area**	Gaywood Chase
Project cost	£79,611	**Amount requested**	£25,000
People benefiting	5,000	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: The club seeks a contribution towards solar panels as part of a five-year sustainability plan. Reduced energy costs are intended to make it more viable to open the ground outside matchdays for events, social activity and wellbeing provision. The club describes the investment as enabling the stadium to operate as a wider community asset.

Local need: Energy and operating costs are placing pressure on the club’s finances. The application also identifies local mental-health and social-isolation need and wants to use the ground for more regular community activity. The solar scheme is therefore presented as both an environmental measure and an enabler of wider use.	**Community need / evidence:** The application cites the club’s partnership with 8:56, local health information and support material. It identifies a need for places where residents can meet, socialise and access activities beyond traditional football use.
Community benefit: Families, young people, adults, older residents and people experiencing loneliness are expected to benefit from a more regularly open facility. Potential college partnerships could also offer practical skills and intergenerational activity.	**Difference the project makes:** The project would reduce reliance on grid electricity and release resources for facilities and community use. It aims to change the ground from a mainly matchday venue into a year-round place for connection, activity and wellbeing.
Measures of success: The club would track electricity use, costs and solar generation before and after installation. It would also record non-matchday events, visitor numbers, community usage and participant feedback.	**Value for money:** The £25,000 request forms part of a £79,611 project, with £54,611 stated as owner funding. Solar panels are expected to provide long-term savings and environmental benefit. The club’s accounts show a significant deficit, so the panel may wish to consider financial sustainability alongside the confirmed contribution.
Rural balance: The project is physically town-based and the form’s description of the club as rural is not consistent with its King’s Lynn location. Its wider case is that supporters and community users come from across the borough, including surrounding rural areas.	**Fair distribution:** The proposed non-matchday activity would be open beyond football supporters and the sponsoring councillor states that benefits extend across the town and borough. Investment would therefore support an existing large asset with broad potential reach.

25. Little Miracles - Inclusive Play Together

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Simon Ring	**Ward / area**	King's Lynn and surrounding areas
Project cost	£3,870	**Amount requested**	£3,034
People benefiting	250	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: This is a 12-month programme of 12 free inclusive play sessions for disabled children, children with additional needs and their families. Six sessions would be held in King's Lynn and six in Heacham. Funding would cover venue admission and hire, with staffing supported separately.

Local need: Families can face sensory, developmental, financial and social barriers when using mainstream activities. Suitable provision is limited and fear of misunderstanding or judgement can further reduce participation. Free sessions at two locations are intended to address cost and travel barriers.	**Community need / evidence:** A survey of 99 families provides detailed evidence on additional needs, emotional wellbeing, acceptance, accessible activities, financial pressure and isolation. The application also reports strong positive outcomes from Little Miracles' existing activities, including participation, friendships and wellbeing.
Community benefit: Children would gain active, sensory and social play in welcoming environments. Parents, carers and siblings would share positive experiences, meet families with similar circumstances and develop supportive relationships.	**Difference the project makes:** The programme would remove admission costs and provide regular rather than one-off activity. Expected outcomes include greater confidence, friendships, inclusion and emotional wellbeing for children, alongside reduced isolation for families.
Measures of success: Registration and attendance would record sessions, unique families and total family participation. Accessible feedback, an end-of-project survey, staff observations and case studies would assess access, inclusion, wellbeing and social connection.	**Value for money:** The £3,870 grant would fund venue costs, with £836 of staffing supported through Awards for All. Existing venue knowledge and the intention to negotiate bulk prices support delivery. The programme is time-limited and creates no ongoing asset liability.
Rural balance: Half of the sessions would take place in Heacham, improving access for rural and coastal families who would otherwise need to travel into King's Lynn. This explicitly shares provision between urban and rural locations.	**Fair distribution:** The even split between King's Lynn and Heacham supports geographic balance. The project also targets families for whom disability, income, transport and sensory needs can create unequal access to ordinary leisure opportunities.

26. North Wootton Village Hall - Air Conditioning and Solar

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Richard Coates	**Ward / area**	North Wootton
Project cost	£27,058	**Amount requested**	£24,357
People benefiting	700	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: The capital project would install air conditioning and solar panels at North Wootton Village Hall. Professional contractors would deliver the works, with the Village Hall Committee responsible thereafter. The combined scheme is designed to improve comfort and reduce electricity costs.

Local need: Recent hot weather has made the hall uncomfortable and affected attendance and hiring decisions. Energy costs also place pressure on affordability. The committee wants to future-proof the hall and use it as a cool space in summer and warm community hub in winter.	**Community need / evidence:** Evidence includes letters from regular hirers, six pages of resident support and estimated annual energy savings of £1,388 at current prices. The hall is described as being in use almost every day.
Community benefit: Regular users include yoga groups, church activity, U3A, craft groups, markets, bingo, meetings and private events. Residents would also benefit from a more resilient community space during extreme weather.	**Difference the project makes:** The project would maintain a comfortable temperature, reduce purchased electricity and help keep hire charges affordable. It could also attract groups previously deterred by summer temperatures.
Measures of success: The committee would compare attendance during hot weather and monitor electricity usage and generation. New bookings and feedback from existing hirers would provide further evidence of success.	**Value for money:** The hall would contribute £2,701, around 10% of the project cost, and has obtained quotations. The scheme offers both service improvement and recurring energy savings, though the grant request represents most of the capital cost.
Rural balance: North Wootton is not treated as rural by some funders because of proximity to King’s Lynn, despite retaining a village character and limited alternatives. The application argues that this reduces access to other grant programmes.	**Fair distribution:** The hall serves many groups and would provide a shared warm or cool hub rather than a single-purpose facility. Funding would support a village community that may not qualify for rural schemes but still relies on volunteer-run infrastructure.

