



## POLICY FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS

**Reviewed November 2023**

**Next review date November 2023**

The yearly budget for charitable donations should be determined by the Parish Council prior to setting the precept.

The council is not obliged to give donations up to the budget limit, and not every applicant will necessarily receive a grant.

The amount donated is within the agreed Parish Budget and the council has to have the power to use its money for this purpose

To qualify for a donation an organisation should meet the following criteria:

- Be of direct benefit to the parish or parish residents.
- Organisations requesting donations shall explain what they want the money for and give a written explanation by using the grant forms of what they wish to spend any donations on. It would also be beneficial if the organisation can demonstrate other forms of fundraising they are undertaking for their projects and demonstrate quotes that they have sought.
- Organisations that receive funding must have a basic constitution or an agreed set of rules governing the way they conduct their business, and their actions must be able to be scrutinised by their members.
- All applications are considered on their merits, but in general grants will be awarded for projects, such as the purchase of equipment, works to buildings, improvements to premises. In addition the Council may support a community event, festival or other special event.
- Organisations are to submit a report on how they spent the money to the parish council to be published on the website and social media.

	2024-25	2025-26
Applications open	August 2024	August 25
Grant deadline	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Application looked at by Parish Council	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Grants Issued	November 2024	November 2025
Reports for Annual Parish Meeting and other forms of publicising	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026