

# BEAUDESERT & HENLEY IN ARDEN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL



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From the Office of the Clerk and Proper Officer

To all of the Societies listed herein – sent by email for expediency and posted on the JPC website

13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Head of Society,

## APPLICATION FOR JPC GRANT FOR PERIOD 2022 – 2023

After due deliberation following formal interviews conducted by the Grants Committee and subsequent consideration of certain additional records, and in accordance with the instructions placed on me by the JPC, to inform you all of their final decision, subject to a majority vote conducted at the JPC Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at the Memorial Hall [Minute 9.1 refers].

The outcome of the Grant Awards process are as follows; it should be noted that those who did not receive support this year will be asked to apply again in October this year where the process of support will be conducted for the year 2023 -2024.

The grants exceeding £2,000.00 will be paid in TWO tranches, the first no later than the **31<sup>st</sup> of March** next, the second no later than the **30<sup>th</sup> of September** next.

Hereunder I record the applications received along with the purpose for the funding request, the amount requested and awarded along with the Grants' Panel brief conditions on which the award was based.

Regrettably, when the awards were carried forward to the debate on the budget for 22/23, the final amount, namely £40,700.00, created a deficit on expenditure for the coming financial year and so the decision was taken to reduce the total awards to the previous year's budget at **£32,000.00**, the amended values are shown in *red italics* in the following tables, and it is these amounts that will be funded this time around.

Society	Purpose of Grant Request
Arts4All	To help promote & re launch the Arts4All project as a <b>7-day event</b> to run from Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May inclusive with the aim of bringing the community together building bridges & cohesion irrespective of ethnicity, age, religion or sexual identity whilst helping ease isolation and loneliness (especially exasperated by the Covid pandemic) by providing an interesting and varied programme of events that can be enjoyed 'on the doorstep', creating more local trade and footfall on the High Street and promoting Henley in Arden as a vibrant 'open for business' community.
ARC	To fund treatments to the site including aeration of 3 pitches, improved drainage, overseeding, application of sand and various other improvements to ensure the pitches are used more frequently in poor weather.
Christmas Lights	To ensure that Henley is supplied with Christmas lights annually.

<b>Churches</b>	As usual, illumination of town clock and tower, preparation of monthly notice in Henley Focus, which is distributed to the entire town, provision of ECO items (water butt, planters, feeders etc)
<b>Court Leet</b>	The Court Leet robes have deteriorated and some of the replacement gowns purchased over the years are of various qualities. The overall look is poor when compared to our local neighbouring Courts of Alcester, Bromsgrove and Warwick. We are looking to purchase a complete set of gowns along with some repairs and adjustments. The Court Leet plays a significant part in ceremonies within Henley and at other locations including at Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations in Stratford. The High Bailiff, Town Crier and officers represent the town, and their appearance is important. There are less than 30 active Court Leet's in the world which is a significant and unique selling point for Henley especially in terms of tourism.
<b>Dementia Café</b>	The aim of the café is to provide a friendly social meeting place for people with all forms of memory or dementia problems and their families and friends in the Henley in Arden and surrounding district; to alleviate isolation in the community and tackle loneliness. Funding is sought towards the running costs of these cafes, for example room hire, refreshments, stationery, printing and advertising costs.
<b>Friends of Henley Station</b>	To complete the initial safety security fencing so that the restoration programme can commence. Secure the door entrance, remove and dispose of all rubbish, extend ground floor space by removal of certain internal walls, replace flooring etc.
<b>Guild Hall Gardens</b>	Maintenance of the Jubilee Garden The Jubilee Garden is a tranquil and well-used green space for locals and visitors situated on Beaudesert Lane, close to the High Street. It is included as one of the attractions in the JPC's newly created Heritage Trail and visitor website- . Long Acres Tender General garden maintenance This includes weeding, pruning, hedge-trimming and path cleaning for April 22-March. Paving and other hard landscaping, replacing dead or dying plants
<b>Henley Hot Wheels</b>	The grant would be used to purchase a further Mobility Scooter for the town.
<b>WW&amp; HIA Scouts</b>	Our Scout Group provides activities for Beavers (6-8 yrs), Cubs (8-10 yrs), Scouts (10-14 yrs) and Explorers (14-17 yrs); Scouts are a fully inclusive organisation and open to all regardless of gender, faith or disability. There are no other similar youth organisations in Henley or Wootton and neighbouring groups are fully subscribed. The Scout Group has continued providing activities and support for young people throughout the pandemic, meeting virtually and outdoors. Indoor meetings are currently being held at Henley Primary School. We are an integral part of the community, not only supporting our young members, but also working with the town in events such as the Remembrance Day Parade, litter picking and Bonfire Night. Typically, we would have up to 120 young people a week taking part in scouting activities in our hut, with groups meeting most evenings and often at weekends too. We have waiting lists for new members, but our current lack of adequate facilities limits the numbers that we can permit to join.