27. North Wootton Winter Wellbeing and Christmas Fair

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Simon Ring	**Ward / area**	The Woottons
Project cost	£6,016	**Amount requested**	£3,516
People benefiting	1,600	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: The revenue project combines six free warm-space craft workshops with North Wootton's 10th annual Christmas Fair. Funding would cover tutors, materials, promotion, accessible transport, entertainment and venue operations. The Village Hall Management Committee and registered volunteers would deliver the programme.

Local need: The project addresses winter loneliness, reduced mobility and financial pressure. Keeping activities free is central to ensuring that older residents, care home residents and low-income families can participate.	**Community need / evidence:** Community consultation describes the fair and workshops as valued social infrastructure. The councillor's statement reports strong support for tackling loneliness and indicates that many respondents would struggle to attend if charges were introduced.
Community benefit: Older and isolated residents, care home residents, families and children would benefit from warm, accessible and intergenerational activity. Funded transport would help residents who might otherwise be unable to attend.	**Difference the project makes:** The programme would remove financial barriers, create purposeful winter social contact and strengthen community cohesion. It would also develop volunteer experience and repeatable craft skills.
Measures of success: Targets include more than 1,500 fair attendees and 120 workshop places. Headcounts, exit feedback and resident case studies would assess attendance and wellbeing impact.	**Value for money:** The application calculates a low grant cost per beneficiary and includes £2,288 of volunteer time. Additional match funding is described as pending, so only confirmed contributions should be relied upon. Reusable materials and volunteer capacity provide a legacy beyond the event.
Rural balance: The applicant describes North Wootton as a village lacking statutory leisure facilities and reliant on its volunteer-run hall. Accessible transport and local delivery particularly support residents with limited mobility.	**Fair distribution:** Activities are open across the Woottons and the consultation includes surrounding areas. The free-at-point-of-access model spreads benefit across age groups and households facing both social and financial barriers.

28. Northwold Recreation Ground Basketball Hoops

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Stephen Lawrence	**Ward / area**	Northwold
Project cost	£350	**Amount requested**	£350
People benefiting	20	**Match funding**	No

Project description: The Parish Council proposes two basketball hoops within the existing recreation ground. The equipment is intended to complement recent play investment focused on younger children. It would provide an additional activity for residents aged 12 to 18.

Local need: The existing recreation offer mainly serves children up to age 12. The application identifies a gap for teenagers and seeks to give that group another local way to exercise and socialise.	**Community need / evidence:** Need was identified through village consultation using social media and the village newsletter. The evidence is limited in detail but directly relates to the target age group.
Community benefit: Young people aged 12 to 18 would benefit most directly. The wider community may benefit from more balanced recreation provision across different ages.	**Difference the project makes:** The equipment would create another outlet for exercise and informal social contact. It would complete the Parish Council's recent effort to broaden the age range served at the recreation ground.
Measures of success: Usage and participation would be observed, with social media or other local feedback used to report outcomes. The application does not propose a detailed baseline or formal monitoring method.	**Value for money:** This is a low-cost addition to an existing recreation site. The form shows inconsistent total costs of £350 and £500, and no match funding is identified, so the final price and eligible request should be verified.
Rural balance: Northwold is a rural parish and the equipment would be locally available without travel to a larger settlement. The application itself does not provide detailed evidence about alternative facilities or transport barriers.	**Fair distribution:** The proposal aims to balance previous investment by adding provision for teenagers rather than younger children alone. Its direct beneficiary number is modest, but the asset would remain available for ongoing community use.

29. Outwell Pen Sluice Regeneration

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Jane Sutton / Christopher Crofts	**Ward / area**	Outwell
Project cost	£30,000	**Amount requested**	£20,800
People benefiting	6,000	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: The Parish Council proposes to conserve and enhance the historic Pen Sluice area, including surviving lock walls and mechanisms. Works include landscaping, fencing, paths, seating, picnic facilities, interpretation boards and a new village sign. The completed site would provide recreation, heritage interpretation and environmental improvement.

Local need: The site is an underused and neglected historic asset. Outwell has limited public green space and local heritage attractions, and the project is intended to prevent further deterioration while making the area safer and more accessible.	**Community need / evidence:** Letters of support from county and borough councillors accompany the application. The case also draws on the site's historic significance and the Parish Council's direct knowledge, although wider formal consultation is not described.
Community benefit: Residents, families, older people, schools, walkers, community groups and visitors would gain a free outdoor space. Benefits include recreation, learning, biodiversity, village pride and potential visitor activity.	**Difference the project makes:** The project would transform the site into a usable community space while safeguarding local waterway heritage. It would provide interpretation, places to sit and opportunities for outdoor activity and education.
Measures of success: Site condition, access, educational use, biodiversity, visitor observations and community feedback would be monitored. Photographs and inspections would compare the site before and after works.	**Value for money:** The project combines heritage, environment, recreation and tourism outcomes. Confirmed contributions include £3,000 from the Parish Council and £150 public donations. Quotations support the principal work packages, while ongoing maintenance would sit with the Parish Council.
Rural balance: Outwell is a rural community with fewer amenities and external funding opportunities than larger settlements. Local delivery reduces the need to travel elsewhere for accessible outdoor recreation.	**Fair distribution:** The scheme would create an open public asset rather than provision for a restricted group. It supports geographic balance by directing capital investment to rural heritage and green infrastructure.

30. Pandora West Norfolk

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Deborah Heneghan	**Ward / area**	West Norfolk
Project cost	£20,000	**Amount requested**	£20,000 – amended to £15,000
People benefiting	300	**Match funding**	No

Project description: The mixed project would purchase ten laptops and support room hire and staff travel for specialist domestic-abuse services. The technology would be used for case management, risk assessments, safety plans, secure communication and online support. Venue and travel funding would enable outreach and recovery activity across West Norfolk.

Local need: Front-line staff report that slow, ageing laptops delay notetaking and access to resources. Survivors, particularly in rural areas, may also face transport, safety and coercive-control barriers to reaching support.	**Community need / evidence:** Need is evidenced through staff supervision, current service experience and the operational difficulties created by unreliable equipment. The application also identifies King's Lynn as the largest client cohort and describes separate support for children aged 5 to 18.
Community benefit: Women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse would receive more timely, flexible and secure support. Outreach would improve access for residents who cannot safely or practically travel to the main office.	**Difference the project makes:** The project would improve response times, staff efficiency and access to safety planning, advocacy and recovery support. It is intended to strengthen safety, wellbeing, confidence and resilience while reducing geographic barriers.
Measures of success: Pandora would track people supported, outreach sessions, risk assessments, safeguarding interventions and use of the funded resources. Intake and exit evaluation, feedback, case studies and service data would evidence outcomes.	**Value for money:** Laptops are expected to serve front-line workers for several years, while room and travel funding directly extend reach. No match funding is identified. The charity holds reserves under a policy linked to funding gaps and closure liabilities, which the panel may consider alongside the full-funding request.
Rural balance: Rural access is a central element because public transport, distance and isolation can prevent survivors from seeking help. Travel funding and local venues would take specialist support closer to residents.	**Fair distribution:** The service is borough-wide and addresses a specialist need not confined to one ward. Funding would support both the larger King's Lynn caseload and smaller rural communities where access barriers can be greater.

31. Pelicans Hockey School Engagement

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor		**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.

32. PLUS at Edmund De Moundeford

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Martin Storey	**Ward / area**	Feltwell
Project cost	Ongoing	**Amount requested**	£5,000
People benefiting	157 pupils plus families	**Match funding**	Yes - donations and volunteer input

Project description: The volunteer-run school uniform project operates from the primary school and provides pre-loved, new, low-cost and free uniform. Funding would extend storage and purchase stock for back-to-school, winter and summer bundles. The service particularly supports families receiving means-tested free school meals.

Local need: Uniform costs place pressure on families and donated stock does not always cover all sizes or essential new items. Rapid growth has also created a storage constraint. The applicant links the service to wider food-pantry demand and affordable-uniform expectations.	**Community need / evidence:** Demand is evidenced by more than 1,000 donated items, 13 free bundles and nine low-cost bundles provided for pupils returning to school, plus 75 additional individual items sold during the summer holiday. This represented use by around 14% of pupils for essential return-to-school items.
Community benefit: Pupils and families would benefit from affordable clothing, while the school gains a practical support service. Reuse also reduces textile waste and community donations encourage local involvement.	**Difference the project makes:** The project would reduce financial pressure and help children attend school in suitable uniform. Additional storage and stock would allow the service to meet demand more consistently across seasons and sizes.
Measures of success: Sales data, online transactions, stocktakes, bundle numbers, feedback forms and the annual charity report would track activity. These measures can show both community donations and direct family support.	**Value for money:** The operation already exists, has no ongoing overheads and is run by volunteers. It has received small local donations and grants, but holds only £423 in the bank. The form does not provide a detailed cost breakdown for the up-to-£5,000 request, so expenditure should be agreed before award.
Rural balance: Feltwell is a rural community and the service is based within the local primary school, avoiding travel for families. The school is described as a central community hub.	**Fair distribution:** The project targets families experiencing financial pressure while remaining open to the whole school community. It supports a rural area and a model the organisation is willing to share with other schools.

33. Purfleet Trust South Lynn Community Centre

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Jo Rust	**Ward / area**	South Lynn
Project cost	£24,700	**Amount requested**	£24,700
People benefiting	3,000 annually	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: The Trust proposes to develop the centre into a hub combining Purfleet Pantry, an affordable cafe, practical support, activities, volunteering, training and employability opportunities. Capital works include kitchen refurbishment, a serving hatch, cafe furnishing and office alterations for Little Discoverers. Revenue funding would support the Pantry Manager for the first six months to establish the hub.