	<p>There are very few other activities for young people in this rural community, for most young people need to travel to local towns. The scout hut is in walking distance for many of our families A grant would enable us to pay for electrics and heating for our new Scout hut. As a new building the hut requires complete electric installation by a fully qualified electrician. We will install 6 x 2.4kW infrared power heaters as these are the most cost-effective way of heating the hut see: <a href="https://www.jigsawinfrared.com/product/infrared-power-heaters-indoor-outdoor-jigsaw/">https://www.jigsawinfrared.com/product/infrared-power-heaters-indoor-outdoor-jigsaw/</a></p> <p>We are so excited to see our new building starting to go up and can't wait to be able to use the facilities, but we will not be able to move into the new hut until it is heated, has flooring and electricity. We hope to complete the project by Easter 2022.</p> <p>Please see attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quote for heating</li> <li>• Quote for electrics</li> </ul> <p>We will continue to fundraise for the remaining shortfall but aim to move into the new hut as soon as possible.</p>
<b>St Mary's PTA</b>	Considered to be the school so not eligible
<b>Heritage Centre Part I</b>	Provision of materials for improvement of the facility and the engagement of a town historian. More detail can be provided by the Heritage Centre
<b>Heritage Centre Part II</b>	
<b>Community Library</b>	The JPC grant would be used to help cover the running costs of the library – rent, insurance and electricity are our biggest annual costs and it's of course essential we can meet these in order to stay open and continue to provide the community service we are currently able to offer. The County Councillor's grant will be applied to upgrading the Library computers and printer.
<b>Mini Grants</b>	Allocated for possible funding for Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee celebrations and other minor funding

<b>Society</b>	<b>Grant Requested</b>	<b>Grant Awarded</b>	<b>Conditions</b>
<b>Arts4All</b>	£1,750.00	£1,750.00 <i>£1,375.00</i>	Subject to performance being staged as planned
<b>ARC</b>	£9,482.00	£4,000.00 <i>£3,145.00</i>	Next year evidence of other grants, funding and actual tenders for the works will be required.
<b>Christmas Lights</b>	£4,000.00	£4,000.00 <i>£3,145.00</i>	None
<b>Churches</b>	£700.00	£700.00 <i>£550.00</i>	None
<b>Court Leet</b>	£1,850.00	£500.00 <i>£400.00</i>	Payable on receipt of invoice for works
<b>Dementia Café</b>	£250.00	£250.00 <i>£200.00</i>	None

<b>Friends of Henley Station</b>	£5,000.00	£5,000.00 <b>£3,930.00</b>	Payable on signing of leasehold agreement
<b>Guild Hall Gardens</b>	£4,959.00	£2,000.00 <b>£1,570.00</b>	JPC ask that the Guild Hall seek alternative funding sources.
<b>Henley Hot Wheels</b>	£1,500.00	£1,500.00 <b>£1,180.00</b>	Mobility scooters to carry banner "Donated by Beaudesert & Henley in Arden JPC" & Crest.
<b>WW&amp; HIA Scouts</b>	£8,000.00	£4,000.00 <b>£3,145.00</b>	Payable on completion of works.
<b>St Mary's PTA</b>	£2,000.00	£00.00	Considered to be the school so not eligible
<b>Heritage Centre Part I</b>	£5,000.00	£00.00	Parts I and II considered to be one application for the same project, maximum amount payable shown against Part II, payable on evidence of actual invoiced costs and when works have been completed.
<b>Heritage Centre Part II</b>	£5,000.00	£5,000.00 <b>£3,930.00</b>	See above.
<b>Community Library</b>	£7,000.00	£7,000.00 <b>£5,500.00</b>	None
<b>Mini Grants</b>		£5,000.00 <b>£3,930.00</b>	Allocated for possible funding for Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee celebrations and other minor funding
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£56,491.00</b>	<b>£40,700.00</b> <b>£32,000.00</b>	

Finally, payments will be made by bank transfer using data provided in your application. May I on behalf of the JPC wish you good luck in your endeavours during this new year in building up a happy and well cared for community here in town.

Sincerely



**Ray Evans**  
Parish Clerk & Proper Officer, JPC