Local need: South Lynn experiences financial pressure, food insecurity, isolation, health inequality and barriers to support and employment. Existing Pantry experience shows that affordable food needs often sit alongside low confidence, digital exclusion, unemployment and difficulty navigating services.	**Community need / evidence:** The Trust cites more than 1,000 registered Pantry members, three years of direct delivery, staff and volunteer knowledge and local deprivation data. A structured community engagement day and continuing consultation would shape the activity programme.
Community benefit: Low-income households, families, older residents, unemployed people, volunteers, people affected by homelessness and the wider community would benefit. The building would provide food, advice, training, health activity and social connection from one accessible site.	**Difference the project makes:** The scheme aims to establish a regular programme, create at least 40 volunteering opportunities and provide routes into training or employment. Cafe and shop income would also contribute to long-term operation and reinvestment.
Measures of success: Footfall, unique users, Pantry and cafe use, activity attendance, volunteers, training and progression would be recorded. Feedback, Outcome Stars, casework data, cafe income and qualitative case studies would supplement the figures.	**Value for money:** The grant unlocks permanent building improvements and a six-month establishment period. Confirmed or stated support includes a coffee-machine grant, donated goods, volunteer days and smoking-cessation funding. The request is for the full project cost, but it leverages a wider package of partner contributions.
Rural balance: This is an urban deprivation project rather than a rural proposal. Its balance case is that equitable distribution should reflect significant need in South Lynn as well as rural geography.	**Fair distribution:** The centre would be open to the whole community and support multiple needs rather than one closed group. Investment would direct funding to a deprived neighbourhood while providing some access for residents from elsewhere in West Norfolk.

34. Rudhams and District Village Hall Toilets

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Chris Morley	**Ward / area**	The Rudhams and local villages
Project cost	£14,520	**Amount requested**	£14,520
People benefiting	1,576 users; approx. 8,000 attendances	**Match funding**	No

Project description: The project would fully refurbish male, female and accessible toilets as part of a wider programme to improve safety, accessibility and energy efficiency. Works include cubicles, sanitaryware, flooring and decoration. The hall serves five communities and hosts regular groups, fundraising and events.

Local need: Annual surveys and booking feedback describe the toilets as tired, cold and below modern expectations. Potential hirers have not proceeded with bookings, and winter conditions particularly affect children, older people and disabled users.	**Community need / evidence:** Need is supported by recurring user comments, booking feedback and the hall's own surveys. The Trustees link better facilities to continued affordability, accessibility and the ability to attract private and community bookings.
Community benefit: Residents across five communities would benefit, especially older, disabled and younger users. Better facilities would support regular groups, celebrations, SEND-inclusive activity and fundraising for outdoor recreation.	**Difference the project makes:** The refurbishment is expected to improve comfort and accessibility, increase bookings and help retain affordable hire charges. Modern water and energy-efficient fittings should also reduce running costs.
Measures of success: Bookings, repeat bookings, footfall, customer surveys and informal feedback would be monitored. Photographs and expenditure evidence would support completion reporting.	**Value for money:** Two quotes were obtained and the lower complete-refurbishment quote selected. No match funding is offered because reserves are being used for decoration, seating match funding and future building risks. The works create a long-term improvement but rely wholly on the grant.
Rural balance: The hall is in a Tier 5 rural village with limited services and transport and serves outlying hamlets. It is described as the only shared building available for family and community events across the five communities.	**Fair distribution:** The facility is shared by several villages and a broad range of users. Funding would address rural under-provision and help residents avoid travelling to better-equipped venues elsewhere.

35. Sandringham Bowls Club Improvements

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Anthony Bubb	**Ward / area**	Dersingham / Sandringham Parish
Project cost	£18,166 – amended to £21,244 following Vat Clarification	**Amount requested**	£22,000 – amended to £21,244
People benefiting	500	**Match funding**	Yes - prior spend and volunteer input

Project description: The mixed project would make paths and edging around the changing hut safer, install an irrigation system and continue professional green renovation and treatment. The objective is to prevent falls and restore a playable bowling surface. Club members would continue routine maintenance.

Local need: Uneven paths create a fall risk, while drought, rabbits and moles have damaged the green beyond the club's normal maintenance capacity. The closure of the associated social club reduced financial and social support for the bowling facility.	**Community need / evidence:** Photographs, user experience, previous incidents and comments from visiting teams support the need. The club has already funded temporary pest controls and more than £3,000 of green treatment and fertiliser.
Community benefit: About 50 members, including older and less mobile people, families and a junior member, benefit directly. More than 40 visiting clubs within roughly 20 miles also use the facility through league and cup fixtures.	**Difference the project makes:** The project would remove immediate safety hazards, improve the playing surface and help retain and attract members. It would support regular league participation and the club's wider social and wellbeing role.
Measures of success: The club would use photographs, incident experience, member and visiting-team feedback, green playability and longer-term membership trends. Expenditure and progress reports would also be provided.	**Value for money:** The club has already funded initial treatment and contributes labour, maintenance and donated services. Several quotations support the work. The full £22,000 request is significant relative to reserves, but the capital elements are intended to stabilise future maintenance.
Rural balance: The club is in a small rural village and provides local activity for residents with limited mobility. It also supports a network of rural clubs across a wider catchment.	**Fair distribution:** Although direct membership is modest, league use spreads benefit across many settlements. The facility also supports winter carpet bowls indirectly through overlapping membership.

36. St Clement's Church Community Room

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Paul Kunes	**Ward / area**	Terrington St Clement
Project cost	£30,000	**Amount requested**	£10,500
People benefiting	500	**Match funding**	Yes

Project description: The project would construct a permanent meeting room in the church narthex, replacing a temporary shed arrangement. It would adapt an underused part of the Grade I listed church into a warm space for small groups. A diocesan faculty has been approved.

Local need: The church is in a rural area described as within the most deprived 20% nationally and the large building is difficult and expensive to heat. Community groups need a warm, manageable room rather than heating the whole church.	**Community need / evidence:** Need is evidenced through steadily growing participation and feedback from parents, older residents, young people and other group users. Existing activities include a toddler group, community cafe and youth group.
Community benefit: Parents with young children, teenagers, bereaved or unemployed residents and older people would benefit. The room would provide privacy for feeding babies and a warmer winter setting for small groups and cafe users.	**Difference the project makes:** The project would make an underused area functional, improve comfort and allow community activity to continue more efficiently. Heating one room instead of the entire church should lower energy use for smaller meetings.
Measures of success: Usage numbers and feedback from groups would be monitored, with the project working party reporting quarterly to the Parochial Church Council.	**Value for money:** The scheme reuses existing space and should reduce heating costs for small activities. Match funding is being sought from businesses, individuals and grant-making trusts, but the extracted form does not state the project cost or contribution values.
Rural balance: Terrington St Clement is a rural parish with deprivation and limited local facilities. The project provides a warm meeting place within the village, reducing reliance on travel elsewhere.	**Fair distribution:** The space would be open to community users of different ages and backgrounds, not only the congregation. The councillor notes that comparable funding has supported halls and youth buildings across other parts of the ward.

37. William Street Car Park Resurfacing

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Deborah Heneghan & Francis Bone	**Ward / area**	St Margaret's with St Nicholas
Project cost	£25,000	**Amount requested**	£25,000
People benefiting	50 direct plus surrounding residents	**Match funding**	No

Project description: The project would resurface William Street car park, with the Council responsible for delivery. The site is described as being in very poor condition and virtually unusable. Restoring it would provide off-street parking for nearby residents.

Local need: The surrounding streets are narrow and parking pressure can restrict access, including for emergency vehicles. Residents and councillors describe the condition as a long-standing problem that has not attracted funding from other sources.	**Community need / evidence:** Resident feedback over several years and photographs of the surface are cited as evidence. The application considers this proportionate because the physical condition and local parking problems are visible and well known.
Community benefit: Residents of William Street and Vancouver Avenue would benefit directly, while neighbouring streets would benefit from reduced parking pressure. Improved access would also support general road safety and emergency response.	**Difference the project makes:** Resurfacing would return the car park to usable condition and move parked vehicles off narrow streets. The application expects safer access and an everyday improvement for the surrounding neighbourhood.
Measures of success: Councillors would monitor carpark use and observe whether pressure on surrounding streets reduces. A fuller before-and-after monitoring method is not specified.	**Value for money:** The application describes a relatively low-cost intervention with benefits lasting many years, but the extracted form does not state project cost or amount requested. Quotes were reportedly prepared by Council officers and no match funding is identified.
Rural balance: This is explicitly an urban project. Its funding case is based on neighbourhood need and lack of alternative funding rather than rural disadvantage.	**Fair distribution:** The application states that this part of the ward has received little recent investment. Although the direct user estimate is small, safer surrounding streets would provide a wider neighbourhood benefit.

38. Stanhoe Parish Ponds

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Sam Sandell	**Ward / area**	Stanhoe
Project cost	£6,000	**Amount requested**	£6,000
People benefiting	50,000 stated, including visitors	**Match funding**	No

Project description: The Parish Council proposes dredging and desilting the main pond and two smaller ponds, with replanting and rewilding at the main site. The ponds are historic village features and wildlife habitats. The Parish Council would oversee the works and future maintenance.

Local need: The ponds have lost depth and water-holding capacity and risk disappearing without intervention. The main pond is an 18th-century landmark, meeting place and habitat used by residents, visitors, geese, ducks and other birds.	**Community need / evidence:** An extraordinary Parish Council meeting was attended by ten residents, all of whom supported restoration. The application also relies on longstanding community use and concern about the pond's condition.
Community benefit: Residents, second-home owners, visitors and local wildlife would benefit. A farmer would also reuse dredged silt, while the pond and adjacent war memorial would continue as a place for rest and social contact.	**Difference the project makes:** The works would restore water capacity, heritage character and habitat and prevent permanent loss of the ponds. Rewilding would improve environmental value and the setting for residents and visitors.
Measures of success: Success would be evidenced by restored ponds, wildlife returning, use of benches and resident feedback at a future Parish Council meeting. Photographs and observation would support reporting.	**Value for money:** The applicant argues that £6,000 is a relatively small investment for a feature that may last many years; the ponds were last dredged around 25 years ago. No match funding is secured, although a resident fundraising campaign is proposed for any shortfall.
Rural balance: Stanhoe is a small rural village that the applicant says is often overlooked because of assumptions about affluence and its small permanent population. The ponds are a central local asset with no comparable replacement.	**Fair distribution:** The application notes very limited recent local grant funding and support from the northern part of the borough. However, some main-pond work had already been undertaken before this application, so retrospective eligibility should be resolved separately.

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39. Stoke Ferry Common - Preserving a Community Asset

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Sue Lintern	**Ward / area**	Stoke Ferry and Wretton / Wissey
Project cost	£24,100	**Amount requested**	£19,000
People benefiting	1,500	**Match funding**	Yes - £5,100 CIL

Project description: The Council recently received the Common as a community asset and proposes a designated parking area, bunds, dead hedging, accessible opening and boundary protection. The objective is to stop unauthorised vehicles damaging the grassland while keeping the site accessible.

Local need: Unauthorised vehicles are eroding grassland and damaging habitats. An online survey of 115 users recorded regular use and majority support for parking, child safety measures, wildlife habitat improvement and marshland protection.	**Community need / evidence:** A 115-response user survey supports parking, safety and habitat improvements. An online survey of 115 users recorded regular use and majority support for parking, child safety measures, wildlife habitat improvement and marshland protection.
Community benefit: The project is preventative: it should reduce erosion, allow grass recovery and protect habitats while providing safer access for walkers, families and visitors.	**Difference the project makes:** Baseline photographs, inspections at around six and twelve months, records of vehicle access and community feedback would be used.
Measures of success: The CIL contribution demonstrates local commitment and the works could avoid larger restoration costs. The absence of a final planning decision and the inconsistent VAT presentation remain material considerations.	**Value for money:** Stoke Ferry is a Key Rural Service Centre with limited public transport and relatively few alternative recreational spaces.
Rural balance: The Common is freely accessible and used by surrounding villages and visitors, so benefit is not restricted to parish residents.	**Fair distribution:** The project is presented as benefiting a broad range of local users and should be considered alongside geographic spread and relative community need.

40. SWAN Youth Project Family Support Service

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Joshua Osborne	**Ward / area**	Downham Market
Project cost	£60,000	**Amount requested**	£5,000
People benefiting	150	**Match funding**	Yes - £50,000 confirmed

Project description: The service provides one-to-one whole-family support, action planning, advocacy and co-working with schools and agencies. Funding contributes to a 40-hour weekly staffing resource delivered from the youth centre and in homes, schools and community settings.

Local need: Families face increasingly complex safeguarding, mental health, SEND, poverty and breakdown issues. Swan reports supporting 73 families in the previous year, safeguarding concerns increasing by one third and 25 young people causing particular concern in three months.	**Community need / evidence:** Service data shows 73 families supported and safeguarding concerns rising. Swan reports supporting 73 families in the previous year, safeguarding concerns increasing by one third and 25 young people causing particular concern in three months.
Community benefit: Children, young people, parents and carers facing domestic abuse, bereavement, poverty, mental health, SEND and family-breakdown issues would benefit from early intervention.	**Difference the project makes:** The service expects improved relationships, resilience, confidence and wellbeing, with fewer problems escalating to crisis.
Measures of success: Families, sessions, engagement, feedback, case reviews and partner evidence would be monitored.	**Value for money:** The application calculates a cost of about £800 per family and confirms £50,000 from other funders, leaving the £5,000 request as the final part of the £60,000 budget.
Rural balance: Downham Market serves a large rural catchment where transport and service access are limited.	**Fair distribution:** Funding would support the borough’s second-largest town and families who may struggle to reach services in King’s Lynn.

41. Ten Mile Bank Playing Field

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Martin Storey	**Ward / area**	Ten Mile Bank
Project cost	£25,000 estimated	**Amount requested**	£25,000
People benefiting	300	**Match funding**	Yes - £805 raised, £250 grant and potential charity support

Project description: The Association seeks to secure the former school playing field for transfer to the future Ten Mile Bank Parish Council, followed by fencing, tree, grass and play-area improvements if funds permit. The purchase is the first priority.

Local need: The field is the village's only safe enclosed green space and could be lost to development. The field is the village's only fenced safe green space; alternatives require travel on roads without pavements or crossing the A10. The land is registered as an Asset of Community Value.	**Community need / evidence:** Village Green evidence, Asset of Community Value status and community fundraising. The field is the village's only fenced safe green space; alternatives require travel on roads without pavements or crossing the A10. The land is registered as an Asset of Community Value.
Community benefit: All residents could use the field for play, sport, exercise and village events, with particular value for children and families.	**Difference the project makes:** Purchase would secure access in perpetuity and prevent the land being lost to development.
Measures of success: Primary success is completion of the purchase; reports would then cover any improvement works and community impact.	**Value for money:** The applicant describes the estimated £15,000 acquisition as a unique opportunity for approximately one acre, but several improvement estimates are provisional and one was AI-derived.
Rural balance: Ten Mile Bank is a small, low-affluence fenland community with very limited amenities and transport.	**Fair distribution:** The application argues that local play investment has lagged behind Hilgay and that the project would serve the whole village.

42. Thornham Sports Pavilion Completion

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Tom De Winton	**Ward / area**	Thornham
Project cost	£515,000	**Amount requested**	£25,000
People benefiting	1,000	**Match funding**	Yes - £480,000 raised

Project description: The £25,000 request would complete a nearly finished sports pavilion containing five changing rooms, toilets, kitchen facilities and a community room. It is intended for cricket, tennis, bowls, fitness and wider social activity.

Local need: Existing facilities were inadequate for girls, juniors, tennis, bowls and community use. Current facilities are inadequate for girls, juniors and tennis users, and pressure on the main hall restricts indoor bowls, fitness and social sessions. Consultation and letters of support accompany the bid.	**Community need / evidence:** Community plan, surveys and multiple support letters evidence demand. Current facilities are inadequate for girls, juniors and tennis users, and pressure on the main hall restricts indoor bowls, fitness and social sessions. Consultation and letters of support accompany the bid.
Community benefit: Junior and adult sports participants, girls, older residents, isolated people, fitness users and visitors would benefit.	**Difference the project makes:** The pavilion would secure compliant changing, enable winter bowls and regular classes, and provide a warm social hub.
Measures of success: Usage, footfall, number and type of classes, surveys, conversations and annual user events would be monitored.	**Value for money:** Around £480,000 has already been raised through grants, donations and fundraising, including about £180,000 from more than 200 donors. The award would represent the final portion of a large capital scheme.
Rural balance: The pavilion serves a rural coastal community and surrounding villages where comparable facilities and funding options are limited.	**Fair distribution:** The multifunctional building supports different ages, sports and community uses rather than one club alone.

43. Tilney St Lawrence Winter Warm Hub

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Barry Ayres	**Ward / area**	Tilney, Mershe Lande and Wiggenhall
Project cost	£3,762	**Amount requested**	£3,892 year 1 and £2,800 year 2 – amended to £3,762
People benefiting	150	**Match funding**	Yes - 200 volunteer hours

Project description: The project would run ten winter warm-hub sessions with a hot meal, refreshments, activities, community transport support and food-hygiene training. Trustees and volunteers would deliver the programme from Tilney St Lawrence Village Hall.

Local need: Ageing, dispersed population with isolation, disability, unpaid caring and deprivation. The form cites an ageing and dispersed population, 271 older single-person households, disability, unpaid caring and household deprivation.	**Community need / evidence:** Census and public health data provide evidence of need. The form cites an ageing and dispersed population, 271 older single-person households, disability, unpaid caring and household deprivation.
Community benefit: Older residents, people living alone, disabled people, unpaid carers and others with limited social contact would gain a warm and welcoming local meeting place.	**Difference the project makes:** Expected outcomes are reduced loneliness, improved wellbeing, stronger friendships and better awareness of support services.
Measures of success: Monthly attendance, budget, attendee feedback, delivery-team feedback and an April 2027 review would inform continuation.	**Value for money:** The form estimates roughly £12.50 per attendance for consumables and running costs, with equipment reusable in later years and 200 volunteer hours supporting delivery.
Rural balance: The project directly serves dispersed rural villages and includes community transport to address access barriers.	**Fair distribution:** Neighbouring communities would be invited on the same basis as the host village.

44. Walpole Community Centre Cladding Repairs

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Julian Kirk	**Ward / area**	Walsoken, West Walton and Walpole
Project cost	£9,450	**Amount requested**	£9,450
People benefiting	5,000	**Match funding**	No

Project description: The charity seeks full funding to supply and install fibre-cement cladding, trims, flashings and fixings to stop water ingress. Trustees would oversee the contractor and subsequent inspection.

Local need: Leaks threaten the fabric and continued use of the centre. Weekly user groups have reported leaks; delay could lead to further damage and disruption to the centre.	**Community need / evidence:** Weekly user groups have reported water entering the building. Weekly user groups have reported leaks; delay could lead to further damage and disruption to the centre.
Community benefit: Residents and organisations from Walpole, Walsoken, West Walton and surrounding villages use the venue for meetings, activities and events.	**Difference the project makes:** Repairing the cladding would keep the centre dry and available and reduce the risk of more extensive future damage.
Measures of success: Completion records, invoices, photographs, inspections after heavy rain, leak reports and continued bookings would be monitored.	**Value for money:** A written £9,450 quote covers a complete targeted installation. No match funding is offered, and the full award is requested.
Rural balance: The centre is a shared hub for several rural villages with limited alternative venues.	**Fair distribution:** The works protect a facility used across the ward rather than benefiting a single group.

45. Walsingham Way Pilgrim Guide

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Deborah Heneghan	**Ward / area**	King’s Lynn and borough-wide route
Project cost	£4,560	**Amount requested**	£3,069
People benefiting	1,000	**Match funding**	Potential £1,500

Project description: The Walsingham Way Group would design and print a guide for the pilgrimage route launched in June 2026, beginning at King’s Lynn Minster and passing through West Norfolk. Guides would be available at the Minster, Tourist Information Centre and potentially route churches.

Local need: The new route needs accessible information to support use and heritage awareness. Letters of support are the main evidence cited. The application links the guide to King’s Lynn heritage, walking and wellbeing.	**Community need / evidence:** Letters of support accompany the application. Letters of support are the main evidence cited. The application links the guide to King’s Lynn heritage, walking and wellbeing.
Community benefit: Walkers, churches, cafés, residents and visitors would benefit through greater route awareness and visitor activity.	**Difference the project makes:** The guide would add an active heritage offer and strengthen links between King’s Lynn, rural communities and Walsingham.
Measures of success: Guide take-up and a user survey included in the publication would be used.	**Value for money:** The applicant describes a simple product with ongoing heritage and tourism value. The potential £1,500 contribution was unconfirmed and no separate quotation was uploaded in the budget section, although a quotation appears in supporting documents.
Rural balance: The route passes through South and North Wootton, Castle Rising, Sandringham, Anmer and Great Bircham.	**Fair distribution:** Distribution through churches and outlets along the route would spread the benefit across several communities.

46. Wereham Village Hall Sustainability Projects

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Sue Lintern	**Ward / area**	Wissey
Project cost	£47,205	**Amount requested**	£25,000
People benefiting	500	**Match funding**	Yes - £1,000 Parish Council plus volunteers

Project description: The bid combines solar panels and battery storage, three retractable patio awnings and a glazed entrance canopy. The elements can be phased, with solar identified as the first priority.

Local need: The hall is the main village hub and needs lower costs, better access and greater income potential. Wereham has no shop, school or regular public transport, making the Passivhaus village hall an important social hub. Feedback from volunteers and users supports improved sustainability, space and access.	**Community need / evidence:** Community consultation, users, volunteers and support letters evidence need. Wereham has no shop, school or regular public transport, making the Passivhaus village hall an important social hub. Feedback from volunteers and users supports improved sustainability, space and access.
Community benefit: Current and future users, hirers, older people and attendees at activities ranging from bingo and cinema to exercise and computer support would benefit.	**Difference the project makes:** Solar should reduce energy costs; awnings could increase all-weather capacity and hire income; the canopy would improve protection and access.
Measures of success: Usage, attendance, income, energy generation, savings and user feedback would be monitored.	**Value for money:** The three elements total £47,205 and the grant would fund part of a phased programme. £1,000 is confirmed from the Parish Council, with volunteers and further fund searches supporting delivery.
Rural balance: The hall is a focal point in a small rural village with few alternative services.	**Fair distribution:** The improvements support a broad mix of residents and users and aim to sustain an established facility for the wider Wissey area.

47. Wretton Village Play Area

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Sue Lintern	**Ward / area**	Wissey
Project cost	£97,388	**Amount requested**	£25,000
People benefiting	2,786 wider ward estimate	**Match funding**	Yes - £3,962.32 reserve plus volunteers

Project description: The Parish Council proposes replacement of a 20-year-old play area with fencing, gates, surfacing, seating, bins, age-appropriate and accessible equipment, a trim trail and teen shelter. A competitive tender would follow confirmation of land tenure.

Local need: Existing equipment is deteriorating and may need removal; no accessible alternative is nearby. Independent inspection, photographs, council records and a resident survey show deterioration, safety concerns and continued demand. The nearest alternative is not accessible on foot or by usable public transport.	**Community need / evidence:** Resident survey, inspection reports, photographs and council records. Independent inspection, photographs, council records and a resident survey show deterioration, safety concerns and continued demand. The nearest alternative is not accessible on foot or by usable public transport.
Community benefit: Children aged roughly 1 to 14, parents, grandparents, carers and visiting families would benefit, with inclusive equipment for physical and sensory needs.	**Difference the project makes:** The scheme would avoid loss of the village's only play facility and provide safe, inclusive outdoor activity for around 20 years.
Measures of success: A comparable follow-up survey, accessible-equipment observations, annual independent inspections and public feedback would be used.	**Value for money:** The Council will tender competitively, has included contingency and contributes £3,962.32 plus limited CIL and volunteer maintenance. The £25,000 award is intended as an anchor for further applications.
Rural balance: Wretton has no shop or pub, limited public transport and little CIL or precept capacity.	**Fair distribution:** Although direct numbers are modest, the facility reaches a high proportion of local families and is one of very few shared village assets.

48. YMCA Norfolk - Unlocking Potential, Building Belonging

COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND - APPLICATION SUMMARY

Councillor	Austen Moore	**Ward / area**	North Lynn
Project cost	£5,000	**Amount requested**	£5,000
People benefiting	23	**Match funding**	In-kind staff, facilities and partner support

Project description: The one-year programme for supported-housing residents aged 18 to 25 combines community outings, outdoor pursuits, creative and wellbeing activity, life-skills workshops, safety and healthy-relationship sessions, and a resident garden.

Local need: Young adults affected by homelessness, trauma and hardship face isolation and financial barriers. Consultation with 56 young people identified cost, transport, anxiety, fear of judgement and lack of awareness as barriers. Residents often have histories of homelessness, trauma, family breakdown and poor mental health.	**Community need / evidence:** Consultation with 56 residents and prior activity experience evidence need. Consultation with 56 young people identified cost, transport, anxiety, fear of judgement and lack of awareness as barriers. Residents often have histories of homelessness, trauma, family breakdown and poor mental health.
Community benefit: Approximately 23 residents would gain experiences, practical skills, social networks and links to community venues and providers.	**Difference the project makes:** The project aims to build confidence, wellbeing, independence and readiness for education, training, volunteering or employment.
Measures of success: Attendance, baseline and follow-up outcomes, quarterly review, CRM records, feedback, milestones and case studies would be used.	**Value for money:** At about £217 per direct beneficiary, the grant funds a year-long programme, while staff coordination, safeguarding, facilities and partner input are provided in kind.
Rural balance: This is not a rural project; its case rests on deprivation and disadvantage in North Lynn.	**Fair distribution:** It targets young adults with substantial barriers who may otherwise be excluded from mainstream opportunities.